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## **The Most Holy Trinity — May 31, 2026**



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**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.

## SAINT JOSEPH PARISH CONTACTS

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### **Requests for Sacraments and Home Visits:**

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



### **Saturday, May 30:**

8:00 AM Vocations to Married Life  
 4:00 PM Keith & Pat Dean—Dean Family

### **Sunday, May 31:**

7:30 AM Mary Mikucki—Ron  
 9:30 AM Mary Ann Newsome—Levi Newsome  
 11:00 AM Harry Nipper (40th Anniv. )  
 —Dr. & Mrs. Thomas Nipper  
 5:00 PM Intentions of Parishioners

### **Monday, June 1:**

12:05 PM Philip & Jennie Ross (100th Wedding  
 Anniversary)—Grandchildren

### **Tuesday, June 2:**

12:05 PM Esperanza Borja—Family

### **Wednesday, June 3:**

12:05 PM Nick Carbone—Knights of  
 Columbus Council #29

### **Thursday, June 4:**

9:00 AM Oreste Casciaro—Daughter  
 6:00 PM Solemn High Mass for  
 Feast of Corpus Christi

### **Friday, June 5:**

12:05 PM John LaGratta—LaGratta Family

### **Saturday, June 6:**

8:00 AM Vocations to the Priesthood  
 for the Diocese of Bridgeport  
 4:00 PM Rita T. Sullivan—Family

### **Sunday, June 7: *Corpus Christi***

7:30 AM Medlar & Casale Families  
 —Sue & Vinny Casale  
 9:30 AM Natalina Rullo-Maria Rullo & Deni Rullo  
 11:00 AM Johnny Ramirez—Family  
 5:00 PM Intentions of Parishioners



The Sanctuary Candle will burn  
 this week in memory of

**Betty & George Repko**

Requested by: George, Jim & Deanna

## **Pastor's Corner for Trinity Sunday**

Praised be Jesus Christ!

It is one of the most difficult aspects of the faith to simply try and wrap one's brain around the indisputable truth that the One God is Three Persons. As revealed to us by the Athanasian Creed (Athanasian Creed: DS 75; ND 16), the Catechism of the Catholic Church reads: "We worship one God in the Trinity and the Trinity in unity, without either confusing the persons or dividing the substance; for the person of the Father is one, the Son's is another, the Holy Spirit's another; but the Godhead of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit is one, their glory equal, their majesty coeternal (CCC 266)."

While this may come across as overly intellectual and to some, unnecessary, it is always necessary to be theologically accurate when trying to define divinely revealed truths. Even with truths that are difficult to understand, I believe that there is an incredible amount of beauty and spiritual substance to reflect upon precisely because of the mystery that is revealed to us in these truths. We share in the life of the Blessed Trinity by virtue of our baptism here on earth in the obscurity of faith, and after death in eternal light. Here on earth this great mystery remains hidden to our finite minds but in eternity, God will reveal the totality of these truths, and how glorious that day will be!

I think that there is a danger in our contemporary world in trying to explain away all the mysteries of our faith. We will often use analogies, parables, myths, and stories to try and help us understand and there is nothing wrong with this approach...how often did Jesus Himself do it! I do believe that there is a freedom and beauty in admitting to oneself that there will forever be a certain amount of mystery for much of what we hold to be absolute regarding our faith. There will always be moments when we question events in our lives: why did my loved one die? Why am I the one who has to suffer in this way? Why didn't I get this or that? The consolation comes in knowing that these questions will be answered when we see God face to face. The consolation comes when we truly believe that just because we cannot answer those questions of our beating hearts, it does not mean that they cannot or will not be answered in God's time. The mysteries of our faith collide with those seemingly answerless and mysterious moments in our lives.

In Christ & Mary,  
Father Silva

## PARISH EVENTS

### WEEKLY HOLY HOUR & CONFESSION

Monday, June 1 7:00-8:00 PM

### CORPUS CHRISTI DAY

At St. Joseph Danbury

Prayer—Mass—Adoration—Procession

Thursday, June 4 8:30 AM-8:30 PM

See flyer for times.

Sponsored by CREW Leaders for Mary

### FIRST FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Friday, June 5 1:00-3:00 PM

Due to the St. Joseph School Graduation Mass,

First Friday Adoration will need to conclude at 3:00 PM.

### KofC COUNCIL #29 FOOD DRIVE

Saturday-Sunday, June 6-7

After All Masses

Please see donation items information on this page, for Daily Bread Food Pantry.

### Pre-Baptism Class

Sunday, June 7 1:00 PM

The next pre-baptism class will be held on Sunday, June 7, at 1:00 PM in the Religious Ed Building. Pre-baptism class is required for parents prior to scheduling a baptism. Please call the Office to register: 203-748-8177.



Knights of Columbus Council #29

# FOOD DRIVE

Help us fill the bins in the vestibule at all Masses!

### WE ARE COLLECTING THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

Dried beans (1 or 2-pound bags), Rice (1 or 2-pound bags), Pasta (especially spaghetti), Cooking oil, Tea and coffee, Baby food, Breakfast cereal (hot or cold), Condiments such as ketchup, mustard, mayo, vinegar, and hot sauce, Sugar, flour, and baking items such as cake mix, Any little luxuries or oddball items you yourself might like as a treat, Canned staple items such as tuna, soup, and vegetables are always welcome, as are mac & cheese, and pasta sauce

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*Wedding Banns*

Nathaniel Leiby & Natalia Szurawski – 2nd Banns

Matthew Schulze & Jeisy Posadas - 1st Banns



# Feast of Corpus Christi

Prayer Mass Adoration Procession

June 4<sup>th</sup>

St. Joseph Church

376 Main St. Danbury, CT 06810

8:30am-8:30pm

For More Information

[www.crewlfm.org](http://www.crewlfm.org) / [info@crewlfm.org](mailto:info@crewlfm.org)

# Feast of Corpus Christi

**Laudes (Morning Prayer)**

8:30am - 9:00am

**Mass**

9:00am - 10:00am

**Adoration**

10:00am - 6:00pm

**Terce (Daytime Prayer)**

1:00pm - 1:30pm

**Confessions**

4:00pm - 6:00pm

**Vespers (Evening Prayer)**

5:30pm - 6:00pm

**Solemn High Mass (1962)**

6:00pm - 7:30pm

**Procession to St. Peter Church**

7:30pm - 8:00pm

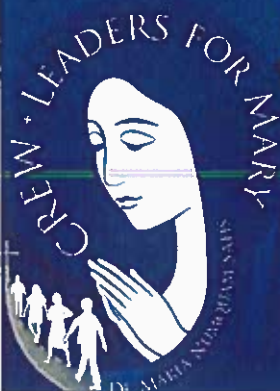
**Benediction**

8:00pm - 8:15pm

*\*Bus transportation back to  
St. Joseph's will be provided\**

**Reception**

8:30pm - 9:00pm



# Parish Support

## Stewardship of Time, Talent, and Treasure Worship Offerings for the Week of 5/19-5/25/26

Weekly Offertory                   \$ 7,494.00  
Maintenance Fund               \$ 3,283.00

- ◇ This weekend's second collection is for the **St. Joseph School Capital Projects Fund.**
- ◇ Next weekend's (June 7) collection: **Monthly Collection.**

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### Offertory Online Giving

Online Giving is an easy, safe, and convenient way to support St. Joseph Church. You can manage your giving or give a one-time gift right from your phone or from the comfort of your own home, using your preferred credit card or bank account.

To enroll, visit our church website [www.stjosephdanbury.org](http://www.stjosephdanbury.org) and click on the Online Giving tab (on the right) to create an account. Your support helps sustain our parish year-round, and also helps to simplify the related administrative support.

If you do participate in online giving, and do not wish to receive offertory envelopes by mail, please contact the Parish Office: 203-748-8177 or [recstjoseph@yahoo.com](mailto:recstjoseph@yahoo.com)

### Mass Intentions

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



| Saint Joseph Parish                                                                                                                                                               |                |
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| 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 <a href="http://2026BishopsAppeal.org">2026BishopsAppeal.org</a>, call (203) 416-1470 or scan with your phone.</p> |                |

### 2026 Bishop's Appeal, One in Christ

If you have not yet responded to the 2026 Bishop's Appeal, please reflect upon the importance of your support to ministry and outreach that relies upon the charity of the Diocese of Bridgeport. The challenge is immediate and far-reaching, but the solution is within our reach!

Please consider the following options when deciding upon the best way to support the Bishop's Appeal this year:

- Make a pledge and spread out your payments over 5 or 10 months
- Please make an automatic recurring monthly gift
- Donate on-line by going to the diocesan website, [2026BishopsAppeal.org](http://2026BishopsAppeal.org)
- Check if your employer will match your gift through the Corporate Matching Gift Program
- Donate a one-time gift
- Contribute a gift of appreciated stocks or securities

Whatever you decide, your gift will be greatly appreciated and make a difference in the lives of others. To learn more please visit: [www.2026BishopsAppeal.org](http://www.2026BishopsAppeal.org).

Thank you for your support.

## FAITH FORMATION

### 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.

**203-778-1920**

## O.C.I.A. CONGRATULATIONS!

We congratulate the following members  
of our Parish family who received  
the Sacrament of Confirmation  
on Pentecost Sunday:

**Marie Rojas  
Lester Valdes  
Andres Vivas**



**REMEMBER**  
*in your prayers*

Rose Marie Abramo  
Kelli Barrett  
Miguel Boni  
Marie Bovaird  
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Irene Clark  
Chuck Daudt  
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## SAINT JOSEPH SCHOOL

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## OPEN ENROLLMENT

St. Joseph School is pleased to announce that  
Open Enrollment for the 2026-2027 school year  
is now underway for Pre-K3 through 7th Grade.

Please contact us to check availability.

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