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19th Sunday in Ordinary Time — August 9, 2026



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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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Requests for Sacraments and Home Visits:

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



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

Monday, August 10:

12:05 PM Dec. of Kennedy & Ryan Families—*Family*

Tuesday, August 11:

12:05 PM Dec. of Keilty & Drapeau Families—*Family*

Wednesday, August 12:

12:05 PM Mary Michael—*Bob Stauffer*

Thursday, August 13:

12:05 PM Michael & Jenny Novella
 —*Barbara & Family*

Friday, August 14:

12:05 PM Catherine Valente—*Family*

Saturday, August 15:

8:00 AM Dominic Matarazzo—*Wife*
 4:00 PM Viola & Pius Cesca—*Family*

Sunday, August 16:

7:30 AM Pasquale Perry—*Son, John*
 9:30 AM Annette Boggess—*Schweitzer Family*
 11:00 AM Brian & John Doran—*Doran Family*
 5:00 PM Intentions of Parishioners



The Sanctuary Candle will burn
 this week in memory of

Catherine Valente

Requested by: Family

Pastor's Corner for the Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Praised be Jesus Christ!

This past Thursday, August 6th at Saint Patrick's Cathedral in New York City, the religious community of the Sisters of Life celebrated the Final Vows of three sisters: Sister Eden Marie, Sister Elna Marie, and Sister Maria Annunciata. Each year of the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord, women who have spent many years living and discerning a perpetual call to religious life in the community of the Sisters of Life stand before their family, friends, the Church, and God to make their final vows of chastity, poverty, obedience, and to protect and enhance the sacredness of all human life from conception until natural death. I can say with absolute certainty that it is among my favorite days of the entire year!

I am blessed to have known this community since my days in the seminary and on occasion they need priests to say Mass for their various communities, hear confessions for their sisters, and come to help out with retreats and other events that they hold for the community which they serve. There is something incredibly moving about the final vows that most people do not have the opportunity to witness (although this is public event and anyone is welcome to attend...the Cathedral of Saint Patrick's in NYC is certainly large enough!). Allow me to share with you two particulars from their vows that give a small glimpse into the lives of religious sisters that many do not know.

The first is how similar to a wedding the feel of the ceremony has because that is precisely what is happening! Although there are a number of sisters all making their final vows together, they process in to a beautiful chant from Matthew 25: 6, which says, "the Bridegroom is here, go out and welcome Him!". It is a reference to them being the bride and Jesus being their Bridegroom. During the offertory those to make their final vows bring up the gifts of water, wine, and bread alongside their parents, just as a bride processes down the aisle alongside her father, mother, or parent figure from their lives. They receive a wedding ring blessed by the archbishop who is the celebrant of the Mass and who represents Christ as if Christ Himself is placing the ring on the finger of His new bride. The wedding imagery is palpable and for any young woman who has had the thought of the religious life alongside of the desire to become a wife and mother, it cannot be emphasized enough that those two feelings are not mutually exclusive, albeit lived and experienced in different ways.

The second is how joyful the event is. It may not come as a surprise, but words fail to express how celestially joyful this event truly is. From this point on their lives are no longer their own; bound to obedience that can send them all over the world serving in ways that may differ wildly from what they studied in college or had a desire for in their hearts at a young age, but their joy is other worldly. They may only be able to see their family for a short while each year, but they are radiant. That joy is the greatest marketing tactic of all time, not only for those discerning the religious life but for those who wish to have the same joy in whatever vocation the Lord has called you to. That joy is not only possible but is a promise from the lips of Jesus Himself and it is not only a gift given to the Sisters of Life, but to you and to me. These vows are a public reminder, and the sisters are a living witness to the joy that comes from giving your life to Christ!

In Christ & Mary,
Father Silva

PARISH EVENTS

PARISH OFFICE MOVE & CLOSE DATE:

On Monday, **August 17**, the Parish Office will relocate from the Rectory to the Religious Ed Building.

The Office will be closed on Monday, 8/17 and will re-open on Tuesday, 8/18.

MONTHLY COFFEE HOUR

Sunday, August 9

in the Church Hall

after the 7:30 AM Mass

Stop in for some coffee and fellowship.

WEEKLY HOLY HOUR & CONFESSION

Monday, August 10 7:00-8:00 PM

Holy Hour is held every Monday evening.

Morning Glory Breakfast Program

A Food Service of Catholic Charities

Home Essentials Goods Collection

Saturday, August 22 & Sunday, August 23

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.

Tuesday, August 18:



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Valid Tuesday, August 18
3:00 - 10:00pm



RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Saturday, August 22 9:00AM—2:00PM

In the Church Hall

Sponsored by Knights of Columbus Council #29

www.redcrossblood.org/give

ANNUAL TAG SALE

SAVE THE DATES:

ST. JOSEPH PARISH TAG SALE

Drop-off Dates:

Friday, Sept 4—Sunday, Sept. 6

Tag Sale Dates:

Friday, Sept. 11—Sunday, Sept. 13

SELL YOUR GOLD FUNDRAISER

Friday, Sept. 18—Sunday, 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 7/28—8/3/26

Weekly Offertory \$ 8,284.00
Monthly Offertory \$ 4,644.00

- ◇ This weekend's second collection is for the **St. Joseph School Capital Projects Fund.**
Please make checks payable to St. Joseph School.
- ◇ Next weekend's second collection is for **Air Conditioning.**

Weekend of August 15-16:

The Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is Saturday, August 15, 2026.

This year, it is not a holy day of obligation in the United States, because it falls on a Saturday. On Saturday 8/15 & Sunday, 8/16, St. Joseph Parish will follow its regular weekend Mass schedule.

Offertory Baskets for Assumption envelopes and donations, will be at the church entrances.

Lay Dominican Open House, Sept. 21

Are you being called to a deeper understanding of the Faith and Truth? Do you think you might want to be a Lay Dominican? Come follow in the footsteps of Saint Dominic through prayer, study, community and apostolate. Our Lady of Fatima, Lay Fraternity of St. Dominic is growing! Please join us for our annual Open House/ Inquiry on **Monday, September 21 @ 7 PM**, St. Theresa School Gym, 55 Rosemond Terrace Trumbull, CT. For more information about the Lay Dominicans please call, text or email our Formation Director, Mrs. Michelle Rowe, OP., @ 203-218-6882;



Saint Joseph Parish	
2026 Bishop's Appeal as of 7/31/26	
Bishop's Appeal Goal:	\$98,000
Total Pledged:	\$111,680 (114%)
Donors to Date:	273 Donors



To make a gift, or for more information, please visit us at 2026BishopsAppeal.org, call (203) 416-1470 or scan with your phone.



2026 Danbury San Gennaro Festival

August 19-23, 2026

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Wednesday - Friday | 5-11PM

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**Join us for Mass and Grand Procession
led by Bishop Frank Caggiano**

Wednesday, August 19, 2026

4:00 PM: Mass & Blessing of San Gennaro Statue
at St. Peter Church 104 Main Street Danbury, CT

5:00 PM: Grand Procession down Main Street
to festival on Ives Street

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.

Immaculate High School's 37th Annual Golf Outing

Please join us on **Monday, September 28, 2026** at the beautiful Ridgewood Country Club. Enjoy a day of camaraderie on the course plus lunch, cocktails, dinner, exciting contests, prizes and raffles.

11:30am - Registration & Lunch

12:30 - Shotgun Start

Swing into action for a great cause and support the students of IHS!

For more information please contact Alumni & Events Director, Jeannie Demko at jdeko@myimmaculatehs.org or Golf Co-Chairs, Michael Anstett at golf-chair@myimmaculatehs.org or Michael Gelson at golfchair2@myimmaculatehs.org.

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 on September 13.

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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