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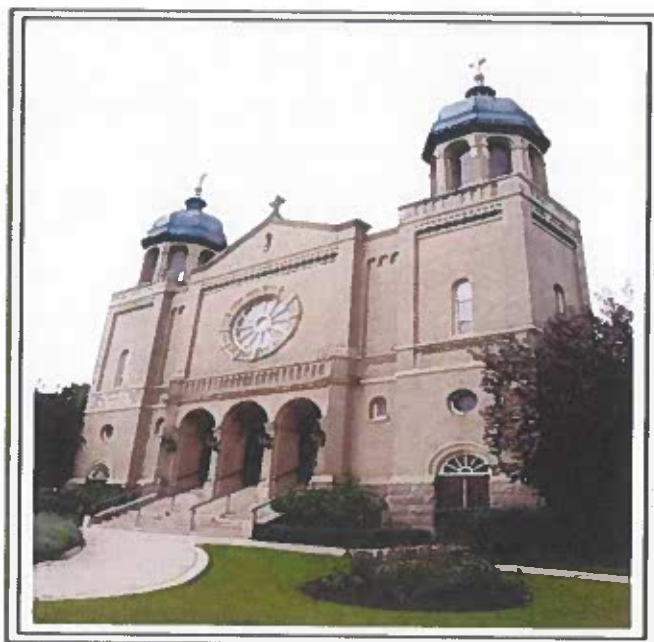
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**Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles, June 29, 2025**



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**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.

# MASS INTENTIONS

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

## 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

## Monday, June 30:

12:05 PM Marie & Ken McNerney  
—McNerney Family

## Tuesday, July 1:

12:05 PM Grace Perry—Son, John

## Wednesday, July 2:

12:05 PM Piero A. Marini—Doyle Family

## Thursday, July 3:

12:05 PM Sharon Barese Hamilton  
—M/M R. Freier

## Friday, July 4:

12:05 PM Joseph Valente—M/M F. Sullivan

## Saturday, July 5

8:00 AM Ada Galise—Angeletti Family  
4:00 PM Richard Rekos—Latty Family

## Sunday, July 6:

7:30 AM John A. Masi—M/M R. Freier  
9:30 AM Marsyl DePhillis—Schweitzer Family  
11:00 AM Rose Miskar—Daughter  
5:00 PM Intentions of Parishioners



The Sanctuary Candles will burn  
this week in memory of  
**Maureen Ferrara**  
Requested by Jennine Ferrara



**Wedding Banns**

**Emma Lekovic & Gilberto Davila**  
Second Banns

## Seminarian Column for the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles

Happy Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul! I am taking over the weekly bulletin blurb while Fr. Silva is on vacation.

I want to focus on a seemingly small detail in our first reading for this Sunday. After reporting that St. Peter has been taken into prison by King Herod, St. Luke, writing in the Acts of the Apostles, writes "but prayer by the Church was fervently being made to God on his behalf". I think that for many of us, praying for those whom we are really in no situation to help can feel like an expression of hopelessness. Faced with a loved one whose suffering we have no power to alleviate, we feel totally helpless; and feeling helpless, we promise our prayers so that we *feel* like we're doing *something* to help.

But our first reading shows us that we are never helpless in the face of another's suffering, because prayer is truly efficacious. The night before Peter is to be sentenced to death, while he is in prison surrounded by guards, doubly chained, and sleeping between two soldiers, God sends an angel to free him from his chains and lead him out of prison and into safety. Could this be anything other than the fruit of the prayers of the Church? The Church prayed for Peter, and God heard their prayers and rescued Peter from prison.

You may ask: how can this be? Why would my prayers for someone make any difference? At least part of the answer can be found in the verse cited above, "but prayer by *the Church* was fervently being made to God on his behalf". The Church is Jesus' very body, and therefore whenever the Church prays, she does so by joining her prayers to those of Jesus to the Father. We as Catholics have been made members of the Church and therefore have been incorporated into Christ's body by our baptism, which means that when we pray we are able to join our prayer to the prayer of the whole Church. As Catholics, we never have to pray alone.

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I have been blown away by the prayerful spirit I have encountered here at St. Joseph's Church. Constantly there are rosaries and other prayers being offered for all those who are struggling and in need of God's grace. Most importantly, we gather as a community of believers each Sunday to offer the most powerful prayer imaginable, the Holy Mass. In the Mass Jesus, standing at the right hand of the Father, offers himself for us for all eternity. My encouragement to you, therefore, on this Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, is twofold. First, pray fervently to God for anyone and everyone in your life whom you feel powerless to help, especially during Mass. Second, have hope; have hope that your prayers are not in vain, and that you are not helpless in the face of suffering. Because you are a member of Christ's body, the Church; and the prayers of the Church are powerful indeed.

In Christ,  
Seminarian Joe

## PARISH EVENTS

### SUMMER OFFICE HOURS & CLOSURE

Starting the week of July 7, the Rectory Office hours will be:

- ◊ Monday-Thursday 9:00-4:00
- ◊ Friday 9:00-12:00

The Rectory Office will be closed the week of June 29, reopening on Monday, July 7

### HOLY FACE DEVOTION

First Tuesday of the Month

Tuesday, July 1

7:00-8:00 PM

Adoration and Confession

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

First Friday of the Month

Friday, July 4

Following 12:05 PM Mass

## Order of Mass for the Lord's Day SAINTS PETER and PAUL, APOSTLES

### Processional Hymn

#838 "Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones"

Kyrie #191 "Lord Have Mercy"

Gloria #192 "Glory to God in the Highest"

First Reading: Acts 12:1-11 \*

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18

Gospel Acclamation: Matthew 16:18

GOSPEL: Matthew 16:13-19

HOMILY

### Offertory Hymn

#611 "Let All the World with Songs Rejoice"

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

#609 "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

Recessional Hymn

#523 "For All the Saints"

\*Readings & Gospel: Today's Missal: pp.25-27  
St. Michael Hymnal: Heritage Mass

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### GIVE US THIS DAY

It is time to renew our subscriptions for the monthly publication *Give Us This Day*. The book includes daily Mass texts, daily Scripture reflections, daily prayer and intercessions, seasonal prayers and blessings and the Order of Mass.

It is a wonderful tool to foster a better relationship with Jesus, the Church, and the riches of the Catholic tradition.

The cost is \$33.25 for the entire year.

If you are interested in starting a new subscription, or renewing your existing one, please fill out the form located on the table at the side entrance, include cash, or a check made payable to St. Joseph Church, and return (or mail) the form and remittance to the Rectory Office by July 31.



**Stewardship of Time, Talent, and  
Treasure  
Worship Offerings**

June 21-22                      \$  
*Will be published in next week's bulletin*

This weekend's second collection is for:  
**Peter's Pence**

**ANNUAL BISHOPS APPEAL**

We are at 71% of our goal, with 17% of our parishioners participating. We need \$28,000 to meet the goal. With your participation, we can meet and exceed our goal,

**Any funds pledged over our goal by June 30 are returned to our parish.**

Pledge cards are available at the church entrances. Please prayerfully consider a pledge to this appeal, as your means allow, if you have not yet participated.

Thank you to all parishioners who have made pledges or gifts.

**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.



Saint Joseph Parish	
2025 Bishop's Appeal as of 6/20/25	
Bishop's Appeal Goal:	\$98,000.00
Total Pledged:	\$69,856 (71%)
Donors to Date:	234 Donors
	
To make a gift, or for more information, please visit us at <a href="http://2025BishopsAppeal.org">2025BishopsAppeal.org</a> call (203) 416-1470 or scan with your phone.	

**Bishops Appeal Prayer**

Almighty and ever-faithful Lord we gratefully acknowledge Your mercy and we place our trust in You.

Your Gospel proclaims the Good News to all radiant with Your glory and inviting us to rejoice. Your love and guidance fill our hearts with joy.

May the Holy Spirit inspire us to respond to  
**One In Christ, the 2025 Bishop's Appeal.**

- ◇ Bless us with generosity that in love we may freely share our gifts with others.
- ◇ Bless us with understanding that we may recognize that everything we have is a gift from God.
- ◇ Bless us with wisdom that we may wisely use the gifts God has given us.
- ◇ Bless us with a true sense of joy — the fruit of generous and grateful giving.

May Mary, Mother of God, be with us to inspire, guide and protect us.

We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.



It is time for us to submit our renewed interest for subscriptions to **Give Us This Day** books. This is a monthly publication which includes daily Mass texts, daily Scripture reflections, daily prayer and intercessions, seasonal prayers and blessings, and the Order of Mass.

Please check one of the following to indicate your current level of interest:

- ☐ **RENEWAL:** I currently subscribe to Give Us This Day and wish to renew my subscription for another year at a cost of **\$33.25/year**.
- ☐ **NEW:** I am interested in ordering a new one-year subscription to Give Us This Day at a cost of **\$33.25/year**.
- ☐ I am a current subscriber but do **NOT** wish to renew my subscription.

In order for us to ensure uninterrupted delivery of this publication, please complete and return this form, along with your payment of **\$33.25** (check made payable to St. Joseph Church, or cash), **by July 31, 2025:**

- to the Rectory Office
- via US Mail to St. Joseph Church, 8 Robinson Avenue, Danbury, CT 06810
- drop in collection basket in a separate envelope labeled Give Us this Day

**Please note that the new subscription year will begin with the November book!**

- Books (with your name labeled on it) will be available from the Ushers at the side entrance of the church (at all weekend Masses) as soon as they are available.
- Books that are not picked up at Mass will be held in the Rectory Office for pick-up.
- If you need to make other arrangements to receive your books, please indicate in the Note area below.

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## FAITH FORMATION

While our classes have ended for this 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 source and summit of the Christian life. The Mass schedule is listed in the church bulletin and on the website.

The Enrollment Form for the 2025-26 school year has been sent by email and has been 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](mailto:maria.schweitzer@stjosephdanbury.org).

### 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](mailto:mikes_bimer@hotmail.com) Or Call: 203-470-6268

## DAILY MASS READINGS:

### Monday, June 30

Genesis 18:16-33 / Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 8-9, 10-11 / Matthew 8:18-22

### Tuesday, July 1

Genesis 19:15-29 / Psalm 26:2-3, 9-10, 11-12 / Matthew 8:23-27

### Wednesday, July 2

Genesis 21:5, 8-20a / Psalm 34:7-8, 10-11, 12-13 / Matthew 8:28-34

### Thursday, July 3 Saint Thomas, Apostle

Ephesians 2:19-22 / Psalm 117:1bc, 2 / John 20:24-29

### Friday, July 4

Genesis 23:1-4, 19, 24:1-8, 62-67 / Psalm 106:1b-2, 3-4a, 4b-5 / Matthew 9:9-13

### Saturday, July 5

Genesis 27:1-5, 15-29 / Psalm 135:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 / Matthew 9:14-17

## SAVE THE DATE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS GOLF OUTING



**McGivney Council #29  
Knights of Columbus  
14th Annual Charity Golf  
Outing – September 17th**

Enjoy a fun day of golf at Danbury's Richter Park while supporting the Charitable Works of McGivney Council #29 Knights of Columbus! The outing is open to all men and women. Singles and foursomes. Registration opens at 10:30 AM and the Shotgun Start begins at 12:30PM followed by Lunch. Dinner and cocktail hour included. Non-Golfers are welcome to join at 5:30 PM.

**For more information contact:**  
[KofC29@gmail.com](mailto:KofC29@gmail.com) or 203.744.9652

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**Parish Manager:** Anne Leclercq

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**Director:** Maria Merino-Schweitzer  
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### Parish Organization Contacts

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Morrison - Victor Munoz - Marjorie Nodine - Ethel  
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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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**School Advisory Board:** Mrs. Jeanne Spain

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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](http://www.stjosephdanbury.org)

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

Please notify the Parish Office of address  
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