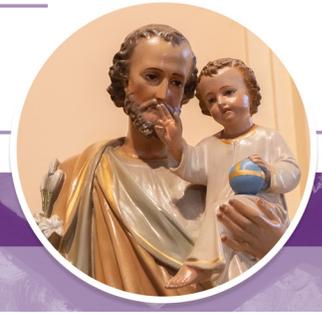




SAINT JOSEPH



ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
NORWICH, CONNECTICUT

FEBRUARY 22ND, 2026 — FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Lent, a Time of Repentance...

Reconciliation is Available Before Sunday Mass During Lent

Let Temptation lead us not into Sin...

Sanctuary of Our Lady of Consolation, Sokalska in Hrubieszów, Poland
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Have mercy on me, God, in accord with your merciful love; in your abundant compassion blot out my transgressions. Thoroughly wash away my guilt; and from my sin cleanse me. For I know my transgressions; my sin is always before me. Against you, you alone have I sinned; I have done what is evil in your eyes. So that you are just in your word, and without reproach in your judgment. A clean heart create for me, God; renew within me a steadfast spirit. Do not drive me from before your face, nor take from me your holy spirit. Lord, you will open my lips; and my mouth will proclaim your praise. Pslam 51:3-6, 12-13, 17

PARISH STAFF

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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 2/22: FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

9:00 am † Charles & Helen Slowikowski Lewis
from Lori Cubanski Carlo

NEXT SUNDAY: SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

SUN 3/1: 9:00 am † Marie Bielawski, Memorial Gift
from Danuta Piekutowski

CELEBRATED AT SACRED HEART CHURCH

SAT 2/21: VIGIL FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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

SAT 2/28: VIGIL SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

4:00 pm † Albert & Gertrude (Czujko) Murator
with love from, daughter April & Family

STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOSEPH

Offertory February 14/15: \$ 947;
Memorial: \$ 60.; Maintenance: \$ 70.

Second Collection NEXT Weekend is For:

Monthly Maintenance

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 for
Health for

John Dziengiel III
from sister, Marianne

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, Leandra LeClair

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 update names on the list.

Stewardship Reflection...

"It is written: 'The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve.'" MATTHEW 4:10

Tempted between the riches and power of this world and service to God, Jesus chose service to His Father. If we wish to truly follow Jesus, we, too, must decide to turn away from worldly power and riches and put God at the center of our lives. Lent is our time to prune ourselves of earthly things to develop and nurture heavenly things. Lent is time to repent and let go of the other "gods" we have put before God.

PARISH NEWS

Fridays of Lent - Stations of the Cross

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



Stations of the Cross & Lenten Soup Suppers

Come for Stations of the Cross at 6 PM **Sacred Heart Church**, followed by Lenten Soup Suppers – it is a good will donation and all are welcome – proceeds will go towards the Food Pantry Expansion Project. Dates for soup suppers as follows:

- Friday, February 27 hosted by KofC
- Friday, March 6 hosted by SJC RAS
- Friday, March 13 hosted by Frank Alessio
- Friday, March 20 hosted by Betty Girard
- Friday, March 27 hosted by SJM RAS



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.



Coffee Hour!

Please join us following the 9 am Sunday Mass in the Parish Center for Coffee Hour.

Operation Rice Bowl

Lent is a time of opportunity for us to strengthen our faith through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. These practices bring us closer to God and demonstrate our solidarity with those in need at home and around the world. This Lent make your sacrifices become opportunities to feed the hungry poor. Please participate in CRS Operation Rice Bowl and let the sacrifices you make for the hungry poor nourish them and may these sacrifices witness to the love that disciples of Christ have for all people, especially for the least of the Lord's sisters and brothers.



DIOCESE NEWS

Virtual Stations of the Cross

The Evangelization and Discipleship Ministry invites you to join us virtually 7 PM Friday nights in Lent as we pray together the Stations of the Cross through a different focus each week.

- Feb. 27: Through the eyes of the suffering, ill & disabled
- March 6: Through the eyes of immigrants & refugees
- March 13: Through the eyes of seniors
- March 20: Through the eyes of the bereaved
- March 27: Through the eyes of Mary
- April 3: Through the eyes of Jesus

Register at: <https://bit.ly/Virtualstations>
or call Liza at 860.848.2237 ex.305.



Safe Environments Abuse Prevention Training

In the Diocese of Norwich, all volunteers who have regular contact with minors, all employees, all clergy, and all religious, are required to complete safe environments training.

This training is also available to any parishioner, or parent of a parochial school child regardless of whether or not they wish to volunteer at their parish or school.

Please contact the Child Advocate at your parish or school office in order to be enrolled, or for more information.

Our children's safety is the responsibility of all Catholics.

St. Joseph's Faith Formation Coordinator And Safe Environments Child Advocate

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