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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time. January 18, 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



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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.*



### **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

### **Monday, Jan. 19:**

12:05 PM Kristine Jacobellis—Jacobellis Family

### **Tuesday, Jan. 20:**

12:05 PM Dr. Shiu Kee Fung—Doyle Family

### **Wednesday, Jan. 21:**

12:05 PM Carol LiVolsi—Betty Bontempi

### **Thursday Jan. 22:**

12:05 PM Dee Barrett—Betty Bontempi

### **Friday, Jan. 23:**

12:05 PM Linda Anthony McDonald  
 —Linda King

### **Saturday, Jan 24:**

8:00 AM Intentions of Parishioners  
 4:00 PM Joan Malkin—Didi & Rudy Asistin

### **Sunday, Jan 25:**

7:30 AM Leslie Jaber—Her Brothers  
 9:30 AM Theresa Baldelli—Daughters  
 11:00 AM Jack & Carolyn Otto  
 —Ron & Katrina Freier  
 5:00 PM Intentions of Parishioners



The Sanctuary Candle will burn  
 this week in memory of

**Paul & Elinor Wemitt**

Requested by the Wemitt Family

## Bulletin Blurb for the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Praised be Jesus Christ!

We have celebrated the Birth of Our Lord and all of the feasts that follow that most joyous occasion, such as the Baptism of Our Lord and the Feast of the Epiphany, marking the coming of those three mysterious kings. Now that we have entered into the season of "Ordinary Time", the question remains: after the Incarnation, could anything at all ever be "ordinary" ever again? It is important to know that our liturgical calendar has deep biblical roots stemming from the days when the Israelites would celebrate feasts and holy days to better enter into the presence of God. Following an agricultural theme, the seven major feasts captured the acts of God in the life of Israel. Now, the five major liturgical seasons (Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter, and Ordinary Time) of our Catholic Church are meant to do much of the same for us: help us better enter in the presence of God by especially recalling the works of our Lord and how it continues to unfold throughout time. The season of Ordinary Time may seem to be tedious, marking 33 weeks of the year, being the longest liturgical season in our calendar, but I believe that is very much the point. Ordinary Time is called as such, not because this season is less significant than the others (although it certainly feels that way at times!) but because it stems from the Latin word *ordinalis*, which refers to numbers in a series, and the prefix stemming from the Latin word *ordo*, from which we get the English word "order". Thus, the numbered weeks of Ordinary Time represent the ordered life of the Church. It is in these 33 ordered and numbered weeks that we too, the Body of the Church, are called to better order our own lives. The vast majority of Jesus' own life was lived in total obscurity, without any mention of His life between the ages of 12 and 30 years of age; Jesus' own life was lived out primarily in daily labors with His Virginal Father, Joseph, in their humble carpenter's shop. Our lives are primarily lived out in total obscurity, which at times may feel lonely or unnoteworthy, but it is in these moments where the call to holiness and the ordering of the entirety of our lives is primarily tested. Are we willing to follow the Lord when big moments are presented to us? I think a better and much more frequented question that may or may not linger on our hearts is: Am I willing to follow the Lord in the "ordinariness" of my day-to-day life? This Second Sunday of Ordinary Time is the perfect opportunity for all of us to prayerfully reflect on all of those daily ways in which we can more heroically order our lives towards a greater call to holiness.

In Christ & Mary,  
Father Silva

### PRAYER FOR THE UNBORN

Heavenly Father,  
You created us in Your own image, and  
You desire that not even the least among us  
should perish. In Your love for us, You entrusted  
Your only Son to the holy Virgin Mary.  
Now, in Your love, protect against the wickedness  
of the devil, those little ones to whom You have  
given the gift of life.  
Amen

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publication, the **February** books  
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## PARISH EVENTS

**HOLY HOUR and CONFESSION**  
Monday, January 19, from 7:00-8:00 PM

**RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE**  
Sponsored by KofC Council #29  
Saturday, January 24, from 9:00 AM-2:00 PM  
In the Church Hall

**ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE**  
Sunday, January 25 from 10:30 AM-12:30 PM

**PRE-BAPTISM CLASS**  
Sunday, February 1 at 1:30 PM  
In the Religious Ed Building  
Please call the Rectory to register.  
Class is required prior to scheduling a baptism.

**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



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January 6-12 \$ 9,354.00

This weekend's **second collection** is for  
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#### Share the Faith

Next weekend's (Jan. 25) **second collection** will  
be for **THE CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA**

The bishops of the United States established the annual Collection for the Church in Latin America as a practical expression of unity and love for their brothers and sisters in Central and South America and the islands of the Caribbean. For more than 60 years, supporting pastoral ministries that strengthen the Church in the present day and help it pass on the Gospel to future generations.

One of the most important ways that Catholics share our faith with future generations is by supporting the formation and seminary education of men who have answered God's call to the priesthood or diaconate. In Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 149 priestly seminarians and 69 permanent deacons at the São José Archdiocesan Seminary received support through the Collection for the Church in Latin America to help cover education tuition and spiritual retreat expenses, as well as the cost of food. Your support for this special collection helps prepare these men for lives of serving others through their preaching and celebration of the sacraments. For more information about how donations help the Church in Latin America, visit [www.usccb.org/latin-america](http://www.usccb.org/latin-america).



**REMEMBER**  
*in your prayers*

Rose Marie Abramo  
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Matthew Bernabe  
Miguel Boni  
Marie Bovaird  
Ernestine Clark  
Irene Clark  
Chuck Daudt  
Jonathan DeMarco  
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Gavin King  
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Eileen McCarthy

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Michelle Mott  
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Marjorie Nodine  
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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.

#### 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.

## FAITH FORMATION

In today's Gospel, we hear about the first sign that Jesus performs at the wedding feast at Cana. This sign tells us about God's kingdom. We believe that the Kingdom of God will be like an extraordinary feast generously prepared for us by God. We are invited to participate in this kingdom. Mary serves as our model. At the wedding feast at Cana, Mary observed a human need and presented it to Jesus, confident that Jesus would respond. We follow Mary's example when we bring our needs and the needs of our world to God in prayer, confident that God will answer our prayers in extraordinary ways. Not every day is a wedding celebration, but we can anticipate the Kingdom of God each day in our attentiveness to one another's needs.

**During the month of January**, our classes will meet on Tuesdays, January 20 and 27, and on Wednesdays, January 21 and 28.

### **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.

## SPONSOR CERTIFICATE GUIDELINES

Our Parish receives many requests for Sponsor Certificates from people who have been asked to be a Godparent at a Baptism or a Sponsor at a Confirmation. This Certificate verifies that you are an active Catholic, a member of this parish and eligible for this honor. Being a Godparent or a Sponsor is not just a family or social relationship, as important as these may be. It is a profound spiritual responsibility which entails witness and commitment.

### **There are several requirements:**

1. *The Godparent/Sponsor is to be more than sixteen years of age.*
2. *(S)He is to have received the Sacraments of Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation and live a life of faith which befits the role to be undertaken.*
3. *If married, the Sponsor/Godparent must have been married according to the laws of the Church.*
4. *Is neither the father nor the mother of the person.*

### **For the Pastor to issue a Sponsor Certificate:**

1. You need to be a currently registered member of our parish.
2. You worship here regularly.
3. Please request your Sponsor Certificate yourself.
4. Please **allow 3 weeks** to process your request.



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## 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:**

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