

March 17, 2024



Saint Joseph Church

Established in 1905

*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 sjparishdre@gmail.com

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

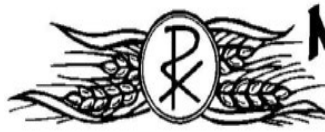
Date TBD

Ladies of St. Joseph

2nd Wednesday of the month,
6pm

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

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, March 16, 2024

7:30am + Alojzy Kozlowski.....A. Dziewa
4:00pm + Frank Ello.....Matthew and Beverly Kuchar

Sunday, March 17, 2024 - 5th Sunday of Lent

8:00am For Our Parishioners.....
10:00am + Deceased Members of St. Joseph's Men's Club
(Live Stream)

Monday, March 18, 2024— Mass without people

+ John Ryan.....

Tuesday, March 19, 2024

7:00pm + Terrence Grochowski.....Ellen and Therese

Wednesday, March 20, 2024

7:30am + John Ryan.....Korban Fraternity

Thursday, March 21, 2024

7:30am + Mary Regan.....Frank Borysevicz
7:00pm Adoration /Confession

Friday, March 22, 2024

7:30am + Richard J. Crane.....Frank Borysevicz
3:00pm Divine Mercy Novena
6:00pm Stations of the Cross (Eanglish)
7:00pm Stations of the Cross (Polish)

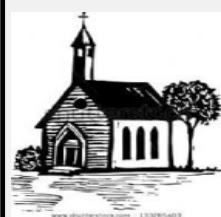
Saturday, March 23, 2024

7:30am + Lynn Mansfield.....Divine Will Prayer Group
4:00pm + Dewey L. Santacroce.....Family
6:00pm Polish Mass.....+ Danuta Werpachowska

Sunday, March 24, 2024 - Palm Sunday

8:00am For Our Parishioners.....
10:00am + Wilhelm Schon.....Daughter
(Live Stream)

March Month of 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 25, 2024 was \$ 12,396.00

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
Cathedralicum.....\$4,214.59

Total Expenditures December, 2023
\$ 41,606.95

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

Weekly Collection

March 17 1. Weekly
March 24 1. Weekly
2. Operation Rice Bowl
March 28 1. Holy Thursday
March 31 1. Weekly
2. Easter



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 -

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Lost in the Crowd

I write my phone number on my kids' arms when we go into large crowds at summer festivals, in case we get separated. If you think this makes me sound like a neurotic person with an overactive imagination who watches too many true crime documentaries, you would be correct. I am all of those things.

However, I am also practical, and I've endured moments of panic after looking up and briefly not being able to locate a child who has wandered off or lagged behind. The phone number, scrawled across their sunscreen-streaked skin, is a safeguard, however insignificant. It's something they can hold up to show an adult, something they can point to and say, "This is where I need to be. Help me get here."

When I reflect on my own life, it occurs to me that I was born lost. We all were. It was only in Eden that a human being ever knew what it was to be at home. In Eden, I would imagine, the feeling of safety was so natural that it was only noticed after it was gone. But original sin came like a noisy crowd to bear us away from the place we needed to be, and since that time, our human lives have played out against a backdrop of insecurity and unfamiliarity. We are cold and alone and confused. And God, our heartbroken parent, never stops seeking us, never stops calling our names.

Baptism, the etching of God's law onto our heart and soul, is not a phone number written on our arms. It's something far better — it's a homing signal, planted deep within. And it will lead us back to where we need to be.

"But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD. I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts; I will be their God, and they shall be my people." — Jeremiah 31:33

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**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.

This year, Bishop Michael R. Cote, D.D., invites you to the Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of Saint Patrick in Norwich on Tuesday, March 26, 2024, at 10:30 a.m.

The Chrism Mass is the Liturgy during which the sacred Chrism is consecrated and the Oil of the Sick and the Oil of the Catechumens are blessed. These oils are sanctified for use at the Cathedral and in all parishes in the Diocese of Norwich for Baptism, Confirmation, the Anointing of The Sick and for the Ordination of Priests. Together the three oils symbolize the sacramental life of the Church. **Since the Chrism Mass is truly a Diocesan event ALL parishioners are invited.**

The Solemnity of St. Joseph

On March 19th, we celebrate the holiness in the midst of unpredictable fatherhood. We first meet Joseph when he discovers his betrothed is pregnant...and not by him! St. Joseph does not know who the father is (yet), but he knows the punishment for adultery is death. He decides to divorce Mary quietly, and thus save her life. When an angel appears to reveal that Mary is pregnant by the Holy Spirit, St. Joseph trusts his dream and marries her. As a new foster father, Joseph must help his wife give birth in a stable. Later, he needs to escape the threats to his son's life by immigrating with his family to a foreign land. We know that St. Joseph is faithful, brave, and willing to sacrifice for those he loves. On the solemnity of St. Joseph, we don't merely celebrate a carpenter. We celebrate a hero!

When Our Own Hour Comes

We parents know that it's tricky, tackling the topic of fear with our kids. We want them to know that it's okay to be scared, that it's something we all feel from time to time. We want them to understand that bravery isn't the absence of fear, but the choices we make in persevering despite that feeling.

Most of all, we want to model the right kind of behavior for our kids. Whatever our scary situation is — illness, a job loss, life changes — we want them to see us make a choice to face that fear head-on.

Jesus seems to be the parent who is gently broaching the topic of fear with his children. A great sense of foreboding hangs over these readings. Jesus knew what was coming. He knew it was going to be hard, both for him and for his followers, who did not have his courage. Even he admits to being “troubled” and he speaks of “the time of judgment.” There is the dramatic raising of Lazarus, the talk of how a grain of wheat must die in order to bear fruit, the depiction of Christ as an obedient student of his own suffering.

“Yet what should I say?” he asks them. “Father, save me from this hour?” But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour.”

This week, Christ gives us a very parental gift: He shows us his fear, and he shows us how to conquer it. He challenges us to embrace the purpose for which we came to this hour — whatever that hour may hold.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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St. Alphonsus Liguori

St. Alphonsus Liguori, (1696-1787) was a prolific theologian and founder of the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer (The Redemptorists). Renowned for his profound devotion to the Eucharist and insightful theological teachings, he is the patron saint of moral theologians.



Retreat Season – 2024

We're now scheduling **weekend retreats** for college-age and older men & women at St. Joseph's Abbey in nearby Spencer, MA. St. Joseph's Abbey is one of the largest Trappist monasteries in the United States, and is beautifully located on over 2,000 acres of rolling New England countryside. A comfortable private room with shower and linens, and 3 meals a day are included.

These dates fill quickly, so don't delay ! For more details visit the parish website, click on “**Faith Formation**”, then, “**Retreats**”.

May 3 - Men & Women

May 10 - Men & Women

May 17 - Women

May 24 – Men

May 31 – Men

June 14 – Women

June 21 - Men & Women

Word On Fire ENGAGE – St. Joseph Parish

Our parish has full membership with full access to the entire library of **Word on Fire's** feature-length films, and more ! If you're already signed-up, use your weekly email link. If not, visit our parish website, click on “**Resources**”, then, “**Lenten Resources**”, and / or, “**Word On Fire ENGAGE**”. Have a Lenten family-night with the “**Pivotal Players**” series featuring Bishop Fulton Sheen, St. Catherine of Siena, Flannery O'Connor, St. Benedict, St. Francis and many more !

Congratulations

Congratulations to our 10th grade Faith Formation students-Olivia, Emilia and Vanessa- who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on **March 10th** at St. Luke Church. Thank you to parents and guardians who guided them on this faith journey, and to Confirmation teachers Tom Brown and Matt Reardon for their preparation. Please continue to pray for these students and our upcoming 10th graders.

Location of Blessed Sacrament

Question:

Why do parishes have the Blessed Sacrament in a separate room?

Answer:

While many Catholics of a certain age have memories of the Blessed Sacrament being housed in the tabernacle on the high altar of the church, many parishes in the decades since the Second Vatican Council have chosen to build a separate space — a reservation chapel — where the Blessed Sacrament is kept. Although this practice is not universal, it is in keeping with the guidance offered by the US Bishops in their document *Built of Living Stones* (see nos 77-78). The goal is to create a space that is separated from the nave and sanctuary, but which is “integrally connected with the church” which can foster “reverence and can provide the quiet and focus needed for personal prayer.” This can be especially important for communities that have continuous eucharistic adoration, allowing people to come and pray in a space separate from the normal activities of parish life.

The practice of reserving the Eucharist in a separate space — or in a dignified location away from the altar where Mass is celebrated — is that it emphasizes the importance of the liturgy itself, which is the “source and summit” of the life of the Church.

As with many things in the Church, the practice of placing the tabernacle in the sanctuary or in a separate chapel is not universal (as can be seen in visits to historic churches in Rome and other places). The important thing is that as communities question where to place the tabernacle, they listen to the voice of the Church, explore the ancient and varied liturgical tradition of the Church, consider the needs and life of the community, and also take into account the architecture and limits of the spaces they might already have.

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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 Beudet, 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 16, 2024

4:00pm - S. Westmoreland

Sunday, March 10, 2024

8:00am - A. Gryszkiewicz

10:00am - D. Sierakowski

Saturday, March 23, 2024

4:00pm - S. Westmoreland
D. Sierakowski

Sunday, March 24, 2024

8:00am - A. Gryszkiewicz
A. Dziewa

10:00am - F. Borysevicz
J. Smart



In Loving Memory

Thomas & Mary Strycharz // Alexander & Konstancja Raczkowski & Daughter

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