

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 (September 1-June 30)
Saturday Vigil at 4:00 pm
Sunday at 8:30 am (Polish) & 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.



The Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time~ September 1, 2024

	MASS INTENTIONS
Saturday	August 31
3:15 pm	Confessions
4:00 pm	OPEN INTENTIONS
Sunday	September 1
8:30 am	+Zofia Kwasnik
(polish)	In loving memory
	Offered by Malgosia & Edward Szczygiel
10:30 am	+William Rogers
	Offered by his loving wife Josephine and son
Monday	September 2
8:00 am	OPEN INTENTIONS
Wednesday	September 4
6:30 pm	+Sophie Gordon
	On the occasion of her birthday
	Offered by the McGuire family
Thursday	September 5
7:30 am	+Joseph, John & Weronika Pawelczak
Friday	September 6~ First Friday
7:30 am	+Cecilia S. and Walter J. Smoloski
	+Dian E. Smoloski and
	+Dr. Walter J. Smoloski, Jr.
	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet
10:00 am	Mass with JPII Students
Saturday	September 7~First Saturday
3:00 pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	Private Prayers and Rosary for Reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary
3:15 pm	Confessions
4:00 pm	+Eugene Dunn
	On the occasion of the 7th anniversary of his death
	Offered by his loving family
Sunday	September 8
8:30 am	+Michal Andrzej Czaplicki
(polish)	+Halina Szczesiul
	Offered by Henryka & Piotr
10:30 am	+Romuald Kuczek
	Offered by his loving wife Ewa

Welcome to Our Church!

We extend a warm welcome to all visitors, and hope that you find our community a place to nourish your faith. Please introduce yourself to Father Richard and call the rectory (860-347-2365) to register.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

We are currently in need of *Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and Altar Servers.* This is a wonderful to help your church by serving in these positions. We can accommodate your schedule. For more information contact ministry@stmarymiddletown.com or the parish office at 860-347-2365

First Friday Holy Hour

September 6th
Following 7:30 am Mass
in the rectory chapel
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet

First Saturday Devotions

September 7th
3:00 pm (church)
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Private Prayers and Rosary for Reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Weekly Collections

August 17-18
Offertory~ \$1978.00
Fuel & Energy~\$679.00
August 24-25
Offertory~\$ 2481.00
Repairs & Replacements~\$ 778.00
Visit www.stmarymiddletown.com
Thank you for your generosity!

Tabernacle Lamp August 30-September 6

Is lit in memory of
Shirley Anastas

**2024 Silver and Golden Jubilee Anniversary Mass
November 10, 2024, at 2 P.M.
Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich**

All couples celebrating any significant anniversary are invited to attend the celebrated by Bishop Michael R. Cote. Registration is required. To do so, send the following information: **husband and wife's name, address, telephone number, email, wedding date, anniversary being celebrated and parish** to the Office of Faith Events, 331 Main St., 2nd Floor, Norwich, CT 06360, call 860-848-2237, Ext 203. The deadline for registering is **Friday, October 11. This is a firm date, so please register early.** Couples may also email a **recent digital photo** of themselves in a **jpeg format** to the email address to be included in a gallery of pictures on the Diocesan Website.

NATIONAL COMBINED COLLECTION

Today we will conduct the **National Combined Collection (NCC)** which benefits: The Retirement Fund for Religious, The Annual Appeal for the Holy Father, The Catholic Communication Campaign, and Catholic University of America.

Please support our aging religious, join our Holy Father in charitable efforts to assist victims of war, oppression, natural disasters, and others most in need, connect people with Christ through communication resources, and help provide a Catholic based education to university students.

Envelopes were mailed to your home and additional ones are available in the church foyer. They may be dropped in any collection basket through the end of September.

Your generous support is greatly appreciated.

The Norwich Diocesan Council of Catholic Women
presents

A Day of Reflection

celebrating the Eucharistic Revival on
Saturday, September 14, 2024
9:00am to 3:00 pm

St. Mary, Mary of the Redeemer Church,
Groton CT

Susan Conroy will be the keynote speaker. She has written books on St. Theresa of Calcutta and has hosted several programs on EWTN. She will share with us on the importance of the Eucharistic which is our Food for our Soul.

Registration fee (\$40) includes lunch and materials. Checks are payable to NDCCW and mail to Judith Pappagallo, 679 Lafayette St., Norwich CT. 06360.

ONE LIFE ONE FAMILY

2024 ACA update: As of July 2, 2024, **Saint Mary of Czestochowa Parish**, has donated **\$19,026.00** or **99.05%** of its goal, and **16.93%** of your parishioners have donated. We are striving for as close to 100% participation as possible.

THERE IS STILL TIME TO DONATE!

Our campaign year ends December 31, 2024. With your donation, our ACA supported ministries do the work of Christ every day.

If you have not made your contribution to the **2024 Annual Catholic Appeal, "One Faith, One Family"**, or would like to make an additional gift, donation envelopes are still available in the foyer of the church or you can donate online to www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org.

Thank you to everyone for your support!

MONTHLY PRO-LIFE MASS

**Saturday, September 7 at 8:30 am
Cathedral of St. Patrick, Norwich**

Join celebrant Rev. Brian Maxwell at Mass as we pray to end abortion and for the healing for those who have had an abortion. Following the Mass the Rachel Rosary will be prayed at the cathedral.

A brunch in Cathedral Hall will follow the Rosary.

Diocese of Norwich Outreach to Haiti

Charity Golf Tournament

**Saturday, September 14, 2024,
Wintonbury Hills Golf Course**

*Ranked #6 Municipal Golf Course in the USA by
Sports Illustrated Golf.com.*

Register on-line at www.outreachtohaiti.org or call the office (860)800-3601. Your gifts support our Diocesan Mission in Haiti that includes our Medical Clinic and Healthcare Services; Food and Nutritional Supplement Programs, especially for malnourished infants and children; and Education Sponsorship Programs. Check-in is 11AM. Golf, lunch and dinner are included in the great price of \$175. Come as a foursome or make new friends by joining one. All activities are held outdoors in a beautiful setting. Can't come? Please consider sponsorship of a Tournament Tee.

Thank you!

SAVE THE DATE

**Polish Dinner & Cash Raffle
October 12, 2024**

Finest Homemade Polish Cuisine
Marinated Pork, Potato & Cheese Pierogi,
Kielbasa, Stuffed Cabbage

ALL CASH RAFFLE

From the Pastor's Desk...

Dear Parishioners, Friends and Benefactors of St. Mary of Czestochowa Church

Our traditional **Polish Dinner and Raffle** has been an annual fundraiser for the St. Mary of Czestochowa Church community for many years. This year's event will be held on **Saturday, October 12, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.** in the parish hall. Our celebration will begin with the **Vigil Mass at 4:00pm**, which will be **celebrated by Father William Wallace** who celebrates this year his 50 Anniversary to the Priesthood. I hope many of you can join us to celebrate it.

The Polish Dinner is the biggest fundraiser in our parish. I hope many of you will buy one or more booklets of raffle tickets, which are at **\$5.00 a ticket/ \$60 a book** and will be sent to you soon, to support our parish. As always we depend on your generosity and support. Without *you*, we cannot maintain our beautiful buildings and grounds, without *you* we cannot continue to make improvements to our church, parish center, rectory, Calvary cemetery, and without *you* we cannot continue to support our Regional John Paul II School.

Please take this opportunity to invest in our beloved parish. I am grateful for all you have done so far for our parish in the past, but there is more to be done and I trust you will help us in our efforts to maintain St. Mary of Czestochowa parish facilities.

I hope to see all of you on Saturday, October 12 to enjoy wonderful polish food, celebrate together as one parish family, and draw the winning tickets. Save the date and join us. We count on you!

The tickets for our delicious dinner **are only for \$30 and children under 12 eat free**. The tickets for our **Annual Polish Dinner** will be available for sale starting September 14/15 after Sunday Masses or in the parish office (860) 347-2365.

Father Richard Sliwinski - Pastor

**Durham Fair
Steamed Cheeseburger Booth
Volunteer Sign Up
Thursday, 9/26-Sunday, 9/29**

We are excited to welcome all volunteers and look forward to having some fun together! As in past years, our church will share in a percentage of the profits from the weekend based on the number of hours worked.

Please note, all volunteers must be 16 years or older.



Use your camera to scan this QR code and sign up quickly and easily online.

Thank you in advance.

We really appreciate your hard work.



Registrations are now underway for our 2024-2025 religious education program (GIFT).

All families currently enrolled in our program have received their registration via email.

Please fill them out & return them to the Faith Formation Office or mail to the rectory office at your earliest convenience.

New families are asked to contact Mrs. Pelletier at (faith.formation@stmarymiddletown.com) for more detailed information regarding our program and how to register for this coming year.

NEW DAY SEMINAR FOR THE BEREAVED

Nine Thursdays

September 19 through November 14, 2024

From 10:00 – 11:30 am

Sacred Heart on the Lake Retreat Center,

194 Candlewood Hill Rd.,

Higganum, CT 06441

The New Day Seminar is a nine week series that helps those who have lost a loved one with the tasks of grieving. Each session provides a place and time for individuals to share their grief story and to learn about the grieving process and its tasks for healing. The cost of the book that is used is \$15.00.

To register or for further information contact Sr. Patricia Cigrand, ASCJ at 203-606-4830 or email: cigrandpatricia@gmail.com

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