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**16th Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 20, 2025**



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**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**

**[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 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

**Monday, July 21:**

12:05 PM Teresa Carlo—Barbara N.

**Tuesday, July 22:**

12:05 PM Sarah Sullivan—M/M F. Sullivan

**Wednesday, July 23:**

12:05 PM Louise Anderle—Antonia Stalzer

**Thursday, July 24:**

12:05 PM Justin Show—  
Wendolyn Loayza & Family

**Friday, July 25:**

12:05 PM John Masi—Family

**Saturday, July 26:**

8:00 AM Matthew Cappiello—His Family  
4:00 PM Int. of Ania Szurawski—Rosemarie Latti

**Sunday, July 27:**

7:30 AM Carmella Scozzafava  
—M/M John Scozzafava  
9:30 AM Joseph Duff—M/M F. Sullivan  
11:00 AM Giuseppe Parisi—Children  
5:00 PM Intentions of Parishioners



The Sanctuary Candles will burn  
this week in memory of  
**Sean Bagley**  
Requested by Kate & Ann McCarthy

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

### Bulletin Blurb for the 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Praised be Jesus Christ!

We live in an exceedingly busy culture. Growing up, it was far easier to disconnect; the phone was connected to the wall, the only computer I knew of was located in my school, mail came in letter form once a day, and being on "timeout" was actually a punishment (there was nothing to do in my bedroom!). Is it really difficult to wonder why Jesus exhorts Martha in the Gospel today to take notice of how Mary is interacting with Him? We all want to love and serve the Lord, and this is a beautiful thing, but how much time do we spend with Him, as opposed to doing things for Him?

The Benedictines motto is *Ora et Labora*, which translates as, "Pray and Work". Pray AND work. Their work, however important it may be, is not the same thing as their prayer. When we equate these things, we tend to slack on the prayer part of this motto. Time spent in prayer may feel like a passive activity, but nothing could be farther from the truth. There is nothing more important and more rewarding than "wasting your time" with Jesus in prayer. Take the time today to assess how often you make intentional time to be with Jesus in prayer or how often you spend time in the church before the Blessed Sacrament. We may do many amazing things for the Lord or in His name, but the hope is that what Jesus says about Mary in the Gospel today, He too says of us: that we too have "chosen the better part...".

In Christ & Mary,  
Father Silva

### Stained Glass Window Restoration Update

**Church hours during window restoration work: Monday, July 21—Friday, August 1**

**Church Hours: 11:30am—1:00pm**

During the week of July 21, the windows above the altar will be re-installed.

Scaffolding will be installed and will be in place above the high altar.

The scaffolding will be taken down on July 28.

Contractors will re-install the Annunciation and St. Joseph windows starting Tuesday, July 29.

## PARISH EVENTS

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 4th DEGREE ASSEMBLY 99 CHARITY CAR SHOW

August 9 10:00am-3:00pm  
(rain date August 16)

St. Joseph Parish Grounds

Information: Email: [mikes\\_bimer@hotmail.com](mailto:mikes_bimer@hotmail.com)  
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### CATHOLIC CHARITIES HOME ESSENTIALS GOODS COLLECTION (formerly "Marketplace")

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### 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.

## 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.

The cost is **\$33.25 for the entire year.**

- Subscription / Renewal forms are 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.**

## Order of Mass for the Lord's Day 16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Processional Hymn

**#491 "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"**

First Reading: Genesis 18:1-10a \*

Responsorial Psalm:

Psalm 15:2-3, 3-4, 5

Second Reading: Colossians 1:24-28

Gospel Acclamation: cf. Luke 8:15

GOSPEL: Luke 10:38:42

Offertory Hymn

**#688 "O Word of God Incarnate"**

Communion Hymn

**#570 "Humbly We Adore Thee"**

Recessional Hymn

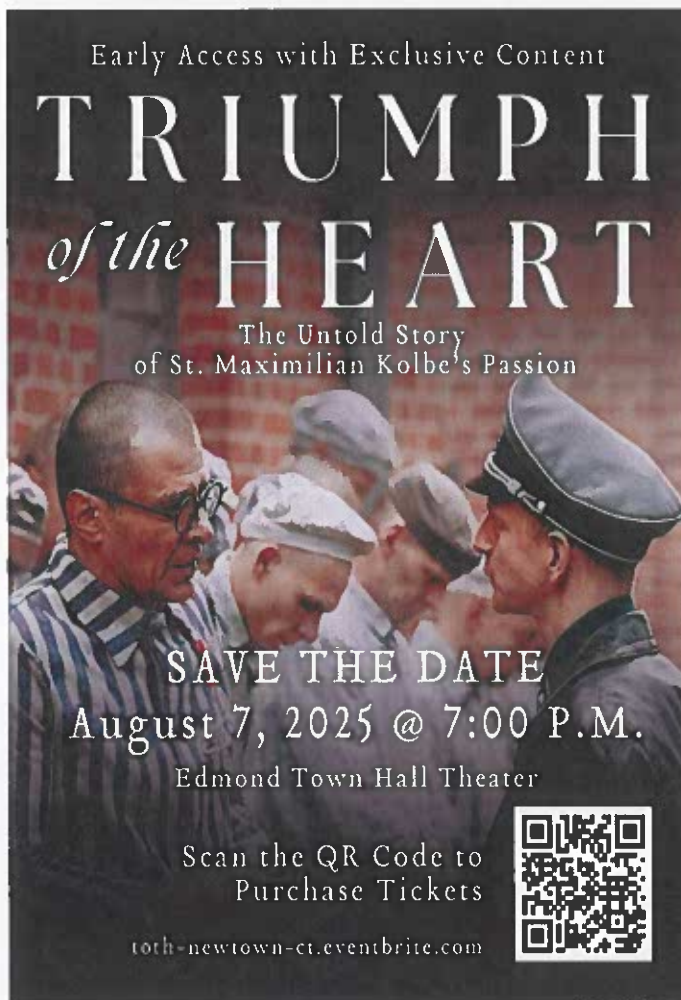
**#537 "God of Grace and God of Glory"**

*\*Readings & Gospel: Today's Missal: pp. 32-34  
St. Michael Hymnal*

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This weekend's second collection is for:  
**Co-Op Mission Sunday**

Our Church is a mission Church. It is evangelizing in areas of the world where our brothers and sisters in Christ are struggling to meet their basic needs. War, famine, persecution, and in many instances, simply the lack of resources, are obstacles the faithful face each day. There are priests, religious brothers and sisters, and lay people who are devoting their lives to spreading the Gospel and caring for the spiritual and physical needs of the faithful in these lands. Would you please help them with your prayers and use this weekend's second collection to support them with your financial generosity? Thank you.

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**Offertory Online Giving**

Please help to reduce parish envelope costs. 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)



**ANNUAL BISHOPS APPEAL**

The Annual Bishop's Appeal will continue through September, 2025.

Please prayerfully consider a pledge to this appeal, as your means allow.

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

Please mail your pledge card and payments to:

Diocese of Bridgeport  
PO Box 110410  
Trumbull, CT 06611-0410

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](http://www.masstimes.org) to find a Catholic Church close to your vacation site.



**SAVE THE DATE**  
**McGivney Council #29 Knights of Columbus**  
**14<sup>th</sup> Annual Charity Golf Outing – September 17<sup>th</sup>**

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



## 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).

### 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 for Information.

## DAILY MASS READINGS:

### Monday, July 21

Exodus 14:5-18 / Resp: Exodus 15:1bc-2,3-4, 5-6  
Matthew 12:38-42

### Tuesday, July 22 St. Mary Magdalene

Song of Songs 3:1-4b / Psalm 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9  
John 20:1-2, 11-18

### Wednesday, July 23

Exodus 16:1-5, 9-15 / Psalm 78:18-19, 23-24, 25-26, 27-28 / Matthew 13:1-9

### Thursday, July 24

Exodus 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b / Resp: Daniel 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 / Matthew 13:10-17

### Friday, July 25 St. James, Apostle

2 Corinthians 4:7-15 / Psalm 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 / Matthew 20:20-28

### Saturday, July 26 Sts. Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Exodus 24:3-8 / Psalm 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15  
Matthew 13:24-30

## 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.

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](mailto:anne.leclercq@stjosephdanbury.org) to register or for more information.

### ARE YOU PLANNING TO GET MARRIED?

- \* Couples should contact a parish priest one year in advance, BEFORE any social arrangements are made.
- \* NO Sunday Weddings.
- \* Please call the office at 203-748-8177 for initial information.

**SAINT JOSEPH PARISH CONTACTS**

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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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**PARISH 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

**PARISH REGISTRATION**

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

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

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