



SAINT JOSEPH

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

NORWICH, CONNECTICUT



APRIL 5TH, 2026 — EASTER SUNDAY / RESURRECTION OF THE LORD



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Alleluia!*



EASTER SUNDAY 2026

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Dear Parishioners and Friends:

As we celebrate the joy of Easter, we are reminded that the Resurrection of the Lord is the heart of our faith. From the darkness of Good Friday comes the light of the empty tomb, a sign that God's love is stronger than suffering, sin and even death itself.



Life often brings difficult times—moments of uncertainty, illness, discouragement, and fear. Yet Easter tells us that darkness is never the final word. Easter invites each of us to renew our hope and trust in the Lord. No matter the burdens we carry or the challenges we face, the risen Christ walks with us and brings new life. His victory is a promise that light will always overcome darkness.

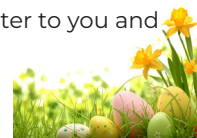
In a special way this Easter, I pray for those of you who are homebound, in hospital beds, or spending these days feeling alone or discouraged. May the risen Lord draw especially close to you. May He be your serenity in moments of anxiety, your consolation in times of suffering, and your strength when the days feel long. May you feel the comfort of His abiding presence and the tenderness of His special care for you. Even when you cannot be present with others, may you know that Christ is present with you. His love reaches every room, every bedside, and every quiet heart. May the peace of the risen Lord surround you, lift your spirit, and fill you with hope.

I am deeply grateful for the faith, prayers, and kindness that continue to be shared within our parish community. I thank you as well for your prayers and the support you have shown to me.

May the peace and joy of the risen Lord fill your hearts and homes this Easter season.

A blessed and joyful Easter to you and your families

Sincerely in Christ
Msgr. Les, Pastor



PARISH STAFF

Clergy

Msgr. Leszek T. Janik, *Pastor*
Fr. Ray Introvigne, *Assisting Priest*

Office Staff

Karen Abbott Morrison, *Secretary*
Dona Stankov, *Bookkeeper, Tues. 9am Only*

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Thurs.: 9am - 2pm
Friday: 9:30am - 12:30pm
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Masses

Sunday: 9:00 am (*English & Polish*)

Temporarily there is no Saturday Vigil Mass at St. Joseph's.

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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



MASS INTENTIONS

SUN 4/5: EASTER SUNDAY, THE RESURRECTION

9:00 am For living & † deceased members of Saint Joseph Parish

NEXT SUNDAY: DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

SUN 4/12: 9:00 am † Albert & Gertrude (Czujko) Muratore

with love from daughter, April

CELEBRATED AT SACRED HEART CHURCH

SAT 4/4: EASTER VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT

8:00 pm For people of St. Joseph Parish

SAT 4/11: DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY VIGIL

8:00 pm † Felix & Anna Olszewski
from Eugene & Wanda Podeszwa

STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOSEPH

Offertory March 28/29: \$. 697.

Easter Flowers: \$ 473.

Memorial: \$ 357.; Rice Bowls: \$ 520.

Thank you for supporting Our Beloved Parish!

Second Collection THIS Weekend is For:

Sick & Infirm Priests



SANCTUARY CANDLE

The Sanctuary candle is lit for

Lewis & Izbicki Families

Deacon Tom Lewis

Please remain Prayerfully Silent before the Mass.

PLEASE KEEP *in your prayers...*

Joseph Warzecha and his family. Joseph died peacefully in his sleep on 15 March 2026. His Funeral Mass was Saturday, 21 March.

Rosary Society Member, **Janet Kowalewski and her family.** Janet died 1 March 2026. Her Funeral Mass was Monday, 16 March.

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.

Sisters of Charity Discernment Retreat

APR 17-19

Have you felt God calling you to something more? Are you a woman, age 17-35, truly searching for your vocation? Then come, discover **"The Mystery of Religious Life"** on the SCMC discernment retreat weekend April 17th -19th.

Take the next step on your spiritual journey and join the Sisters at their Motherhouse in Baltic, CT for a weekend of prayer and reflection—a perfect space to ask questions and listen to where the Spirit is leading you.

For more information, please contact Sister Gabriela, SCMC: vocations@sistersofcharity.com or visit <https://sistersofcharity.com/discernment-and-retreats/>

WIELKANOC 2026



Chrystus zmartwychwstał! Alleluja!

Drodzy Parafianie i Przyjaciele:

Świętując radość Wielkanocy, przypominamy sobie, że Zmartwychwstanie Pana jest sercem naszej wiary. Z ciemności Wielkiego Piątku wychodzi światło pustego grobu, znak, że Boża miłość jest silniejsza niż cierpienie, grzech, a nawet sama śmierć.

Życie często przynosi trudne chwile — chwile niepewności, choroby, zniechęcenia i strachu. Jednak Wielkanoc mówi nam, że ciemność nigdy nie jest ostatecznym słowem. Wielkanoc zaprasza każdego z nas do odnowienia nadziei i zaufania do Pana. Bez względu na ciężary, które nosimy, czy wyzwania, z jakimi się mierzymy, zmartwychwstały Chrystus chodzi z nami i przynosi nowe życie. Jego zwycięstwo jest obietnicą, że światło zawsze pokona ciemność.

W szczególny sposób w te Święta Wielkanocne modłę się za tych z wszystkich, którzy są uwięzieni w domu, leżą w szpitalnych łóżkach lub spędzają te dni czując się samotni lub zniechęceni. Niech zmartwychwstały Pan zbliży się szczególnie do nich wszystkich. Niech będzie również Waszą ciszą w chwilach niepokoju, pocieszeniem w chwilach cierpienia i siłą, gdy dni wydają się długie. Poczujcie pocieszenie Jego trwałej obecności i czułość Jego szczególnej troski o Was. Nawet gdy nie możecie być obecni z innymi, wiedźcie, że Chrystus jest obecny z Wami. Jego miłość dociera do każdego pokoju, każdego łóżka i każdego cichego serca. Niech pokój zmartwychwstałego Pana otacza Was, podnosi Waszego ducha i napełnia nadzieją.

Jestem głęboko wdzięczny Wam wszystkim za wiarę, modlitwy i życzliwość, które nadal są dzielone w naszej wspólnocie parafialnej. Dziękuję również za Wasze modlitwy i wsparcie, które mi okazaliście.

Niech pokój i radość zmartwychwstałego Pana napełnią Wasze serca i domy w tym okresie wielkanocnym.

Życzę Wam wszystkim błogosławionych i radosnych Święta Wielkanocnych.

W Chrystusie zmartwychwstałym,
Ks. Leszek, Proboszcz



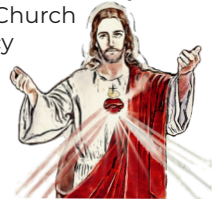
PARISH NEWS

APR 12TH

Divine Mercy Sunday Holy Hour Led by Bishop Reidy

Sunday, April 12 is the Sunday of Divine Mercy. Everyone is invited to St. Joseph Church

in Norwich from 3PM to 4PM for Divine Mercy Holy Hour and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Priests will be available for Confessions. Immediately following the afternoon Holy Hour, please come to the St. Joseph Parish Center for refreshments.



ST JOSEPH PARISH BAZAAR 2026

JUN 26-27

Our 2026 Bazaar has been Scheduled: Friday Evening, June 26th & Saturday, June 27th. In addition to standard bazaar items, we hope to have **pierogi** and **baked goods**. We will be asking for **volunteers** and **donations!**

APR 15TH

Next Scheduled Meeting: Wednesday, April 15th at 6 pm in the Parish Center. We will discuss details! All interested in helping out should attend! For more info, contact Ewa Newman or call the rectory at 860.887.1565 during the weekday office hours.