

January 21, 2024



Saint Joseph Church

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*33 West Street
Rockville, Connecticut*

Father TADEUSZ ZADOROZNY, *pastor*

WELCOME... *You enter this Church not as a stranger, but as a child of God, your Heavenly Father. Come, then, with joy in your heart and thanks on your lips into His presence, offering Him your love and service.*

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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: Megan Mindek

Music Director: Mark Roszczewski

Email: info@stjosephct.org

Website: www.stjosephct.org

FAITH FORMATION/SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT

RCIA

Rel. Ed.

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

Megan Mindek

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

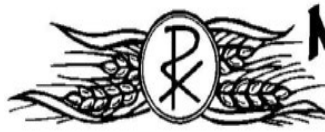
Date TBD

Ladies of St. Joseph

2nd Wednesday of the month,
6pm

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

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH, ROCKVILLE, CT



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, January 20, 2024

7:30am + Krishan Agrawal.....Martucci Family
4:00pm + Stella and Joseph Filip and Joseph Jr.Barbra
6:00pm Polish Mass.....Birthday Blessings for Sara
Urbanska

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

8:00am + Maria and Jan Potoczny.....Gryszkiewicz
10:00am For Parishioners.....
.....(Live Stream)

Monday, January 22, 2024— Mass without people

+ Amelia Krupat.....Ann Prytko

Tuesday, January 23, 2024

7:00pm + Charles Ward.....Linda

Wednesday, January 24, 2024

7:30am + Anthony Zappola.....Frank Borysevicz

Thursday, January 25, 2024

7:30am + Charles and Rose Curtis.....Daughter Cece

Friday, January 26, 2024

7:30am + Eric Sarracino.....Wife Cece
3:00pm Divine Mercy Novena

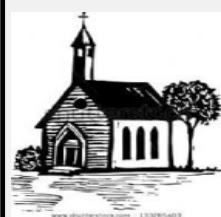
Saturday, January 27, 2024

7:30am + John Townsend.....CeCe
4:00pm + Yvonne Dowgiewicz.....Family

Sunday, January 28, 2024 - 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am For Parishioners.....
10:00am Birthday Blessings for Anthony Rein.....Family

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 January 7, 2024, 2023 was \$
5,744.65

May God Bless You All.

St. Joseph Church's Expenditures for month of December, 2023

Operating Costs.....\$ 28,270.43
Heat/Electricity/Other Utilities.....\$5,146.71
Repairs/Maintenance/Furnishing.....\$ 3,975.22
Cathedraticum.....\$4,214.59

Total Expenditures December, 2023
\$ 41,606.95

Total income.....\$ 42,451.97

Weekly Collection

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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WEBSITE -**

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MANCHESTER CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS
FALL 2024 PROSPECTIVE FAMILY OPEN HOUSE EVENTS
St. BridgeSchool
Jan 28, 2024 from 9am -12 noon

Informational tours are also available by appointment.

St. James School, 73 Park St., and St. Bridget School, 74 Main St, are now accepting new student applications for the 2024-25 school year. Come see the Catholic school difference! Our Catholic schools offer a traditional, accelerated, and innovative curriculum in a nurturing and respectful learning environment. Additional benefits include updated technology, school sports, and extra-curricular activities. Tuition assistance available to qualifying families. To learn more or RSVP for an Open House event, please contact Kathy at St. Bridget School, office@saintbridget-school.com, 860-649-7731, or Amy at St. James School, aguenther@saintjameschool.net, 860-643-5088.

Does God Forgive Abortion?

Question:

Can a person (the mother, father, or provider) ever be forgiven for an abortion?

Answer:

For people of faith, any conversation of human sinfulness should always lead us to reflect on God's loving mercy. Because God's mercy is greater than any sin, the Church is clear that even those involved in the sin of abortion can be reconciled with God and the Church. To help make this grace more available through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Pope Francis extended the permission to absolve someone of the sin of abortion to all priests in 2016. Even with the grace and blessings of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, the tragedy of abortion and the aftermath of abortion takes a toll on everyone involved. Ministries of outreach and support, such as Project Rachel, offer pastoral counseling, support groups, retreats, and other forms of care. As Christians, we are also called to help promote this healing and reconciliation in all its forms. To learn more, visit www.hopeafterabortion.com.

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A Good Time for Fulfillment

There are some things that always come at the worst time. I've never gotten a telemarketing call and thought, "This is a really convenient moment for me to listen to a sales pitch." I've never seen the compulsory software update notice flash on my computer screen when I *didn't* have a deadline I was struggling to meet. My kids never come down with the flu unless it's the weekend and the line at Urgent Care is stretching out the door.

And I never, ever feel the calm, persistent shoulder-tap of the Holy Spirit without thinking, "Now? Now is not a good time. Can you try again when I'm..."

But then I stop and think: when I am what? When I am stronger? When I am happier? When I am smarter? When I am a different person?

When God calls us, He calls the person He sees in front of Him. "Come on," He says, and He doesn't mean "When you're finished" or "When it's convenient" or "Think about it." He means now. This moment.

This is what Paul is saying when he writes that "the world in its present form is passing away." He is saying that your plans mean nothing, the kingdom of God is at hand. Abandon your nets, let your catch escape into the sea. You're not who you thought you were, and you don't need what you thought you needed.

Your sins do not define you. Your fears are not fate. Your inclinations do not govern you. Your life can be changed. We live in the time of fulfillment, and fulfillment is coming for you — ready or not.

"Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: 'This is the time of fulfillment.'" — Mark 1:14

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Retreat 2024 News

To dedicate some quiet contemplative time away can bring a renewed sense of direction and purpose.

There are still a few spots left for the weekend of

April 19-21 at nearby **St. Joseph's Abbey** with the Trappist monks. This is for college-age and older men and women, and includes a single private room with linens, and three meals a day.

Go to our parish website, click on "**Faith Formation**", and then, "**Retreats**". Scroll down and use the handy link to make your reservation. If you need another weekend, use their calendar to schedule other dates for yourself and friends.

MOST REVEREND
MICHAEL R. COTE, D.D.

My dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

January 22, 2024, is the 51st anniversary of the Roe v. Wade supreme court decision legalizing abortion. Although the Roe decision was overturned by Dobbs, the Fight for Life continues. This year, on January 19th, the 51st annual March for Life will be held in Washington D.C. The theme of this year's event is: "With every woman, for every child".

Now, more than ever, we need to reaffirm our "radical solidarity" with mothers in need. "Love them both" is a popular and fitting slogan that reaffirms the core of our Pro-Life beliefs. In a press conference revealing the theme of this year's event, Jeanne Mancini, Executive Director of the March for Life, acknowledges that saying "yes" to life isn't easy. She noted: "We aren't saying that it is easy, but we are saying that it is right to choose life and we hold that choosing life is empowering and that love saves lives".

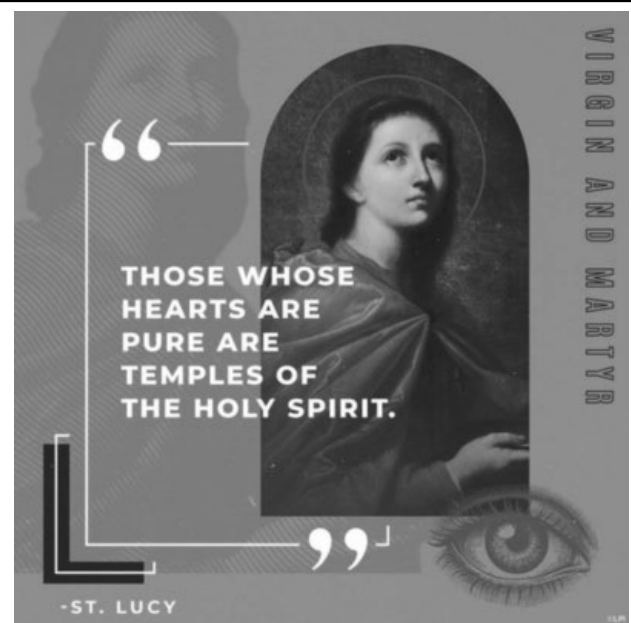
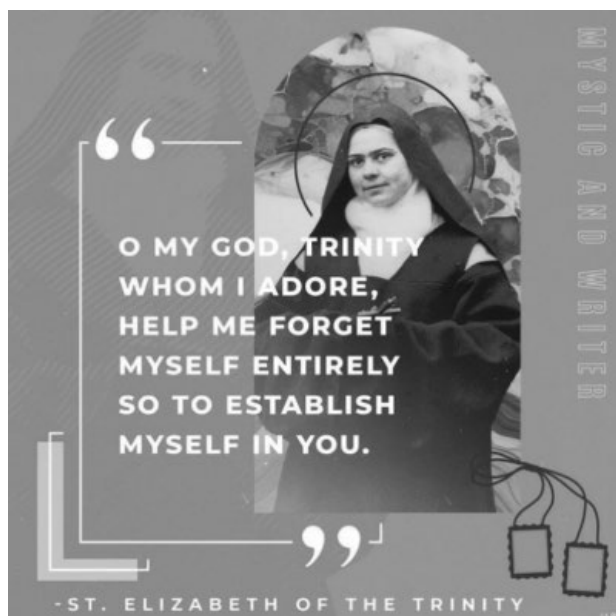
Mancini notes that "there is a false narrative around abortion" that suggests abortion is "empowering and necessary". She said this "fear-based messaging tries to convince women who are facing unexpected pregnancies that they're alone, that they're incapable, that they are ill-equipped to handle motherhood".

The church embraces mother and unborn child and affirms "life is beautiful". Pope Francis, in particular, has spoken strongly against the "throwaway culture". "Life", the holy Father said, "is a gift from God for which we cannot take sole credit". He continues, in an address to Italy's Pro-Life movement: "When life itself is violated at its emergence, what remains is no longer the grateful and enchanted welcome of a gift, but a cold calculation of what we have, and what we can use. Then even life is reduced to a one-time use consumer good". Pope Francis concluded his remarks by noting: "where there is life, there is hope".

There are so many wonderful resources available to mothers in need. It is up to you and I to shine light into what Saint John Paul II said is the "culture of death". Thank you for your courageous witness to life here in the Diocese of Norwich. Together, let's stand in "radical solidarity" "with every woman", and "for every child". "Where there is life, there is hope".

With every best wish, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Bishop of Norwich



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 20,2024

4:00pm - S. Westmoreland

Sunday, January 21,2024

8:00am - A. Gryszkiewicz

10:00am - A. Atwater

- S. Martucci

Saturday, January 27,2024

4:00pm - J. Smart
B. Bailey

Sunday, January 28,2024

8:00am - A. Dziewa

10:00am - E. Adams



In Loving Memory

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