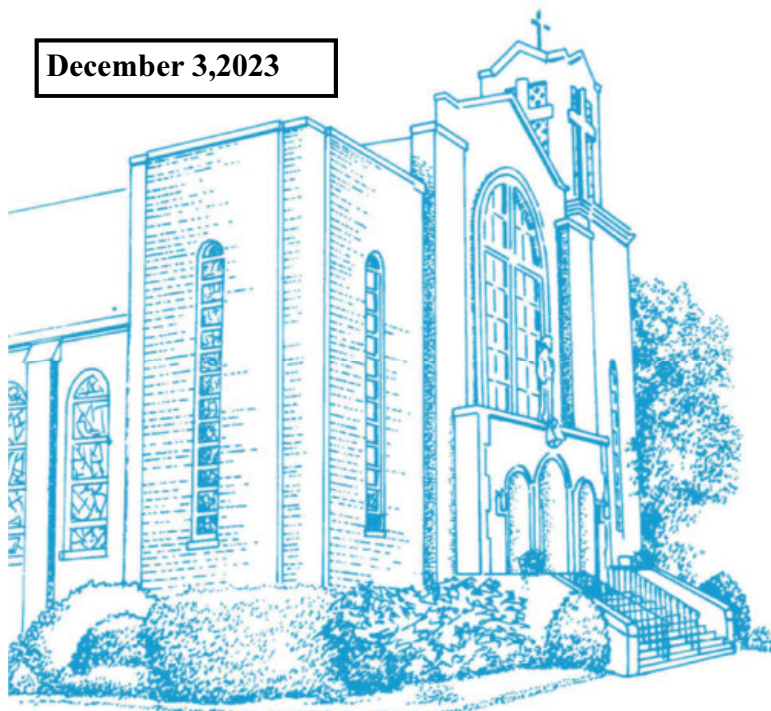


December 3, 2023



# Saint Joseph Church

*Established in 1905*

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Father **TADEUSZ ZADOROZNY**, pastor

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## **SUNDAY MASSES**

Saturday 4:00 pm Vigil

Sunday 8:00am in Polish

Sunday 10am in English

Saturday Polish Mass 6:00pm (once a month)

First Friday Mass 8:00pm

## **DAILY MASSES**

7:30 am - Wednesday through Saturday

7:00pm - Tuesday

## **HOLY DAY MASSES**

As announced

## **RECONCILIATION**

After 7:30am Mass on Saturdays

3:00-3:45pm on Saturdays (before 4pm Vigil) and

7:00-8:00pm on Thursdays (during Holy Hour) or by appointment.

## **DEVOTIONS/ADORATION**

Thursdays - Holy Hour - 7:00 pm-8:00 pm **(except NOT on Holidays)**

Divine Mercy Novena - 3:00pm Fridays, **(except NOT on Holidays)**

Saturdays - Holy Hour after 7:30am Mass until 9:00am.

First Friday - 7:00pm-8:00pm

## **Mission Statement**

The Parish of Saint Joseph Church in Rockville is a Roman Catholic faith community in the Diocese of Norwich, CT. It is united to the Catholic Church throughout the world. As a parish we invoke the Holy Spirit to put the love of Christ into action by providing for the spiritual nourishment of the community, living according to the Gospel message of Jesus Christ, reaching out to those in need, sharing with others the gifts and talents we have received from God and extending the love of Christ to all people.

## **REGISTRATION**

New parishioners should register with the parish as soon as possible. Parishioners should notify the office of any change of address or phone number.

**Rectory Office:**

**Office Hours:**

**Secretaries:**

**Religious Ed:**

**Music Director:**

**Email:**

**Website:**

**860-871-1970; Fax 860-872-0333**

**Monday-Friday, 8am-12pm**

**Wednesday Evening, 5pm-7pm**

Dorota Prytko and Jolanta Wiszniak

Jim Smart

Mark Roszczewski

**[info@stjosephct.org](mailto:info@stjosephct.org)**

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## **FAITH FORMATION/SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT**

### **RCIA**

### **Rel. Ed.**

### **Confirmation**

### **Knights of Columbus**

### **Baptismal Preparation**

### **3rd Order Franciscans**

### **Altar Servers**

Jim Smart, 872-7101; Tues. Classes 7:00 pm

Jim Smart Coordinator, 872-7101

Classes Gr. 1-8; Wednesdays 4:00 - 5:15 pm

Tom Brown, Coordinator, 860-328-0694

Classes - Tuesdays 6:00pm-7:15pm

Tony Bifulco, 860-709-1290

Angela Atwater, 860-872-3349

Jim Smart, 860-872-7101

Gina Transki sjcaltarservers1905@gmail.com

## **PARISH MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES**

### **Pastoral Council**

### **Men's Club**

### **Coffee Sundays**

### **Ladies of St. Joseph**

### **3rd Order Franciscans**

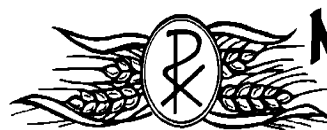
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3rd Tuesday of the month, 7 pm

Date TBD

2nd Wednesday of the month,  
6pm

3rd Sunday of the month at  
1:30pm



## Mass Intentions for the Week

### Saturday, December 2, 2023

7:30am + Walter Rozman.....Daryl B.

4:00pm + Wilhelm Schon.....Daughter

**6:00pm First Saturday Mass**

### Sunday, December 3, 2023 - 1st Sunday of Advent

8:00am For Parishioners

10:00am + Howard Daly.....Family

.....(Live Stream)

### Monday, December 4, 2023 - Mass without people

+ Mary Dempsey.....Elizabeth Cook

### Tuesday, December 5, 2023

7:00pm Blessings for Wiszniak Family.....Friend

### Wednesday, December 6, 2023

7:30am Blessings for Gryzkiewicz Family.....Friend

### Thursday, December 7, 2023

7:30am + Bertha Stolarz.....Barbara Reardon.

### Friday, December 8, 2023 - Holy Day of Obligation

7:30am St. Joseph Parish Family.....

7:00pm + Vincent Borysevich.....Son Frank

### Saturday, December 9, 2023

7:30am Family of Irene Lagasse.....

4:00pm + Susan Derosier Trynoski.....Jim and Marge Smart

### Sunday, December 10, 2023 - 2nd Sunday of Advent

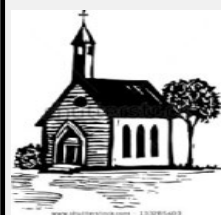
8:00am Birthday Blessings for Adam Gryzkiewicz.....

10:00am For Our parishioners.....

.....(Live Stream)

## December - month of

## *Immaculate Conception*



*It is our joy to welcome new members to our community.  
If you are interested in becoming a parishioner, please contact parish office at **860-871-1970.***

## Parish Support



Collection for November 12, 2023 was \$ 4,011.90  
Collection for November 19, 2023 was \$ 4,412.90

*May God Bless You All.*

### **St. Joseph Church's Expenditures for month of October, 2023**

Operating Costs.....\$ 22,069.62  
Heat/Electricity/Other Utilities.....\$3,648.71  
Repairs/Maintenance/Furnishing.....\$ 241.38  
Cathedraticum.....\$2,239.94

Total Expenditures October, 2023  
**\$ 28,199.65**

**Total income.....\$ 30,508.31**

## Weekly Collection

Dec 03 1. Weekly  
Dec. 08 1. Immaculate Conception  
Dec. 10 1. Weekly



**BAPTISMS** A pre-Baptism meeting is held at 5:00 pm on the third Sunday of each month. Parents must be registered parishioners. Parents and Godparents should be practicing Catholics. Please call Angela Atwater at 872-3349 to register.

**MINISTRY TO THE SICK OR HOMEBOUND** Please call the rectory if you or someone you know is ill or homebound and desires to receive Reconciliation, Eucharist, and/or Anointing of the Sick. Emergencies call any time.

**MARRIAGES** Couples should make arrangements by registering their marriage intentions at the rectory one year in advance. The wedding date should not be set until a priest or deacon has been consulted.

## BLESSED SACRAMENT—

Adorations and Confessions on every **Thursday 7pm-8pm** and every **Saturday after 7:30am Mass until 9am.**

All are welcome!



**Don't Forget To Check Our new WEBSITE -**

***st.josephct.org***



### **SEND US YOUR CRECHE PICTURES**

This program has been so successful in past years that the Knights of Columbus are continuing it again this year. Last year's photos will be posted once again on the parish website. If you missed the opportunity last year for posting a photo we would love to see them this year. If you have made changes to your display, we would love to add them to our collection.

Remember, that the intent behind this initiative is to inspire others of the true meaning of our Christmas celebration, It is NOT a competition where we are seeking the best display. The primary purpose is simply to inspire others to display a crèche of their own.

Blessed Sacrament parish has extended this program to our parish because membership in the Knights of Columbus, Council 4122, is available to the men of our parish.

There is a deadline. They must be submitted by December 21<sup>st</sup> in order to be posted on the website. Please **include our parish name** when you submit your Creche photos. To view the photos submitted go to the website: <https://blessedsacramentct.org>

Submit them by text to 860-519-9094. OR by email to [hmdufault@verizon.net](mailto:hmdufault@verizon.net)

### **Wine Distribution**

#### Question:

Why haven't Catholic Churches gone the way of disposable cups for wine distribution?

#### Answer:

If a Catholic has ever attended a Protestant worship service and saw the communion service that was offered for that community, one of the things that might have stood out was the use of small, disposable cups for distributing the wine or grape juice. This is in stark contrast to the precious metal chalices used in Catholic churches during the Mass. Although practices for Protestant Christians can vary (ranging from large shared chalices, to personal-use cups, to dipping the bread in the wine/grape juice), the norms governing Catholic practices are fairly direct: "Sacred vessels are to be made from precious metal. If they are made from metal that rusts or from a metal less precious than gold, then ordinarily they should be gilded on the inside. In the Dioceses of the United States of America, sacred vessels may also be made from other solid materials that, according to the common estimation in each region, are precious ... they are to have bowls of nonabsorbent material" (nos. 328-330). Rather than being a commentary on the beliefs or practices of those other communities, these rules are intended to highlight the reverence that Catholics have for the bread and wine consecrated at Mass, which become the Body and Blood the Lord. LPI

### **NEW !, to St. Joseph's Parish - Magnificat Parish Home Small Groups**

*Magnificat Home Small Groups Are:*

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NOT A PRAYER GROUP, THOUGH WE PRAY TOGETHER.

NOT A SUPPORT GROUP, THOUGH WE SUPPORT EACH OTHER.

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WE ARE FRIENDS WHO STUDY, PRAY AND JOURNEY IN FAITH TOGETHER.

WE ARE FRIENDS WHO GROW IN FRIENDSHIP WITH CHRIST.

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we can dedicate all areas of our lives to God

Use this handy QR Code and come to Coffee Sundays to learn more !

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Easy online sign-ups will be available through our St. Joseph's website, coming soon !

**Magnificat Home Small Groups** promo video for it -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zaVtuO9WQZY>

### **Go Green Parish**

**Stop drinking bottled water.** 60 million plastic water bottles are thrown away each day in America. 35 billion empty water bottles are thrown away in the US each year, with only 12% being recycled. Fill reusable water bottles and drink tap water.

### In the Unexpected

“What could happen next?” How many times have you asked yourself that question in the past year? Though we most often use that expression when things don’t seem to be going our way, this year it has been an expression of the constant changes to our world which the COVID-19 pandemic has wrought. But we might use the same expression to explain our feelings of being overwhelmed by blessings and good things, when the stars seem to align just right.

No matter what, we can say with certainty that tomorrow will not go exactly as we envisioned. Our lives are influenced by so many factors and the world around us is increasingly complex. Rather than be surprised by the unexpected, maybe we should expect the unexpected.

Living in this manner causes us to cherish more deeply the gifts we have been given. It helps us to live in the present and become mindful of those around us. Our relationships deepen. Our sense of responsibility builds. Our stewardship way of life finds new meaning and purpose.

This Advent will not be the same experience as last Advent. It remains to be seen what the coming days and weeks have in store for each of us. However, no matter what happens, Jesus Christ is there to welcome us to the unexpected. He will celebrate with us in joy and he will even feel our pain. You can count on the unexpected, but you can also count on Him to be there with you. He is now and forever, Emmanuel, “God with us.” He is the expected in all things unexpected.

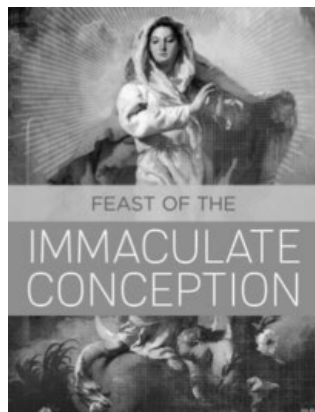
— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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**Holy day of Obligation** - Friday,  
December 5.

**Masses are** : 7am and 7pm.

*All are welcome !!!*



### Memento Mori

Just this week, my husband and I signed our wills, and the lawyer was careful to couch our transaction in gentle, abstract language: “When we lose you” she kept saying, instead of “When you die.”

It’s very uncomfortable to dwell on our death. But the Christian life does not just encourage us to do so: it demands that we do.

I once came upon a prayer consecrating the last two hours of life to the Blessed Mother. I have since found variations of the prayer online with different phrasing, but the sentiment of them all is the same: let me not be caught sleeping. Let me be ready.

“You can’t do all your homework at the end,” a deacon who ministers to the dying once told me. “Good Friday is waiting in the wings for all of us.”

I think of that a lot when I don’t particularly feel like praying, when I think I’m too busy to go to confession or when feelings of resentment fester inside me on Sunday mornings as I pack my family off to church. *All our good deeds are like polluted rags*, says the prophet. *We have all withered like leaves*.

You can’t do all your homework at the end. God is faithful. Are we?

***“May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping. What I say to you, I say to all: ‘Watch!’”***

— **Mark 13:36**

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**SAINT JUAN DIEGO**  
*December 9<sup>th</sup>* ©LPi

### PROJECT RACHEL ROSARY AT THE CATHEDRAL

The third Tuesday of each month at the Cathedral of St. Patrick following the noon mass, join the Office of Faith Events as we pray the Project Rachel Rosary. The Project Rachel Rosary focuses on hope, healing, and forgiveness for those affected by an abortion and also for an end to abortion. Please join us for this in-person Project Rachel Rosary on **Tuesday, December 19<sup>th</sup>** following the noon mass at the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich.



### **Annual Catholic Appeal Update**

The Diocese of Norwich counts on our participation in the ACA. With the money collected, the diocese can provide many important ministries to our parishioners in a variety of ways. It is in working together that we can provide food for those in need, faith education for the young and compassionate care for the elderly. We need to work together as **One Faith One Family**. These services continue throughout the year. If you have not donated, **please** prayerfully consider participating. Place your donation in an envelope marked ACA and place it in the collection basket any Sunday. Most of us have been so blessed in life.

Please remember those who have not been as fortunate.



### *In Loving Memory*

Deceased Members of Rosary Society  
Frank Wrona  
John, Rose & Son John Murach & Family  
Stella Strycharz



*Loving Father, we lift up all those who are facing illness today. We ask that You would Bring healing, comfort and peace to their bodies. Calm their fears and let them experience the healing power of Your love, In Jesus` name.*

*Amen*

### **We pray for our sick Parishioners**

Martha Battles, Dorothy Pacetti, Barbara Cowan, Wanda Satkiewicz, Veronica Adams, Norman Beaudet, Stephen Jasek, Janet Maciolek, Toni Carterud, Eric Anderson, Odette Victor, Marie Shilleh, Baby Evelyn, Pat Chamberlain, Matt Stein, Janet Santos, Timothy Monahan, Cecilia Prytko, Jadwiga Liszewska.



### ***LECTORS***

#### **Saturday, December 2, 2023**

4:00pm - S. Westmoreland

#### **Sunday, December 3, 2023**

8:00am - A. Gryszkiewicz

10:00am - K. Prytko/  
G. Transki

#### **Saturday, December 9, 2023**

4:00pm - D. Sierakowski

#### **Sunday, December 10, 2023**

8:00am - A. Dziewa

10:00am - J. Smart/  
B. Bailey





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