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15th Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 13, 2025



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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

[MASS 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 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

Monday, July 14:

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

Tuesday, July 15:

12:05 PM Alice Greenfield—Doyle Family

Wednesday, July 16:

12:05 PM Elena Meli—Debbie McLaughlin

Thursday, July 17:

12:05 PM Marion Repko—Pauline

Friday, July 18:

12:05 PM Mary C. Smith—M/M F. Sullivan

Saturday, July 19:

8:00 AM Mary D'Souza—Fr. Silva
4:00 PM Mildred Mallozzi
—Tom & Catherine McCarthy

Sunday, July 20:

7:30 AM John O'Keefe—Doyle Family
9:30 AM Kathryn Ann Snyder
—Schweitzer Family
11:00 AM Intentions of Parishioners
5:00 PM John Perry—Rectory



The Sanctuary Candles will burn
this week in memory of
Catherine Valente
Requested by Mr. & Mrs. Frank Sullivan



We welcome our newly baptized:
Henry Keating
Anthony Albert Kristensen
Blaise Beauty Pineda

Please keep them and their
families in your prayers.

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

Seminarian Column for the 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

On this Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, the Church offers to us the famous parable of the Good Samaritan. It is a story with which we are all no doubt familiar, teaching us about the true implications and demands of Jesus' command to love our neighbors as ourselves. But I would like to focus on the first part of this Gospel passage, which might otherwise be easily overlooked. When asked by a scholar of the law what must be done to inherit eternal life, our Lord replies by asking him what the law says. The scholar replies, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself". To this, Jesus replies, "You have answered correctly; do this and you will live".

At first glance, the obligations of the law enumerated by the scholar seem easy, but closer inspection might make us raise an eyebrow. Jesus is telling the scholar—and therefore us—not just to love God, not just to love God a lot, not just to love God the most, but to love God with everything that he has; to love Him with his whole heart, his whole being, all his strength, and his whole mind. What can this mean? How can we—who have families, friends, careers, social obligations—possibly hope to love God with all we have? And after all, is it not good to love our families and friends? Does God really want us to love our spouses, children, or parents *less*?

Perhaps the problem here is that we view this situation as a zero-sum game, wherein the only way we can love God more is if we love others less. We perceive a direct conflict between how much we can love God and how much we can love others, and this leads to us rationing out our love to God so as to "save some" for our friends and family. Another word for this mindset would be pusillanimity; literally "small souledness".

The Christian author C. S. Lewis offers a helpful counter narrative in his book *The Four Loves*: "It is probably impossible to love any human being simply 'too much'. We may love him too much in proportion to our love for God; but it is the smallness of our love for God, not the greatness of our love for the man, that constitutes the inordinacy". In other words, rather than

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viewing our love for God as somehow in conflict with our love for others, we should consider our love for Him as establishing the outward limit of our love. Put simply, the more we love God, the more we'll be able to love those around us; and conversely, the less we love God, the less love we'll have available for the people in our lives.

We probably don't love our family and friends too much, but there's a chance we don't love God enough. But the good news is that we can always love God more. If we spend more time with God in prayer, if we come to know God through reading of the Sacred Scriptures, and if we ask God to increase our love for Him, we will have more room to love each other; and, more importantly, we will deepen our relationship with the One who loves us the most.

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

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Or Call: 203-470-6268

ST. JOSEPH ANNUAL TAG SALE

Save the Dates: Sept. 12-14, 2025

Save the date, and start collecting your treasures to donate! There is something for everyone at our annual parish fund-raiser. More information to come as we get closer to the date.

Order of Mass for the Lord's Day 15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Processional Hymn

#481 "Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

First Reading: Deuteronomy 30:10-14 *

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36, 37

Second Reading: Colossians 1:15-20

Gospel Acclamation: cf. John 6:63c, 68c

GOSPEL: Luke 10:25-37

Offertory Hymn

#587 "Jerusalem, My Happy Home"

Communion Hymn

#784 "The King of Love"

Recessional Hymn

#674 "O Love of God"

*Readings & Gospel: Today's Missal: pp.30-32
St. Michael Hymnal

BETHANY MASS

Sunday, July 13

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

Rose Marie Albano, Michael Anthony Gallo, Jr.,
Teresa Travoska, Karen Sauli, Luly Simoes

Although we miss these parishioners' physical presence, we celebrate their eternal life with Jesus. Please pray for all deceased parishioners, their families and friends.

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.

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.



Stewardship of Time, Talent, and Treasure Worship Offerings

June 28-29	\$7,742.00
Peter's Pence	\$2,127.00
July 5-6	\$8,819.00
Monthly Offertory	\$4,175.00

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 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



ANNUAL BISHOPS APPEAL

As of June 27, we've met 73% of our goal, with 17% of our parishioners participating. Updated totals will be provided as soon as available. **With everyone's participation, we can meet and exceed our \$98,000 goal.**

Pledge cards are available at the church entrances and online at the Diocese of Bridgeport website: **2025BishopsAppeal.org**

Please prayerfully consider a pledge to this appeal, as your means allow. Please mail your pledge card and payments to:

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

PLAN TO ATTEND MASS WHILE ON VACATION

There is a service that can help you locate a Catholic Church anywhere in the United States. Visit **www.masstimes.org** to find a Catholic Church close to your vacation site.



SAVE THE DATE

**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 or 203.744.9562

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.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

- * Baptisms are held monthly on Sunday at 12:30 PM. Please call the Rectory for available dates and to register for *required* pre-baptismal class.
- * Classes are held on the first Sunday of each month at 12:30 in the Religious Ed building.
- * Please call the office at 203-748-8177 to schedule.

DAILY MASS READINGS:

Monday, July 14 St. Kateri Tekakwitha

Exodus 1:8-14, 22 / Psalm 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8
Matthew 10:34-11:1

Tuesday, July 15 St. Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Exodus 2:1-15a / Psalm 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34
Matthew 11:20-24

Wednesday, July 16

Exodus 3:1-6, 9-12 / Psalm 103:1b-2, 3-4, 6-7
Matthew 11:25-27

Thursday, July 17

Exodus 3:13-20 / Psalm 105:1 & 5, 8-9, 24-25, 26-27 / Matthew 11:28-30

Friday, July 18

Exodus 11:10-12:14 / Psalm 116:12-13, 15 & 16bc, 17-18 / Matthew 12:1-8

Saturday, July 19

Exodus 12:37-42 / Psalm 136:1 & 23-24, 10-12, 13-15 / Matthew 12:14-21

OCIA

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.

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. We invite you 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 to register or for more information.

SAINT JOSEPH PARISH CONTACTS

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in your prayers

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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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 at LHowe@sjsdanbury.org
 or go to <https://www.ctreap.net/jobsrch.php>
 to apply.

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Welcome!

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

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

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