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Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time — June 21, 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.

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, 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

Monday, June 22:

12:05 PM Helen Nelson—Mary & Frank Sullivan

Tuesday, June 23:

12:05 PM Int. of Betty Bontempi—Fran Munoz

Wednesday, June 24:

12:05 PM Int. of Marek Szurawski
 —Szurawski Family

Thursday, June 25:

12:05 PM Fr. Naji J. Kiwan—Cheri & John Jowdy

Friday, June 26:

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

Saturday, June 27:

8:00 AM Vocations to the Religious Life
 4:00 PM Scott Sasso, Sr.—Family

Sunday, June 28:

7:30 AM Elizabeth Repko—Repko Family
 9:30 AM Int. of Marek Szurawski
 —Ania Szurawski
 11:00 AM Margaret Mahoney—Family
 5:00 PM Intentions of Parishioners



The Sanctuary Candle will burn
 this week in memory of

Josephine & Angelo Fiasco

Requested by: Antonietta & Family

GOSPEL MEDITATION— ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

June 21, 2026
12th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Matthew 10:26-33

Jean Améry, a Holocaust survivor tortured by the Nazis, later wrote about the abyss of human evil. He described his reaction as an “indignant despair.” Haven’t we all, to some degree, felt that abyss opened beneath us? A sudden loss, a violent headline, a moment of loneliness or panic, when the world feels fragile and meaning seems to collapse?

It is to this fear that Jesus speaks in today’s Gospel: “**Do not be afraid of those who can kill the body.**” (Matthew 10:28) He does not deny evil or pretend we will never suffer. Instead, He reframes the abyss: do not fear those who can kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Your life is seen, known, and counted by the Father. Even the hairs of your head, even the sparrow’s fall. This is no superficial comfort. Jesus himself has entered the abyss: suffering, death, even our sense of forsakenness, and he has come through it. That is why his words, “Do not be afraid,” hold such weight. They do not erase the abyss but build a bridge across it.

Faith is not pretending everything is fine. It is staring into the abyss and still choosing trust. And in that trust, we discover we are never alone. Christ stands with us, and the Father’s care surrounds us. That is the only comfort deep enough for our (often fearful) hearts.

— *Father John Muir*

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PARISH EVENTS

WEEKLY HOLY HOUR & CONFESSION

Monday, June 22 7:00-8:00 PM

CELEBRATE!

Fr. Silva's 10th Anniversary of Ordination Sunday, June 28

Come join us after the 11:00 Mass honoring Father Silva's 10th Anniversary of Ordination. All gifts will go to the Adoration Chapel repair.

OFFICE CLOSURE

The Parish Offices will be closed the Week of June 29-July 3.

Carmen Buck Building Access During Remodeling:

The building is undergoing remodeling during the summer. Please call the Faith Formation Office if you need access to the building: 203-778-1920



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

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JUNE 22-25

6:00-9:00PM

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8 Robinson Ave.
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encounter.school.org/fairfield

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as priests, deacons, and consecrated persons.

*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*

Parish Support

Stewardship of Time, Talent, and Treasure Worship Offerings for the Week of 6/9—6/15/26

Weekly Offertory \$ 7,579.00

- ◇ This weekend's second collection is for **Father's Day**.
- ◇ Next weekend's second collection is for **Peter's Pence**



REMEMBER
in your prayers

Kelli Barrett
Miguel Boni
Marie Bovaird
William Carasquillo
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Irene Clark
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Gael Sifuentes
Jeanne Soraghan
Lorraine Squillante
Kenneth Towery
Jim Wheeler
Rebecca Zaccardo

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



St. Joseph Parish is at 102% of our ABA goal!

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

THANK YOU to all who have participated.

Saint Joseph Parish	
2026 Bishop's Appeal as of 6/12/26	
Bishop's Appeal Goal:	\$98,000
Total Pledged:	\$100,073 (102%)
Donors to Date:	257 Donors



To make a gift, or for more information, please visit us at 2026BishopsAppeal.org, call (203) 416-1470 or scan with your phone.

2026 BISHOP'S APPEAL MINISTRY VIGNETTE: *Catholic Charities of Fairfield County*

For more than a century, Catholic Charities of Fairfield County has offered a wide range of social services to the greater Fairfield County community. The need for these services continues to surge as rising food prices, a shortage of affordable housing, and limited access to mental health care increasingly impact low-income and homeless families.

Thanks to the time, talent, and treasure of so many parishioners around the Diocese, Catholic Charities of Fairfield County continues to be one of the largest private social service providers in Connecticut, helping throughout the 23 towns in the Diocese. The agency's mission is to help the needy and most vulnerable in our County to permanently improve their lives. Catholic Charities provides supportive services that enable families to rise out of poverty, overcome barriers, and achieve self-sufficiency and independence.

Your gift to the Diocese of Bridgeport Bishop's Appeal will assist Catholic Charities in serving our most vulnerable neighbors. To learn more please visit:

www.2026BishopsAppeal.org

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.

Faith Formation Office: 203-778-1920



SAINT JOSEPH'S
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St. Joseph's Seminary and College in Yonkers will
be hosting a weekend contemplative
symposium entitled,

"Francis and Dominic:

A Mysticism of the Word in the World"

Be inspired by an outstanding lineup of speakers
and presenters such as Most Reverend John O.
Barres, Bishop of Rockville Centre, Most
Reverend James Massa, Auxiliary Bishop of
Brooklyn, President/Rector of St. Joseph's Seminary
and more!

Date and Time: Friday, July 24-Sunday, July 26

Location: Seminary of Immaculate Conception -
Long Island, NY

For more Information and registration:
St Joseph's Seminary Event's Office -
sjs.events@dunwoodie.edu (914) 367-8201



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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
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For more information, please contact Anne Leclercq at 203-748-8177, or
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