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**17th Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 27, 2025**



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## **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**

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).



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

# MASS INTENTIONS

## Saturday, July 26:

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

## 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

## Monday, July 28:

12:05 PM Joseph Duff—M/M F. Sullivan

## Tuesday, July 29:

12:05 PM Msgr. William J. Scheyd—Fr. Silva

## Wednesday, July 30:

12:05 PM Grant Sheehan—Maria Sheehan

## Thursday, July 31:

12:05 PM Florence Paonessa—Son & Family

## Friday, August 1:

12:05 PM Joseph Del Monte  
—Donna & Kristen Palmer

## Saturday, August 2:

8:00 AM Michelle Kayal—Keenan Family  
4:00 PM Sean Bagley—Kate & Ann McCarthy

## Sunday, August 3:

7:30 AM Felice Fiore—M/M Ron Freier  
9:30 AM Sheila Keenan—Family  
11:00 AM Catherine Valente—M/M F. Sullivan  
5:00 PM Intentions of Parishioners



The Sanctuary Candles will burn  
this week in memory of  
**Betty & George Repko**  
Requested by George, Jim & Deanna

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

### Bulletin Blurb for the 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Praised be Jesus Christ!

"And I tell you, ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives..." Really, Lord? Is that true? I am certain that each and every person who has gone to the Lord in prayer, asking for something, has come across the Gospel today and asked themselves, is this really true? "I have been praying for years for my children's conversion, or the health of a loved one, or for an addiction to be remedied, and I have not seen any change whatsoever!"

It is always necessary to look at the text of the Sacred Scripture in its entirety because to take little snippets of the text means that we lose out on the fact that Jesus was not just giving lectures to his disciples but rather, he was trying to move minds and hearts in their entirety. Immediately before Jesus tells His disciples that whatever they ask for in prayer, they will receive, He tells a parable that highlights the importance of perseverance. Perseverance in prayer is the key to embracing the truth of Jesus' promise in the Gospel today.

It is always important to remember that God's time might not exactly be our own and even if the subject of our prayer is as important as the conversion of a loved one or their health, God's time is far more important than our own. Remaining persistent in prayer, even if it has been 50 years or more, is the key to this promise. Bear up with the burden of a prayer seemingly unanswered and embrace Christ's promise that even if in your lifetime you see no visible change, that He is working miracles in His own time. Saint Augustine once wrote of his mother, Saint Monica, "Lord, you did not do what she (St. Monica) was asking of you so that you could do what she always asked of you." The Lord knows best and perseverance in prayer is among the greatest signs of our trust in Him.

In Christ & Mary,  
Father Silva

### Stained Glass Window Restoration Update

**Church hours: Mon. July 28—Fri, August 1**  
**Church Hours: 11:30am—1:00pm**

The altar scaffolding will be taken down on July 28. Contractors will re-install the Annunciation and St. Joseph windows starting Tuesday, July 29. If work finishes sooner, an updated schedule will be provided at the church entrance or on our website.

## PARISH EVENTS

### RECEPTION FOR FR. HARRY

**Sunday, August 3**  
Following the 11:00 Mass

Please join us for refreshments and extend best wishes and thanks to Fr. Harry, as he prepares to begin his studies.

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

First Friday of the Month  
Friday, August 1  
Following 12:05 PM Mass until 8:00 PM

### HOLY FACE DEVOTION

First Tuesday of the Month  
Tuesday, August 5 7:00-8:00 PM  
Adoration and Confession

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

August 9 10:00am-3:00pm  
St. Joseph Parish Grounds  
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### COUNCIL #29 KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS CHARITY GOLF OUTING

September 17 at Richter Park

Registration opens at 10:30 AM. Shotgun Start at 12:30PM followed by Lunch. Dinner & 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

## Order of Mass for the Lord's Day 17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Processional Hymn

#751 *"Sing Praise to the Lord"*

First Reading: Genesis 18:20-32 \*

Responsorial Psalm:

Psalm 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8

Second Reading: Colossians 2:12-14

Gospel Acclamation: Romans 8:15bc

GOSPEL: Luke 11:1-13

Offertory Hymn

#673 *"O Lord, with Wondrous Mystery"*

Communion Hymn

#593 *"Jesus, My Lord, My God, My All"*

Recessional Hymn


#561 *"Holy God, We Praise Thy Name"*

\*Readings & Gospel: Today's Missal: pp. 34-37  
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203-748-8177 or [recstjoseph@yahoo.com](mailto:recstjoseph@yahoo.com)



**ANNUAL BISHOPS APPEAL**

**Saint Joseph Parish**

**2025 Bishop's Appeal as of 6/30/25**

Bishop's Appeal Goal:	\$98,000.00
Total Pledged:	\$78,519
Donors to Date:	287 Donors



To make a gift, or for more information,  
please visit us at [2025BishopsAppeal.org](http://2025BishopsAppeal.org)  
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As of June 30, St. Joseph Parish has 26% participation in the Annual Bishop's Appeal. We can meet and exceed our goal with full participation. Every gift makes a difference, and contributes towards the services and ministries supported by the Appeal.

**Give Us This Day**

**Last week to submit subscriptions & renewals**

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.
- Please return the form and remittance to the Rectory Office **by July 30**.

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## FAITH FORMATION

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).

### PRE-BAPTISM CLASS:

The next pre-baptism class will be held on **Sunday, August 3, at 12:30 PM** in the Religious Ed Building. Pre-baptism class is required for parents prior to scheduling a baptism. Please call the Office to register: 203-748-8177.

### 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 28**

Exodus 32:15-24, 30-34 / Psalm 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 / Matthew 13:31-35

### **Tuesday, July 29 Sts. Martha, Mary, & Lazarus**

Exodus 33:7-11, 34:5b-9, 28 / Psalm 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13 / John 11:19-27

### **Wednesday, July 30**

Exodus 34:29-35 / Psalm 99:5, 6, 7, 9  
Matthew 13:44-46

### **Thursday, July 31 St. Ignatius of Loyola**

Exodus 40:16-21, 34-38 / Ps. 84:3, 4, 5-6a & 8a, 11 / Matthew 13:47-53

### **Friday, August 1 St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

Leviticus 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37 / Psalm 81:3-4, 5-6, 10-11ab / Matthew 13:54-58

### **Saturday, August 2**

Leviticus 25:1, 8-17 / Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 7-8  
Matthew 14:1-12

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## 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.

If you are considering becoming Catholic, or are a baptized Catholic adult who wishes to prepare for First Communion and Confirmation, 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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**Parish Manager:** Anne Leclercq

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 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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 to apply.

**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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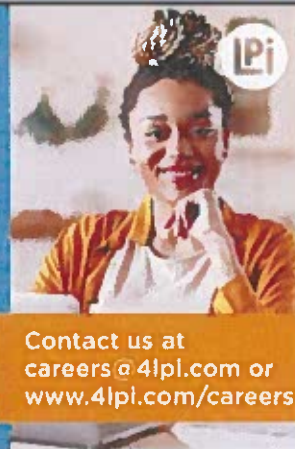
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