

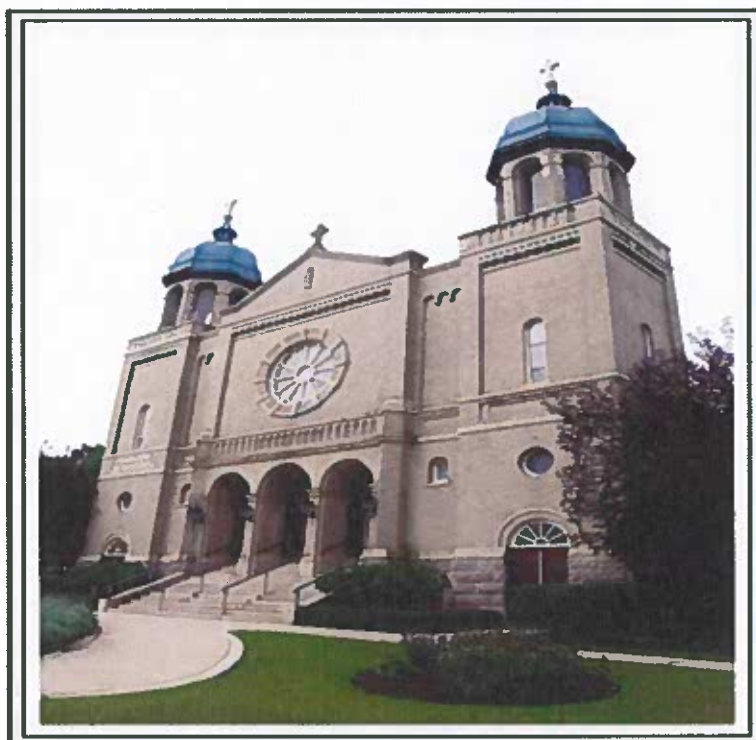
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Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time — June 14, 2026



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



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 Maria & Fernando Bragaglia—Sister
 11:00 AM Bethany Mass
 5:00 PM Intentions of Parishioners

Monday, June 15:

12:05 PM Catherine Valente—Family

Tuesday, June 16:

12:05 PM Mary Mikucki—Ron

Wednesday, June 17:

12:05 PM Michael J. Comer
 —Donald & Irene Ragatz

Thursday, June 18:

12:05 PM Int. of Victor & Nick Munoz
 —Fran Munoz, Sister

Friday, June 19:

12:05 PM John Perry Family
 —Nephew, John Perry

Saturday, June 20:

8:00 AM Intentions of St. Joseph School
 4:00 PM John Crowell, Jr. (5th Anniv.)
 —Mom, Dad & Family

Sunday, June 21:

7:30 AM George A. Repko—Repko Family
 9:30 AM Baby Bethea—Rose Latty & Family
 11:00 AM Ronaldo Flores—Marta Estrada
 5:00 PM Intentions of Parishioners



The Sanctuary Candle will burn
 this week in memory of

Albert Baldelli

Requested by: Daughters

Pastor's Corner for the Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Praised be Jesus Christ!

This past Friday, June 12th, we celebrated the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus and yesterday, Saturday, June 13th, we celebrated the Feast of the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary. These feasts are celebrated each year 19 days after the Feast of Pentecost is celebrated. The beautiful images of the Sacred Heart and the Immaculate Heart are rich with meaning and symbolism. The Sacred Heart of Jesus shows a cross, the crown of thorns, the wound and blood from the spear that pierced Jesus' side, and flames that symbolize Jesus' fire of love for us. The Immaculate Heart shows white roses which symbolize Mary's immaculate conception as well as her virginity, the swords of sorrow that pierced her heart, as well as flames of love for her Son and for all of her children.

With roots in the writings of the Church fathers about the laying open of Christ's body by the soldier's spear at his crucifixion, the devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus became more formalized around the 11th century in France. The devotion, which took hold among the order of the Franciscans, soon spread to other holy orders, such as the Jesuits, the Carmelites of Spain, and the Benedictines. It was Saint Margurite Maire Alacoque, a cloistered nun of the Visitation order living in the late 17th century who received divine visitations which revealed the full form of the devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. This devotion calls for the reception of Holy Communion on the first Friday of each month, Eucharistic adoration during a holy hour on Thursdays, and the celebration of the Feast of the Sacred Heart. In the late 19th century, a nun known as Sister Mary of the Divine Heart received divine messages from Jesus Christ to request that the Pope consecrate the entire world to the Sacred Heart and set the first Friday of each month as devotional days to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Pope Leo XIII made the feast day official on June 11, 1899.

Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary began in the Middle Ages. By the mid-1600s, it was commonly celebrated thanks to the efforts of French priest Saint John Eudes, who devoted his life to promoting devotion to the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and the Blessed Virgin Mary. The feast day honoring the Immaculate Heart of Mary moved across the calendar several times before being formalized beside the feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in 1969 by Pope Paul VI. All of this information is to say that the Church has had a long-standing tradition of honoring the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary that has changed in practice of devotion, but come to us from the Savior Himself, and His Mother. Ordering our own hearts towards the Sacred Heart and the Immaculate Heart is no small endeavor but a task that lies at as a bedrock of foundation for each and every one of us who proclaim Christ Crucified. May the tender hearts of Jesus and Mary be a source of hope and consolation to all of our hearts.

In Christ & Mary,
Father Silva

PARISH EVENTS

MONTHLY COFFEE HOUR

Sunday, June 14

In the Church Hall after the 7:30 AM Mass

WEEKLY HOLY HOUR & CONFESSION

Monday, June 15 7:00-8:00 PM

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



Wedding Banns

Matthew Schulze & Jeisy Posadas - 3rd Banns



BETHANY MASS

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

Levi Newsome

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

Please pray for the Repose of the Souls of **Newly Deceased**

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*Send your Holy Spirit to help others to respond generously and courageously to your call.
May our community of faith support vocations of sacrificial love in our youth and young adults.*

*Through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever.
Amen*



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St. Joseph Parish is at 96% of our ABA goal.

Any funds pledged/given by June 30, that exceed our goal, will be returned to our parish.

Saint Joseph Parish	
2026 Bishop's Appeal as of 6/5/26	
Bishop's Appeal Goal:	\$98,000
Total Pledged:	\$94,569 (96%)
Donors to Date:	249 Donors
	
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2026 BISHOP'S APPEAL MINISTRY VIGNETTE:

Apologetics: Strengthening Faith for Today's World

In today's world, Catholics are called not only to believe, but to understand and share their faith with **clarity, confidence, and charity**. The Diocese of Bridgeport is supporting this mission through the work of Suan Sonna, Director of Apologetics.

Suan's ministry focuses on helping Catholics: *Understand what we believe and why; Encounter Christ more deeply; Respond to questions about the faith with care and compassion*

This office offers retreats, mentorship, youth programs, and testimony nights that form thoughtful, confident disciples.

The Bishop's Appeal makes this important work possible, supporting initiatives that strengthen faith and equip Catholics to engage the culture with truth and charity.

Learn more at 2026BishopsAppeal.org

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.

203-748-8177

FAITH FORMATION

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.

Faith Formation Office: 203-778-1920



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OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults), is the process by which adults become fully Catholic through the sacraments of Baptism, Holy Eucharist and Confirmation.

If you are considering becoming Catholic, or are a baptized Catholic adult who wishes to prepare for First Communion and Confirmation, we invite you to join our OCIA program.

Sessions will begin in the Fall, and we will meet weekly.

St. Joseph's OCIA program includes sessions of education, discussion, questions & answers, and fellowship. Our team includes mentors who recently went through the OCIA program, and can provide welcome and accompaniment to new seekers.

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