

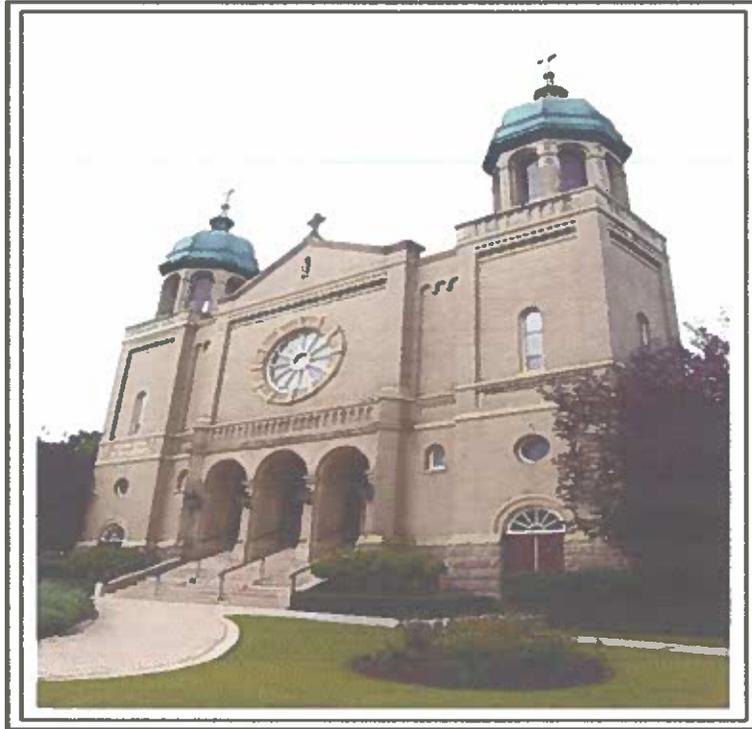
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Second Sunday of Lent, March 1, 2026



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



Saturday, Feb. 28:

8:00 AM Elizabeth Reynold—M/M F. Sullivan
 4:00 PM Francesca Mariani
 —Notaro & Butera Families

Sunday, Mar. 1:

7:30 AM Medlar & Casale Families
 —Sue & Vinny Casale
 9:30 AM Joseph Duffy, Jr.
 —St. Joseph School Staff
 11:00 AM Bethany Mass
 5:00 PM Intentions of Parishioners

Monday, Mar. 2:

12:05 PM Mary A. Locke—Daughter

Tuesday, Mar. 3:

12:05 PM Dominic Matarazzo—Wife

Wednesday, Mar. 4:

12:05 PM Rose Godfrey—Godfrey Family

Thursday Mar. 5:

12:05 PM Rose Marie Albano
 —Effie Bouab Smith

Friday, Mar. 6:

12:05 PM Linda Dimitrikakis—John Pepe

Saturday, Mar. 7:

8:00 AM Vocations to the Priesthood
 for the Diocese of Bridgeport
 4:00 PM Scott Sasso, Sr.—Family

Sunday, Mar. 8:

7:30 AM Patricia Kendziorski—Coffee Hour
 9:30 AM Catherine Valente—Family
 11:00 AM Giovanni Carriero—Linda & Bill Corso
 5:00 PM Intentions of Parishioners



The Sanctuary Candle will burn
 this week in memory of

Mackenzie Newsome

Requested by:
 Mother and Grandmother

2026 Annual Bishop's Appeal Parish Representatives Letter

Dear Members of St. Joseph's Parish:

We have been parishioners of St. Joseph's for more than twenty years. Gerald has been heavily involved in both Cub Scouts Pack 33 and Boy Scouts Troop 33 here, while Maura is a Reader and former catechist and CCW member. We are happy to support the Annual Bishop's Appeal (ABA) because it funds crucial diocesan ministries and initiatives, including the formation of future priests and the care of retired ones, feeding the hungry, educating youth, and enriching the spirituality of ordinary Catholics through participation in one of the many Guilds established over the past few years. Of course, we encourage all of our fellow parishioners to add your invaluable support to the Appeal but would like to reach out especially to people who have never contributed before. If you have never viewed the ABA as a particular priority, please consider the following:

- **Supporting the Annual Bishop's Appeal is supporting St. Joseph's Parish.** Our parish has been assessed a \$98,000 goal by the Bishop. This means that the parish is expected to deliver \$98,000 to the Bishop's office as our fair share of his overall budget which pays for all of the ministries and initiatives funded by the Appeal, regardless of whether or not we raise that much in the course of the campaign. Furthermore, any funds pledged or given by our parish over and above \$98,000 before June 30, 2026, will be returned to our parish.
- **Through the Annual Bishop's Appeal, the diocese pays for all of the things which benefit all parishes in the diocese and which no one parish could afford,** including the formation of seminarians and the care of retired priests.
- **In addition to prayer and fasting, one of the three pillars of Lent is almsgiving.** The ABA is the perfect choice for charitable giving because it directly funds programs which provide meals, clothing, counseling, medical care, and other necessities to vulnerable populations in our diocese.
- **Every gift to the Annual Bishop's Appeal, regardless of size, will help us reach our \$98,000 goal.** Please join us in supporting this very worthy cause!

Sincerely,

Gerald and Maura Gibson



We welcome our newly baptized:

Evelyn Lily Schulz

Please keep her and her family in your prayers.



Please Pray for the Repose of the Souls of:

**Giuliana Potenziani
Rev. Lawrence Carew**

PARISH EVENTS

WEEKLY HOLY HOUR & CONFESSION

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

HOLY FACE DEVOTION

Tuesday, March 3
from 7:00-8:00 PM
Exposition and Confession

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

First Friday of the Month
Friday, March 6
from 1:00-5:00 PM

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Friday, March 6
from 5:00-6:00 PM
(And all Fridays in Lent)

MONTHLY COFFEE HOUR

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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY

Friday, March 13
from 5:30-7:30 PM
In the Church Hall

COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN (CCW) MEETING

Monday, March 16
1:00 PM in the Rel. Ed. Building

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

On the weekend of March 14-15 after all the weekend Masses, we will be selling Irish Soda Bread and having our Gift Basket Raffle. Something for everyone at the Main Street entrance of the church. Come join us.

Antonia Stalzer ,CCW President



Lenten Fish Fry



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Diocesan Men's Retreat, Radical Discipleship
Saturday, March 14, 2026 | 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM
St. Catherine of Siena Church, Trumbull All men of the diocese are invited to a powerful day of renewal focused on spiritual friendship and radical discipleship. The retreat includes Mass with Bishop Caggiano, Eucharistic Adoration, Confessions, small group discussions, and inspiring talks by Fr. Agustin Torres, CFR. Breakfast and lunch are included.
Register: <https://formationreimagined.org/event/radical-discipleship-diocesan-mens-retreat/>

Lenten Concert of Sacred Music
Sunday, March 22, 2026 | 4:00 PM
Cathedral of Saint Augustine, Bridgeport As the Church enters Passiontide, all are welcome to a beautiful afternoon of prayerful music and reflection: Choral Meditations on the Seven Last Words of Christ on the Cross, featuring diocesan and cathedral choirs with guest instrumentalists. Free and open to all. For more information:
(203) 368-6777 x22 or william.atwood@diobpt.org
<https://www.bridgeportdiocese.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/Lenten-Concert-2026-Flier.pdf>

Parish Support

Stewardship of Time, Talent, and Treasure Worship Offerings

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

Loaves & Fishes donations are accepted
throughout Lent.

DIOCESE OF BRIDGEPORT
2026 LENTEN PILGRIMAGE
February 18th - April 1st
68 Masses in 30 Churches for 38 Days

The Lenten Stational Churches Pilgrimage

The Diocese's Lenten Pilgrimage takes place with **daily Masses in 30 churches** Feb. 18, 2026 (Ash Wednesday) through April 2 (Holy Thursday morning).

Participation Pamphlets, with Bishop Caggiano's Message, Prayer, and the schedule of Masses, are available at the church entrances. All are encouraged to participate.

For more info: <https://www.bridgeportdiocese.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/Lenten-Pilgrimage-Schedule-and-Locations-for-Masses.pdf>



2026 Bishop's Appeal
St. Joseph Parish Goal: \$98,000

Our ABA in-pew collection takes place this weekend, Feb.28-Mar. 1. Pledge cards are available in the church pews.

AS of 2/20/26, St. Joseph, Danbury raised gifts worth \$8,930 bringing the parish to 9.11% of its \$98,000 goal.

Ministry Vignette: Diaconate

**ANSWERING GOD'S
CALL TO SERVE**

For Andres Grajales, the call to the diaconate came quietly but unmistakably, encouraged by three different priests and supported by his family, parish community, and the Charismatic Renewal. Entering formation has been a deeply rewarding journey, allowing him to grow in faith and prepare to serve others.

Andres hopes to reflect Christ's love as a deacon, **bringing His light both to the Church and to those who have not yet encountered Him, fostering unity and renewal in the Diocese.**

The Bishop's Appeal helps make diaconate formation possible, providing education, spiritual guidance, and pastoral training for men discerning this sacred vocation.

Support the next generation of deacons by giving to the Bishop's Appeal.

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FAITH FORMATION

For the month of March, our classes will meet on Tuesdays, March 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31, and on Wednesdays, March 4, 11, 18, and 25.

Our Confirmation candidates continue to rehearse 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.

St. Joseph Faith Formation Office: 203-778-1920

Director: Maria Merino-Schweitzer
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Sponsor Certificate Requests:

Please call the Rectory at 203-748-8177 (Option #2) at least 2 weeks in advance of when a Sponsor Certificate is needed, to allow for processing.

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

Mass Intentions

Mass intentions, for Masses in 2026, are available. Please contact the Parish Office to schedule. If you pay for Mass Intentions online, please call the office to schedule the Mass, before scheduling payment through Online Giving. This will allow us to confirm the dates of your Mass requests and ensure that your request is properly recorded. 203-748-8177



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

Please notify our Parish Office if you have an update to our listing, so that we may keep it current.
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