



SAINT JOSEPH



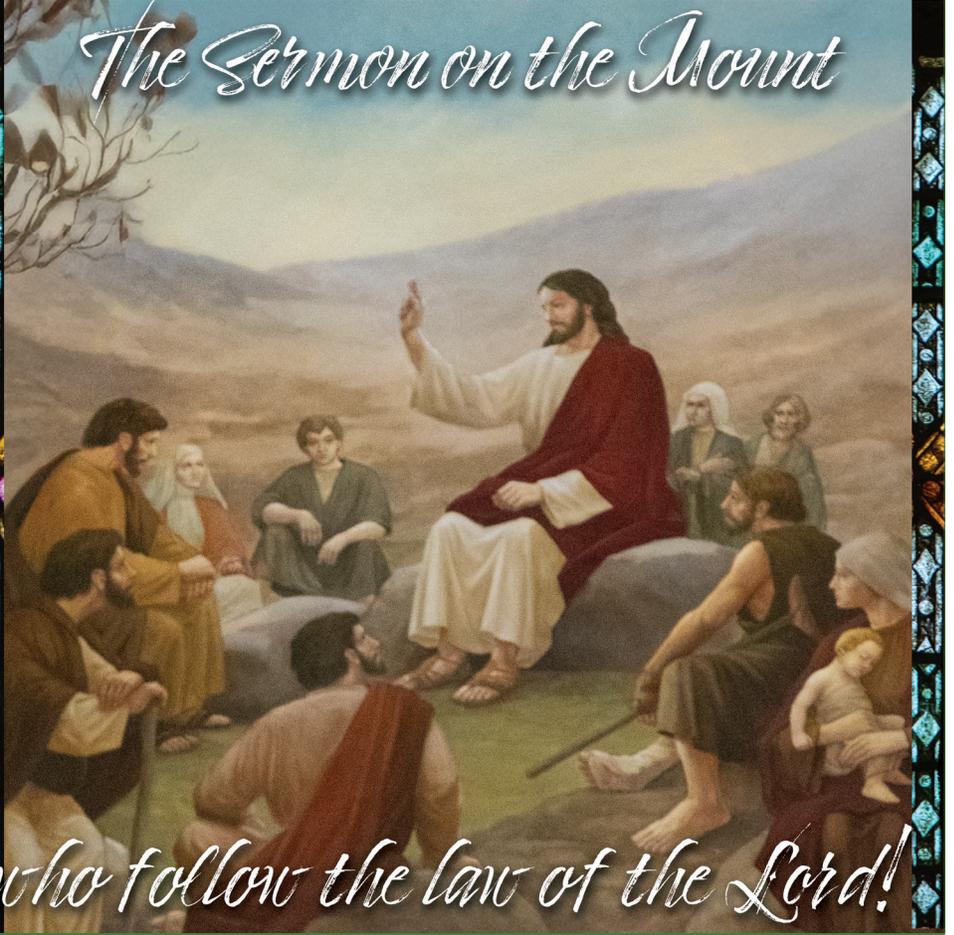
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
NORWICH, CONNECTICUT

FEBRUARY 15TH, 2026 — SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“DO NOT THINK THAT I HAVE COME TO ABOLISH THE LAW OR THE PROPHETS. I HAVE COME NOT TO ABOLISH BUT TO FULFILL. AMEN, I SAY TO YOU, UNTIL HEAVEN AND EARTH PASS AWAY, NOT THE SMALLEST LETTER OR THE SMALLEST PART OF A LETTER WILL PASS FROM THE LAW, UNTIL ALL THINGS HAVE TAKEN PLACE.

— MATTHEW 5:17-18

The Sermon on the Mount



INSTRUCT ME, O LORD, IN THE WAY OF YOUR STATUTES, THAT I MAY EXACTLY OBSERVE THEM. GIVE ME DISCERNMENT, THAT I MAY OBSERVE YOUR LAW AND KEEP IT WITH ALL MY HEART.

— PSALM 119:33-34

Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord!

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RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Thurs.: 9am - 2pm
Friday: 9:30am - 12:30pm
CLOSED on Wednesday

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Masses

Sunday: 9:00 am (*English & Polish*)
Temporarily there is no Saturday Vigil
Mass at St. Joseph's.

Lenten Reconciliation

Sunday: 8:30 am—9 am

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Masses

Vigil Mass Sat. Evening: 4:00 pm
Sunday: 7:30 am & 10:30 am
Mon, Wed, Fri: 8:00 am

Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:00—3:45 pm

Holy Days of Obligation: 9 am Sacred Heart Church Church



MASS INTENTIONS

SUN 2/15: SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 am † Wojciech & Anna Brzycki
from Family

WED 2/18: ASH WEDNESDAY

5:30 pm For the People of the Parish

NEXT SUNDAY: FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

SUN 2/22: 9:00 am † Charles & Helen
Slowikowski Lewis
from Lori Cubanski Carlo

CELEBRATED AT SACRED HEART CHURCH

SAT 2/14: VIGIL SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4:00 pm † Edward Kiczuk
from Lori Cubanski

SAT 2/21: VIGIL FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

4:00 pm † Marjorie Hassel
from Elaine & Dan Dzioba

STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOSEPH

Offertory February 7/8: \$ 421;
Memorial: \$ 110.; Candles: \$ 105.

Thank you for supporting Our Beloved Parish!

Please call the Rectory at 860.887.1565 if you would like to receive an end of year, 2025 Tax Statement.



SANCTUARY CANDLE

The Sanctuary candle is lit
In loving memory of

Marjorie Hassel

from Elaine & Dan Dzioba

Please remain Prayerfully Silent before the Mass.

2027 Mass Intentions... In order to accommodate all parishioners as we have limited number of Masses celebrated at St. Joseph, we are accepting 3 Mass requests per family at this time for the 2027 Mass book. Contact the office during office hours.

PLEASE KEEP *in your prayers...*

The following are in need of God's guidance and strength during difficult times; please remember them in your prayers:

Msgr. Leszek Janik

Lord god, we ask you bless the members of our armed services & first responders. Give them courage, hope, strength, and wisdom.

Please contact the Parish Office to confirm names on the list.

The Gospel from a Hebrew Scripture Perspective

The Ten Commandments are represented by the first ten letters of the Hebrew alphabet. The first, *Aleph*, corresponds to "I am the Lord your God." God is the Source, Foundation, and Summit of everything. The tenth, *Yud*, corresponds to "Do not covet." *Yud* is the smallest letter. It represents humility and the need to focus on ones *internal desire* rather than *external actions*. So when Jesus states in today's Gospel, not the smallest or smallest part of a letter will pass from the law and goes on to point out that anger or lust in ones heart is judged as murder and adultery, he is speaking to this understanding of the Hebrew scriptures.

PARISH NEWS



Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday and the beginning of the Season of Lent starts on Wednesday, February 18th. Mass will be held at St. Joseph's at 5:30pm and at Sacred Heart Church at 9 am & 4 pm.

Fridays of Lent - Stations of the Cross

St. Joseph Church 5:30 pm in Polish
Sacred Heart Church 6 pm in English



Sacrament of Reconciliation During Lent

During Lent, the presiding priest will be able to hear confessions on Sunday before Mass (8:30 to 9am).

Gorzkie Zale - Bitter Lamentations

Sundays of Lent after the 9 am Sunday mass with Exposition & Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

Operation Rice Bowl

On **Ash Wednesday, 18 February**, our parish with parishes across the Diocese of Norwich is beginning a program of prayer and sacrifice called Operation Rice Bowl (ORB). For 52 years, Operation Rice Bowl has helped to feed the hungry poor. Through our participation in this program, we bring hope and healing to another person or family living halfway across the globe. Money saved during Lent is then brought to the parish family Rice Bowl on **Palm Sunday, 29 March**. 75% of Operation Rice Bowl funds will feed the hungry poor overseas, the remaining 25% will be used in the diocese to feed the needy. This Lent, gather in prayer and sacrifice as a family to pray and to care for the hungry poor.



DIOCESE NEWS

FEB
28TH

The Sisters of Charity of Our Lady Mother of the Church Share-A-Day

"Share-A-Day" for Girls in grades 2, 3, and 4 will be held on Saturday, Feb. 28th from 10:30 am to 4:30

pm at Holy Family Motherhouse, 54 W. Main St., Baltic, CT. Meals and Snacks included.

This special day includes recreation, talks, activities and prayers with the Sisters. No charge.

Telephone: 860.822.8241 or e-mail smaryjacinta@gmail.com.

MAR
21ST



Marriage Retreat Day

"God Chose You for Me" Married couples are invited to a one-day retreat presented by Worldwide Marriage Encounter, focused on deepening the spirituality of Matrimony.

Saturday, March 21, 2026 | 8:30 am-4:00 pm (Vigil Mass) | Pastoral Center, Bloomfield, \$60 per couple (includes coffee, lunch & materials)

Register: archdioceseofhartford.org/godchoseyouforme
Info: Valerie St. Jean, 860-541-6491 ext. 2678

Stewardship Reflection...

"For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven." MATTHEW 5:20

The Pharisees lived according to the letter of the law, and they used this to elevate themselves above the other people. Jesus is clear – it's the love that you have in your heart, for God and others, that will get you to heaven. Simply following church rules to the letter and not out of love, does not necessarily put you on the path to heaven. Attending Sunday Mass and then gossiping about a fellow parishioner in the parking lot is an example of being a modern-day Pharisee.