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**Fourth Sunday of Easter, May 11, 2025**



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

Whether you are a lifelong parishioner – or just visiting us for a while – welcome to St. Joseph Parish. We are blessed to have you among us in our worshipping community, where we seek to be conformed ever more closely to the pattern of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, offering right worship to the Father in spirit and truth (cf. Jn 4:24).

## **MASSSES**

**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**

*[Masses times in green are also live-streamed]*

## **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

**Saturdays 11:00 AM - 12:00 Noon**

**3:00 PM - 3:45 PM**

## **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

Baptisms are held monthly on Sunday at 12:30 PM. Please call the Rectory for available dates and to register for required pre-baptismal class. Classes are held on the first Sunday of each month. Please call the office to schedule.

## **SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE**

Couples should contact a parish priest one year in advance, BEFORE any social arrangements are made. NO Sunday Weddings.

## **SICK CALLS, COMMUNION CALLS,**

## **ANOINTING OF THE SICK,**

## **HOSPITAL VISITS**

Due to the Federal health privacy laws, HIPAA, hospitals cannot issue names of patients to parish- es; you or a family member should contact the hospital's Spiritual Care Office to request a Hospital Chaplain visit during your stay. If you need to request a home visit for a loved one, please call the Rectory Office at 203-748-8177.



**Saint Joseph Church is wheelchair accessible. Parking for the physically challenged is located at the side of church.**

# MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, May 10:**

8:00 AM Keith Capellaro  
—Capellaro/Whitehead Family  
4:00 PM Myda Cook—Zilliox Family

**Sunday, May 11:**

7:30 AM Maureen Ferrara—Jennine Ferrara  
9:30 AM Dorothy Pribulo—Marilyn Roginski  
11:00 AM Baby Bethea—Rose Latty  
5:00 PM Intentions of Parishioners

**Monday, May 12:**

12:05 PM Dec. of LiVolsi Family—Keilty Family

**Tuesday, May 13:**

12:05 PM Paul Wemitt—Wemitt Family

**Wednesday, May 14:**

12:05 PM Stephen L. Shepherd—Family

**Thursday, May 15:**

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

**Friday, May 16:**

12:05 PM Frances & Dom Troccola—Pauline

**Saturday, May 17:**

8:00 AM Juanita Cabrera—Maria Sheehan  
4:00 PM Michael J. Smith, Sr.—M/M F. Sullivan

**Sunday, May 18:**

7:30 AM Lily & Bill Ferrara—M/M J. Ferrara  
9:30 AM Catherine Small  
—Jeanne & Brendan Spain  
11:00 AM Bethany Mass  
5:00 PM Intentions of Parishioners



The Sanctuary Candles will burn  
this week in memory of  
**Catherine Valente**  
requested by M/M Frank Sullivan.



Please Pray for the Repose  
of the Soul of:

**Beatrice Coladarci**

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

### Bulletin Blurb for Fourth Sunday of Easter

Christ is risen, alleluia, alleluia!

On behalf of all children of our parish, a very happy and blessed Mother's Day to all of our mothers in the parish and beyond. With the exception of the Blessed Virgin Mother of Jesus, probably the most famous mother in Christendom would be Saint Monica, the mother of the patron saint of our own Diocese of Bridgeport, Saint Augustine. The tales of her love for her son and the painstaking lengths she went to in prayer and sorrow for the conversion of her son are an example...the example for all mothers out in the world who, in particular, find themselves interceding at great lengths on behalf of their own children.

Be it biological motherhood, spiritual motherhood, and all kinds of motherhood in-between, it is clear that the old saying that "behind every great man is a great woman", reigns true. Saint Augustine wrote about his mother after his own conversion to the Catholic faith that, "She saw that through me you had given her far more than she had long begged for by her piteous tears and groans." Her tears over her wayward son and her groans to the Lord in prayer that her son would come to know, love, and serve God, were answered and Saint Augustine makes it abundantly clear that it was because of his mother's tears and prayers that the Lord broke through the darkness of his own doing.

Mothers have a power in love that will only be revealed in its entirety in eternal life and all children must be grateful. In the Eastern Church and in some orders of the Western Church like the Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist and the Benedictine Sisters, all fully professed religious women eventually receive the title "Mother". It is not because they will all become superiors of their communities but because they fully embrace their role as spiritual mothers fulfilling the same role that Saint Monica saw as her primary responsibility, to intercede to God on behalf of all their children.

I am so very grateful to my own mother and to all the many women who exemplify the characteristics of those saintly mothers throughout all of human history. May God bless all of those mothers who have and continue to give their very lives day in and day out to ensure that their children are loved and grow to be virtuous men and women. God bless you and happy Mother's Day!

In Christ & Mary,  
Father Silva

*All-loving God, we give you thanks and praise for mothers young and old.*

*We pray for young mothers, who give life and count toes and tend to our every need; May they be blessed with patience and tenderness to care for their families and themselves with great joy.*

*We pray for our own mothers who have nurtured and cared for us; May they continue to guide us in strong and gentle ways.*

*We remember mothers who are separated from their children because of war, poverty, or conflict; May they feel the loving embrace of our God who wipes every tear away.*

*We pray for women who are not mothers but still love and shape us with motherly care and compassion.*

*We remember mothers, grandmothers, and great-grandmothers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love. Amen.*

**Happy Mother's Day!**

## PARISH EVENTS

### MONTHLY COFFEE HOUR

Sunday, May 11  
after the 7:30am Mass  
In the Church Hall

### CCW SPRING FOOD DRIVE

Saturday, May 17  
10:00am-1:00pm  
Church back parking lot  
For Dorothy Day Hospitality House

### MAY CROWNING

Saturday, May 17  
10:00am May Crowning by the Grotto  
followed by rosary making for all families  
& parishioners in Parish Hall until 2:00pm

### St. Joseph School Mass & Coffee Hour

Sunday, May 18  
9:30am Mass  
Followed by Coffee Hour in Church Hall

### RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Friday, May 30  
12:00pm-5:00pm  
In the Church Hall  
Sponsored by Knights of Columbus Council 29

## Order of Mass for the Lord's Day FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### Processional Hymn

**#701 "On This Day, the First of Days"**

Kyrie **#191 "Lord Have Mercy"**

Gloria **#192 "Glory to God in the Highest"**

First Reading: Acts 13:14, 43-52 \*

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 100:1-2, 3 5

Second Reading: Revelation 7:9, 14b-17

Gospel Acclamation: John 10:14

GOSPEL: John 10:27-30

### HOMILY

### Offertory Hymn

**#784 "The King of Love"**

Sanctus **#193 "Holy, Holy, Holy"**

Memorial Acclamation

**#196 "Save Us, Savior of the World"**

Great Amen **#197 "Amen"**

Agnus Dei **#198 Latin Chant**

### Communion Hymn

**#745 "Shepherd of Souls, In Love, Come Feed Us"**

### Recessional Hymn

**#499 "Crown Him with Many Crowns"**

\**Readings & Gospel: Today's Missal, pp. 88-90*  
*St. Michael Hymnal: Heritage Mass*

### BETHANY MASS

Sunday, May 18

Next Sunday, at the 11:00 AM Bethany Mass, we remember our deceased parishioners, especially the recently deceased:

Eileen Post, Karen Gravius, Leslie Jaber, Bridget LaFogue, Patrick Mannion, Lewis Addessi, Teresa Carlo

Although we miss these parishioners' physical presence, we celebrate their eternal life with Jesus. We want their loved ones to know that we are here to support them. Please continue to pray for all deceased parishioners, their families and friends.



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

May 3-4, 2025      \$8,022.00  
Monthly Collection    \$5,170.00

This weekend's second collection is for:  
**Mother's Day**

### ONLINE GIVING

Our Church is a spiritual home for all of us which relies on our time, talent and treasure to fulfill that mission. Online Giving helps support our Church by allowing you to make donations, payments and pledges via your mobile phone, smart device or computer to our Church. To enroll, go to [www.stjosephdanbury.org](http://www.stjosephdanbury.org) and click on the **Online Giving** tab (on the right) to create an account.

### ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL PARTICIPATION

To date, **14%** of our registered households have made pledges and gifts to the Annual Bishop's Appeal.

We need to raise **\$42,939** to make our parish goal.

We are hopeful that **100%** of our registered households will respond to the 2025 Bishop's Appeal. While the level of sacrifice will differ from parishioner to parishioner, an Appeal gift this year is within the reach of the majority of our people. Please prayerfully consider supporting the Bishop's Appeal with a pledge or one-time gift as your means allow. Your support is much needed and will be greatly appreciated!

To learn more please visit:  
[www.2025BishopsAppeal.org](http://www.2025BishopsAppeal.org)



### Saint Joseph Parish

#### 2025 Bishop's Appeal as of 5/02/25

Bishop's Appeal Goal:	\$98,000.00
Total Pledged:	\$55,061 (56.18%)
Donors to Date:	198 Donors



To make a gift, or for more information, please visit us at [2025BishopsAppeal.org](http://2025BishopsAppeal.org) call (203) 416-1470 or scan with your phone.



### Teaching and Preaching the Gospel

Our future priests receive exceptional formation, support, and education as they pursue their call to serve God and His Church. Over a process that typically takes between seven and nine years, our men are formed in the spiritual life, pastoral care, and self-knowledge. They are instructed in the rich history of our Catholic theological tradition, ultimately leading to a master's degree in theology before Ordination.

Through your generous gift to the Bishop's Appeal, the Diocese is better able to support men who are discerning priesthood, that they may respond generously and courageously to that call and serve you as good and faithful shepherds. *Thank you for your gift.*





Our worship can be aided and inspired by the art in the beautiful stained glass windows in our church. The window above is of **St. John the Evangelist**. It is located on the right side above the altar. We hear St. John's Gospel's proclaimed at Masses during this year's Easter season.

## FAITH FORMATION

**Calendar**— Faith Formation classes will meet in May: Tuesdays, May 13, Wed. May 14. Please pray for our sacramental candidates.

### **Important Spring Dates:**

May 10<sup>th</sup> – First Holy Communion Mass  
May 17<sup>th</sup> – May Crowning & Rosary Event, 10am  
May 27<sup>th</sup> – Sacrament of Confirmation  
Ceremonies (5 pm SJS and 7 pm RE)

### **Faith Formation Office Hours:**

Monday to Wednesday from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm  
Thursdays from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon  
The office is closed on Fridays.

## DAILY MASS READINGS:

### **Monday, May 12**

Acts 11:1-18 / Psalm 42:2-3; 43:3,4 / John 10:1-10

### **Tuesday, May 13**

Acts 11:19-26 / Psalm 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 /  
John 10:22-30

### **Wednesday, May 14 - St. Matthias, Apostle**

Acts 1:15-17, 20-26 / Psalm 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 /  
John 15:9-17

### **Thursday, May 15**

Acts 13:13-25 / Psalm 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 & 27 /  
John 13:16-20

### **Friday, May 16**

Acts 13:26-33 / Psalm 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab /  
John 14:1-6

### **Saturday, May 17**

Acts 13:44-52 / Psalm 98:41, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 /  
John 14:7-14

## PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

### **Workers for the Harvest Prayer**

*God our Father,*

*You made each of us to use our gifts in the Body of Christ. We ask that You inspire young people whom you call to priesthood and consecrated life to courageously follow Your will.*

*Send workers into Your great harvest so that the Gospel is preached, the poor are served with love, the suffering are comforted, and Your people are strengthened by the sacraments.*

*We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.*

**HAVE YOU  
PRAYED TODAY?**



## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### SAINT JOSEPH PARISH CONTACTS

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*in your prayers*

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Jeanne Soraghan ~ Lorraine Squillante ~ MaryAnn  
Storms ~ Kenneth Towery ~ Rebecca Zaccardo ~  
and all of our parishioners currently in nursing homes,  
hospitals, or confined to their homes.

*If a person should be added, or should no longer be  
on our prayer list, please call the Parish Office at  
203-748-8177, so that we may update the list.*



### SAINT JOSEPH SCHOOL

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#### Welcome to Saint Joseph Church! REGISTRATION FORM

If you attend our parish on a regular basis, please register with us. It is so helpful whenever the need arises for special sacraments, funeral masses, and sponsor certificates. Please complete the form below, drop it in any collection basket, or submit it to the Office, and our staff will register you.

You may also register on our website:

[www.stjosephdanbury.org](http://www.stjosephdanbury.org)

Please introduce yourself to one of our Parish clergy.

Please help us to keep our list current by contacting us when your information changes.

I am ☐ Registering as a new parishioner  
☐ Updating my information

#### PLEASE PRINT

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