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19th Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 10, 2025



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MASSES

DAILY WEEKDAY — 12:05 PM

SATURDAY — 8:00 AM

SATURDAY ANTICIPATORY MASS — 4:00 PM

SUNDAY — 7:30, 9:30, 11:00 AM AND 5:00 PM

(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 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

Monday, August 11:

- 12:05 PM Ron Cipolla—Fr. Silva

Tuesday, August 12:

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

Wednesday, August 13:

- 12:05 PM Barbara Fernandez—Rose Latty & Family

Thursday, August 14:

- 12:05 PM Catherine Valente—M/M F. Sullivan
4:00 PM Thomas Smith—M/M F. Sullivan

**Friday, August 15: The Assumption of the
Blessed Virgin Mary**

- 7:00 AM Alica Ann Dvorsky—Andrew Amato
12:05 PM Dominic Matarazzo—Wife
7:30 PM Marian Hazell—Riggs Family

Saturday, August 16:

- 8:00 AM Pasquale Perry—Son, John
4:00 PM Viola & Pius Cesca—Family

Sunday, August 17:

- 7:30 AM Luigia Parisi—Children
9:30 AM Leonard Greenfield—Doyle Family
11:00 AM Ramon Ulloa—Wife & Children
5:00 PM Intentions of Parishioners

Praised be Jesus Christ!

This past weekend we said goodbye to Father Harry as he heads down to Virginia for graduate studies in philosophy. While his absence will certainly be felt by all, we are grateful that he will be with us when he comes home for breaks and celebrates those essential holidays such as Christmas and Easter with our parish community. Many parishioners have shown great support and even expressed some concern, asking, "Father Silva, are you going to be OK by yourself?" or "Are you going to be able to manage everything without Father Harry?". The honest answer is, "By God's grace alone!"

Father Scott labored for many years as the solo priest in the parish and even though it is a blessing to have another priest working in a single parish, it is the reality of the times that we live in, where more and more parishes across the world are "single priest parishes". We are blessed to not have the same struggle that many brother priests have to navigate: a single priest for more than one parish.

The Gospel for this weekend shows Jesus' tender care for His disciples, calling them His, "little flock", and that is what we are indeed. He exhorts all of his disciples (not just His apostles...not just His priests) to be vigilant and to labor in His vineyard. While I may have been entrusted to you all as the shepherd of this parish, the parish belongs to each of us and as such, we are called to labor together. Whether we have one priest or eight, much of what this parish will accomplish and how it will grow will be a collaborative effort, requiring great prayer, volunteering, and work of each of its members. We are not all called to labor in the same exact way, but Mother Theresa provided us with the beautiful analogy of cups being filled; whether a cup be bigger or smaller than another, it is not about the size of the cup, but whether or not it is filled. To labor for God and to serve this parish belongs to all of us, so my prayer is that we fill up our cups, whatever size they may be, with this great and joyful responsibility together!

In Christ & Mary,
Father Silva



The Sanctuary Candle will burn
this week in memory of
Catherine Valente
Requested by M/M F. Sullivan

PARISH EVENTS

MONTHLY COFFEE HOUR

Sunday, August 10
After the 7:30 am Mass
In the Church Hall

Community Event: LADY OF KNOCK MASS Saturday, August 16

The Andy McGann Comhaltas branch and the Danbury LAOH are presenting their annual Mass to honor Our Lady of Knock on Saturday, August 16th at 11 am at St. Peter's R.C. Church, 104 Main Street in Danbury, CT. Music and readings will be in Irish and English. All are invited to attend!

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.



Home Essentials Goods Collection

Sat, August 23 & Sun. August 24

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 23-24, 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.

Order of Mass for the Lord's Day 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Processional Hymn
#450 "Be Not Afraid"

First Reading: Wisdom 18:6-9 *

Responsorial Psalm:

Psalm 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22

Second Reading: Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19

Gospel Acclamation: Matthew 24:42a, 44

GOSPEL: Luke 12:32-48

Offertory Hymn

#430 "Amazing Grace! How Sweet
the Sound"

Communion Hymn

#745 "Shepherd of Souls, In Love,
Come Feed Us"

Recessional Hymn

#520 "Faith of Our Fathers"

*Readings & Gospel: Today's Missal: pp. 39-41
Hymns: St. Michael Hymnal

BETHANY MASS

Sunday, August 10

This Sunday, at the 11:00 AM Bethany Mass, we remember our deceased parishioners, especially the recently deceased, with services in July:

Joyce Caselnova

Although we miss this parishioner's physical presence, we celebrate her eternal life with Jesus. Please pray for all deceased parishioners, their families and friends.



Wedding Banns

Christaly Cruz & Joel Garcia
Second Banns

Victoria McKenna & Joseph Poletsky
First Banns



Please Pray for the Repose
of the Soul of:

Dolores "Dee" Barrett



Stewardship of Time, Talent, and Treasure Worship Offerings

Will be published in next week's bulletin

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



Laboure Society— Rescue Vocations

My name is William Coupe. I feel called to serve Christ and His Church as a priest with the Melkite Diocese of Newton. I grew up in Wilton, Connecticut and in high

school I had a powerful encounter with God while reading the Bible.

In college, I became involved with the protestant community, but later came back to my Catholic faith. After living abroad, I returned home to Connecticut. I found St. Ann Melkite Catholic Church in Danbury, CT and fell in love with the community, liturgy, and beauty of the Eastern Catholic Church. While in Mass one day, I was overwhelmed with awe for how Christ pours himself out for us in the Eucharist. I felt a calling to take part in this sacred mystery. After further discernment of where to serve, the flame in my heart for the Melkite Rite was fanned, and it is in this setting that I anticipate deep joy in serving as a priest.

This summer I am partnering with the **Laboure Society**, whose mission it is to help rescue vocations. We partner with people through prayer, financial support and introductions. I am so grateful for all those with a heart for vocations. Feel free to reach me at william@rescuevocations.org. To learn more about my story or if you'd be interested in giving to the mission please visit the following: <https://rescuevocations.org/aspirant/william-coupe/>



ANNUAL BISHOPS APPEAL

Saint Joseph Parish	
2025 Bishop's Appeal as of 8/1/25	
Bishop's Appeal Goal:	\$98,000.00
Total Pledged:	\$80,144
Donors to Date:	290 Donors



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

The Appeal continues through **September 30**. Pledge cards are available at the side church entrance & at bulletin stands.



TEACHING & PREACHING THE GOSPEL

"The ways that the Lord has transformed my life through seminary are hard to describe in words because the movements of the Holy Spirit sometimes are so deep and impactful that there aren't words to accurately depict them. One way that I can describe is the way I live my life. Specifically grown in the areas of Charity and Love, my spiritual life has been transformed.

Brendan M. Gleeson

Discipleship Stage, St. Charles Borromeo Seminary

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Your gift to the Bishop's Appeal supports the education and formation of young men like Brendan Gleeson in their preparation for the priesthood.



OCIA

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)

This week, we share a reflection and invitation from parishioner Stephanie Vivas for our OCIA program:

Dear neighbors,

I'm delighted to share my transformative experience at Saint Joseph Parish, where I received the sacrament of Confirmation on Pentecost Sunday alongside fellow sisters in Christ. If you or someone you know is seeking to deepen their faith and spiritual journey, our education group is an ideal starting point.

We've created a vibrant community of individuals passionate about spreading the word of Christ and exploring biblical topics. What began as a group of strangers has blossomed into a welcoming community, and we'd love for you to join us!

I feel fortunate to have discovered this group after a thorough search last year, and I'm excited to pay it forward by sharing this valuable resource with you. We look forward to seeing you in our parish. Blessings to all!

Who is OCIA for?

- Non-Catholics who want to find out more about the Catholic Faith.
- Those who want to join the Catholic Church through Baptism, or Profession of Faith.
- Those who were baptized Catholic as infants but never received religious education, First Eucharist and Confirmation.

We invite you to join our OCIA program. Fall sessions will meet bi-weekly and consist of educational information and faith-sharing discussions.

Please contact Anne Leclercq at 203-748-8177, or anne.leclercq@stjosephdanbury.org if you are interested in attending or would like information.

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.

DAILY MASS READINGS:

Monday, August 11 Saint Clare, Virgin

Deuteronomy 10:12-22 / Ps. 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20
Matthew 17:22-27

Tuesday, August 12 Deuteronomy 31:1-8 /

Deut. 32:3-4ab, 7, 8, 9 & 12 / Matt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday, August 13 Deuteronomy 34:1-12 /

Ps. 66:1-3a, 5 & 8, 16-17 / Matthew 18:15-20

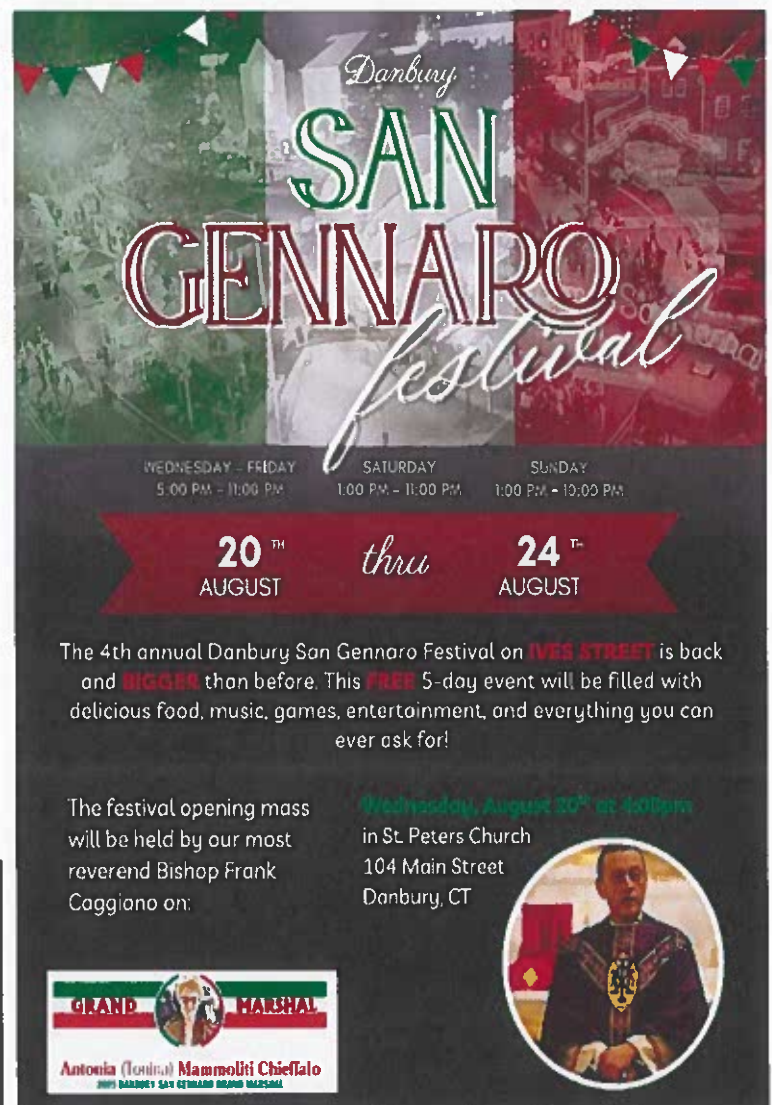
Thursday, August 14 St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr

Joshua 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17 / Ps. 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6
Matthew 18:21-19:1

Friday, August 15 The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Revelation 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab / Ps. 45:10, 11, 12, 16 / 1 Corinthians 15:20-27 / Luke 1:39-56

Saturday, August 16 Joshua 24:14-29 / Psalm 16:1-2a & 5, 7-8, 11 / Matthew 19:13-15



Danbury
SAN GENNARO
festival


WEDNESDAY - FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
5:00 PM - 11:00 PM	1:00 PM - 11:00 PM	1:00 PM - 10:00 PM

20TH AUGUST *thru* **24TH** AUGUST

The 4th annual Danbury San Gennaro Festival on **IVES STREET** is back and **BIGGER** than before. This **FREE** 5-day event will be filled with delicious food, music, games, entertainment, and everything you can ever ask for!

The festival opening mass will be held by our most reverend Bishop Frank Caggiano on:

Wednesday, August 20th at 4:00pm
in St. Peter's Church
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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 - Melissa Doreson - Anita Edwards - Anand Gokhale - Marie Hallas - Henry James - P.M. Joseph - Gavin King - Dorothy Koellmer - Livio Malta - David McCann - Catherine McCarthy - Eileen McCarthy - William Morrison - Michelle Mott - 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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If interested, please contact Dr. Howe at LHowe@sjsdanbury.org or go to <https://www.ctreap.net/jobsrch.php> to apply.

PARISH SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Rectory Office hours:
 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

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

You can help to keep our information current:
 Please notify the Parish Office of address changes, new phone numbers and email addresses, so that we may have current information on file.

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