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18th Sunday in Ordinary Time — August 2, 2026



REV. ERIC W. SILVA, PASTOR

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MR. ROBERT FERTITTA, B.A., M.A., DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

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

SATURDAY 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM, 3:00 PM - 3:45 PM

HOLY HOUR AND CONFESSIONS

MONDAY EVENING 7:00 PM-8:00 PM



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

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For a Communion, Confession, and/or Anointing
 homebound visit, please call the Parish Office:
 203-748-8177



Saturday, August 1:

8:00 AM Vocations to the Religious Life
 4:00 PM Dee Barrett—Cesca Family

Sunday, August 2:

7:30 AM Medlar & Casale Families
 —Sue & Vinny Casale
 9:30 AM Raina Spasova—Hristina Veleva
 11:00 AM Bethany Mass
 5:00 PM Intentions of Parishioners

Monday, August 3:

12:05 PM Fred & Anna Otto—Ron & Katrina Freier

Tuesday, August 4:

12:05 PM Noel Daly—M/M Frank Sullivan

Wednesday, August 5:

12:05 PM Michael James Nikis—Mom & Family

Thursday, August 6:

12:05 PM Rodolfo A. SanPablo
 —Axel Ampeloquio & Family

Friday, August 7:

12:05 PM James F. Cox—Rosary Ministry

Saturday, August 8:

8:00 AM Michelle Kayal—Keenan Family
 4:00 PM Thomas A. Smith—M/M Frank Sullivan

Sunday, August 9:

7:30 AM Joseph DelMonte
 —Donna & Kristen Palmer
 9:30 AM Sheila Keenan—Family
 11:00 AM Int. of Diane Herzman—Linda Schneider
 5:00 PM Intentions of Parishioners



The Sanctuary Candle will burn
 this week in memory of

Frances Ruppell

Requested by: Daughter, Brenda

Pastor's Corner for the Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Praised be Jesus Christ!

This coming Thursday, August 6th, we celebrate the Feast Day of the Transfiguration of the Lord. The event where Jesus takes Peter, James, and John atop a high mountain and those three faithful disciples of our Lord are witness to not only Jesus' conversing with Elijah and Moses, but our Lord transfiguring before them, "his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light." It was so majestic and wonderful a scene that Peter exclaims, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He suggests erecting tents so that this moment could be stretched out over a longer period of time. Peter, very similar to how a little child will project his or her desires onto someone with authority, tries to do the same with Jesus. "Mom, if you wanted, we could stop for ice cream on our way home."

Peter, understandably did not want the moment to end...who would? The glory of Jesus' transfigured body would have both shocked them as well as lured them into a deep sense of wonder. It was not only another verification of who exactly Jesus is, but a glimpse into how He will appear in his glory in the next life. Jesus, ever the teacher, was not just giving them another reason to believe in Him but was also giving them a glimpse of what they and we too, are destined for. We too are made to live in a glorified body. We too will experience a physical world in the life to come where there will not only be spiritual entities without corporeal forms but also with physical realities like bodies, food, and physical contact.

The way that we treat our bodies must also take into consideration the level of reverence that we owe that which will be glorified in the next life. If our bodies will join us in heaven (albeit a glorified body without this pesky back pain and constant hunger for cheeseburgers!) what is the most righteous way that we should act and treat those bodies that, please God, await their own transfiguration? This does not mean that it should be considered sinful to eat unhealthy foods or rest in leisure watching television, but as Catholics, we believe in a "both/and" theology and philosophy. While the created world brings with it many joys that are gifts from God to be enjoyed, such as ice cream and BBQ, if that is all we consume, what does it implicitly say about what we think about our own bodies?

We must both treat our bodies with the reverence and respect that communicate to the world that these bodies are a gift from God that should be kept pure, but we also mustn't shy away from the enjoyment of those physical gifts that God has given us either. As a late priest mentor of mine would say, "I know that my diet in heaven will consist almost entirely of cannoli's, but I can't start that diet just yet". I do hope there is more variety in heaven but to each their own! May we treat our bodies like the gifts that they are and may we dwell upon the glorified and transfigured Lord as we too prepare to receive the same reward.

In Christ & Mary,
Father Silva

PARISH EVENTS



AFTER MASSES THIS WEEKEND AUGUST 1-2

Members of CREW Leaders for Mary will be available after Masses to register interested teens / families for the CREW ministry.

CLFM is a Catholic apostolate that leads middle and high school teens to Jesus through Mary, offering faith-filled CREW Nights, retreats, service, and mission trips that inspire spiritual growth, leadership, and lasting community. www.crewlfm.org

WEEKLY HOLY HOUR & CONFESSION

Monday, August 3 7:00-8:00 PM

Holy Hour is held every Monday evening.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Friday, August 7

Eucharistic Adoration is held on the **first Friday** of each month, immediately following the 12:05 PM Mass and ending at 8:00 PM. A sign-up sheet is at the church side entrance. Walk-ins are welcome.

MONTHLY COFFEE HOUR

Sunday, August 9

**in the Church Hall
after the 7:30 AM Mass**

Stop in for some coffee and fellowship.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Saturday, August 22 9:00AM—2:00PM

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Drop-off Dates:

Friday, Sept 4—Sunday, Sept. 6

Tag Sale Dates:

Friday, Sept. 11—Sunday, Sept. 13

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Friday, Sept. 18—Monday, Sept. 20

Details about donation items and times will be coming soon.

Start saving your treasures to donate.

Parish Support

Stewardship of Time, Talent, and Treasure Worship Offerings

for the Week of 7/21—7/27/26

Weekly Offertory \$ 8,545.00
Religious Education Subsidy \$ 2,385.00

- ◇ This weekend's second collection is for the **Monthly Collection**.
- ◇ Next weekend's second collection is for **St. Joseph School Capital Projects Fund**.



Saint Joseph Parish	
2026 Bishop's Appeal as of 7/24/26	
Bishop's Appeal Goal:	\$98,000
Total Pledged:	\$111,679 (114%)
Donors to Date:	273 Donors
	
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Morning Glory Breakfast Program

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CATHOLIC CHARITIES HOME ESSENTIALS GOODS COLLECTION Weekend of August 22-23 After all Masses

The Morning Glory Home Essentials Program mission is to provide household supplies in a shopping-like experience to the financially disadvantaged residents of Danbury.

During the weekend of August 22-23, we will be collecting the following items for Morning Glory Home Essentials:

- **Medium-sized liquid Laundry Detergent**
- **Toilet Paper**
- **Paper Towels**
- **Toothpaste**

Please place all donations in the marked boxes in the vestibule at the side entrance of the Church.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

The Home Essentials Pantry continues to provide critical support to families in our community through the generosity of donors and community partners. In 2025, the pantry served **1,024 families**, helping individuals and households access essential household and personal care items that are often not covered by food assistance programs.

As of year-to-date, the Home Essentials Pantry has already served **325 families through scheduled appointments**, ensuring that clients receive individualized support and access to needed resources. The continued support of our donors makes it possible for us to meet these growing needs and help families maintain dignity, stability, and well-being during challenging times.

FAITH FORMATION

Calendar — The religious education calendar will be available soon. Classes are expected to begin on Tuesday and Wednesday, October 6 and 7, 2026. The Enrollment Form for the 2026-27 religious education year has been sent by email and has been posted to our Parish website.

Faith Formation Office Hours — While the Faith Formation office has closed for the summer and will reopen after Labor Day, we are available by appointment. Please contact the Director of RE by email: Maria Merino-Schweitzer maria.schweitzer@stjosephdanbury.org.

Aunque la oficina de Educación Religiosa ha cerrado por el verano y reabrirá después del Día del Trabajo (Labor Day), estamos disponibles con cita previa. Por favor, comuníquese con la Directora por correo electrónico: Maria Merino-Schweitzer maria.schweitzer@stjosephdanbury.org.



We welcome our newly baptized:

Analiah Adames
Brooklyn Grace Baldwin
Ignacio Miguel Ceperley

Please keep them and their families
in your prayers.

Interested in Becoming Catholic?

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 weekly.

St. Joseph's OCIA program includes sessions of education, discussion, questions & answers, and fellowship.

For more information, please contact Anne Leclercq at 203-748-8177, or anne.leclercq@stjosephdanbury.org



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in your prayers

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