

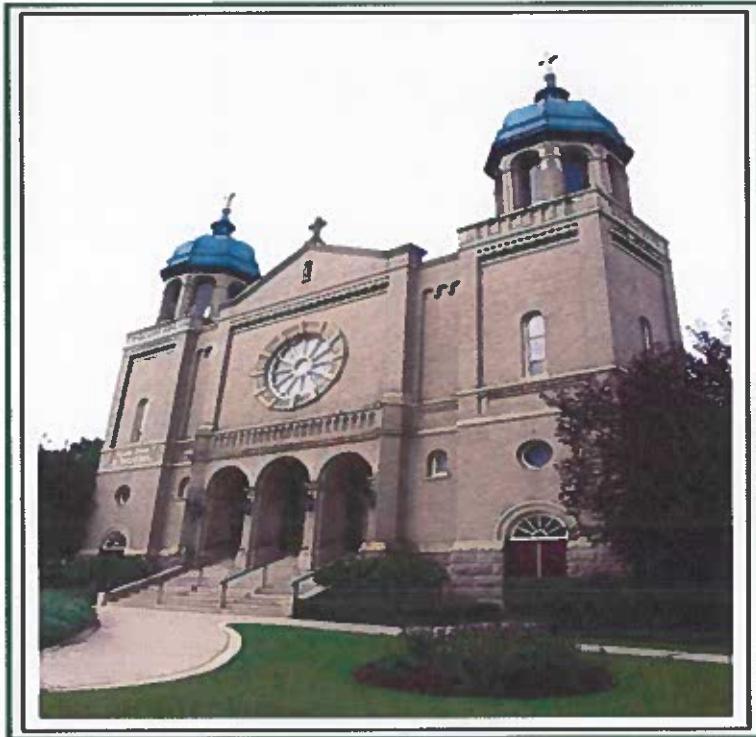
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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, February 1, 2026



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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.

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Saturday, Jan 31:

8:00 AM Intentions of St. Joseph School
4:00 PM Joan Malkin—Didi & Rudy Asistin

Sunday, Feb 1:

7:30 AM Medlar & Casale Families
—Sue & Vinny Casale
9:30 AM Int. of Ray & Maria Bento
—Ellen Smith
11:00 AM Bethany Mass
5:00 PM Intentions of Parishioners

Monday, Feb. 2:

12:05 PM Ronaldo Flores—Marta Estrada

Tuesday, Feb 3:

12:05 PM Elena Casciaro—Daughter

Wednesday, Feb. 4:

12:05 PM George Shehl, Jr. —Shehl Family

Thursday Feb. 5:

12:05 PM Alfonso & Rosa Bottone—John Pepe

Friday, Feb. 6:

12:05 PM Richard Heggie—John Pepe

Saturday, Feb. 7:

8:00 AM Vocations to the Religious Life
4:00 PM Joseph Duffy—Dean Family

Sunday, Feb 8:

7:30 AM Maureen Ferrara —Jeannine Ferrara
9:30 AM Frederick B. Locke—Daughter
11:00 AM Marco Cefaloni—Mom
5:00 PM Intentions of Parishioners



The Sanctuary Candle will burn
this week in memory of
Grace & Joseph Foray
Requested by the McNeil Family



Please Pray for the Repose
of the Souls of:
Anthony Pane, Ruth Bogues

Information about our Parish Groups can be
found on the Parish website
www.stjosephdanbury.org
Parish Life tab: *Ministries & Organizations.*

Pastor's Corner for the Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Praised be Jesus Christ!

Effective today, February 1, Bishop Caggiano has appointed me pastor of Saint Joseph in Danbury for a term of six years. For the past year, I have had the pleasure of serving as parish administrator and while all externals in regard to leadership, duties, and responsibilities look identical, the one difference matters a great deal. Parish or parochial administrators are bound by the same duties and possess the same rights as a pastor, but do not have stability of office (canon 540). Stability of office is the major difference between a pastor and a parish administrator. It can be said that it is difficult to imagine what it would be like to have children before they become a part of your lives (the same is true for spiritual children!) and similarly, it is difficult to imagine what it is like to be a part of a parish community when one's term is uncertain or relatively short-lived. It did not mean that those shorter terms were without meaning and beauty, it just means that without a definitive amount of time, there was always the thought of "how long will I be here and what if I am moved sooner, rather than later?". The longest I have lived in a single place for the past 17 years was two years so you might imagine the excitement of knowing that this will be my home and my community for at least the next six more years. There is always much to do in a parish but with a community as vibrant, diverse, and growing, such as ours, six years will undoubtedly go by much quicker than expected. The next six years, I promise to try and live out, to the best of my ability, the mission of this parish: "To make Christ known". Please continue to pray for me and be assured of my continued prayers for all of you, most especially from the altar. May God bless all of you and may God bless our parish of Saint Joseph.

In Christ & Mary,
Father Silva

EUCARISTIC ADORATION

Friday, February 6

Eucharistic Adoration is held on the **first Friday** of each month, immediately following the 12:05 PM Mass and ending at 8:00 PM. A sign up sheet is at the Church side entrance. Walk-ins are welcome.

BETHANY MASS

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

Ann Gallucci, John Wilk

Please pray for all deceased parishioners, their families and friends.

PARISH EVENTS

ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, February 1
from 10:30 AM-12:30 PM
Pre-K through Grade 8

WEEKLY HOLY HOUR & CONFESSION

Monday, February 2
from 7:00-8:00 PM

HOLY FACE DEVOTION

Tuesday, February 3
from 7:00-8:00 PM

Exposition and Confession

EUCARISTIC ADORATION

First Friday of the Month

Friday, February 6
from 1:00-8:00 PM

MONTHLY COFFEE HOUR

Sunday, February 8

In the Church Hall after the 7:30 AM Mass



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For more information or to register for retreat visit holymfamilyretreat.org/calendar/couples or call our registrar Ted at 860.760.9705.

Life Changing!



This retreat is open to all adult men and women and offers the opportunity to grow more deeply in our faith and closer to our Lord.



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-Matthew 11:28

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Offer pastoral care to the isolated, grieving, and ill.

Assist individuals and families in crisis through Catholic Charities and other outreach programs.

Your contribution is a living sign of our unity and strengthens the mission of the Church. Gifts may be made using your parish's pledge materials or online.

As we continue our journey in life, may we walk One in Christ, accompanying one another and those most in need. Be assured of our prayers for you and your loved ones. Make a gift today: www.2026BishopsAppeal.org

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

FAITH FORMATION

Today we are reminded that the Beatitudes are a way to teach about who will find favor with God. The Beatitudes can be understood as a framework for Christian living. Our vocation as Christians is not to be first in this world, but rather to be first in the eyes of God. By referring to the good things that the faithful will experience, Matthew reminds us that those who act in the manner described in the Beatitudes will find their reward with God. For example, the Beatitude teaches: "Blessed are the merciful," meaning that we will find happiness when we forgive someone who has hurt us.

Furthermore, the Gospel offers a contrast to many of the messages we hear in our society today. If we were to accept uncritically the "get ahead" messages of our culture, we would think that happiness means having money, being successful, having many possessions, and so on. When we think this way, we are not unlike the people who heard Jesus teach on the day that he taught the Beatitudes. The crowd that day also associated happiness with material possessions and status. **Jesus explains that what will bring blessings and happiness is:** poverty of spirit, mourning, seeking righteousness, and a clean heart. (Sunday Connection, LP)

We are midway through our Faith Formation year. Please say a special prayer for all of the children who are preparing to receive sacraments.

During the month of February, our classes will meet on Tuesdays, February 3, 10, and 24, and on Wednesdays, February 4, 11, 18, and 25. (Danbury Public Schools are closed on Tuesday, February 17. Although we do not have class on 2/17, we ask that you please join us for Ash Wednesday Mass on February 18 at 4:05pm.)

In February, our Confirmation candidates will begin rehearsing for the presentation of the **Living Stations of the Cross**, scheduled for Friday, March 27, at 7pm in the church.

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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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
- ◊ 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. Use the Parish Registration form on our website, or call the office.

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