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Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 10, 2026



REV. ERIC W. SILVA, PASTOR

DEACON WILLIAM C. TIMMEL, J.D.

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

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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 203-748-8177



Saturday, May 9:

8:00 AM Intentions of our Parishioners
 4:00 PM Catherine Valente—M/M Frank Sullivan

Sunday, May 10:

7:30 AM Keith Capellaro —Capellaro &
 Whitehead Family
 9:30 AM Baby Bethea—Rose Latty & Family
 11:00 AM Bethany Mass
 5:00 PM Intentions of Parishioners

Monday, May 11:

12:05 PM Jamie Radice—Carmella Ferreira

Tuesday, May 12:

12:05 PM Melissa Doreson—SJS Faculty & Staff

Wednesday, May 13:

12:05 PM John Novella—Lori Novella
 4:00 PM Rev. Msgr. Joseph Potter—Fr. Silva

Thursday May 14: Ascension of the Lord

9:00 AM Paul Wemitt—Wemitt Family
 12:05 PM Stephen Shepherd—Family
 7:30 PM Fr. Naji J. Kiwan—Cheri & John Jowdy

Friday, May 15:

12:05 PM Catherine Valente—Family

Saturday, May 16:

8:00 AM Intentions of St. Joseph School
 4:00 PM Michael J. Smith, Sr.
 —M/M Frank Sullivan

Sunday, May 17:

7:30 AM Caroline & Eugene Montalto
 —Donna Montalto
 9:30 AM John & Adelaide Pepe—John Pepe
 11:00 AM Catherine Small
 —Brendan & Jeanne Spain
 5:00 PM Intentions of Parishioners



The Sanctuary Candle will burn
 this week in memory of

Catherine Valente

Requested by: Family

Pastor's Corner for the Sixth Sunday of Easter

Christ has Risen, alleluia!

On this Sixth Sunday of Easter, we also give all thanks and praise to God for one of His greatest gifts: Mothers. To all the mothers of our parish, allow me to extend a word of sincere gratitude for all of the love, sacrifices, and care that you have given to God's children. If we are to take the words of Jesus seriously when He says, "He who receives you receives me, and he who receives me receives him who sent me (Matthew 10:40 RSV)", then how graced in the plan of God it is to have so caring a mother who receives you! St. Thérèse of Lisieux once wrote that "The loveliest masterpiece of the heart of God is the heart of a mother." Our earliest experiences of love and care come from the mother before we enter into the world and after we take our first breath, the love of a mother is the first experience of a child as they open their eyes for the first time. It is an understatement to say that our experience of God's love for us is so critically formed by the way in which we experience the love of our own mother's.

Pope St. John Paul II wrote, "Thank you, women who are mothers! You have sheltered human beings within yourselves in a unique experience of joy and travail. This experience makes you become God's own smile upon the newborn child, the one who guides your child's first steps, who helps it to grow, and who is the anchor as the child makes its way along the journey of life." While mother's come about in so very many different ways: biological, adoption, godmothers, mother figures, etc... there is a truth that remains as a constant in all of our lives. The truth is that all of us who know a healthy love can trace that back to the maternal care of a woman who made distinct and heroic sacrifices in their own lives so that we may know love in our own.

On this Mother's Day, even the secular world recognizes God's own plan for all of us to experience love, care, and protection at the hands of a mother who finds joy and purpose in their own gift of self. I know that even as the spiritual father of this parish, there is maternal love at every corner and I too have experienced it on a daily basis: caring for the parish, ensuring that your priest is always fed and cared for, extending that love to other children of God who too need your maternal love...there are more examples than can possibly be written down. I am reminded of the last line of Saint John's Gospel, which reads, "But there are also many other things which Jesus did; were every one of them to be written, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written (John 21: 25 RSV)." How clearly Jesus is working in and through all of you mothers who say "yes" to God's plan of love for His children every single day! I hope on this Mother's Day, all of you mothers know how grateful we are for all that you have done for us and continue to do for us; please know that it does not go unnoticed and it certainly does not go unappreciated. Be assured of our daily prayers of gratitude for you all that do and all that you are, and I hope that you have an incredibly blessed and joyful Mother's Day!

In Christ & Mary,
Father Silva

PARISH EVENTS

MONTHLY COFFEE HOUR

Sunday, May 10

In the Church Hall after the 7:30 AM Mass

WEEKLY HOLY HOUR & CONFESSION

Monday, May 11 7:00-8:00 PM

Note: The May 18th Holy Hour is cancelled.

CCW FOOD DRIVE

Saturday, May 16 10:00 AM—1:00 PM

Drop-off in the back parking lot

See list of items on this page.

To benefit Dorothy Day Hospitality House

MASS TIMES FOR THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD: A Holy Day of Obligation

Wed. May 13: 4:00 Vigil Mass

Thurs. May 14:

9:00 AM Mass with St. Joseph School

12:05 PM

7:30 PM

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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: May 12 @ 8:45am

🏠 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. Due to the conclusion of Religious Ed, St Monica's will only meet after morning drop in May and June. Our final meeting will be June 9.

Thank you all for your continued support and prayers for our children



SPRING FOOD DRIVE

The St. Joseph Council of Catholic Women will hold their

Spring Food Drive for Dorothy Day Hospitality House on Saturday, May 16, from 10:00AM until 1:00PM.

This will be a drive up, drop off collection in the upper parking lot for the convenience of our parishioners.

The following items are especially needed:

Canned Green Beans	Sugar
Canned Corn	Instant Mashed Potatoes
Canned Black Beans	Ziti and Penne Pasta
Canned Kidney Beans	Pasta Sauce
Coffee	Tomato Sauce
Ranch and Italian Salad Dressings	Canned Gravy: Beef, Chicken, Turkey

No glass containers or fresh/refrigerated/freezer items please.

Thank you for your continued generosity; it is greatly appreciated. God Bless!


Parish Support

Stewardship of Time, Talent, and Treasure Worship Offerings for the Week of 4/28-5/4/26

Weekly Offertory \$ 8,762.00
 Monthly Offertory \$ 5,417.00

- ◇ **This weekend's second collection is for the Mother's Day envelopes.**
- ◇ **Next weekend's (May 17) collection: Catholic Communication Campaign**
 The Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC) supports media efforts that share the Gospel with our neighbors, as well as people across the country. When you contribute to this collection, half of your donation supports the national communications programs of the bishops of the United States, while the other half stays in our diocese to support local communications initiatives.



Saint Joseph Parish	
2026 Bishop's Appeal as of 5/1/26	
Bishop's Appeal Goal:	\$98,000
Total Pledged:	\$90,381 (92%)
Donors to Date:	238 Donors
	
<p>To make a gift, or for more information, please visit us at 2026BishopsAppeal.org, call (203) 416-1470 or scan with your phone.</p>	

St. Joseph Parish is at 92% of our Annual Bishop's Appeal goal of \$98,000.

ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL PARTICIPATION

We are hopeful that 100% of our registered households will respond to the 2025 Bishop's Appeal. **Each gift matters.**

With everyone's help we can meet, and exceed, our goal.

Furthermore, any funds pledged or given by our parish over and above \$98,000 before June 30, 2026, will be returned to our parish.

Please consider a gift to the ABA.
 Pledge cards are available in the side vestibule. Please complete a pledge card and submit it during Mass, or submit it to the Parish Office during the week.

Thank you to all who have already participated.

To learn more, or to donate online, please visit:
www.2026BishopsAppeal.org

BETHANY MASS

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

**Donald Dannucci, Henry Stalzer,
 Mary Lou Mortimer, Emilie McCarthy,
 Joseph Ficocello, Francesca Birungi,
 Martin Agaba**

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



Austen Green and Teresa Hood – 2nd Banns



Blessing for Mother's Day

Dear Lord,

Pour your goodness and grace upon the women of our community today in a special way.

For mothers: fill them with joy and blessing.

For those who have lost children: hold them in their sorrow.

For those who have hoped for children: surround them with Your love.

For those who have lost a mother: may they know Your comfort.

For those carrying difficulty on this day: bring them consolation.

Bless all women this day. Thank you for the love they bring to this world, no matter their circumstances or story.

Amen.

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HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY



REMEMBER
in your prayers

Please pray for our parishioners who have requested prayers, and those currently in nursing homes, hospitals, or confined to their homes.

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

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