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22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 31, 2025



REV. ERIC W. SILVA, PARISH ADMINISTRATOR

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MR. ROBERT FERTITTA, B.A., M.A., DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

MASSES

DAILY WEEKDAY – 12:05 PM

SATURDAY – 8:00 AM

SATURDAY ANTICIPATORY MASS – 4:00 PM

SUNDAY – 7:30, 9:30, 11:00 AM AND 5:00 PM

(MASS TIMES IN GREEN ARE ALSO LIVE-STREAMED)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

SATURDAYS 11:00 AM - 12:00 NOON, 3:00 PM - 3:45 PM

CHANGE IN CONFESSION SCHEDULE, EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 6, 2025:

RECONCILIATION TIMES WILL CHANGE TO: SATURDAYS AT 8:30-9:30AM & 3:00-3:45PM.

CONFESSIONS WILL NO LONGER BE HEARD FROM 11:00AM-12:00PM STARTING SEPT. 6.



Saint Joseph Church is wheelchair accessible at the church side entrance. Parking is located at the side of church.

MASS INTENTIONS**Saturday, Aug. 30:**

8:00 AM Dominic Sankaralingam—Fr. Silva
 4:00 PM Lewis Addressi—Tony Briganti

Sunday, Aug. 31:

7:30 AM Eleanor Mikucki—Family
 9:30 AM John J, John S, & Anthony Mastracchio
 —Family
 11:00 AM John & Brian Doran—Doran Family
 5:00 PM Intentions of Parishioners

Monday, Sept. 1:

12:05 PM Muriel Lombardi—Pat O'Connell

Tuesday, Sept. 2:

12:05 PM Teresa Travoska—M. E. Ryer

Wednesday, Sept. 3:

12:05 PM Philip & Florence Paonessa—Family

Thursday Sept. 4:

12:05 PM Joseph Valente—M/M F. Sullivan

Fri. Sept. 5:

12:05 PM Nancy Cuttita—LaGratta Family

Saturday, Sept. 6:

8:00 AM Kenneth Hyatt—Lucas Family
 4:00 PM Antonietta Cefaloni—Maria Scanga

Sunday, Sept. 7:

7:30 AM Jeannette & George Nichols—M/M J. Ferrara
 9:30 AM Louise Carbone —Roseanne Vigna
 11:00 AM Stacy Miskar—His Sister
 5:00 PM Intentions of Parishioners



The Sanctuary Candle will burn
 this week in memory of
Michael James Nikis
 Requested by Mom & Family

***Wedding Banns***

Annette Morlino & James Grimm - Second Banns



Please Pray for the Repose
 of the Soul of:

Teresita Alarkon

**The mission of St. Joseph Parish is
 "To Make Christ Known".**

**Bulletin Blurb
 for the 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Praised be Jesus Christ!

"When you hold a lunch or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or your wealthy neighbors...Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind..." Are we really not supposed to invite family members or friends over to our home for a meal? Of course not! Jesus loves to use hyperbolic speech from time to time in order to convey a point, like when He says, "Call no one on earth 'father'". Jesus eats meals with his closest friends and presumably He must have had a meal or two with His own family at some point in His life.

Jesus is trying to get His disciples to reflect on not just what we are doing in our lives but also the "why" we do the things that we do. It is good to follow the laws and the precepts of our faith, but it is perfect to desire to do the good as well. Our ultimate goal is not only to do the good but to desire the good itself. Sometimes when it comes to doing what is right, we must grit our teeth and pick up our cross, but it is always more perfect to love the burden that goes hand in hand with those acts of love. Having family members and friends over is good but having them over knowing that you have no intention of being repaid whatsoever, is perfect. Not counting the cost or making a tallied list of, "I did this for you, so now I expect something in return" is perfect. Our collective prayer should be that we always strive to desire to do the good as well as increase our desire for the good as well.

In Christ & Mary,
 Father Silva

OFFICE CLOSURE

Our Parish offices will be closed this **Monday, September 1st**, in observance of Labor Day.

PARISH EVENTS

THANK YOU!

to our parishioners for your generous support of the Catholic Charities Home Essentials Goods collection.

HOLY FACE DEVOTION

First Tuesday of the Month

Tuesday, September 2 7:00-8:00 PM

Adoration and Confession

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

First Friday of the Month

Friday, September 5

Following 12:05 PM Mass until 8:00 PM

TAG SALE DROP OFF of DONATED ITEMS

Church Hall

Fri. Sept. 5 9am-11:30am & 4-8pm

Sat. Sept. 6 8:30am-5:00pm

Sun. Sept. 7 8:30am-5:00pm

ADULT BIBLE STUDY:

THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

The group will use the "Little Rock Scripture Study" and will meet weekly on Tuesdays at 7:00pm, beginning October 7. Please contact Deacon Bill Timmel for information, with registration by September 28.

Email: dadatim@yahoo.com or by phone: 203-270-8300 (daytime) or 203-426-3474 (eves).

LAY DOMINICAN INQUIRER OPEN HOUSE

Are you being called to a deeper understanding of Faith and Truth? Do you think you might want to be a Lay Dominican? Come follow in the footsteps of St. Dominic through prayer, study, community and apostolate. **Our Lady of Fatima, Lay Fraternity of**

St. Dominic is growing! Please join us for our **Open House / Inquiry on Monday, September 22** @ 7PM, St. Theresa Church, 5301 Main Street, Trumbull, CT in the Lower Parish Center.

For more information, call, text or email our formation Director, Mrs. Michelle Rowe, OP, at 203-218-6882 or orapronobis20@gmail.com.

Order of Mass for the Lord's Day 22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Processional Hymn

#731 "Rejoice, the Lord is King"

First Reading: Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29 *

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 68:4-5, 6-7, 10-11

Second Reading: Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a

Gospel Acclamation: Matthew 11:29ab

GOSPEL: Luke 14:1, 7-14

Offertory Hymn

#438 "At the Name of Jesus"

Communion Hymn

#570 "Humbly We Adore Thee"

Recessional Hymn

#419 "All Praise to Thee, for Thou, O King Divine"

***Readings & Gospel:** Today's Missal: pp. 49-51

Hymns: St. Michael Hymnal

DAILY MASS READINGS:

Monday, Sept. 1

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 / Ps. 96:1 & 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13 / Luke 4:16-30

Tuesday, Sept. 2

1 Thessalonians 5:1-6, 9-11 / Psalm 27:1, 4, 13-14 / Luke 4:31-37

Wednesday, Sept. 3 St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church

Colossians 1:1-8 / Psalm 52:10, 11 / Luke 4:38-44

Thursday, Sept. 4

Colossians 1:9-14 / Psalm 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6 / Luke 5:1-11

Friday, Sept. 5

Colossians 1:15-20 / Psalm 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 / Luke 5:33-39

Saturday, Sept. 6

Colossians 1:21-23 / Psalm 54:3-4, 6 & 8 / Luke 6:1-5

CONFESSION SCHEDULE CHANGE

Effective **Saturday, September 6**

the new Confession times will be:

Saturday 8:30-9:30AM and 3:00-3:45PM



**Stewardship of Time, Talent, and Treasure
Worship Offerings**

August 24-25 \$7,210.00

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**This weekend's second collection is for:  
Youth Ministry**  
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**Mass Intentions and Votive Candle
Pricing Changes**

Effective **September 1**, prices for Mass Intentions and Candles are updated as follows:

Mass Intentions	\$20
4-Hour (small) Votive Candles	\$ 2
3-day (large) votive candles remain at	\$ 5
Sanctuary Candle (1)	\$25

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**Mass Intentions**

If you pay for Mass Intentions online, please call the office to schedule the Mass, before scheduling payment through Online Giving.  
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**SPECIAL COLLECTION TO
ASSIST THE PEOPLE OF GAZA
Weekend of August 30th-31st**

Considering the tremendous devastation and loss of life experienced by the people of Gaza, and in response to an appeal made by Archbishop Timothy Broglio, President of the United States Catholic Conference, Bishop Frank Caggiano has asked parishes to take up a special collection for humanitarian relief.

At weekend Masses on Saturday, August 30 and Sunday, August 31, St. Joseph Parish will have donation baskets available at the church entrances, for contributions towards humanitarian relief, to assist the people of Gaza. Online donations can be made through our website's *Online Giving* page.



ANNUAL BISHOPS APPEAL

Saint Joseph Parish	
2025 Bishop's Appeal as of 8/22/25	
Bishop's Appeal Goal:	\$98,000.00
Total Pledged:	\$80,494
Donors to Date:	292 Donors
	
To make a gift, or for more information, please visit us at 2025BishopsAppeal.org call (203) 416-1470 or scan with your phone.	

ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL

**The Annual Bishop's Appeal will continue
through September 30, 2025.**

St. Joseph Parish is at 82% of the ABA goal.
We can meet the goal with everyone's help.
Pledge cards are available at the church entrance. Thank you to all who have supported the ABA with a pledge or gift.

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**Little Flowers** is a club for Catholic girls K-8 who, with their moms, learn about the saints and how to put virtue into practice! Each meeting has lively presentations, crafts, and activities led by mothers in the group. Badges and medals for the virtues are earned by completing activities at home and are worn on a blue sash, uniting the girls to the Blessed Mother. **Begins September 2nd!** We meet once a month on **first Tuesdays from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm** in Saint Joseph's Carmen Buck Religious Education Building. Please contact Jennifer Suess at [JenniferSuess1@gmail.com](mailto:JenniferSuess1@gmail.com) to register.  
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St. Joseph Annual Tag Sale
September 12, 13, and 14, 2025

We are back and once again we are looking for donated items to sell at our **Annual Tag Sale**.

We appreciate your donations of the following:

- TOYS, GAMES
- DVDs, CDs
- KITCHEN & HOUSEHOLD ITEMS
- PUZZLES & BOOKS
- HOLIDAY DECORATIONS
- BEDDING
- BABY ITEMS
- LAMPS
- PICTURE FRAMES
- SMALL FURNITURE
- TOOLS & SMALL GARDEN EQUIPMENT
- COSTUME JEWELRY

Drop Off Times:

You may **drop off** your donated items in the Church Hall (beneath the Church) on the following dates/times:

Friday, Sept. 5: 9:00a to 11:30a & 4:00p to 8:00p
Saturday, Sept. 6: 8:30a to 5:00p
Sunday, Sept. 7: 8:30a to 5:00p

PLEASE NOTE that we do NOT accept any of the following items:

- Televisions
- Computer Equipment and Printers
- Typewriters
- Suitcases
- Sporting Equipment
- Clothes
- VHS or Cassettes or Vinyl Records
- Textbooks, Encyclopedias
- Coffee Table Books
- Car Seats

The Tag Sale will be held in the Church Hall on:

Friday, Sept. 12:
8:30a - 9:30a (Early Bird Admission is \$10)
9:30a - 2:00p Free Admission

Saturday, Sept. 13 9:30a - 3:30p
Sunday, Sept. 14 10:00a - 4:00p

Please contact Antonia Stalzer at 203-456-5170 with any questions.

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- JEWELRY YOU NEVER WEAR
- GOLD NON-WORKING WATCHES
- YES, EVEN DENTAL GOLD
- STERLING SILVER JEWELRY, FLATWARE, HOLLOWWARE
- PLATINUM AND PALLADIUM

THEN BRING IT WITH YOU ON:

Friday Sept. 12th 10 AM to 4 PM Rel. Ed. Bldg.
Sat. Sept. 13th 9 AM to 4 PM Rel. Ed. Bldg.
Sunday Sept. 14th 8 AM to 4 PM Rel. Ed. Bldg.

There, our good friend, Bob the gold man, will buy your "old gold" and hand you a check. Then, **OVER 70% of whatever profits are made after the refining process, will be donated, in your name, to ST. JOSEPH PARISH !!!**

Any questions, please email:

bob@libertygoldct.com



SAVE THE DATE
McGivney Council #29
Knights of Columbus
14th Annual Charity Golf Outing
September 17th

Enjoy a fun day of golf at Danbury's Richter Park while supporting the Charitable Works of McGivney Council #29 Knights of Columbus! The outing is open to all men and women. Singles and foursomes. Registration opens at 10:30 AM and the Shotgun Start begins at 12:30PM followed by Lunch. Dinner and cocktail hour included. Non-Golfers are welcome to join at 5:30 PM.

For more information contact:
KofC29@gmail.com or 203.744.9562

SAINT JOSEPH PARISH CONTACTS

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

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Office Hours: Monday–Thurs. 9:00AM–4:00PM
Friday 9:00AM–12:00PM

FAITH FORMATION

Please contact our **Faith Formation Office** for registration and information.

Faith Formation Office: 203.778.1920

Mrs. Maria Merino-Schweitzer, Director of Faith Formation Maria.Schweitzer@stjosephdanbury.org

Classes will begin on **Tuesday, October 7** and **Wednesday, October 8**.

Requests for Sacraments and Home Visits:

For a communion, confession, and/or anointing homebound visit, please call the Parish Office:
203-748-8177



REMEMBER
in your prayers

Please pray for those listed below, and for all of our parishioners currently in nursing homes, hospitals, or confined to their homes:

Rose Marie Abramo - Kelli Barrett - Matthew Bernabe
Marie Bovaird - Ernestine Clark - Irene Clark - Chuck Daudt - Albert Docktor - Melissa Doreson - Anita Edwards - Anand Gokhale - Marie Hallas - Henry James - P.M. Joseph - Gavin King - Dorothy Koellmer - Livio Malta - David McCann - Catherine McCarthy - Eileen McCarthy - William Morrison - Michelle Mott - Victor Munoz - Marjorie Nodine - Ethel Pancotti - Joseph Parkis - Michael Pedicini - Joseph Ponmankal - Julie Potenziani—Christine Preisser - Art Regan - Catherine Robinson - Michael Skomro - Barbara R. Schirmer - George Schur - Jeanne Soraghan - Lorraine Squillante - MaryAnn Storms - Kenneth Towery - Rebecca Zaccardo

Please call the Parish Office at 203-748- 8177, with any updates for this listing.



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Dr. Louis Howe, Jr., Principal
lhowe@sjsdanbury.org

School Advisory Board: Mrs. Jeanne Spain
Parent Teacher Organization:

Annual Diocesan Wedding Jubilee Mass Saturday, October 4

Most Reverend Frank J. Caggiano, Bishop of Bridgeport will celebrate the Annual Diocesan Wedding Jubilee Mass on **Saturday, October 4th at 11:00 AM** at the Cathedral of Saint Augustine in Bridgeport.

Couples celebrating their 25th, 40th, 45th, 50th and more years of marriage are eligible to attend. All couples who are recognized at the Mass will receive a commemorative certificate in recognition of this important milestone in their married life in addition to pictures with the Bishop.

Please contact Sharon Colihan for information and registration: Sharon.Colihan@diobpt.org or (203) 416-1454.

Registration is now open for **CREW - Leaders For Mary**



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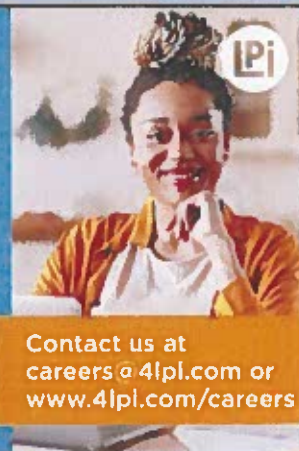
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