

# **SAINT JOSEPH CHURCH**

**A ROMAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY IN DANBURY**

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## **The Baptism of the Lord. January 11, 2026**



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DEACON WILLIAM C. TIMMEL, J.D.  
MR. ROBERT FERTITTA, B.A., M.A., DIRECTOR OF MUSIC**

### **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 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 Ferrara  
9:30 AM Peter Joseph Loughran, Sr.  
—Rose Latty & Family  
11:00 AM Bethany Mass  
5:00 PM Intentions of Parishioners

**Monday, Jan. 12:**

12:05 PM Int. of Denise Cavallo—Lawrence

**Tuesday, Jan. 13:**

12:05 PM David Lahoud (10-yr Anniv).—Wife, Nancy

**Wednesday, Jan. 14:**

12:05 PM Frances Ruppell—Daughter, Brenda

**Thursday Jan. 15:**

12:05 PM Catherine Valente—Family

**Friday, Jan. 16:**

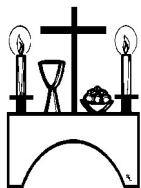
12:05 PM Ronald D. Underwood—Doyle Family

**Saturday, Jan 17:**

8:00 AM Vocations to the Priesthood for  
the Diocese of Bridgeport  
4:00 PM Marion Borrelli—Family

**Sunday, Jan 18:**

7:30 AM Fiore & Talarico Family—Teresa Potenziani  
9:30 AM Mary Ann Newsome—Levi Newsome  
11:00 AM Judith English—Lina & Bill Corso  
5:00 PM Intentions of Parishioners



The Sanctuary Candle will burn  
this week in memory of  
**Catherine Valente**  
Requested by Family

**January 11 BETHANY MASS**

This Sunday, at the **11:00 AM Bethany Mass**, we remember our deceased parishioners, especially those with services in December:

**Laura Cahill, Barbara Cole, Frank C. Ross, Jr., Grace Ruggiero, Melissa Doreson, Angelina DeVito, Andoniella DePietro, Kayleigh Rose Cordano**

**Bulletin Blurb for  
the Baptism of the Lord**

Praised be Jesus Christ!

We have come to the end of our Christmas season with the celebration of the Baptism of our Lord but prior to the revision of the General Roman Calendar in 1969, the season of Christmas lasted 40 days until Candlemas or the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (also the Purification of Mary) on February 2. This ancient feast originating in fourth century Jerusalem, came to be celebrated in Rome by the middle of the fifth century under its Greek title, “Feast of the Meeting”. On Monday, February 2 when we celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord at our 12:05pm Mass, it is customary for parishioners to bring candles to have them blessed and this tradition brings up a reflection on a custom that has crept into our modern era where local churches all over the western world have moved these customs to the weekend Masses either prior to or after the actual celebration of these feasts and holy days, in order to “get more people to participate”. More people can have their candles blessed if we just move the custom of blessing candles to the weekend Masses when people will be there anyway or more people can have their throats blessed during the weekend Masses instead of doing it during the daily Mass on February 3<sup>rd</sup>. While this may be true, it brings up the question of, “Is the primary or the most important goal to expose more people to these customs, conforming them to our way of life or is the goal to allow these customs to draw us out of our everyday lives in order to allow those customs to truly change us?”. It would be a beautiful sight to see the entirety of the parish have their throats blessed or bring their candles in to have them blessed, the danger of moving these feasts around to the will of the parish is that we, as a people, are collectively saying that we deserve these additional rites and blessings. While it may not bear the same moral weight of one thinking that they can fulfill their Sunday obligation of going to Sunday Mass by going sometime during the week (which, we cannot), the implications are essentially the same.

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It may seem overly ridged or legalistic but the deeper question that can only be answered in the hearts and minds of every individual is, "Do I allow the rites and the rituals of the Church to conform my life to Christ?". It may be inconvenient and it may mean that even our own parishioners may have to go to other churches for their morning or evening Masses but if the Church as a whole is truly one Body, this can only aid in building up the Kingdom of God here on earth. Even though our Christmas season comes to an end this weekend, may the blessings of this sacred season be ever present in the lives of you and your families throughout the entirety of the year. God Bless!

In Christ & Mary,  
Father Silva

**ORDER OF MASS  
FOR THE LORD'S DAY**  
**The Baptism of the Lord**

**Processional Hymn**

**#699 "On Jordan's Bank"**

**First Reading:** Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 \*

**Resp. Psalm:** Psalm 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10

**Second Reading:** Acts of the Apostles 10:34-38

**Gospel Acclamation:** cf. Mark 9:7

**GOSPEL:** Matthew 3:13-17

**Offertory Hymn**

**#487 "Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life"**

**Communion Hymn**

**#506 "Deck Thyself, My Soul, With Gladness"**

**Recessional Hymn**

**#757 "Songs of Thankfulness and Praise"**

**\*Readings & Gospel:** Today's Missal: pp. 47-49

**Hymns: St. Michael Hymnal**



Please Pray for the Repose  
of the Souls of:

**John Wilk**  
**Ann Gallucci**

**DAILY MASS READINGS:**

**Monday, Jan. 12**

1 Samuel 1:1-8 / Psalm 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19 /  
Mark 1:14-20

**Tuesday, Jan. 13**

1 Samuel 1:9-20 / Resp. 1 Samuel 2:1, 4-5, 6-7,  
8abcd / Mark 1:21-28

**Wednesday, Jan. 14**

1 Samuel 3:1-10, 19-20 / Psalm 40:2 & 5, 7-8a,  
8b-9, 10 / Mark 1:29-39

**Thursday, Jan. 15**

1 Samuel 4:1-11 / Psalm 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25 /  
Mark 1:40-45

**Friday, Jan. 16**

1 Samuel 8:4-7, 10-22a / Psalm 89:16-17, 18-19 /  
Mark 2:1-12

**Saturday, Jan. 17**

1 Samuel 9:1-4, 17-19, 10:1 / Ps. 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 /  
Mark 2:13-17

**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

### MONTHLY COFFEE HOUR

Sunday, January 11  
after the 7:30 AM Mass in the Church Hall  
All are welcome.

### HOLY HOUR and CONFESSION

Monday, January 12, from 7:00-8:00 PM

### ST. MONICA PRAYER GROUP

Tuesday, January 13, 8:45 AM & 4:00 PM  
Wednesday, January 14 4:00 PM  
In the Church



# OPEN HOUSE

PreK 3 through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

## St. Joseph School

Danbury, CT

January 25<sup>th</sup> @ 10:30 am to 12:30 pm

Sign up @  
[SJSDanbury.org/home](http://SJSDanbury.org/home)

Or Scan the QR Code



American  
Red Cross



### In Service to One, In Service to All.

*Join us in answering the call to help others—give blood!*

**Blood Drive Sponsored by  
Knights of Columbus  
McGivney Council 29  
Held at St Joseph Church**

In the Hall  
376 Main St  
Danbury, CT 06810

**Saturday, January 24, 2026  
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or  
visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and  
enter: KOC to schedule an appointment.



Come to give Jan. 1-26 for chance to win trip for 2 to  
Super Bowl LX in Calif. [redblood.org/SuperBowl](http://redblood.org/SuperBowl)



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## Stewardship of Time, Talent, and Treasure Worship Offerings

December 23-29	\$ 7,972.00
December 30-Jan 5	\$ 8,954.00
Monthly Offertory	\$ 5,094.00
Christmas	\$ 25,634.50
Christmas Flowers	\$ 3,014.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 3,192.00

### MASS TO HONOR ST. BRIGID Sunday, January 31 at 11:00 AM

The Andy McGann Comhaltas branch and the Danbury LAOH are presenting their annual Mass to honor St. Brigid on Saturday, January 31st at 11 am at St. Peter's R.C. Church, 104 Main Street in Danbury, CT. Music and readings will be in Irish and English. There will be a reception hosted by the Danbury LAOH in the parish hall with light refreshments following the Mass. All are invited to attend!



### Marriage Help Program: January 30-Feb 1

**A happier marriage in the new year is possible!**  
If you want to improve your marriage this local program can help. Retrouvaille®, a Catholic-based ministry, provides tools to help you communicate better, resolve conflicts, and rediscover a loving marriage. The next local weekend starts January 30th. For information, call confidentially **1(860) 837-0447**, email [helds4marriage@gmail.com](mailto:helds4marriage@gmail.com) or go to our website [www.helpourmarriage.org](http://www.helpourmarriage.org).

## SAINT JOSEPH PARISH CONTACTS

**Rev. Eric W. Silva:** [frsilva@diobpt.org](mailto:frsilva@diobpt.org)

**Parish Office:** Tel. (203) 748-8177  
Email: [recstjoseph@yahoo.com](mailto:recstjoseph@yahoo.com)  
Office Hours: Monday–Thurs 9:00AM-4:00PM  
Friday 9:00AM-12:00PM  
Office Manager: Carol Shepherd  
Parish Manager: Anne Leclercq

### Liturgical Ministries / Music:

Altar Servers: Fr. Silva  
Extraordinary Ministers; Readers: Anne Leclercq  
Ushers: George Godfrey 203-748-8177  
Director of Music & Organist: Mr. Robert Fertitta  
[profrobfert52@gmail.com](mailto:profrobfert52@gmail.com) 203-722-8425

### Saint Joseph Faith Formation 203-778-1920

Director: Maria Merino-Schweitzer  
Secretary: Cintia Weber  
O.C.I.A. Anne Leclercq 203-748-8177

### Parish Organization Contacts

Parish Corporation Trustees:  
Gerald Palanzo, Jr., M.B.A.  
Barbara Whitlock, M.S.  
Parish Council: Mary Ellen Ryer 203-748-3256  
Finance Committee Chairperson:  
Lisa Schneider 203-746-5223

Catholic Charities of Northern Fairfield County  
Board Member:

Dr. Roger LaGratta [rlagratta@comcast.net](mailto:rlagratta@comcast.net)  
Council of Catholic Women:

Antonia Stalzer 203-456-5170

Knights of Columbus: Ryan Moore 203-744-9562

Men's Faith Group: Mark Azzara 203-947-4012

Lay Carmelites: Diane Chirdo 203-470-0444

Respect Life Group:

Lani Gonzales 203-512-1629

Scouts (Boy): Gerald Gibson 203-797-1788

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

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.

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**REMEMBER**  
*in your prayers*

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| Rose Marie Abramo  | William Morrison    |
| Kelli Barrett      | Michelle Mott       |
| Matthew Bernabe    | Victor Munoz        |
| Miguel Boni        | Marjorie Nodine     |
| Marie Bovaird      | Theresa O'Connor    |
| Ernestine Clark    | Ethel Pancotti      |
| Irene Clark        | Joseph Parkis       |
| Chuck Daudt        | Michael Pedicini    |
| Edith Donald       | Joseph Ponmankal    |
| Albert Docktor     | Julie Potenziani    |
| Anita Edwards      | Christine Preisser  |
| Anand Gokhale      | Art Regan           |
| Marie Hallas       | Catherine Robinson  |
| Henry James        | Gael Sifuentes      |
| Jessy Jos          | Michael Skomro      |
| P.M. Joseph        | Barbara R. Schirmer |
| Gavin King         | George Schur        |
| Dorothy Koellmer   | Jeanne Soraghan     |
| Livio Malta        | Lorraine Squillante |
| David McCann       | MaryAnn Storms      |
| Catherine McCarthy | Kenneth Towery      |
| Eileen McCarthy    | Rebecca Zaccardo    |

Please keep our parishioners in prayer, especially those on our sick listing, the homebound, their families and caregivers.



## SAINT JOSEPH SCHOOL

Website: [www.sjsdanbury.org](http://www.sjsdanbury.org)  
Office 203-748-6615

**Dr. Louis Howe, Jr., Principal**

[lhowe@sjsdanbury.org](mailto:lhowe@sjsdanbury.org)

**School Advisory Board:** Mrs. Jeanne Spain

**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.

### Requests for Sacraments and Home Visits:

For a Communion, confession, and/or anointing homebound visit, please call the Parish Office:

203-748-8177