



SAINT JOSEPH



ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
NORWICH, CONNECTICUT

MARCH 22ND, 2026 — FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE;
WHOEVER BELIEVES IN ME, EVEN IF HE DIES, WILL LIVE.



The Franciscan Church of Saint Lazarus, Al-Eizariay (formerly Bethany), Isreal, near the traditional tomb of Lazarus.

PATER UT CREDANT. QUIA TU ME MISISTI HAEC CUM
DIXISSET VOCE MAGNA CLAMAVIT: LAZARE VENI FORAS. JO

FATHER, THAT THEY MAY BELIEVE THAT THOU HAST
SENT ME, WHEN HE HAD SAID THESE THINGS, HE
CRIED WITH A LOUD VOICE: LAZARUS, COME FORTH.

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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 3/22: FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

9:00 am † Kazimierz & Anna Grabowski
from Family

NEXT SUNDAY: PALM SUNDAY, THE LORD'S PASSION

SUN 3/22: 9:00 am For people of St. Joseph Parish

CELEBRATED AT SACRED HEART CHURCH

SAT 3/21: VIGIL FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

4:00 pm † Joseph & Viola Burke
from Dennis & Reggie

SAT 3/28: VIGIL, PALM SUNDAY, THE LORD'S PASSION

4:00 pm † Edward Wisniewski
from his children

STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOSEPH

Offertory March 14/15: \$ 773.
Memorial: \$ 50.; Candles: \$ 33.

Thank you for supporting Our Beloved Parish!



SANCTUARY CANDLE

The Sanctuary candle is lit in memory of

Joann K. Banas
from loving Banas Family

Please remain Prayerfully Silent before the Mass.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

- Tuesday, March 31, 10:30 am **Chrism Mass** at Saint Patrick Cathedral
- April 2, **Holy Thursday** Mass, 7 pm at Sacred Heart Church, Adoration until 9 pm
- April 3, **Good Friday Liturgy**, 3pm at St Joseph Church
Stations of the Cross, St. Joseph Church, after liturgy
Stations of the Cross, Sacred Heart Church 6 pm
- April 4, **Holy Saturday**, Blessing of Easter Baskets: 10am, 12 noon, St. Joseph Church
Easter Vigil Mass, 8 pm Sacred Heart Church
- April 5, **Easter Sunday**, 9 am Mass at St. Joseph
7:30am, 10:30am Mass at Sacred Heart

Lenten Fasting Norms

All Catholics 14 and older are to abstaining from meat on Ash Wed. (and all Fridays of Lent, including Good Friday (Apr 3). Additionally, on Ash Wed. and Good Friday, Catholics aged 18-59 must fast, limiting food to one meal and two smaller (combined not equal to one meal).

PLEASE KEEP *in your prayers...*

Rosary Society Member, **Janet Kowalewski**, who died March 1, 2026 and whose Funeral Mass was Monday, March 16th.

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.

PARISH NEWS

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Coffee Hour in Honor of St. Joseph

Please join us following the 9 am Sunday Mass in the Parish Center for a Special Coffee Hour in Honor our Patron, Saint Joseph's Feast Day.

NOTE: We will not have a Coffee Hour on April 5, Easter Sunday. Instead, we will have a reception following our 3 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Chaplet of Divine Mercy, lead by Bishop Reidy, on Divine Mercy Sunday April 12.

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St. Joseph Easter Decorating!

Please join us at 8 am on Holy Saturday to help decorate the Church for Easter! We would love to have several volunteers to help with the decorations so they can be up and ready before the Blessing of the Easter Food Baskets at 10 am and 12 noon!

Toiletries for Those in Need

St. Joseph Rosary Society will be collecting toiletries for the SVDPP soup kitchen as a mission to help those in need throughout Lent concluding on Palm Sunday, 3/29. Items Needed: toilet paper, soap, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, razors and shaving cream, feminine hygiene items and socks. Place items at the side entrance of the Church or in the crying room.



Fridays of Lent - Stations of the Cross

St. Joseph Church 5:30 pm in Polish
Sacred Heart Church 6 pm in English
(Lenten Soup Supper following Stations at SH)



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

God created man and woman in his image, reminding us that every person is sacred and reflects God's love. Each of us has a purpose, woven into God's plan. CRS Rice Bowl provides hope and opportunity to families around the world. crsricebowl.org/week-5 to read this week's Story of Hope. Rice Bowl collection will start on Palm Sunday, March 29th.



DIOCESE NEWS

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Annulment Workshop

If you are a divorced Catholic who would like to know more about annulments or are considering beginning the annulment process, consider attending this informational workshop Tuesday, April 21st, 7-8:30 pm at St. Mary's Church, 45 Freestone Ave, Portland, CT. Rev. Jeffrey Ellis (Vocations Director) has worked with the Diocesan Marriage Tribunal will answer questions and explain the numerous aspects of the annulment process. For more information, contact Liza Roach at 860-848-2237, Ext 305.

Stewardship Reflection...

"Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?'" JOHN 11:40

Many of us say that we believe in God. We attend Sunday Mass and participate in parish events. But when life gets hard and the pressure is on, when things aren't going our way, do we really believe? Do we really put our trust in the Lord? When we live a life of gratitude, recognizing all that we have been given, we really do see that God is providing for our needs. Living a grateful and generous life allows us to see God's active presence in our daily lives and we become "partakers of the divine nature."