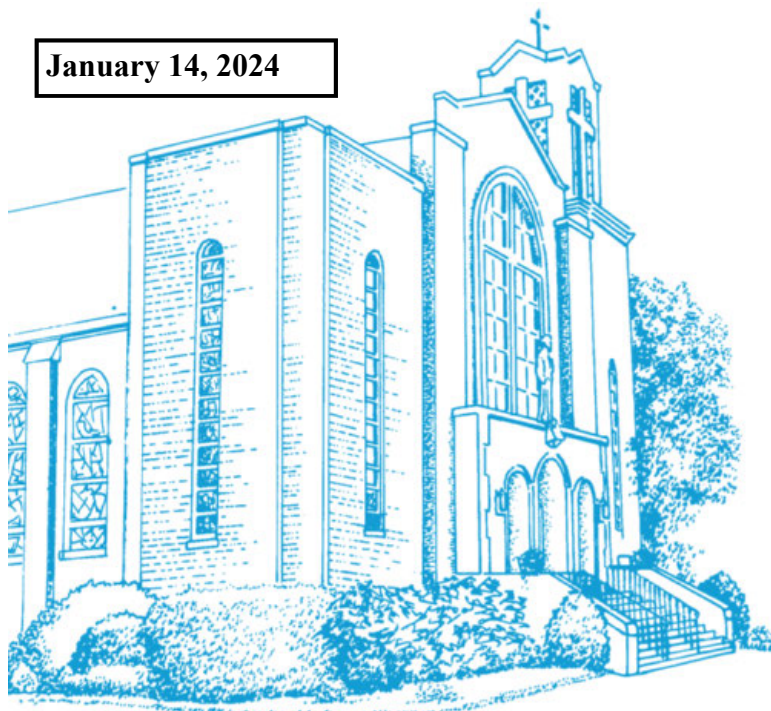


January 14, 2024



Saint Joseph Church

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33 West Street
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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: 860-871-1970; Fax 860-872-0333

Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 9am-1pm
Wednesday Evening, 4pm-6pm

Secretaries: Dorota Prytko and Jolanta Wiszniak

Religious Ed: Jim Smart

Music Director: Mark Roszczewski

Email: info@stjosephct.org

Website: www.stjosephct.org

FAITH FORMATION/SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT

RCIA

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

Rel. Ed.

Jim Smart Coordinator, 872-7101

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

Confirmation

Tom Brown, Coordinator, 860-328-0694

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

Knights of Columbus Tony Bifulco, 860-709-1290

Baptismal Preparation Angela Atwater, 860-872-3349

3rd Order Franciscans Jim Smart, 860-872-7101

Altar Servers - Gina Transki sjcaltarservers1905@gmail.com

PARISH MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

Pastoral Council

Date and time TBD

Men's Club

3rd Tuesday of the month, 7 pm

Coffee Sundays

Date TBD

Ladies of St. Joseph

2nd Wednesday of the month,
6pm

3rd Order Franciscans 3rd Sunday of the month at
1:30pm

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, January 13, 2024

7:30am + John Wiszniak.....Martucci Family
4:00pm + Helen Aitner.....Gauthier Family

Sunday, January 14, 2024 - 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am For Parishioners
10:00am + Walter Rozman.....Sandy st. James
.....(Live Stream)

Monday, January 15, 2024— Mass without people

7:30am Blessings for Jan and Win Baker.....Martucci

Tuesday, January 16, 2024

7:00pm + Richard Crane.....St. Joseph Men`s Club

Wednesday, January 17, 2024

7:30am + Richard Liszewski.....Irene Lagasse

Thursday, January 18, 2024

7:30am + Suzan Leser.....St. Joseph Men`s Club

Friday, January 19, 2024

7:30am + Jastin Cusack.....Parents
3:00pm Divine Mercy Novena

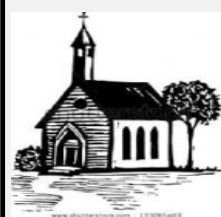
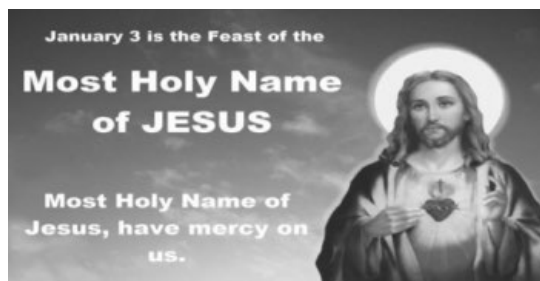
Saturday, January 20, 2024

7:30am + Krishan Agrawal.....S. Martucci
4:00pm + Stella, Joseph Philip and Joseph Jr.....
6:00pm Polish MassBirthday Blessings for Sara Urbanska

Sunday, January 21, 2024 - 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am + Maria and Jan Potoczny.....Gryszkiewicz
10:00am For parishioners

January - MONTH OF HOLY NAME OF JESUS



*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.*



Collection for December 17, 2023 was \$ 4,377.90
December 24, 2023 was \$ 7,324.65
December 31, 2023 was \$ 4,127.11

May God Bless You All.

St. Joseph Church`s Expenditures for month of November , 2023

Operating Costs.....\$ 20,613.00
Heat/Electricity/Other Utilities.....\$6,464.95
Repairs/Maintenance/Furnishing.....\$ 1,139.38
Cathedraticum.....\$2,995.53

Total Expenditures November , 2023
\$ 31,212.86

Weekly Collection

Jan 14 1. Weekly
Jan 21 1. Weekly
2. Maintenance Fund
Jan 28 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!



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Those Who Seek the Truth

In my work as a freelance writer, I have a regular column in the archdiocesan paper writing profiles of ordinary people in the local church. Laity, religious, and clergy alike — I hound them all to give me an interview, and when I do, the answer is almost always this: “You don’t want to talk to me. There’s nothing special about me.”

I always try to convince them that there is something remarkable about everyone who is searching for the truth. It is easy to think we are not made for holiness because we are ordinary people with ordinary habits, ordinary abilities, and ordinary sins. It is easy (and very convenient) to designate holiness as something belonging to Better People. People like the saints. People like the Disciples.

The Bible gives us next to no personal information about the disciples. There is no archdiocesan newspaper profile on Andrew and Simon that can give us insight into who they were before they became St. Andrew, Inaugural Disciple and Announcer of the Messiah, and St. Peter, First Pope and the Rock-Upon-Which-Christ-Built-His-Church.

Yet I find myself insatiably curious about it. What was their childhood like? What games did they play with each other as the sun set, before their mother called them into bed? What did they think of as they fell asleep at night? What secret jokes did they share to make each other laugh? What were they afraid of? What did they hope for? Who did they want to be?

Before they were towering figures of salvation history, Simon and Andrew were just two men searching for the truth. When they looked at Christ, there was something that made it click. Perhaps they themselves could not identify what it was, but their hearts whispered it nonetheless: *There it is. We finally found it.*

Isn’t that the best we can all hope for?

“Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, ‘What are you looking for?’” — John 1:38

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**Changes to Mass****Question:**

Why do we make changes in the Mass? Some seem so small and unimportant. Are they really necessary?

Answer:

The celebration of the Eucharist is at the heart of our identity as Catholics. Our purpose as a Church community revolves around the Eucharist. Everything we are and everything we do is measured not only by how well we celebrate, but also by how well we live the sacrament. If that is so, then we as a community will always strive to celebrate the Mass as best we can. The reasons for some changes might seem more obvious than others, but there is a reason behind each one.

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal is the introduction to the Missal that contains all the prayers for the celebration of the Mass. The Order of Mass we use now was issued in 1975 and, as often happens over the course of years, some questions have come up about the proper way of doing some things and whether or not other practices are acceptable. These changes clarify some things and make the celebration of the Mass more meaningful for everyone.

The opportunity is presented to us to better learn and understand each part of the Mass, which in turn should help us deepen our appreciation for its beauty and meaning. We will be a better Church if we have a clearer understanding and knowledge of Who and what we celebrate.

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January 15, 2024 _ Monday

The office will be closed that day.

**MARTIN LUTHER
KING JR. Day** ©LPi

Celebrate Marriage – It's not too early to begin thinking of Valentine's Day. Give your Valentine something special this year – the gift of your time. Come celebrate your marriage at a day-long enrichment that will renew your dreams, increase your passion and refresh and celebrate your marriage. This marriage enrichment aptly entitled, ***"Celebrate Marriage,"*** will take place on **Saturday, February 17, 2024**, from 9 A.M to 3 P.M. at Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish Hall, 1600 Main St., Coventry, CT. The cost is \$35 per couple, which includes workbooks and lunch. Registration is required. To register, call Mary-Jo McLaughlin at the Catholic Family Services Office at 860-848-2237, Ext. 312 or email her at mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net.

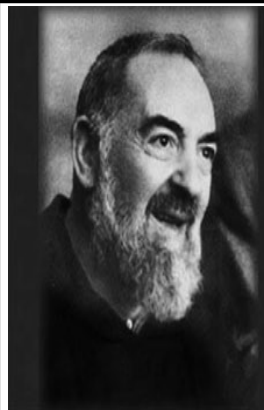
St. Sebastian | January 20

Not much is known about the life of St. Sebastian (256 – 287), except that he was a Roman martyr whose name has been mentioned throughout history since early 350.

We see St. Sebastian many times in art, especially from iconic paintings from Guido Reni, Andrea Mantegna and Hendrick ter Brugghen. Historical scholars now agree that a spiritual story has the beloved saint entering the Roman army because only there could he assist Christian martyrs without arousing suspicion on himself. Eventually he was found out, brought before Emperor Diocletian and delivered to Mauritanian archers to be shot to death. Pierced with arrows, he was left for dead, but managed to survive. He recovered from his wounds but still refused to leave.

One day, St. Sebastian took up a position near where the emperor was to pass. He confronted the emperor, condemning him for his cruelty to Christians. This time the sentence of death was carried out, and St. Sebastian was beaten to death with clubs. Today he is the patron saint of athletes.

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"My past, O Lord,
to your mercy;
my present,
to your love;
my future, to
your providence!"

~Saint Padre Pio

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Christ Is Anything but Ordinary

We're about to dive headlong into week two of Ordinary Time, and we need to admit, after the hustle and bustle of the holidays, things are indeed looking more ... ordinary, at least in our spiritual lives.

The transcendent highs of the Christmas season are flatlining a bit and the vivid imagery of the Nativity scene has faded. The solemn anticipation of the Advent season is by now a distant memory.

Are you bored yet?

Here's a secret: I think that Ordinary Time can actually be quite extraordinary, if we're really living out our baptismal call.

In today's Gospel, Jesus point-blank asks Andrew, who is following him after hearing John the Baptist's testimony: "What are you looking for?" He's asking us the same question.

What are you looking for? Why are you following me? Is it for the Christmas cookies and the Advent carols? Is it for the King's Cake on the Epiphany? Is it for the feeling we get on Christmas when we just know God has done a wondrous thing?

None of those things are bad, but they are not what Andrew was looking for, and they were not what Christ promised him when he said, "Come, and you will see." Andrew was looking for the Messiah — the One who makes even Ordinary Time extraordinary. The One who can sanctify the longest and dullest of to-do lists, on the longest and dullest of days. The One whose peace can reign in our homes on January 25, not just December 25.

Remember what you are looking for. Come, and you will see.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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***Please come and join us for Polish Mass -
January 20, 2024 at 6pm.***

All are welcome!!!



Rosary before Mass!!!

You are invited to pray The Holy Rosary half an hour before every Saturday Vigil and before the Sunday Masses.

Over the centuries Our Blessed Mother has asked us to pray the Rosary for PEACE.

Please consider joining our parish family in honoring this request.



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.

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.



LECTORS

Saturday, January 13, 2024

4:00pm - D. Sierakowski

Sunday, January 14, 2024

8:00am - A. Dziewa

10:00am - K. Prytko

- G. Transki

Saturday, January 20, 2024

4:00pm - S. Westmoreland

Sunday, January 21, 2024

8:00am - A. Gryszkiewicz

10:00am - A. Atwater

S. Martucci



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John & Helen Snyder, Son John, Edward,
Stanley & Grandson Edward Jr.
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