

The Parish Family of Saint Mary of Czestochowa Church

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Holy Mass Schedule

Monday, Thursday & Friday at 7:30 am

Wednesday at 6:30 pm

Saturday Vigil at 4:00 pm

Sunday at 8:30 am (Polish/ English) & 10:30 am

Confessions

3:15 pm Saturday or by appointment

Anointing of the Sick

Please contact the rectory office

Baptism

By appointment

Wedding

Arrangements must be made six months in advance

Our Church is equipped with an personal PA system for the hearing impaired. Please ask an usher for assistance. We extend a warm welcome to visitors, and hope that you find our community a place to nourish your faith. Please introduce yourself to the Pastor and call the rectory to register.

First Sunday in Advent~ November 29, 2020



Saturday November 28
3:15 pm **CONFESSIONS**
4:00 pm +Theresa Wallace
 Offered by Her Loving Family

Sunday November 29
8:30 am +Zofia & Wladyslaw Szczubelek
 Polish/English Offered By Bozena Malek
10:30 am +All Souls Committed to Our Prayers

Monday November 30
7:30 am +Wisnieski & Wiercioch Families

Wednesday December 2
6:30 pm +Msgr. Thaddeus Malanowski
In Remembrance of His Birthday
 Offered By Ted & Anne Nowakowski

Thursday December 3
7:30 am +Anna & Louis Szymkowicz
 Offered By Mary Pawelczak

Friday December 4
7:30 am +Agnes & Joe Gadzinski
 Offered By Mary Pawelczak

Saturday December 5
3:15 pm **CONFESSIONS**
4:00 pm +Frank Bogdan
 Offered by His Loving Family

Sunday December 6
8:30 am +Henry Malon
 Polish/English **On the One Year Anniversary**
 Offered By His Loving Family
10:30 am +Louis Didato
 Offered By Andrea Malon



Weekly Mass Attendance

November 14-15

Saturday 4:00 pm ~ 46

Sunday 8:30 am ~ 54

Sunday 10:30 am ~ 51

Total ~ 151

The church capacity is 100 people per service.
 We are within our safety limits.
 There is plenty of room to safe distance in church.

Weekly Collections

November 14-15

Offertory~ \$2563.

Fuel & Energy~ \$673.

ONLINE DONATIONS

July~ \$1295.

August~ \$1740.

September~ \$3125.

October~ \$2280.

stmarymiddletown.com/donate

Thank you for your generosity!

Church Missalettes

The new 2021 missalettes are available this weekend.
 Due to the Covid-19 restrictions we cannot share books.

Please take a missalette, write your name in it,
 and keep it to bring back to church and use weekly.

We are encouraging this for both the English and
 English/Polish missalettes.

The Sanctuary Lamp

November 29-December 5

Is Lit in Loving Prayer

For All Those Afflicted with Covid-19



Advent Confessions

In preparations for Christmas, additional
 confession times have been scheduled.

Saturday, December 19~ 2:45-3:30 pm

Wednesday, December 23~ 7:00 pm



ADVENT



HOPE. LOVE. JOY. PEACE.

Shrine Candle Renewal



Its time to renew your commitment for the Shrine Candles, which are located in the Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa in the back of the church. Remember your loved ones in a prayerful way by lighting a shrine candle in their memory for one year. The **annual renewal fee is \$100.00** and is

effective October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2021. We are also accepting new requests at this time. **The fee for a new request is \$125.00** for the year, and this covers the cost of the name plate that accompanies the candle.

Submit new requests and renewals in an envelope labeled **SHRINE CANDLES** and drop in collection basket or mail. Be sure to include all information including the name requested for the name plate. Call the rectory for more information.

John Paul II Regional Catholic School



We are currently accepting applications. We encourage you to schedule a visit when you can see our students and teachers in action. Prospective students may visit for a "shadow day" to experience school life first hand. To arrange a visit, please call the school office at 860-347-2978 or email office@jpii.org.

We look forward to welcoming you into our community.

First Friday Holy Hour

December 4th at 8:00 am

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
& Recitation of the
Divine Chaplet



Advent Angel Giving Tree



Boy Scout Troop 41 is once again sponsoring the Advent Angel Giving Tree to benefit **ABC Women's Center**, which is a local faith-based pregnancy resource center. Please take an angel ornament, and return your unwrapped gift by 12/20. Thank you for your support and generosity.



Seminarian Christmas Gift Card Campaign

Gift tags for the eight seminarians in our Diocese are available in the foyer of our church. Please consider purchasing a gift card (grocery, drugstore, gasoline) which will be gifted at Christmas. These gift cards will assist them with their personal living expenses or ministry related items during their academic year. Thank you for your continued prayers for vocations and assisting with this special show of support for the future priests.

Calvary Cemetery

In preparation for the upcoming holiday season we are requesting that everyone remove all summer decorations, flower pots and debris from their plots. A dumpster is available for disposal. Please respect the dignity of the cemetery by keeping your plot clean and appropriate.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Diocesan Pro-Life Mass

The monthly Diocesan Pro-Life Mass will take place at **The Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich**
Saturday, December 5
8:30 am

Please join our celebrant **Rev. Walter Nagle** at Mass as we pray to end abortion and for the healing for those who have had an abortion.

Following the Mass, the Rosary will be prayed both at the Cathedral and Planned Parenthood.

Oplatki Christmas wafers



can be purchased in the foyer of the church or in the rectory office during business hours. The cost of these wafers is \$5.00 per package, with all the proceeds going to help the poor in our sister parish in the Dominican Republic.



You are at the eye doctor and it's time for the peripheral vision test. You know the one. It's where you put your head up to a contraption and have to click a switch every time you see a squiggly line. If you don't concentrate and maintain optimal focus, you will miss them and skew the outcome of the test. You can easily find yourself with a diagnosis that really isn't accurate! Concentration and focus are key to succeeding with this evaluation. They are also key to developing a healthy, vibrant spiritual life. If we do not bring our full consciousness to the task, concentrate with all our might, be watchful and vigilant, we are not going to see God's loving presence flashing before our eyes!

That's why we need Advent. Let's face it. We can easily get distracted, focus on nonessential and superficial things and lose touch with what really matters. Our attentions wander. We daydream and even become a bit overwhelmed and tired. All of the stresses and demands of life consume us and we find ourselves constantly trying to play catch up rather than relishing the moment of the now. "Now" moments are so fleeting. They flash before us like those squiggly lines on a screen. Present moments go as quickly as they come but it is important to discover them and rest in them as often as we can. Though gone in a flash, these now moments of encounter with God teach powerful lessons and offer a grounding in truth that can be found nowhere else. It's the grace of Advent to become watchful and attentive because we are never sure when God will surprise us.

God loves surprises and love thrives on them! God's now moments of surprises come as tender instants of intimate connection where I find profound peace, experience joy, and rest in love. These are Advent times reflective of the now moments when Christ first was born, when God surprises us during every time we care to watch and when the great surprise of Christ's second coming dawns upon us all. But, to discover the grandeur and experience the awe of these now times, we have to be ready. We have to want to be there. We have to believe. And, we have to have the desire to soak in as much as we can in the time we have before us.



First Sunday of Advent



DIOCESAN ADVENT MISSION

The Advent Mission is
online each Thursday

7:00 - 7:45pm

December 3rd: Patience,
10th: Love, & 17th: Peace



Advent is a time for waiting, a time for preparation, and a time for prayer. The Diocese of Norwich has prepared a mission that brings Advent to your phone, tablet, and desktop to create the perfect opportunity for prayer, reflection, discussion, and preparation for the coming of Jesus at Christmas.

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The Spirit of the Franciscan Christmas Fair

Our Christmas Fair, benefitting the Franciscan Life Center and Franciscan Home Care and Hospice Care will be online. We invite you to join us until December 20. We will be recapturing the spirit of our Living Crèche from past years, selling fair items online including Christmas trees, wreaths, centerpieces, pottery, handmade miniature reindeer, handmade candles, Merry Miscellaneous items, Holy Land pieces and more. There is a Basket Raffle and Santa and Mrs. Claus will be live from the North Pole.

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