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18th Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 3, 2025



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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

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

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

**Bulletin Blurb
for the 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Praised be Jesus Christ!

You may have noticed that the church looks a little brighter and a little more colorful this weekend than it has for the past several months and it is not because the sun is shining all the brighter outside. The first series of stained-glass windows that we sent away to be restored are now back inside, showing the full glory and splendor of what they must have looked like when they were first installed for the church's opening in the spring of 1905. The rose window above the organ, the windows in the sanctuary, and the annunciation window immediately next to the Blessed Virgin Mary's altar give us a glimpse of what your generosity has both brought back to our parish as well as ensure that it, please God, lasts until Jesus' second coming.

Many opponents of the Church (and some from within) will make the argument that we have too many things in the Catholic churches throughout the world: gold and silver, ornate chalices and monstrances, priceless artwork and sculptures. Those in opposition to the Church being in possession of these items would be correct, if the Church were, in fact, in possession of them. We are not. The Church is merely stewards of that which is most beautiful because they firstly belong to God, and then they belong to us all. Each and every visitor of our parish who steps foot into our beautiful church has the privilege of gazing upon our magnificent stained-glass windows and feeling what we are so blessed to feel each and every day.

Saint Paul writes in the second reading, "Put to death, then, the parts of you that are earthly..." but notice that this list of that which is "earthly" does not mention the beauty that adorns so many Catholic churches throughout the world. The world is in desperate need of more beauty and we reject the idea that simplicity is the most beautiful thing in the world, which is often the argument of those who seek to strip that which is beautiful from these places of worship.

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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

Monday, August 4:

12:05 PM Richard Heggie—John Pepe

Tuesday, August 5:

12:05 PM Jack O'Neill—John Pepe

Wednesday, August 6:

12:05 PM Adelaide Pepe—John Pepe

Thursday, August 7:

12:05 PM Barbara & Desmond Fernandez
—Family

Friday, August 8:

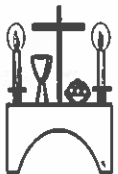
12:05 PM Thomas A. Smith—M/M F. Sullivan

Saturday, August 9:

8:00 AM Mackenzie Newsome
—Mother & Grandmother
4:00 PM Picchione & Ianello Families & John, Jr.
—Marie & John

Sunday, August 10:

7:30 AM Joseph Delmonte
—Donna & Kristen Palmer
9:30 AM John & Brian Doran—Doran Family
11:00 AM Bethany Mass
5:00 PM Intentions of Parishioners



The Sanctuary Candles will burn
this week in memory of
Frances Ruppell
Requested by daughter, Brenda.



Wedding Banns

Christaly Cruz & Joel Garcia
First Banns

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Bishop Robert Barron once said that "Beauty is the spearhead of evangelization." Beauty is not the entirety of what is necessary for evangelization, but for so many, it is the hook that draws them in. I have no doubt that our stained-glass windows glorify God and for all who venture to step foot into our church to see them, they will find the beauty of those who call this place home and He who is our Father, even more glorious.

In Christ & Mary,
Father Silva

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.

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
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MONTHLY COFFEE HOUR

Sunday, August 10
After the 7:30 am Mass
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Order of Mass for the Lord's Day 18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Processional Hymn

#800 "To Jesus Christ, Our Sovereign King"

First Reading: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 2:21-23 *

Responsorial Psalm:

Psalm 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 & 17

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11

Gospel Acclamation: Matthew 5:3

GOSPEL: Luke 12:13-21

Offertory Hymn

#572 "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"

Communion Hymn

#509 "Draw Near and Take the Body
of Thy Lord"

Recessional Hymn

#543 "God's Blessing Sends Us Forth"

*Readings & Gospel: Today's Missal: pp. 37-39
Hymns: St. Michael Hymnal

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

**Mass Intentions and Votive Candle
Pricing Changes**

Effective **September 1**, prices for Mass Intentions and Candles will change as follows:

Mass Intentions \$20
4-Hour (small) Votive Candles \$ 2
3-day (large) votive candles remain at \$ 5
Sanctuary Candle (1) \$25

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



Please Pray for the Repose
of the Soul of:

Annellen Gleissner



ANNUAL BISHOPS APPEAL

Saint Joseph Parish

2025 Bishop's Appeal as of 7/25/25

Bishop's Appeal Goal:	\$98,000.00
Total Pledged:	\$78,894
Donors to Date:	288 Donors



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

Welcome, ABA Speakers

This weekend, St. Joseph Parish welcomes speakers from the Diocese, who will have a short talk at Masses about the Annual Bishop's Appeal.

As of July 25, St. Joseph Parish has 26% parishioner participation in the Annual Bishop's Appeal.

Overall, we are at 81% of our \$98,000 goal. We can meet and exceed our goal with full participation. Every gift makes a difference.

**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.

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.

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.

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.

DAILY MASS READINGS:

Monday, August 4 *St. John Vianney, Priest*
Numbers 11:4b-15 / Ps. 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17
Matthew 14:13-21

Tuesday, August 5
Numbers 12:1-13 / Ps. 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13
Matthew 14:22-36

Wednesday, August 6 *The Transfiguration of the Lord*
Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 / Psalm 97:1-2, 5-6, 9 /
2 Peter 1:16-19 / Luke 9:28b-36

Thursday, August 7
Numbers 20:1-13 / Ps. 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 /
Matthew 16:13-23

Friday, August 8 *St. Dominic, Priest*
Deuteronomy 4:32-40 / Ps. 77:12-13, 14-15,
16 & 21 / Matthew 16:24-28

Saturday, August 9
Deuteronomy 6:4-13 / Psalm 18:2-3a, 3bc-4,
47 & 51 / Matthew 17:14-20

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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.

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.

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

**SAINT JOSEPH PARISH CONTACTS**

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**Parish Manager:** Anne Leclercq

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**Parish Organization Contacts**

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**REMEMBER**  
*in your prayers*

Please pray for those listed below, and for all of our parishioners currently in nursing homes, hospitals, or confined to their homes:

Rose Marie Abramo - Kelli Barrett - Matthew Bernabe  
 Marie Bovaird - Ernestine Clark - Irene Clark - Chuck Daudt - Albert Docktor - Anita Edwards - Anand Gokhale - Marie Hallas - Henry James - P.M. Joseph - Gavin King - Dorothy Koellmer - David McCann - Catherine McCarthy - Eileen McCarthy - William Morrison - Victor Munoz - Marjorie Nodine - Ethel Pancotti - Joseph Parkis - Michael Pedicini - Teresa Pesce - Joseph Ponmankal - Julie Potenziani - Christine Preisser - Art Regan - Catherine Robinson - George Shehl, Jr. - Michael Skomro - Barbara R. Schirmer - George Schur - Jeanne Soraghan - Lorraine Squillante - MaryAnn Storms - Kenneth Towery - Rebecca Zaccardo

Please call the Parish Office at 203-748-8177, with any updates for this listing.

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**Dr. Louis Howe, Jr., Principal**  
[lhowe@sjsdanbury.org](mailto:lhowe@sjsdanbury.org)

**School Advisory Board:** Mrs. Jeanne Spain

**Parent Teacher Organization:**  
 Mrs. Katie Duncan  
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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.

**You can help to keep our information current:**  
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