

December 1, 2019



Saint Joseph Church

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Pauline Fathers

Father Bogdan Olzacki, OSPPE, Pastor

Father Joseph Olczak, OSPPE, Associate 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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REGISTRATION New parishioners should register with the parish as soon as possible. Parishioners should notify the rectory of any change of address or phone number.

Rectory Office: 860-871-1970; Fax 860-872-0333

Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 9:30am-12:30pm

Wednesday Evening, 5:00pm-7:00pm

Secretaries: Jolanta Wiszniak and Nancy O'Connor

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FAITH FORMATION/SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT

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

Rel. Ed. Kathleen Mindek, Coordinator, 860-487-1211

Classes Gr. 1-8; Tuesdays 4:00 - 5:15 pm

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Confirmation

Altar Servers

Bible Study

Polish Prayer Group

Knights of Columbus

Marriage Preparation

Baptismal Preparation

3rd Order Franciscans

PARISH MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

Pastoral Council Monthly.....date and time TBD

Men's Club 3rd Tuesday of the month, 7 pm

Coffee Sundays 1st Sunday of Month, Oct. thru June

Ladies of St. Joseph 2nd Tuesdays of the month, 7:00 pm

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday 4:00 pm

Sunday 8:00*, 9:30, 11:30 am

(*8:00 am Mass in Polish with Polish and English Homily)

DAILY MASSES

7:30 am - Monday through Saturday

HOLY DAY MASSES

7:00 pm - Vigil,

8:00 am, and 7:00 pm

RECONCILIATION

3:00-3:45pm - Saturdays and 7:00-8:00pm on Thursdays

During Holy Hour or by appointment.

DEVOTIONS/ADORATION

Divine Mercy Novena - 6:30 pm Mondays, (except NOT on Monday Holidays.)

Thursdays - Holy Hour 7:00 pm-8:00 pm (except NOT on Holidays)

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.

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH, ROCKVILLE, CT



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, November 30, 2019 - ST. ANDREW, APOSTLE

7:30am + Gregory Danilewicz (Anniv. Blessing)Jim & Suzan Martucci
 4:00pm + Muriel Louise Forzano.....Husband and Families

Sunday December 1, 2019 - 1st Sunday of Advent

8:00am + Dudek Maria and Jozef.....Gryszkiewicz Family
 9:30am For Our Parishioners
 11:30am + Charlotte Kaminski/Dobkowski.....Dorothy Kaminski and Family

Monday, December 2, 2019

7:30am + Stefania , Joseph and Son Frank.....Stephanie

Tuesday , December 3, 2019 - St. Francis Xavier, Priest

7:30am NO MASS

Wednesday, December 4, 2019 - St. John Damascene, Priest

7:30am NO MASS

Thursday, December 5, 2019

7:30am Dantis

Friday, December 6, 2019 - St. Nicholas, Bishop

7:30am + Francis Pajot (6th Anniv.).....Family

Saturday, December 7, 2019 - St. Ambrose, Bishop

7:30am + Maria Majdan.....Daughter
 4:00pm For Our Parishioners

Sunday, December 8, 2019 - 2nd Sunday of Advent

8:00am + Jan & Maria, Bozena & waclaw Majdan.....
From Dziewa Family
 9:30am + Isabelle Makowicz.....John & Family
 11:30am For the Conversion of all sinners and healing in our families.....B. Dziewa

NOTICE!!

There will be **NO Mass** at 7:30am on December 3 and 4, 2019 (Convocation for the Priests in Newport, RI). There will be **NO Divine Mercy** on Monday Dec.2, 2019.



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 November 24, 2019 was \$ 5,273.00

Thank You So Much For Your Generosity ,
 May God Bless You All.

St. Joseph Church`s Expenditures for month of October , 2019

Operating costs.....\$ 21,143.71
 Heat/Electricity/Other Utilities.....\$ 2,625.07
 Repairs/Maintenance /Furnishing.....\$ 3,560.74
Total Expenditures for October, 2019.....\$ 27,329.52

Total Income for October\$ 30,013.73

Weekly Collection

Dec. 01 1. Weekly
 Dec 8 1. Weekly / 2. Immaculate Conception
 Dec 15 1. Weekly / 2. Maintenance Fund

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.

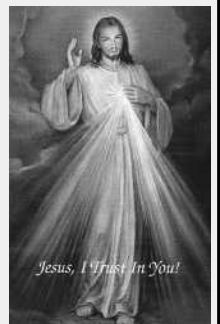
MINISTRY TO THE SICK OR HOMEBOUND Please call the rectory if you or someone you know is ill or homebound and desires to receive Reconciliation, Eucharist, and/or Anointing of the Sick. Emergencies call any time.

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.

DIVINE MERCY

The Divine Mercy Holy Hour takes place at **6:30pm on Monday evenings** in the church. Each Holy Hour will begin with Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. We pray Chaplet of

Divine Mercy, Litany of Divine Mercy and read the passage of the Diary of St. Faustina. The hour will conclude with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.



Exciting News!!!



Men's Fellowship

St. Joseph Men's Club Corner

A huge thank you to all that were able to help the last couple of weekends around the church. Several items were addressed such as the hall floors were swept and mopped, fire extinguishers checked, junction boxes addressed, and many others. The right and side front church steps have been put back into place and are open for all to use. 😊

Our December St. Joseph Men's Club meeting will be moved up one week to the 2nd Tuesday (12-10-19), as we will be performing the Creche Setup. We will start at 6:30 PM. Afterwards we will hold our monthly meeting. All men are welcome to join us.

Please continue to check our "St. Joseph Men's Club Corner" weekly for additional upcoming club news.

Blessings!
Chris

Advent is a season observed in many Christian churches as a time of expectant waiting and preparation for both the celebration of the Nativity of Jesus at Christmas and the return of Jesus at the Second Coming .The term is a version of the Latin word meaning "coming".

OPLATEK



Oplatek (Christmas Wafer) is now available in Convent, during office hours until Christmas.

Coffee Sunday with Santa !

Our Coffee Sunday will be on Dec. 7, 2019 following the 8am and 9:30am Masses, hosted by The Ladies of St. Joseph.



The Ladies Club will be holding their annual wreath sale and bake sale.

Santa and **Mrs. Claus** will be there Please come down and support the church.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



38th Annual Convocation

For the Priests in the Diocese of Norwich

NEWPORT, RI.—The Annual Convocation for Priests will be held from December 2-4, 2019, at Gurney's Newport Resort on Goat Island in Newport, RI. It will be a time for all priests to gather with their bishop for spiritual renewal, support, education and rest. No parish, school or institutional activities will be scheduled during these days. Please pray for your priests, as they will be praying for you.



Pray, hope, and don't worry. Worry is useless. God is merciful and will hear your prayer.

- Saint Padre Pio

CHOIR NEWS!!!!

Choir rehearsal will be held on **Wednesdays**, at 6:30pm. until Christmas.



2019-20 WOMEN'S RETREAT AT OUR LADY OF CALVARY, FARMINGTON, CT

Experience a weekend filled with rest, relaxation and spiritual renewal at Our Lady of Calvary Retreat Center in Farmington, CT. You'll have the opportunity to participate in the sacraments, to hear conference talks, to share with other women and to reflect on this year's theme, "*How Can I Keep From Singing.*" 2019-20 Retreat dates: Jan. 10-12; Jan. 17-19; Feb. 28-Mar. 1; Mar. 6-8; Mar. 13-15; Mar. 27-29; Apr. 17-19; or July 17-19. We also offer a variety of day retreat programs which can be found on our website.

For information call our office at (860) 677-8519 or visit our website at www.ourladyofcalvary.net.

The monthly Diocesan Pro-Life Mass will take place at The Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich on **Saturday, December 7 at 8:30 A.M.** Please join our celebrant **Rev. Ray Introvigne** 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. A brunch in the Cathedral Hall will follow the Rosary this month.

Christmas Concert

"Please join us on Sunday, December 15th at 3pm at St. Margaret Mary Church on 80 Hayes Rd for our Annual Christmas Concert. The concert is **FREE** and will feature some of your favorite Christmas songs sung by the Adult Festival Choir and accompanied by a live orchestra.

We hope to see you there!"

Thank you very much!

Sincerely
Robert Dolan

Please look for the Office of Faith Events' new column: "**Faith Sparks**" in the 4 County Catholic newspaper. This past month's column is about Advent. Diocesan youth minister Liza Roach says, "Advent is a time of patient waiting, and the Lord does not want us to be stressed out!"

To read this entire article and find 5 great tips for a meaningful and memorable Advent and Christmas, visit:

NorwichDiocese.org/FaithSparks

QUESTION AND ANSWERS BOX!



Advent Wreath

Question:

What's the story behind the Advent wreath?

Answer:

Each season in the liturgical calendar comes with its own local and regional rituals. During the Advent season, wreathes adorn church sanctuaries and family dining room tables. You may have said Advent wreath prayers in childhood or taken a turn lighting the candles. The Advent wreath is full of symbolism about Christ and his coming at Christmas. The wreath is made of evergreen boughs, reminding us that the life of grace doesn't falter with the changing seasons. It always remains fresh and new. Similarly, a circular wreath reminds us of the eternal, never-ending nature of God's love.

Candles remind us that Christ is the light of the world, the One who "shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." We use four candles to represent each week of Advent. Traditionally they come in the liturgical colors of the season. Purple has historically represented penance and sacrifice. We see the same color for the season of Lent. On the third Sunday of Advent, however, we light a rose color. The priest will wear rose vestments at Mass. This is Gaudete Sunday. *Gaudete* means "rejoice" in Latin. On the third Sunday of Advent, we're roughly halfway through the season. The Church chooses the midpoint to remind us to celebrate in the midst of our anticipation! Whatever the color and whatever the day, the Advent wreath is a beautiful practice to focus our attention on Christ's coming at Christmas.



"If you judge people,
you have no time to love them"

- Mother Teresa

December 1, 2019

1st Sunday of Advent

"Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come." - MATTHEW 24:42

People who have had health issues or near-death experiences generally have a greater appreciation for each day being a gift from God. The rest of us usually take for granted that we will be around tomorrow. But when you start to look at each day as a gift, you realize all the little miracles that happen daily and grow in gratitude for all that we have been given. You begin to see God's active presence in your life.



Prayer

*How to do nothing
and still think you're helping*

New Prayer List

Beginning in December, we are going to try out a new prayer list in our bulletin. Each month anyone wishing to submit the name of a **Parishioner** who needs our prayers is asked to call the office. The list must be of parishioners only. The list will be updated **each and every month**. Although we must keep all of our loved ones in our prayers at all times, it is not feasible to list extended families and friends.



LECTORS

Saturday, December 7, 2019

4:00pm - F. Borysevicz

Sunday December 8, 2019

8:00 am - A. Dziewa

9:30 am - J. Smart

- D. Sierakowski

11:30 am - E. Adams



LECTORS

Counting Teams 2019 Schedule



The "**Saint Helen`s Team**" is responsible for counting the First Sunday of every month.

The "**Reardon Team**" is responsible for counting the Second Sunday of every month.

The "**Bourne Team**" is responsible for counting the Fourth Sunday of every month.



In Loving Memory

Deceased Members of Rosary Society
Frank Wrona

John, Rose & Son John Murach & Family
Stella Strycharz

Anthony & Magdalen Pawelczyk & Family
Stanley & Lottie Stodolski

Patricia Cedor
Martha Battles
Bill Dlugosz
Rose Orlovski
Stephanie Wrona
Dorothy Pacetti
Barbara Cowan
Wanda Satkiewicz
Yvonne Dowgiewicz
Sophie Krajewski
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