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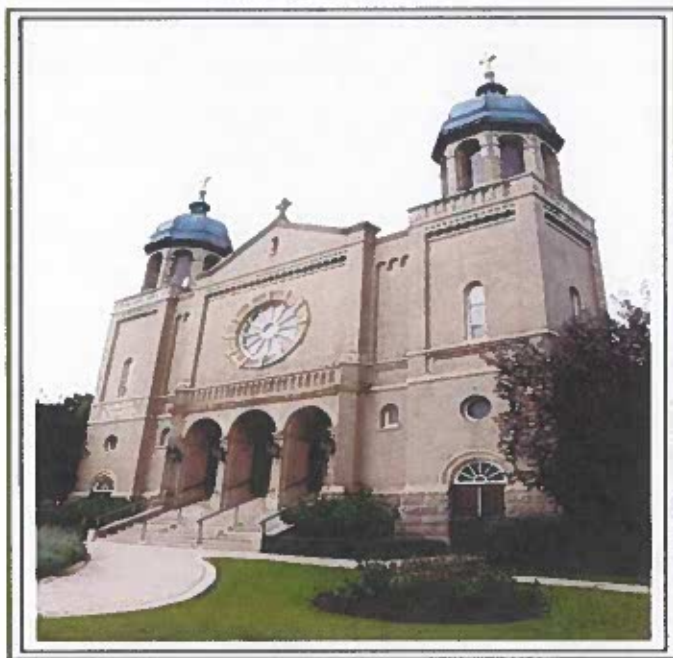
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**14th Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 6, 2025**



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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



## 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 Ron Freier  
9:30 AM Marsyl DePhillis—Schweitzer Family  
11:00 AM Rose Miskar—Daughter  
5:00 PM Intentions of Parishioners

## Monday, July 7:

12:05 PM Riccardo Potenziani  
—Donna & Kristen Palmer

## Tuesday, July 8:

12:05 PM Albert Laurencio, Jr.—Pauline Basso

## Wednesday, July 9:

12:05 PM Russell M. Novella—Wife & Family

## Thursday, July 10:

12:05 PM Thomas Gansert—M/M F. Sullivan

## Friday, July 11:

12:05 PM George Godfrey, Jr.—Godfrey Family

## Saturday, July 12:

8:00 AM Deacon Russell Riggs—Fr. Silva  
4:00 PM Picchione & Bommicino Families  
& John, Jr.—Marie & John

## Sunday, July 13:

7:30 AM Angie & Mario Muffatto—M/M J. Ferrara  
9:30 AM Grant Sheehan & Juanita  
& Wadell Cabrera—Maria Sheehan  
11:00 AM Bethany Mass  
5:00 PM Intentions of Parishioners



The Sanctuary Candles will burn  
this week in memory of  
**Esperanza Boja de Freire**  
Requested by Pabla Friere Buitron



## Wedding Banns

**Emma Lekovic & Gilberto Davila**  
Third Banns

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

### Seminarian Column for the 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest". This is the mandate our Lord gives seventy-two of his disciples as He sends them out to the various towns He planned to visit. His point is clear, the number of people ripe for conversion, ready to receive the good news of Jesus, far outpaces the number of disciples available to preach the Gospel. This is clearly a challenge to the disciples in our Gospel story today, but I think it's a challenge to us as well.

Surely the situation is not much different today. Think of all the people who are waiting to receive the Gospel. Think of all the people who have no knowledge of Christ, who have never encountered Him, and whose lives are lived in opposition to Him, who desperately need to hear the Good News; the good news that God, the Lord and Creator of the universe, became man for each of us, died a painful death on the Cross for each of us, and rose from the dead and ascended into Heaven for each of us. Jesus' suffering, death, and resurrection destroyed sin and death, and opened for us the way to eternal life with Him in His kingdom.

The spreading of this message is not reserved only to priests and religious. On the contrary, it is the duty of each and every baptized Christian. Speaking on this subject, the Second Vatican Council's decree on the role of the Laity in apostolic work, *Apostolicam Actuositatem*, says, "The apostolate in the social milieu, that is, the effort to infuse a Christian spirit into the mentality, customs, laws, and structures of the community in which one lives, is so much the duty and responsibility of the laity that *it can never be performed properly by others*" (Emphasis added). Put simply, it is largely impossible for priests to preach the Gospel in workplaces, schools, social clubs, and friend groups, because priests are not there. Rather, it falls to you, the laity, who are in these places to spread the Gospel of Christ. This will often be uncomfortable and difficult, just as it was for the seventy-two disciples. But if we truly live the Gospel in our lives and rely on God for courage and strength, we can proclaim Jesus Christ to those around us; we can become missionaries in our ordinary lives.

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This is not optional for us. The work of spreading the Gospel is too important and too urgent to leave to others. "The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest". We are the laborers being sent out to the harvest by the master.

In Christ,  
Seminarian Joe

## PARISH EVENTS

### SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

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

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

### MONTHLY COFFEE HOUR

Sunday, July 13  
After the 7:30am Mass  
in the Church Hall

### 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

## Order of Mass for the Lord's Day 14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Processional Hymn

#538 "God of Our Fathers"

Kyrie #191 "Lord Have Mercy"

Gloria #192 "Glory to God in the Highest"

First Reading: Isaiah 66:10-14c \*

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20

Second Reading: Galatians 6:14-18

Gospel Acclamation: Colossians 3:15a, 16a

GOSPEL: Luke 10:1-12, 17-20

HOMILY

### Offertory Hymn

#792 "This is My Song"

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 *Meditative Organ Music*

Recessional Hymn

#432 "America The Beautiful"

\*Readings & Gospel: Today's Missal: pp.28-30  
St. Michael Hymnal: Heritage Mass

## SAVE THE DATE



McGivney Council #29  
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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 203.744.9562



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

June 21-22 \$7,575.00  
June 28-29 *Will be in next week's bulletin*

This weekend's second collection is for:  
**Monthly Collection**

### 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.

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](mailto:recstjoseph@yahoo.com)***



### Saint Joseph Parish

#### 2025 Bishop's Appeal as of 6/27/25

Bishop's Appeal Goal:	\$98,000.00
Total Pledged:	\$71,906 (73%)
Donors to Date:	239 Donors



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

### ANNUAL BISHOPS APPEAL

We are at 73% of our goal, with 17% of our parishioners participating. **We need \$26,000 to meet the goal. With everyone's participation, we can meet and exceed our goal.**

Pledge cards are available at the church entrances and online at the Diocese of Bridgeport website [2025BishopsAppeal.org](http://2025BishopsAppeal.org)

Please prayerfully consider a pledge to this appeal, as your means allow. Thank you to all parishioners who have made pledges or gifts.

## 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.**

- Subscription / Renewal forms are available at the church side entrance and on our website.
- Please include cash, or a check made payable to St. Joseph Church
- Return (or mail) the form and remittance to the Rectory Office **by July 30.**

## 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 Faith Formation office (in-person or in the black mailbox outside of our office).** 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).

### ***Give Us This Day July& August Books***

If you currently subscribe to the Give Us This Day publication, the **July and August** books are available after the Saturday evening and Sunday Masses. Please see an Usher at the side entrance after Mass to receive your books.

Books not picked up this weekend, will be available at the Parish Office during office hours.

## DAILY MASS READINGS:

### **Monday, July 7**

Genesis 28:10-22a / Psalm 91:1-2, 3-4, 14-15ab  
Matthew 9:18-26

### **Tuesday, July 8**

Genesis 32:23-33 / Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b & 15  
Matthew 9:32-38

### **Wednesday, July 9**

Genesis 41:55-57, 42:5-7a, 17-24a / Psalm 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19 / Matthew 10:1-7

### **Thursday, July 10**

Genesis 44:18-21, 23b-29, 45:1-5 / Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 / Matthew 10:7-15

### **Friday, July 11 Saint Benedict, Abbot**

Genesis 46:1-7, 28-30 / Psalm 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40 / Matthew 10:16-23

### **Saturday, July 12**

Genesis 49:29-32 / Psalm 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7 / Matthew 10:24-33

## OCIA

The OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults), is a process of initiation into the Catholic Community of Faith for persons who are experiencing a conversion in their lives and seeking either Christian baptism in the Catholic Church or full Communion with the Catholic tradition of Eucharist and Confirmation.

### ***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.

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. You are invited to join our OCIA program. Sessions will begin in the Fall, and we will meet bi-weekly.

Please contact Anne Leclercq at 203-748-8177, or [anne.leclercq@stjosephdanbury.org](mailto:anne.leclercq@stjosephdanbury.org) to register or for more information.



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 Morrison - Victor Munoz - Marjorie Nodine - Ethel  
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 Pesce - Joseph Ponmankal - Julie Potenziani -  
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 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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**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, on the *Newcomers* tab:  
[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 changes, new phone numbers and email addresses, so that we may get current information on file.

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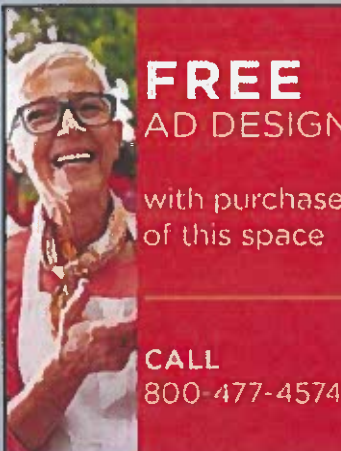
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