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20th Sunday in Ordinary Time — August 16, 2026



REV. ERIC W. SILVA, PASTOR

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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

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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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

Monday, August 17:

12:05 PM Leonard Greenfield—*Doyle Family*

Tuesday, August 18:

12:05 PM Vincent Keilty—*Family*

Wednesday, August 19:

12:05 PM Rev. Lawrence Carew—*David Bento*

Thursday, August 20 :

12:05 PM Int. of Amber Burroughs & Family
 —*Helga Lavan*

Friday, August 21:

12:05 PM Herbert & Maureen Weiss
 —*Vieux Family*

Saturday, August 22:

8:00 AM Vocations to Married Life

4:00 PM Frank Kovacs—*Claire Anderson*

Sunday, August 23:

7:30 AM Luigia Parisi—*Children*

9:30 AM Joanne Bennett—*SJS Faculty & Staff*

11:00 AM John Small—*Brendan & Jeanne Spain*

5:00 PM Intentions of Parishioners

Requests for Sacraments and Home Visits:

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



The Sanctuary Candle will burn
 this week in memory of

Int. of Donald J. Corrigan, II

Requested by: Marie A. Petrovskis

Pastor's Corner for the Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Praised be Jesus Christ!

Many have made the remark, "Does anything go on in a school during the summertime?". This, of course, comes from those who might not have had the pleasure of working in a school and have seen the tremendous amount of work that occurs while the students and faculty are away: repairs that cannot take place during the schoolyear are underway, admissions counselors are hard at work to continue the recruiting and invitation process for potential new students, the search for new faculty and staff, and so on... Much of what happens during the schoolyear is only able to operate as smoothly as it does because of what is going on behind the scenes during the summertime. The same can be said about the parish life.

While the sacraments, liturgies, and pastoral needs of the people continue to live on during these summer months, without school or religious ed in session, various groups and ministries taking time off, and even the pastor getting away for a couple of weeks (and possibly having his truck break down somewhere in Texas), the parish continues to work diligently during these summer months to ensure that the "schoolyear" of the parish runs all the more efficiently. I think it is necessary to keep the parish informed as to all that has been happening at the parish during these summer months; let it serve as a simple note of gratitude to all those who are working incredibly hard as well as a notice to all of our faithful parishioners of some changes that will be taking place come the fall.

The restoration process of the stained-glass windows continues as the crew finishes up putting the protective glass on the windows facing the driveway of the parish entrance (where the exterior scaffolding is located). Additionally, they are able to use that scaffolding to assist in some chimney repairs that need to take place on the church; the incredible amount of rainfall has revealed in a not-so-subtle fashion that these chimney repairs are necessary. After they have completed those repairs and all of the protective glass has been installed on that side of the church, the scaffolding will be moved to the opposite side of the church to both remove and replace the protective glass on the Robinson Avenue side of the church as well as make any repairs to the siding of the church, similar to what was made on the entrance side of the church.

The Buck Building has undergone an incredible amount of work over the summer and I want to thank Brian Walsh personally because without him, nothing at all would have been done. We are in the process of moving our parish offices over to the Buck Building, which will hopefully take effect the first week of September. In next week's Pastor's Corner, I plan to explain why it is a prudential and pastoral decision to move the offices out of the rectory into the Buck Building and what new opportunities it presents for our parish community. Please keep all those various contractors, electricians, roofers, and so many more, in your prayers as they work tirelessly to help our parish continue its good works and service to our entire community.

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.

WEEKLY HOLY HOUR & CONFESSION

Monday, August 17 7:00-8:00 PM

Holy Hour is held every Monday evening.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Saturday, August 22 9:00AM—2:00PM

In the Church Hall

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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.

Tuesday, August 18: take this ad with you



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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

Parish Support

Stewardship of Time, Talent, and Treasure Worship Offerings

for the Week of 8/4—8/10/26

Weekly Offertory \$ 8,943.52

- ◇ This weekend's second collection is for the **Air Conditioning** collection.
- ◇ Baskets for envelopes and offerings for the **Assumption** are by the church entrances.

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.

VOLUNTEERING:

For anyone, 18 years and older, interested in volunteering at St. Joseph Parish and/or St. Joseph School:

VIRTUS Safe Environment training
(Protecting God's Children for Adults)
is required.

Please contact our parish Safe Environment Coordinator with any inquiries:

Maria Merino-Schweitzer
maria.schweitzer@stjosephdanbury.org



Saint Joseph Parish	
2026 Bishop's Appeal as of 8/7/26	
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.	

Lay Fraternity of St. Dominic Open House
Monday September 21, 2026 at 7 PM.



God's Freedom vs. Worldly Freedom:
"How only the Cross and
Resurrection of Christ bestow
the most powerful freedom."

Presented by Father Brian Gannon,
Pastor and Religious Assistant
Monday, September 21, 2026
at 7pm

St. Theresa School gym
55 Rosemond Terrace, Trumbull
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Lay Dominicans:
Mrs. Michelle Rowe, O.P.
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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

Diocesan Wedding Jubilee Mass Saturday, October 3

Most Reverend Frank J. Caggiano, Bishop of Bridgeport will celebrate the **Annual Diocesan Wedding Jubilee Mass on Saturday, October 3, 2026 at 11:00 AM at the Cathedral of Saint Augustine** in Bridgeport.

Couples celebrating their 25th, 40th, 45th, 50th and more years of marriage are eligible to attend. All couples who are recognized at the Mass will receive a commemorative certificate in recognition of this important milestone in their married life in addition to pictures with the Bishop. Sharon Colihan is coordinating the registration process for the Mass and is available to answer whatever questions you may have. She can be reached at Sharon.Colihan@diobpt.org or 203-416-1454 and she will provide instructions on how to register.

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