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The Epiphany of the Lord. January 4, 2026



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MASSES

SATURDAY ANTICIPATORY MASS – 4:00 PM

SUNDAY – 7:30, 9:30, 11:00 AM AND 5:00 PM

DAILY WEEKDAY – 12:05 PM

SATURDAY – 8:00 AM

(MASS TIMES IN GREEN ARE ALSO LIVE-STREAMED)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM, 3:00 PM - 3:45 PM

HOLY HOUR AND CONFESSIONS

MONDAY EVENING 7:00 PM–8:00 PM



Saint Joseph Church is wheelchair accessible at the church side entrance. Parking is located at the side of church.

**Saturday, Jan 3:**

8:00 AM Open intention

4:00 PM Mary & Cornelius J. Sullivan—Family

Sunday, Jan 4:

7:30 AM Medlar & Casale Families

—Sue & Vinny Casale

9:30 AM Natalina Rullo—Maria Rullo & Deni Rullo

11:00 AM Alexander Okupna—Szurawski Family

5:00 PM Intentions of Parishioners

Monday, Jan. 5:

12:05 PM Bridget Duff—M/M Frank Sullivan

Tuesday, Jan. 6:

12:05 PM Kristine Jacobellis—Jacobellis Family

Wednesday, Jan. 7:

12:05 PM Maddelena Del Monte

—Donna & Kristen Palmer

Thursday Jan. 8:

12:05 PM William D. Ehli—Doyle Family

Friday, Jan. 9:

12:05 PM Francesca Mariani—Maria Cefaloni

Saturday, Jan 10:

8:00 AM Carol Novella—Lori & Grandchildren

4:00 PM Martin Nissly, Jr.—Mom & Dad

Sunday, Jan 11:

7:30 AM Teresa Carlo—M/M Joseph Ferrante

9:30 AM Peter Joseph Loughran, Sr.

—Rose Latty & Family

11:00 AM Bethany Mass

5:00 PM Intentions of Parishioners

Bulletin Blurb for the Epiphany of the Lord

Praised be Jesus Christ!

The Magi have finally arrived at the scene of our Lord's Nativity, and they not only bring with them gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh, but something far more profound. These three kings from the mysterious east bring along with them the celebration and revelation that Jesus Christ has come into the world as Savior for all peoples alike: Jewish, Greek, gentile, slave, free, man, woman, child. Jesus Christ is not only King of the Jewish people but King of all peoples. The word "epiphany" itself comes from the Greek meaning, "to shine upon" or "manifestation" and Jesus manifests as the light of all nations. This manifestation is also revealed at Christ's own baptism by Saint John the Baptist as the Spirit of God descended like a dove with the voice of the Heavenly Father saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." No revelation is as clear as the voice of the Heavenly Father Himself! This proclamation is echoed even in our own liturgical celebration. While it has fallen out of practice in many churches since the modernization of scheduling and calendars, there is an ancient practice that takes place on the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord: the Epiphany Proclamation. This ancient custom of announcing the moveable feasts for the upcoming year normally takes place after the Gospel but before the homily. The Church wants to ensure that these important celebrations, which are the physical manifestation of the historical and theological truths that we celebrate, are not missed by any of God's faithful. The God of the entire universe became matter in order that we may worship Him with matter; whether that matter is our own flesh and blood in the physical worship or if that matter is with those sacramentals that He has given us, we worship with the whole of our lives nonetheless. This Feast of Epiphany is a powerful time to pray for and bless your own homes and families with the powerful tools that we have been given such as epiphany chalk and water blessed during Epiphany. The light of the Lord's birth is a revelation that will never fade, certainly not in the lives of all of us who call St. Joseph in Danbury our home. God bless you all and have a very blessed Epiphany.

In Christ & Mary,
Father Silva



The Sanctuary Candle will burn
this week in memory of

George and Rose Godfrey

Requested by the Godfrey Family

ORDER OF MASS FOR THE LORD'S DAY

The Epiphany of the Lord

Processional Hymn

#435 "As With Gladness Men of Old"

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6 *

Resp. Psalm: Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Gospel Acclamation: Matthew 2:2

GOSPEL: Matthew 2:1-12

Offertory Hymn

#434 "Angels We Have Heard on High"

Communion Hymn

#825 "What Child Is This"

Recessional Hymn

#532 "Go Tell It on the Mountain"

***Readings & Gospel:** Today's Missal: pp. 45-47

Hymns: St. Michael Hymnal



Epiphany Blessing

Dear God,
It was You who inspired the Magi to follow the star to find You. Inspire us to seek You, as well.
Bless our homes and families this season, make them places where we can encounter You through prayer and community. Amen.

DAILY MASS READINGS:

Monday, Jan. 5

1 John 3:22-4:6 / Psalm 2:7bc-8, 10-12a /

Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday, Jan. 6

1 John 4:7-10 / Psalm 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8 /

Mark 6:34-44

Wednesday, Jan. 7

1 John 4:11-18 / Psalm 72:1-2, 10, 12-13 /

Mark 6:45-52

Thursday, Jan. 8

1 John 4:19-5:4 / Psalm 72:1-2, 14 & 15bc, 17 /

Luke 4:14-22a

Friday, Jan. 9

1 John 5:5-13 / Psalm 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 /

Luke 5:12-16

Saturday, Jan. 10

1 John 5:14-21 / Psalm 149:1-2, 3-4, 5-6a & 9b /

John 3:22-30

Weekday Mass & Parish Office Hours During Inclement Weather:

Weekday Masses will still be offered at the normal time of 12:05 pm, regardless of the weather. Please use caution in discerning if it would be prudent to be driving in poor conditions, both for your own safety as well as the safety of others.

The Parish Office follows the Danbury Public Schools Schedule:

- If schools are cancelled, the offices are closed.
 - Late Opening: Office opens at 10:00 am
 - Early Dismissal: Office closes at 12:30 pm
- Parish Office hours will be evaluated and changed as needed, based on weather conditions.

Parish Groups/Activities:

Please contact your organization's representative, to confirm if your activity is still planned.

PARISH EVENTS

PRE-BAPTISM CLASS

Sunday, January 4 at 2:00 PM

in the Religious Ed Building

Class is required prior to scheduling a baptism.

Please call the Rectory Office to register.

203-748-8177

HOLY HOUR and CONFESSION

Monday, January 5, from 7:00-8:00 PM

HOLY FACE DEVOTION

Exposition and Confession

Tuesday, January 6, from 7:00-8:00 PM

St. Joseph Church's GIVING TREE

Thank You, St. Joseph Parishioners and Friends:

This year, the Giving Tree received 306 Angel Gifts from our incredibly responsive and generous parishioners. Also this year, St. Joseph School participated by taking 19 Angels and including them on the school's Giving Tree. Birthright also received donations of supplies from parishioners, which were in addition to the items named on the Angel tags.

Many thanks to Fr. Silva, the ushers and parishioner volunteers who helped to move and sort gifts, parish staff members, and school parents & staff who helped. Thanks also to the CCW for writing out the Angel tags, donations of gift bags and wrapping supplies, and for donations of winter hats and warm clothing items from their recent collection drive. A special thanks to our Giving Tree Coordinator Patricia Targett, and to Bob Bloomberg, for their time, care and hard work.

The area agencies advised that this had been an especially difficult year. Here is the list of agencies that participated:

Amos House

Birthright of Greater Danbury

Danbury Youth Services

ST of CT Dept of Children & Families (DCF)

Havencare at Hancock Hall & Havencare at Filosa

Interfaith AIDS Ministry of Danbury

Your thoughtful participation made a difference to these agencies and to their clients, and is much appreciated.

Saint Monica's Prayer Group

Praying for Our Children's Intentions

"Nothing is lost when you entrust it to God in prayer."

- Inspired by St. Monica



⌚ When: January 13 @ 8:45am/4pm
January 14 @ 4pm

🏠 Where: St Joseph Church
8 Robinson Ave, Danbury

🌿 Who: All parents, grandparents, godparents, and those who have a child's name in their hearts. *Children are always welcome*



What to Bring: Your prayer intentions and an open heart

Our Children's prayer intentions will be collected from their classrooms and placed on the altar as we pray



Saint Monica's Prayer Group meets monthly on the 2nd Tuesday and Wednesday. Sessions are held Tuesdays at 8:45 a.m. (after morning drop-off) and 4:00 p.m. (during Religious Ed), and Wednesdays at 4:00 p.m. (during Religious Ed).

For more information, contact:

📞 Nikki/914.980.0129


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SAINT JOSEPH PARISH CONTACTS

Rev. Eric W. Silva: frsilva@diobpt.org

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### Offertory Online Giving

Online Giving is an easy, safe, and convenient way to support St. Joseph Church. You can manage your giving or give a one-time gift right from your phone or from the comfort of your own home, using your preferred credit card or bank account.

To enroll, visit our church website [www.stjosephdanbury.org](http://www.stjosephdanbury.org) and click on the Online Giving tab (on the right) to create an account. Your support helps sustain our parish year-round, and also helps to simplify the related administrative support.

If you do participate in online giving, and do not wish to receive offertory envelopes by mail, please contact the Parish Office: 203-748-8177 or [recstjoseph@yahoo.com](mailto:recstjoseph@yahoo.com)

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Mass Intentions

If you pay for Mass Intentions online, please call the office to schedule the Mass, before scheduling payment through Online Giving. We can confirm that the dates are available, and ensure that your request is properly recorded.

2026 Mass Intentions

Intentions are available for Masses in 2026. Please stop in to the Office, or call 203-748-8177 to request a Mass. Sanctuary Candle intentions are also available.

Mass intention: \$20

Sanctuary Candle \$25

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Office Hours: Monday–Thurs 9:00AM–4:00PM
Friday 9:00AM–12:00PM
Office Manager: Carol Shepherd
Parish Manager: Anne Leclercq

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Information about our Parish Groups can be found on the Parish website  
[www.stjosephdanbury.org](http://www.stjosephdanbury.org)  
Parish Life tab: *Ministries & Organizations.*

## FAITH FORMATION

**On behalf of the Faith Formation catechetical team, we wish you all of God's Blessings throughout the New Year!**

**During the month of January**, our classes will meet on Tuesdays, January 6, 13, and 20, and on Wednesdays, January 7, 14, and 21. No classes during the last two weeks of December.

**Faith Formation Office Hours** — Monday to Wednesday from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm and Thursdays from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon. The office is closed on Fridays.



**REMEMBER**  
*in your prayers*

Rose Marie Abramo  
Kelli Barrett  
Matthew Bernabe  
Miguel Boni  
Marie Bovaird  
Ernestine Clark  
Irene Clark  
Chuck Daudt  
Albert Docktor  
Anita Edwards  
Anand Gokhale  
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MaryAnn Storms  
Kenneth Towery  
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Please keep our parishioners in prayer, especially those on our sick listing, the homebound, their families and caregivers.



## SAINT JOSEPH SCHOOL

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**Dr. Louis Howe, Jr., Principal**  
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**Parent Teacher Organization:**

Mrs. Katie Duncan [ptopresident@sjsdanbury.org](mailto:ptopresident@sjsdanbury.org)

## PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

*God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as priests, deacons, and consecrated persons.*

*Send your Holy Spirit to help others to respond generously and courageously to your call.*

*May our community of faith support vocations of sacrificial love in our youth and young adults.*

*Through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen*

## PARISH REGISTRATION

### Parish Registration

Welcome! If you wish to register with St. Joseph Parish, please complete a registration form and submit it to the Parish Office.

- ◇ Registration can be done online through our parish website, on the *Newcomers* tab:  
[www.stjosephdanbury.org](http://www.stjosephdanbury.org)
- ◇ Or, you can stop into the office and complete a form.
- ◇ Please introduce yourself to Fr. Silva.

### You can help to keep our information current:

Please notify the Parish Office of address changes, new phone numbers and email addresses, so that we may have current information on file.

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