

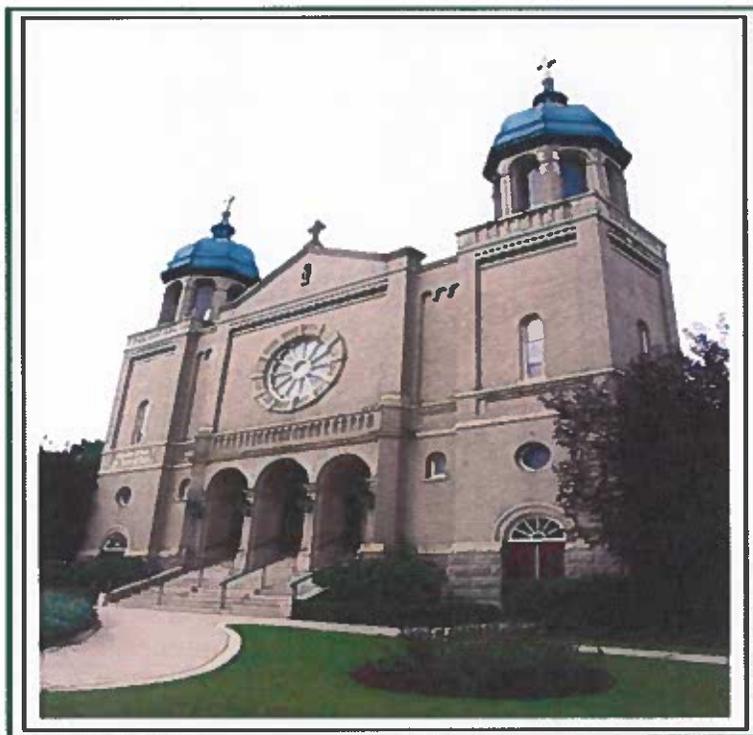
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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, February 8, 2026



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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, 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

Monday, Feb. 9:

12:05 PM Danielle Kornhaas
 —Brendan & Jeanne Spain

Tuesday, Feb 10:

12:05 PM Rev. John Comisky
 —M/M Frank Sullivan

Wednesday, Feb. 11:

12:05 PM Elena Casciaro —Daughter

Thursday Feb. 12:

12:05 PM Samuel Jacobellis
 —Jacobellis Family

Friday, Feb. 13:

12:05 PM The Smith Family
 —M/M Frank Sullivan

Saturday, Feb. 14:

8:00 AM Grace Perry—Son, John
 4:00 PM Catherine Valente—Family

Sunday, Feb 15:

7:30 AM Virginia Bromley —Rich & Isabel King
 9:30 AM Anna & Joseph Gallucci—Family
 11:00 AM John & Adelaide Pepe—John Pepe
 5:00 PM Intentions of Parishioners



The Sanctuary Candle will burn
 this week in memory of
Martin Nissly, Jr.
 Requested by Mom & Dad



Please Pray for the Repose
 of the Souls of:
**Mark Palmer, Ethel Pancotti,
 Madeline Foley**

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 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Praised be Jesus Christ!

There are many who see how the world and even the Church are changing in the 21st century and it can often be a terrifying thought. The culture of parish life, family life, school life, and life in general have changed drastically between the generations that are here at our parish and every parish across the country. "Things are so very different now, Father" is a frequented remark made by many who recall times where churches were full for Sunday Masses, the place to be on a Friday night was at a function hosted by the parish, and one could not imagine sitting down for Sunday dinner without the entire family present. We are certainly in times that have changed but with all the changes the culture is making around us, we as the Church, must make some changes of our own. These changes do not mean changes to our theology or even our liturgical celebration, but rather, changes in the great commission given to all of Jesus' disciples to "Go and make disciples of all nations". That is why I am proposing a new platform for our parish, which provides resources on the parish, school, family, and even personal level. This resource is called "Formed". In Dallas, Texas, a priest named Father Michael introduced Formed to his parish after a retreat and within six months, Mass attendance increased by 22% and their OCIA program doubled in size. This tool of evangelization in the contemporary world that we live in allows access to materials that aid in personal and parish growth towards a more educated, pious, and committed community of disciples. With resources like bible studies, audiobooks, videos, and so much more, it is something that would benefit our individual parishioners, our school community, and all of the various ministries that we already have here (i.e., OCIA, Religious Education, Children's Rosary Ministry, Men's Group, etc...). I am proposing that this be something that our parish provides for all that call this place their home, but since it is an additional cost to the parish, I am reaching out to see if there would be any generous benefactors for such a worthwhile program. The total package costs \$3,500 a year and provides any one of our parishioners access to a website (or available via an app) that would give them access to prayer and study materials to help each and every person grow in their relationship with God and our faith. If this is something that you would like to help me provide for the parish, please contact me, or feel free to see me after Masses this weekend or next. It is my hope that this is a program that we would be able to provide our people as early as the beginning of Lent. Pope Saint John Paul II said the goal of evangelization is to affect change in the culture, so engaging in the culture through mediums such as podcasts, video series, audiobooks, and more, is certainly the way to do so. My hope is that by providing this for our parish community, you and I can help all those who venture to use Formed can say that their faith and their love of God and neighbor has grown. I look forward to growing together in our love of Him. God bless and thank you in advance for your generosity.

In Christ & Mary,
Father Silva

PARISH EVENTS

MONTHLY COFFEE HOUR

Sunday, February 8
In the Church Hall after the 7:30 AM Mass

WEEKLY HOLY HOUR & CONFESSION

Monday, February 9
from 7:00-8:00 PM



Sunday, February 8, is Scout Sunday. We welcome members of our Boy Scout Troop 33, who will participate at the 11:00 Mass.

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: February 10 @ 8:45am/4pm
February 11 @ 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).

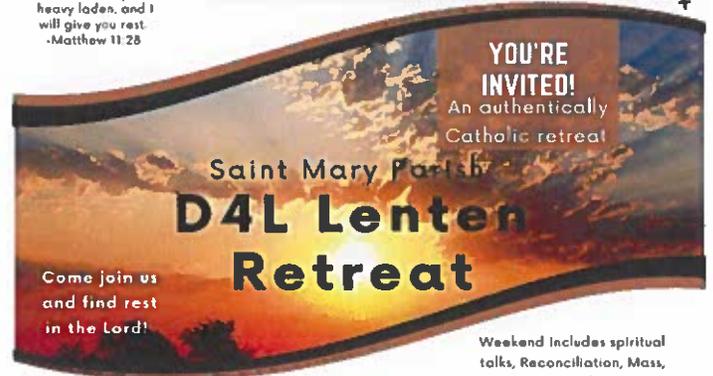
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Come to me, all who are weary and heavy laden, and I will give you rest. -Matthew 11:28

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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The retreat starts with dinner at 5 pm and concludes at 12 pm, following Mass at the retreat center.

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Contacts: Marilyn Kain and Carol Schirm | Disciples4LifeSMC.org



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TRUTH ON TAP: APOLOGIA SERIES II

The Saint Paul Guild for Evangelical Accompaniment presents an evening with Reverend Michael Novajosky, Rector, Oratory of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Join us as Father Novajosky delves into the subject of Moral Relativism—one of the most pervasive views in our society today. How can we respond to the claim that there is no moral truth?

Truth on Tap: Apologia Series II is an apologetics series that helps you dive deeper into some of the most challenging questions Catholics are faced with today. Next up in the series are Truth vs. Love (March 26) and The Cross & Suffering (April 23). Want more details? Email us at SaintPaulGuild@diobpt.org.



February 26, 2026
(Thursday)



6:30 - 8:00 pm



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Monthly Offertory	\$ 4,364.77

This weekend's **Second Collection** is for:

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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:
www.stjosephdanbury.org
or call the office: 203-748-8177

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



2026 BISHOP'S APPEAL PRAYER

Almighty and ever-faithful Lord, we gratefully acknowledge
Your mercy, and we place our trust in You.

Your Gospel proclaims the Good News to all
radiant with Your glory and inviting us to rejoice.

Your love and guidance fill our hearts with joy.

May the Holy Spirit inspire us to respond to
One in Christ, the 2026 Bishop's Appeal

Bless us with generosity,
that in love we may freely share our gifts with others.

Bless us with understanding, that we may recognize
that everything we have is a gift from God.

Bless us with wisdom,
that we may wisely use the gifts God has given us.

Bless us with a true sense of joy –
the fruit of generous and grateful giving.

May Mary, Mother of God, be with us
to inspire, guide and protect us.

We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

2026 Bishop's Appeal — One in Christ

The Bishop's Appeal invites us to live out "The One," our diocesan vision of spiritual and pastoral renewal. United as One in Christ, we support ministries that accompany others in faith, reflect truth, beauty and goodness and serve those in need throughout Fairfield County.

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

FAITH FORMATION

In today's Gospel, Jesus teaches that his disciples are to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. One of the ways the Church talks about caring for the world is through the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy. The works of mercy are charitable actions by which we come to the aid of others. Instructing, advising, consoling, and comforting are spiritual works of mercy, as are forgiving and bearing wrongs patiently. The corporal works of mercy consist especially in feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, clothing the naked, visiting the sick and imprisoned, and burying the dead. When individual Christians and entire communities engage in these behaviors and tasks, we show that we act as the light of the world and the salt of the earth, as Jesus taught us. (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 continue to meet on Tuesdays, February 10 and 24, and on Wednesdays, February 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.)

Our Confirmation candidates have begun 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.

Saint Joseph Faith Formation Office:

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Secretary: Cintia Weber

Requests for Sacraments and Home Visits:

For a Communion, confession, and/or anointing homebound visit, please call the Parish Office:
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A graphic for the Saint Joseph School Annual Golf Tournament 2026. It features a white golf ball on a green tee, a golf club, and a green banner with the text 'GOLF TOURNAMENT 2026'. A red banner at the top says 'ST JOSEPH SCHOOL ANNUAL'. Below the main banner, a white box says 'SAVE THE DATE!'. At the bottom, it says 'JUNE 10, 2026' and 'RICHTER PARK GOLF COURSE'. A location pin icon is next to the course name. At the very bottom, it says 'FOR QUESTIONS OR TO HELP CONTACT DENIS: SJSGOLFOUTING@SJSDBANBURY.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

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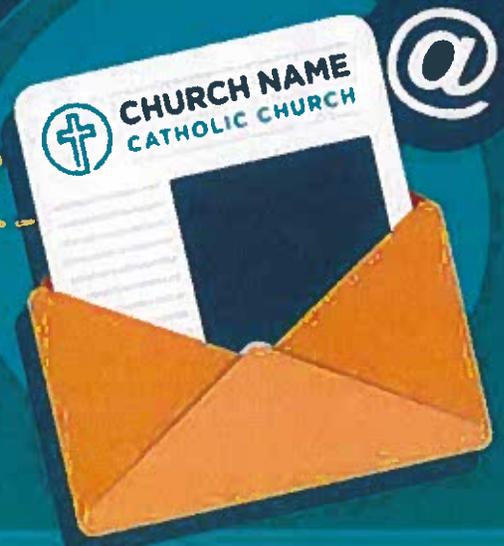


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