

March 3, 2024



# Saint Joseph Church

*Established in 1905*

*33 West Street  
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**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

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## 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 sjparishdre@gmail.com  
**Music Director:** Mark Roszczewski  
**Email:** [info@stjosephct.org](mailto:info@stjosephct.org)  
**Website:** [www.stjosephct.org](http://www.stjosephct.org)

## FAITH FORMATION/SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT

**RCIA** Jim Smart, 872-7101; Tues. Classes 7:00 pm  
**Rel. Ed.** 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

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# Mass Intentions for the Week

## Saturday, March 2, 2024

7:30am + Stanley Kobak.....Angie Zacchia  
4:00pm + Henry Lagasse.....Daughter Irene  
**6:00pm First Saturday Mass.....+ Ryszard Lubecki**  
(2 Anniv.)

## Sunday, March 3, 2024 - 3rd Sunday of Lent

8:00am + Joseph, Anna and Czeslaw Bil.....Bill Family  
10:00am For Our Parishioners.....  
(Live Stream)

## Monday, March 4, 2024— Mass without people

## Tuesday, March 5, 2024

7:00pm + Gudrun Schaeffer.....Anna Bauer

## Wednesday, March 6, 2024

7:30am + Carolyn Narkon.....Husband Glen

## Thursday, March 7, 2024

7:30am + Frank Campanelli.....Men`s Club

## Friday, March 8, 2024

7:30am Birthday Blessings for Henry Rein.....Family  
**3:00pm Divine Mercy Novena**  
**6:00pm Stations of the Cross (Eanglish)**  
**7:00pm Stations of the Cross (Polish)**

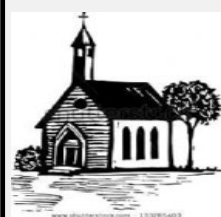
## Saturday, March 9, 2024

7:30am + Rebecca Rozman.....S. Martucci  
4:00pm + Genevieve and William Wajda.....Daughter

## Sunday, March 10, 2024 - 4th Sunday of Lent

8:00am For Our Parishioners  
10:00am + Lucielle Giaquinto.....Gauthier Family.  
(Live Stream)

**March - month  
dedicated to St. Joseph**



*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 February 11, 2024 was \$ 4,119.65  
Collection for February 18, 2024 was \$ 9,330.45

*May God Bless You All.*

## St. Joseph Church`s Expenditures for month of January, 2024

Operating Costs.....\$ 25,855.29  
Heat/Electricity/Other Utilities.....\$5,892.98  
Repairs/Maintenance/Furnishing.....\$ 364.31  
Cathedraticum.....\$ 000000

Total Expenditures January, 2024  
**\$ 32,112.58**

**Total income.....\$ 26,460.22**

## Weekly Collection

March 03 1. Weekly  
March 10 1. Weekly  
2. Maintenance Fund  
3. ACA Collection  
March 17 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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### **Announcement !**

We would like to inform our parishioners that there will be NO Mass from March 4, 2024 - March 8, 2024 till 3pm. Father Tadeusz will be away. For more information please call the office or Fr. Tadeusz. We are very sorry for inconvenience and thank you for your understanding.

### **Announcement!**

Please join us for **Gozkie Zale** every Sunday morning at 7:30am during Lent.

*All are welcome!!!*

### **Knights of Columbus Council 4122 St Patrick's Day Dinner**

Sunday, March 17th

Pick up Times: 1:00pm-3:00pm

St. Bernard Church Hall

Dine-in or Take-out

Click go to the following link to order by March 13th <https://giving.parishsoft.com/App/Form/eb431724-fe4a-4411-ae6-8e1afb2465e8>

Dinners are \$20/person, including a generous portion of butcher cured corned beef, cabbage, potatoes, carrots, and dessert (provided by BSP Youth Ministry).

Proceeds from the dinner will go to support Cornerstone. Additional donations for Clairvaux House, can be made on the order form. A portion of the dinner proceeds will also support Blessed Sacrament Youth Ministry.

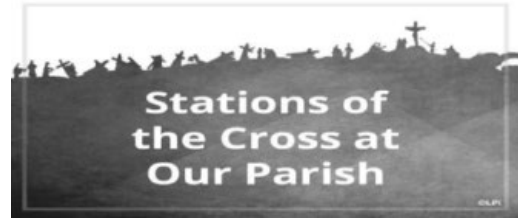
If you are unable to order online, send the following information and a check payable to "Knights of Columbus Council 4122" for \$20/meal.

Please include: Name, email, phone, and # meals

Mail to: Tom Stauffer, 10 Moser Dr., Ellington, CT 06029

Questions? Call 860.682.0762

or Email [Knights4122@cath-comm.org](mailto:Knights4122@cath-comm.org)



Stations of the Cross (English) - 6:00pm  
Stations of the Cross (Polish) - 7:00pm

### **Lent 2024 News !**

St. Joseph parishioners and friends, this year we'll be offering a variety of options for your **Lenten journey**. They include –

- Copies of the February **Magnificat Magazine** available after all Masses prior to Ash Wed.
  - A selection of *Video Series* for individuals and Families through our online **Word On Fire ENGAGE** (parish website)
  - Two **Magnificat Small Group gatherings** – Last Saturday of the month, 10 am in the Hall, & last Monday of the Month, 6:30 pm at 105 West Rd., Ellington See the parish website for updates and more information.
- Retreat opportunities – Visit the parish website, click on "**Faith Formation**", then, "**Retreats**". Questions ?, - Email link is available.

### **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.

### Third Sunday of Lent

Paul reminded the Corinthians, "We proclaim Christ crucified." Christ's weakness is stronger than any human strength. The power of the cross is greater than anything the world or evil has to combat it.

The Lenten season is one of repentance, self-denial, almsgiving, and prayer. Many in our modern world do not see any wisdom in denying themselves anything. Those swept away in a consumer culture want more and they want it faster, bigger, and better. They also are looking for easy and quick satisfaction, unwilling to wait long.

Paul speaks of the "foolishness of God" and how it is wiser than any human wisdom. Lent is a time to put aside that which we feel and think as humans and put on the attitude of Christ. The cross of Christ is neither easy nor fleeting, and it will ask us to deny our very selves for him. To the human mind it makes no sense. However, by putting on Christ and seeing with his eyes, we see reality with clarity. Our sacrifice can lead to riches that only a "foolish" man would covet. But it is exactly there that we are satisfied and fulfilled.

### End of Mass

#### Question:

Is it ever Ok to leave Mass before it ends?

#### Answer:

This is an interesting question because beneath the surface there seems to be an assumption that if it's okay, then why do we have to stay after we receive communion? The short answer is "no," but we definitely want to go a bit deeper as we consider why.

First, when we think about questions like this, we must consider this in adult terms. If there is something gravely important that we need to do, then we must attend to that. However, if it is a matter of convenience or preference, then we really have to stop and think again. First, while we always want to recognize the importance of sacramental communion in the Mass, we also need to understand how important the time of thanksgiving and prayer after communion is. This is summarized in the Prayer After Communion offered by the celebrant and then we are also commissioned to "Go forth" during the Dismissal of the Mass, reminding us that we have been entrusted with a gift — the Word of God and the Presence of Christ in the sacrament — and that we are to share that gift with others. If we simply leave after we receive communion, we risk two things. First, there is the possibility that we will turn our reception of communion into a purely personal, individual experience that is separated from our common experience of worship — and communion in the fullest sense — and, second, we lose an opportunity for gratitude and serious reflection if we simply leave after communion. This time of thanksgiving, reflection, and, ultimately, missioning, are important and, in the end, an essential part of the celebration of the Mass.

### The Merciful Anger of Jesus

Watch your fellow churchgoers today as the priest or deacon reads the story of Jesus raising hell (or perhaps he's raising heaven?) in the temple square. Dollars to donuts, they'll be squirming.

As Catholics, we have become very uncomfortable with Angry Jesus. He makes us cringe in the same way that the Old Testament God does when He calls Himself "jealous" and talks about punishment. That level of intensity makes us recoil. If it were present in a human relationship, it would be toxic and abusive, because in humanity, fierceness and love rarely coexist in a healthy way.

But what a tragedy it would be for us to mistake our relationship with God for our relationship with our spouse, our best friend, or even our human father. Because we cannot see clearly, we would mistake His zeal for anger and His law for diktat.

The strong and sure movement of a wave against a rocky cliff will, over time, erode its surface, just as an overabundance of raindrops will flood a city. We do not call the water callous and cruel. We still luxuriate in its coolness and refreshment. Its destructive powers don't negate the life-giving properties of water. We do not demand that water apologize to us for being strong.

Fierce, uncompromising — but also, soft and merciful. How can God — and God's law — be both, at the same time? How can Christ cast a whip at someone's foot, overturn a table and scatter coins? How can the law of God be perfect, as the Psalm says, and refresh the soul — while demanding so much of it?

All I can say is, thank God for Angry Jesus. We need his fierceness and thank God it does not wane because it confuses us. Thank God his mercy does not decrease because we doubt it.

***"For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength." — 1 Corinthians 1:25***



## **Parents Just Don't Understand**

Anybody remember the old rap song by the Fresh Prince, aka Will Smith, "Parents Just Don't Understand?" As we grow up, it is sometimes a struggle for us to imagine that our parents understand us. It can seem impossible that Mom and Dad remember the stress of exam week or peer pressure. We never saw them as children; we never saw their disappointed faces when they weren't invited to a party, or their dashed hopes at a bad test grade. We never saw them homesick their first week of college or nervous to ask their crush to Homecoming.

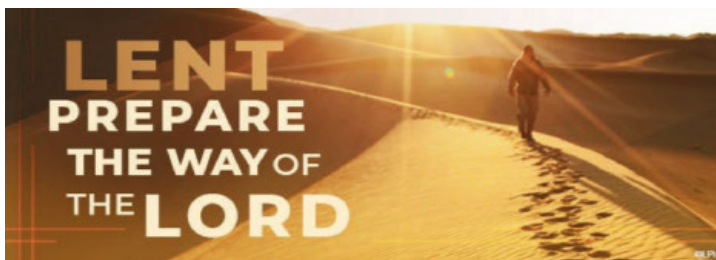
We're often the same way about God. We gripe about what He asks of us. "He doesn't understand sin — he's all-good," we think. "He doesn't understand temptation — He is perfect."

In Scripture, God can be very much a father, telling us what we can and cannot do. And yet, in His divine genius, He is sometimes simply a man at a well, asking for a drink.

For me, it turns out I didn't need to tell my parents anything about what I was going through as a kid — they knew already. What I needed was for them to tell me what to do, and how to do it.

Similarly, we don't need to tell God about human nature. We need God to tell us about His nature. He's good enough to ask us for a drink, to enter into our humanity. But we have to remember, for our own sakes, to have the humility to ask Him for something, too — the water that will quench our eternal thirst.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



## *In Loving Memory*

Antonina & Paul Sklodowski &  
Sons Joseph & Chester  
Thomas & Mary Strycharz  
Deceased & Living Members of Rosary Society  
Anna, Stanislaw, Peter, Josef, Filip, & Family  
Elzear, Corine, & Paul Crepeau // Victoria Ziembra



*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, March 2, 2024**

4:00pm - S. Westmoreland

### **Sunday, March 3, 2024**

8:00am - A. Gryszkiewicz  
10:00am - G. Transki  
K. Prytko

### **Saturday, March 9, 2024**

4:00pm - F. Borysevicz

### **Sunday, March 10, 2024**

8:00am - A. Dziwiewa  
10:00am - J. Smart  
B. Bailey





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