

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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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.



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 3rd. 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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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

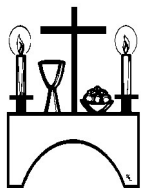
Sunday, Jan 18:

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 Cordoano**

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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

You're
Invited!

OPEN HOUSE

PreK 3 through 8th Grade

St. Joseph School

Danbury, CT

January 25th @ 10:30 am to 12:30 pm

Sign up @
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 and
enter: KOC to schedule an appointment.



Scan to be directed to
RedCrossBlood.org

Come to give Jan. 1-25 for chance to win trip for 2 to
Super Bowl LX in Calif! reblood.org/SuperBowl



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an appointment

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SAINT JOSEPH PARISH CONTACTS

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

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 week-end starts January 30th. For information, call confidentially 1(860) 837-0447, email helds4marriage@gmail.com or go to our website www.helpourmarriage.org.

Parish Office: Tel. (203) 748-8177
Email: recstjoseph@yahoo.com
Office Hours: Monday–Thurs 9:00AM-4:00PM
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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
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*

Rose Marie Abramo  
Kelli Barrett  
Matthew Bernabe  
Miguel Boni  
Marie Bovaird  
Ernestine Clark  
Irene Clark  
Chuck Daudt  
Edith Donald  
Albert Docktor  
Anita Edwards  
Anand Gokhale  
Marie Hallas  
Henry James  
Jessy Jos  
P.M. Joseph  
Gavin King  
Dorothy Koellmer  
Livio Malta  
David McCann  
Catherine McCarthy  
Eileen McCarthy

William Morrison  
Michelle Mott  
Victor Munoz  
Marjorie Nodine  
Theresa O'Connor  
Ethel Pancotti  
Joseph Parkis  
Michael Pedicini  
Joseph Ponmankal  
Julie Potenziani  
Christine Preisser  
Art Regan  
Catherine Robinson  
Gael Sifuentes  
Michael Skomro  
Barbara R. Schirmer  
George Schur  
Jeanne Soraghan  
Lorraine Squillante  
MaryAnn Storms  
Kenneth Towery  
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)  
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**Dr. Louis Howe, Jr., Principal**  
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**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