

SAINT JOSEPH CHURCH

A ROMAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY IN DANBURY

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The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ, June 22, 2025



REV. ERIC W. SILVA, PARISH ADMINISTRATOR

DEACON WILLIAM C. TIMMEL, J.D.

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).

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

[Masses times in green are also live-streamed]

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

**Saturdays 11:00 AM - 12:00 Noon,
3:00 PM - 3:45 PM**



Saint Joseph Church is wheelchair accessible at the church side entrance. Parking is located at the side of church.



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

Bulletin Blurb for the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Praised be Jesus Christ!

The Catechism of the Catholic Church says that "The Eucharist is 'the source and summit of the Christian life'." We know this to be absolutely true because we profess, not only with our lips but with the entirety of our bodies in worship, that the Eucharist is the same Jesus Christ who died on the Cross and who rose from the dead. God is the source of all that is good, and the Eucharist is God Himself: Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. This is a truth of the faith that is undeniable and absolute; to fail to profess that what looks, smells, and tastes like bread, is actually Jesus Christ, is to effectively renounce one's own Catholic Christian Faith.

This admittedly might come across as much too harsh, but the reality is that we profess Christ to be the "King of Kings" and the "King of Heaven and Earth". What king does not have a kingdom or boundaries? None of them do! If Christ is King (which He most certainly is), then He has a kingdom and that kingdom has boundaries. These boundaries are not physical borders, separating kingdom from kingdom or nation from nation. Rather, the boundaries of Jesus' kingdom are the boundaries of these truths of the faith, which firmer than any wall of brick or mortar, make up the parameters of what it means to be a Catholic Christian.

No one could be labeled as "harsh" or "bigoted" for telling someone that they are no longer in the boundaries of a particular region when they step outside of those boundaries, do we approach this same quandary. If we fail to profess the objective and immutable truths of the faith, such as the reality of the Eucharist, can we truly proclaim ourselves to be Catholic Christian? This proclamation is made not only on an intellectual level but that proclamation is made by how we approach and receive the Eucharist, how we conduct ourselves in the presence of the Eucharist, and in every interaction that we have near where our Lord is present in the Eucharist.

Saturday, June 21:

8:00 AM Michael J. Smith, Jr.—M/M F. Sullivan
4:00 PM Matthew Cappiello—His Family

Sunday, June 22:

7:30 AM Maureen & Herbert Weiss (68th
Wedding Anniv) —Marilyn & Ed Vieux
9:30 AM MaryAnn Newsome—Family
11:00 AM Intentions of Parishioners
5:00 PM Intentions of Parishioners

Monday, June 23:

12:05 PM Joseph, Joe & Catherine Valente
—M/M F. Sullivan

Tuesday, June 24:

12:05 PM Myda Cook—St. Mary's School

Wednesday, June 25:

12:05 PM John Masi—Family

Thursday, June 26:

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

Friday, June 27:

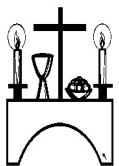
12:05 PM Lourdes C. Borromeo
—Arlene Ampeloquio

Saturday, June 28:

8:00 AM Patricia Cerno—Emil Cerno
4:00 PM Scott Sasso, Sr.—Family

Sunday, June 29:

7:30 AM Maureen Ferrara
—Joe & Jennifer Ferrara
9:30 AM Margaret Mahoney—Family
11:00 AM Rebecca Masi—M/M R. Freier
5:00 PM Intentions of Parishioners



The Sanctuary Candles will burn
this week in memory of
Joseph, Joe & Catherine Valente
Requested by M/M F. Sullivan



Please Pray for the Repose of the Souls of:

**Michael Anthony Gallo, Jr., Karen Sauli
Lucy Simoes, Teresa Travoska**

In Christ & Mary,
Father Silva

PARISH EVENTS / NEWS

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS & CLOSURE

- ◇ The Rectory Office will be **closed** the week of June 29, reopening on Monday, July 7
- ◇ Starting the week of July 7, the summer Rectory Office hours will be:
 - ◇ Monday-Thursday 9:00-4:00
 - ◇ Friday 9:00-12:00

ALTAR SERVERS WANTED

**Training sessions: Wed June 25th 6:30pm
or Sat June 28th 10:30am**

We are looking for altar servers that are rising 4th graders and up. This is a wonderful opportunity to serve God and to give back to your parish. There are sign-up sheets and flyers with more information at the church entrances. Please contact Seminarian Joe for more information: joseph.perrotta@diobpt.org

ENCOUNTER SCHOOL OF MINISTRY NIGHT OF HEALING

Friday, June 27 6PM

Open to the public

St. Peter Church, 104 Main St, Danbury

- ◇ Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- ◇ Talk on Healing by Fr. Sean R. Kulacz
- ◇ Encounter School Prayer Teams

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 4th DEGREE ASSEMBLY 99 CHARITY CAR SHOW

August 9 10:00am-3:00pm

(rain date August 16)

St. Joseph Parish Grounds

Everyone is invited to this car show to help support the KofC Assembly 99 and the Church. Half of the proceeds will be donated to St. Joseph Church. Bring a car to show for a donation of \$15 or simply join us for a great day and enjoy the beautiful cars, food and music. Information: Email: mikes_bimer@hotmail.com Or Call: 203-470-6268



Emma Lekovic & Gilberto Davila
First Banns

Order of Mass for the Lord's Day THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI)

Processional Hymn

#594 "Jesus, Priest and Victim"

Kyrie #191 "Lord Have Mercy"

Gloria #192 "Glory to God in the Highest"

First Reading: Genesis 14:18-20 *

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 110:1, 2,3,4

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Gospel Acclamation: John 6:51

GOSPEL: Luke 9:11b-17

HOMILY

Offertory Hymn

#673 "O Lord, with Wondrous Mystery"

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

#624 "Lord, Who at Thy First Eucharist"

Recessional Hymn

#521 "Father, We Thank Thee"

***Readings & Gospel: Today's Missal: pp.20-23**

St. Michael Hymnal: Heritage Mass



Our **Rose Window** is back! Fully-restored, and beautiful! We are grateful for the craftsmanship of those experts who completed this work. We thank all who are participating in the stewardship campaign to provide for the future restoration of our church windows.



Stewardship of Time, Talent, and Treasure Worship Offerings

June 7-8	\$7,681.00
Monthly Collection	\$3,941.00
June 14-15	\$8,266.00
Father's Day	\$2,451.00

Peter's Pence—Sunday June 29

The Annual Peter's Pence Collection, taken up the weekend of June 28-29, has its roots in ancient Christianity. From the collection taken up by St. Paul and described in the book of Acts (Acts 4:34) up to the present day, Catholics become witness to charity. Through this collection, we help Pope Leo XIV reach out in love to those in need.

The purpose of the Peter's Pence Collection is to provide the Holy Father with the financial means to respond to those who are suffering as a result of war, oppression, natural disaster, and disease. Pope Leo XIV encourages us to "open our eyes and see the misery of the world, the wounds of our brothers and sisters who are denied their dignity, and let us recognize that we are compelled to heed their cry for help!"

Especially in these troubling times, your generosity allows the Pope to respond to our suffering brothers and sisters. Please give generously to the collection and know that in doing so, you become a witness to the love of Christ and support the charitable works of Pope Leo XIV all around the world.

Peter's Pence is an offering that is of great symbolic value: It expresses the sense of belonging to the Church and love and trust for the Holy Father. It is a tangible sign of communion with Him, as Peter's Successor, and also of attention to the needs of the most disadvantaged, for whom the Pope always cares.

Saint Joseph Parish

2025 Bishop's Appeal as of 6/06/25

Bishop's Appeal Goal:	\$98,000.00
Total Pledged:	\$65,771 (67%)
Donors to Date:	225 Donors



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

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.

Online Giving also helps to simplify the related office administration and bookkeeping support tasks.

To enroll, visit our church website 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.

Thank you for your generosity.

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

FAITH FORMATION

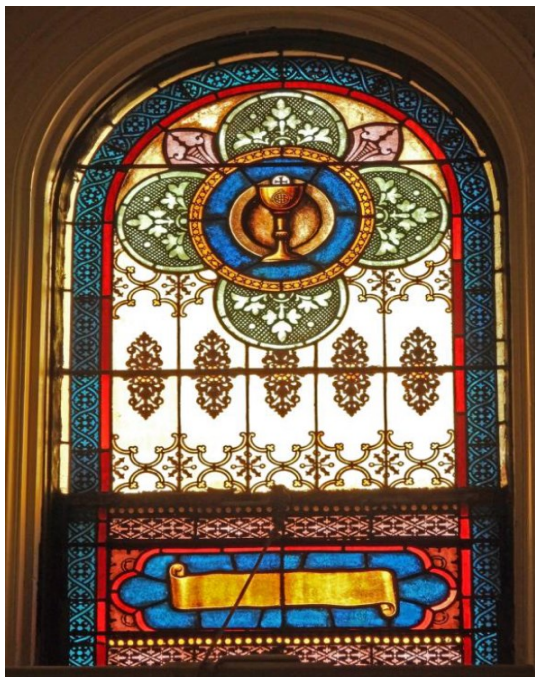
The Enrollment Form for the 2025-26 school year has been sent by email and will be posted to our Parish website. **Register by Thursday, July 31st for the early registration pricing.** Enrollment form and payment must be received on or prior to July 31st, either online or dropped off at our office (in-person or in the black mailbox outside of our offices). Enrollment forms alone cannot be accepted for the early registration pricing. If you pay online, please forward to us the confirmation receipt, so that we can note your account accordingly.

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 contact Maria Merino-Schweitzer, with any questions at:
maria.schweitzer@stjosephdanbury.org.

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.



Clerestory Window: Chalice

DAILY MASS READINGS:

Monday, June 23

Genesis 12:1-9 / Psalm 33:12-13, 18-19, 20 & 22 / Matthew 7:1-5

Tuesday, June 24 Nativity of St. John the Baptist

Isaiah 49:1-6 / Psalm 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15 / Acts 13:22-26 / Luke 1:57-66, 80

Wednesday, June 25

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18 / Ps105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 / Matthew 7:15-20

Thursday, June 26

Genesis 16:1-12, 15-16 / Ps 106:1b-2, 3-4a, 4b-5 / Matthew 7:21-29

Friday, June 27: The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

Ezekiel 34:11-16 / Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 / Romans 5:5b-11 / Luke 15:3-7

Saturday, June 28

Genesis 18:1-15 / Resp: Luke 1:46-47, 48-49, 50 & 53, 54-55 / Matthew 8:5-17

OCIA

What is the OCIA?

The OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults), also called the Catechumenate, is a process of initiation into the Catholic Community of Faith.

Who is OCIA for?

- Non-Catholics who want to find out more about the Catholic Faith
- Those who want to join the Catholic Church through Baptism, or Profession of Faith
- Those who were baptized Catholic as infants but never received religious education, Confirmation, or First Eucharist

We invite you to join our OCIA program. Meetings will start in the Fall. Sessions will meet bi-weekly. If you have a friend interested in learning more about Christ and the Catholic Church, please have them call the parish office.

Please contact Anne Leclercq at 203-748-8177, or anne.leclercq@stjosephdanbury.org if you are interested in attending or would like information.

SAINT JOSEPH PARISH CONTACTS

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Parish Manager: Anne Leclercq

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Eucharistic Ministers; Readers: Anne Leclercq
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profrobert52@gmail.com 203-722-8425

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Director: Maria Merino-Schweitzer
Secretary: Claire Anderson

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Scouts (Boy): Gerald Gibson 203-797-1788



REMEMBER
in your prayers

Rose Marie Abramo - Kelli Barrett - Matthew Bernabe
Marie Bovaird - Ernestine Clark - Irene Clark
Chuck Daudt - Albert Docktor - Anand Gokhale
Marie Hallas - Henry James - P.M. Joseph -
Gavin King - Dorothy Koellmer - David McCann -
Catherine McCarthy - Eileen McCarthy - William
Morrison - Victor Munoz - Marjorie Nodine - Ethel
Pancotti - Joseph Parkis - Michael Pedicini - Teresa
Pesce - Joseph Ponmankal - Julie Potenziani -
Christine Preisser - Art Regan - Catherine Robinson -
George Shehl, Jr. - Michael Skomro - Barbara R.
Schirmer - George Schur - 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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Dr. Louis Howe, Jr., Principal
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Parent Teacher Organization:
Mrs. Katie Duncan
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JOB OPENINGS AVAILABLE at St. JOSEPH SCHOOL!

Please consider joining our incredible team at St. Joseph School.

We have Paraprofessional/Aide positions available...full-time & part-time.

If interested, please contact Dr. Howe at LHowe@sjsdanbury.org or go to <https://www.ctreap.net/jobsrch.php> to apply.

PARISH REGISTRATION

If you wish to register with St. Joseph Parish, please complete a registration form and submit it to the parish office.

Registration can be done online through our parish website:
www.stjosephdanbury.org

Or, you can stop into the office and complete a form.

Please notify the Parish Office of address changes, new phone numbers and email addresses.

203-748-8177 or recstjoseph@yahoo.com