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The Feast of Corpus Christi — June 7, 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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Requests for Sacraments and Home Visits:

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



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

Monday, June 8:

12:05 PM Peck Engel—Phil & Maggie Curran

Tuesday, June 9:

12:05 PM Francis P. Sullivan—M/M F. Sullivan

Wednesday, June 10:

12:05 PM Marie McNerney—McNerney Family

Thursday, June 11:

9:00 AM In Honor of St. Anthony of Padua
 —John Perry

Friday, June 12:

12:05 PM Pasquale Perry Family—Son, John

Saturday, June 13:

8:00 AM Intentions of Our Parishioners
 4:00 PM Nina Ferraro—Cousin

Sunday, June 14:

7:30 AM Albert Baldelli—Daughters
 9:30 AM Mario & Fernando Bragaglia—Sister
 11:00 AM Bethany Mass
 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 Solemnity of Corpus Christi

Praised be Jesus Christ!

Pope Urban IV, in the year 1264, officially instituted the feast of *Corpus Christi* for the entire Church in his papal bull, *Transiturus*. Processions were a part of the life of the Church, but this feast day regularized the procession of the Blessed Sacrament out in the community. Pope Saint John Paul II said famously that the Church “does not only celebrate the Eucharist but solemnly bears it in procession, publicly proclaiming that the sacrifice of Christ is for the salvation of the whole world.” We, as a community, have as our solemn responsibility as members of Christ’s Body (the Church), the great privilege of proclaiming Christ to the world. As our parish mission states, “To make Christ known”, is there any more tangible way of doing so than literally bringing His Body out into the community?

The “Order of Prayer in the Liturgy of the Hours and Celebration of the Eucharist” says, “The annual procession on the feast of Corpus Christi, or on an appropriate day near this feast, is desirable, in accordance with the law, when today’s circumstances permit and it can truly be a sign of common faith and adoration”. Saint John Vianney would have the entirety of his town of Ars, France prepare for this most solemn feast by setting up altars throughout the town, lining the streets with decorations of flowers, and preparing the minds and hearts of all his parishioners with homilies on the Blessed Sacrament leading up to the actual feast itself. On the day of *Corpus Christi*, he would have a marching band in procession and each altar throughout the town, he would have benediction (a blessing with the Blessed Sacrament in the monstrance), followed by the firing off of canons in place of the bells that would normally ring during benediction in the church.

While I highly doubt that the firing off of cannons would be a welcome tradition in the city limits of Danbury, and finding a marching band that would be willing to process through the streets playing hymns of praise for the incarnate God, the question remains: why should these beautiful traditions be something that we look back on with a fondness and longing in our hearts? Should these be traditions of the past or should they be something that we incorporate into every era of the Church before Jesus sees fit to come again? These traditions were passed down through the centuries to all of us because they are clear public displays of what we believe and a tangible way of making Christ’s presence in the Blessed Sacrament known to the world. I believe with all my heart that traditions such as these are what also give flavor to our life of faith. We need not (and cannot) hold these processions each and every week but the grandeur of a procession should be a beautiful reminder of that mandate held dear to all of us, to bring Christ’s presence into the world.

In Christ & Mary,
Father Silva

PARISH EVENTS

CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION

Sunday, June 7 after 11:00 AM Mass
Procession at St. Joseph Parish Campus
Prayer inside Church for those not processing

WEEKLY HOLY HOUR & CONFESSION

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

ST. MONICA PRAYER GROUP

Tuesday, June 9 8:45-9:45 AM
See flyer for details.

School Event:

ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Wednesday, June 10
Richter Park Golf Course
Contact: SJSGolfOuting@SJSDanbury.org

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:
www.bridgeportdiocese.org/safe-environment



We welcome our newly baptized:

Emerson Ann Durkin
Jadial Michael Panza
Noah Lenny Panza Sari
Aaliyah Naomi Panza Sari
Milan Pomavilla
Luca Almonte
Mila Lesmes
Santiago Lesmes
Sienna Jean Nabozna

Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

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: June 9 @ 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



Tuesday, June 9, will be our final gathering for this school year. Thank you all for your continued support and prayers for our children. We will resume in September and look forward to praying with you again soon.



Wedding Banns

Nathaniel Leiby & Natalia Szurawski – 3rd Banns

Matthew Schulze & Jeisy Posadas - 2nd Banns

FAITH FORMATION

Congratulations to all of the St. Joseph School and Religious Education children who received the sacrament of the Holy Eucharist for the first time on Saturday, May 2, 2026!

Adames, Aaron
Agnew, William
Albury, Lila
Arconti, Alexander
Arevalo, Dayanna
Barros, Lucas
Conte, Quinn
Cruz, Marie
Cuozzo, Anthony
Curillo, Salma
Eilson, Laura
Fabian, Felipe
Fondeur, Aylen
Gallo, Alyssa
Gliaschera, Andre
Harlacher, Alexis
Hoffman, Madelynn
Jara, Kayla
Kisling, Mollie
Lounsbury, Andrew
Martins, Anthony
Martins, Michaela
Milano-Reyes Vida

Morelli, Brooke
Morelli, Christopher
Nadeau, Olivia
Nicolin-Perez, David
Oliveira, Sarah
Petrini, Christopher
Rosas Espinal, Leah
Salomone, Dylan
Sanchez, Elena
Saquicela, Leah
Savaglio, Ava
Schnell, Katrina
Silva, Anabela
Silva, Luiza
Sullivan, Ryker
Tacuri, Amy
Tenesaca, Axel
Tenesaca, Jared
Toledo, Elias
Vasquez, Noah
Whalen, Charlotte
Williams, Derek

Calendar — While religious education classes have ended for the school year, please remind your children that faith formation is lifelong and continuous in the home. We encourage all of our families to attend Sunday Mass. Reception of the Holy Eucharist is the most important celebration of the Church—it is the source and summit of our lives as Christians.

Join the catechetical team! For the new school year, we will need catechists, door/hall monitors, classroom aides, and substitutes! *As the first and foremost educators of your children, you are the ideal candidate for teaching your Catholic faith!* Plus, as a catechist, you will receive a tuition discount and ongoing training will be made available to you! **We also are looking for teen mentors!** Teen volunteers must be in high school and already confirmed.

Please direct questions to: maria.schweitzer@stjosephdanbury.org.

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.

Parish Support

Stewardship of Time, Talent, and Treasure Worship Offerings for the Week of 5/26-56/1/26

Weekly Offertory \$ 9,475.00

♦ This weekend's second collection is for the
Monthly Collection.



REMEMBER
in your prayers

Rose Marie Abramo
Kelli Barrett
Miguel Boni
Marie Bovaird
William Carasquillo
Ernestine Clark
Irene Clark
Chuck Daudt
Jonathan DeMarco
Albert Docktor
Edith Donald
Anita Edwards
Anand Gokhale
Marie Hallas
Henry James
Jessy Jos
P.M. Joseph
Gavin King
Dorothy Koellmer
Livio Malta
Catherine McCarthy

Eileen McCarthy
Jim McNerney
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Michelle Mott
Nick Munoz
Victor Munoz
Marjorie Nodine
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Michael Pedicini
Joseph Ponmankal
Christine Preisser
Lilian Rivera
Catherine Robinson
Barbara R. Schirmer
Gael Sifuentes
Michael Skomro
Jeanne Soraghan
Lorraine Squillante
Kenneth Towery
Jim Wheeler
Rebecca Zaccardo



St. Joseph Parish

2026 ABA Goal: \$98,000

Total Pledged as of 5/1/26: \$90,381 (92%)

Any funds pledged/given **by June 30**, will be
returned directly to our Parish.

2026 BISHOP'S APPEAL MINISTRY VIGNETTE: *Future Priests*

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. To learn more please visit:
www.2026BishopsAppeal.org.

On Saturday, June 13, our Diocese is blessed to celebrate the ordination of two seminarians, Juan Jose Colon, Jr., and Herley Felipe Mendez Torres, at 11:00 a.m. at St. Augustine Cathedral. We are grateful for the guidance and dedication of our Director of Seminarians, Fr. Ford, and our Vocations Director, Fr. Galbert, as well as the prayerful discernment of our seminarians. We look forward to this joyful and blessed celebration.



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

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

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