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Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord April 5, 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, Apr. 4:

8:00 PM Solemn Easter Vigil

Sunday, Apr. 5: Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

7:30 AM Medlar & Casale Families
 —Sue & Vinny Casale

10:00 AM Mikucki Family—Ron

12:00 PM Intentions of Parishioners

Monday, Apr. 6:

12:05 PM Fr. Naji Kiwan—Cheri & John Jowdy

Tuesday, Apr. 7:

12:05 PM Deceased of KofC Council #29
 —Knights of Columbus Council #29

Wednesday, Apr 8:

12:05 PM Eugene Grenier—Family

Thursday Apr 9:

12:05 PM Thomas A. Smith—M/M Frank Sullivan

Friday, Apr. 10:

12:05 PM Helen & Walter Wayman
 —Barbara & Family

Saturday, Apr. 11:

8:00 AM Intentions of St. Joseph School
 4:00 PM Jose Madera (6th Anniv.)—Family

Sunday, Apr. 12: Divine Mercy Sunday

7:30 AM Marie Kornhaas
 —Brendan & Jeanne Spain
 9:30 AM McNerny Family—Family
 11:00 AM Repose of the Souls of Virginia & John
 McGowan & Donald Silva—Fr. Silva
 5:00 PM Intentions of Parishioners



Please Pray for the Repose
 of the Souls of:

**Francesca Birungi
 Martin Agaba**



The Sanctuary Candle will burn
 this week in memory of

Betty & George A. Repko

Requested by:
 George, Jim, Deanna

Pastor's Corner for Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord

Praised be Jesus Christ!

Alleluia! "The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone (Psalm 118:22)!" A very happy, joyful, and blessed Easter to you all! The Rites of the Church, particularly around these most sacred mysteries that we have celebrated the past three days (the Sacred Paschal Triduum), have all culminated in what we are celebrating today: The Solemnity of the Resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ. All of the signs and symbols, celebrated during the Triduum, only make sense in light of the Resurrection. Instead of proclaiming the creed as we normally do on Sundays and Solemnities, we renew our Baptismal promises together as a congregation...as the one Body of Christ, the Church: "Do you renounce Satan...?", "Do you believe in God, the Father almighty...?", "Do you believe in Jesus Christ...?", "Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting?". With hearts full and with firm resolve, we collectively respond "I do!". Make no mistake, this is no mere blind ritual or subtle reminder of what promises our parents and godparents (for most of us) made so many years ago. This is our reminder that we not only believe in abstract moral and absolute truths, but that we believe in He to whom we belong. Every time we renew our baptismal promises and every time we profess this creed, we are realigning the entirety of our lives towards He to whom we belong.

Jesus Christ bursts forth from the tomb this Easter Sunday, conquering sin and death, to claim us as His own. "We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture (Psalm 100:3)." We must be reminded of this truth and then we must remind ourselves of this truth: that no matter where we are in our lives in regard to our relationship to our faith, the Church, our moral lives, and the heavenly Father, we belong to Him. What consolation it must be to anyone who is far from the love of God to know that they only have to turn their gaze to His in order to be redeemed and reclaimed; that He trusts us so entirely that we have the freedom, in love, to walk away from Him but also to return.

The Easter celebration, while celebrated annually, cannot be seen as a mere once a year celebration, but as an opportunity. Will we proclaim with the whole of our being in this new year Jesus Christ as Lord of our lives? Will we allow ourselves to fall more in love with He who conquered sin and death this day by bursting forth from the tomb to show us what we too are made for? Will we take to heart each and every "I do" in response to those baptismal promises that we now make for ourselves? It need not be done perfectly because no one does it perfectly, which is why we make these sometimes daily renewals of our lives.

The Church...our parish here at Saint Joseph in Danbury exists as an extension of Christ's merciful love and in the same way that Christ only invites, and never forces, we too invite all of you, God's chosen people, to encounter the Risen Lord in a new and life-changing way this Easter season. Regardless of where you are in your lives, renewal is a necessary component of living out a resurrected faith. I pray for all of you, most especially at the altar of sacrifice, that with this Easter celebration come innumerable and life-changing blessings for you and your families. God bless you all and have a very happy and Blessed Easter. Christ is truly risen, indeed!

In Christ & Mary,
Father Silva

PARISH EVENTS

EASTER MASSES

Sat. Apr. 4: 8:00 PM Solemn Easter Vigil
(live-streamed)

Sun. Apr. 5: 7:30 AM
10:00 AM (live-streamed)
12:00 PM

PARISH OFFICE

The Office is closed on Mon. April 6

WEEKLY HOLY HOUR & CONFESSION

Monday, April 6, from 7:00-8:00 PM

HOLY FACE DEVOTION

Tuesday, April 7 7:00-8:00 PM
Adoration and Confession

INSTALLATION MASS & RECEPTION

Sunday, April 12
11:00 Mass

Please join us to celebrate the
Installation Mass
for our Pastor
Rev. Eric W. Silva

A reception will follow in the
Church Hall.

Everyone is invited.



REMEMBER
in your prayers

Rose Marie Abramo
Kelli Barrett
Miguel Boni
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Ernestine Clark
Irene Clark
Chuck Daudt
Jonathan DeMarco
Albert Docktor
Edith Donald
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Anand Gokhale
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Joseph Ponmankal
Christine Preisser
Lilian Rivera
Catherine Robinson
Barbara R. Schirmer
Gael Sifuentes
Michael Skomro
Jeanne Soraghan
Lorraine Squillante
Kenneth Towery
Rebecca Zaccardo

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

Requests for Sacraments and Home Visits:

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



Easter Blessing

Dear Lord,
Your redemption has been known in every age.
You have never stopped inviting us closer into Your presence.
Fill us anew this Easter season, bringing new hope, new life,
and new light into our journey.
Amen.

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Parish Support

Stewardship of Time, Talent, and Treasure Worship Offerings

Weekly Offertory 3/24/26—3/30/26 will be provided in the next bulletin

ADULT BIBLE STUDY THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES - PART 2

All interested parishioners (and guests) are invited to participate in the upcoming session of our adult bible study program.

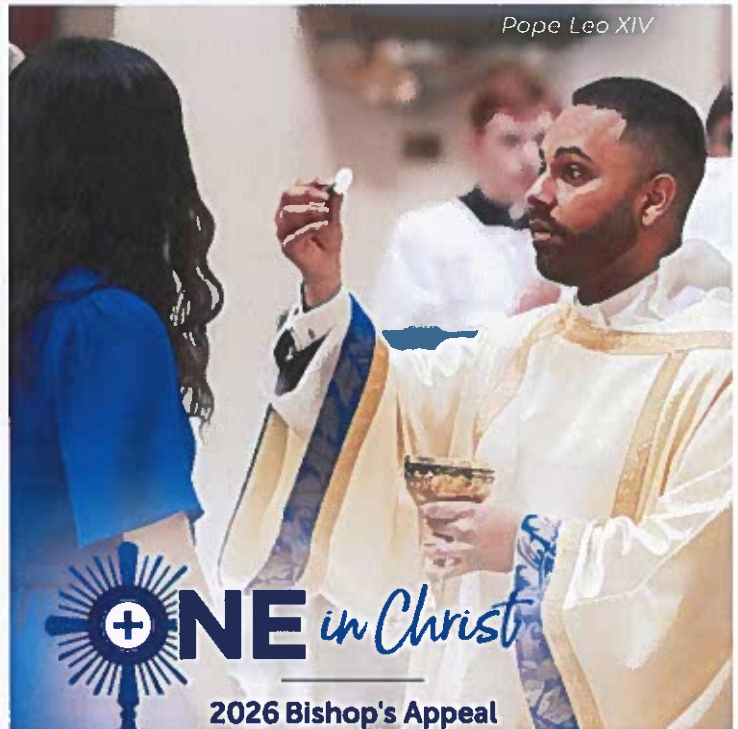
Acts, written by St. Luke, is the companion piece to his Gospel. The first half of Acts presents the Ascension of Jesus, the descent of the Holy Spirit, and the subsequent actions of St. Peter and the other Apostles as they converted people to Christianity in Jerusalem.

The second half of Acts concentrates on the conversion of St. Paul, his missionary trips to convert Gentiles, and his arrest and trip to Rome where he was tried, condemned and put to death. Throughout, it is inspiring to see the Holy Spirit in action among some familiar saints who are shown to be very human.

As we have in the past, we are employing a nationally known program “**Little Rock Scripture Study**”, published by The Liturgical Press. The study was divided into two sections. The first section (the first 15 chapters of Acts) was presented last Fall. The second section (Acts chapters 16 through 28) will be presented in April and May of this year.

The group meets each week to discuss the readings. Each session will take place on Tuesday, from 7:00 to approximately 8:30 p.m., in the Carmen Buck Religious Education Building. The meeting dates will be April 14, 21 and 28, and May 5. Each meeting will also be presented on Zoom. Zoom meetings will be recorded and can be viewed at a later time for those who are not able to attend the live classes.

Those who are just now joining the group for Part 2 may wish to purchase the books which give some commentary on the readings. For more information, to register for the program, or for information on obtaining books, please contact Deacon Bill Timmel at datatim@yahoo.com, or (M-F 9-5) at 203-270-8300.



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FAITH FORMATION

On behalf of the Faith Formation ministry, we wish all families a blessed and joyous Easter!

*"This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad!"*

Director's Note: During Lent we prepared ourselves to remember and celebrate Jesus' death and Resurrection. During the season of Easter, the Church asks us to reflect on Jesus' Resurrection and what it means for us as his disciples today. We can spend time during the Easter season thinking about Jesus' Resurrection and the gift of eternal life that he gives to us. (Sunday Connection, LP)

Calendar—In April, we will continue meeting on Tuesdays, April 14, 21, and 28, and on Wednesdays, April 15, 22, and 29. Please know that we will not have classes during the first full week of April, which is spring recess for Danbury Public Schools.

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.

Volunteering: For anyone, 18 years and older, interested in volunteering at St. Joseph Parish and/or St. Joseph School, **VIRTUS Safe Environment training (Protecting God's Children for Adults) is required.** Please see the Diocese of Bridgeport website for information and sessions:

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OPEN ENROLLMENT

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