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#### 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 17, 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).





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

Monday, August 18:

12:05 PM Catherine Anumaka—Fr. Silva

Tuesday, August 19:

12:05 PM Lucille Wilk—Donna & Kristen Palmer

Wednesday, August 20: St. Berbard, Abbott & Doctor of the Church

12:05 PM Michael Grosso—Wendollyn Loayza & Family

Thursday, August 21: St. Pius X, Pope 12:05 PM Donald Martin Ross—Wendollyn Loayza & Family

Friday, August 22: The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

12:05 PM Joseph Valente—M/M F. Sullivan

Saturday, August 23:

8:00 AM Kenneth Toolsie—Wendollyn Loayza & Family

4:00 PM Janice C. Merkle—Todd Hersh

Sunday, August 24:

7:30 AM Jackie & Al Oster-M/M J. Ferrara

9:30 AM Marion Medlar—Medlar & Casale

**Families** 

11:00 AM John Small—Jeanne & Brendan

5:00 PM Intentions of Parishioners



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

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

### Bulletin Blurb for the 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Praised be Jesus Christ!

The more we watch the news, the more we see that the world is full of violence, poverty, hunger, and acts so heinous, that it makes our stomach turn. The easy solution would be to simply turn off the news, which we should all do from time to time! Many people will remark that the world seems to be getting worse than they remember from their youth, and while there may be some truth to that, I believe that we have far more access to these sorts of stories from around the world than just a few decades prior.

That fact of the matter is that we live in a fallen world. Adam and Eve sinned, and the world now bears the consequences...we now bear the consequences. The kind of fire that Jesus speaks about in the Gospel today has a twofold effect, as all fire does. It has the power to destroy but it also has the power to form, shape, and strengthen. Fires burn down people's homes and forests but fire also turns ordinary metals into tools that we need to cultivate the earth, to build, and to maintain our homes.

Jesus says that He has come to "set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing!". The choice of whether or not that fire consumes or cultivates and creates is entirely up to those who are receiving Jesus' message of repentance and forgiveness. It is our duty to ensure that each and every person that we meet is exposed to the heat of those flames of Divine Love.

In Christ & Mary, Father Silva

# Wedding Banns

Christaly Cruz & Joel Garcia
Third Banns

Victoria McKenna & Joseph Poletsky Second Banns

# 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.



#### **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.

#### Annual Diocesan Wedding Jubilee Mass Saturday, October 4

Most Reverend Frank J. Caggiano, Bishop of Bridgeport will celebrate the Annual Diocesan Wedding Jubilee Mass on Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM at the Cathedral of Saint Augustine in Bridgeport.

Couples celebrating their 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 45<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> 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 <a href="mailto:Sharon.Colihan@diobpt.org">Sharon.Colihan@diobpt.org</a> or (203) 416-1454 and she will provide instructions on how to register.

# Order of Mass for the Lord's Day 20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Processional Hymn #458 "Blessed Jesus, At Thy Word"

First Reading: Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10 \* Responsorial Psalm:
Psalm 40:2, 3, 4, 18

Second Reading: Hebrews 12:1-4 Gospel Acclamation: John 10:27

**GOSPEL:** Luke 12:49-53

Offertory Hymn
#698 "On Eagle's Wings"
Communion Hymn
#709 "Panis Angelicus"
Recessional Hymn
#666 "O Jesus, King Most Wonderful"

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

#### **DAILY MASS READINGS:**

Monday, August 18

Judges 2:11-19 / Ps.106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab & 44 / Matthew 19:16-22

Tuesday, August 19

Judges 6:11-24a / Psalm 85:9, 11-12, 13-14 / Matthew 19:23-30

Wednesday, August 20 St. Bernard, Abbott & Doctor of the Church

Judges 9:6-15 / Psalm 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 / Matthew 20:1-16

Thursday, August 21 St. Pius X, Pope Judges 11:29-39a / Psalm 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10 / Matthew 22:1-14

<u>Friday, August 22</u> The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Ruth 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22 / Psalm 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10 / Matthew 22:34-40

<u>Saturday, August 23</u> Ruth 2:1-3, 8-11, 4:13-17 / Psalm 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 / Matthew 23:1-12



# Stewardship of Time, Talent, and Treasure Worship Offerings

August 3-4 \$7,641.00 Monthly Collection \$4,870.00 August 9-10 \$9,063.00

# This weekend's second collection is for: Air Conditioning

# Mass Intentions and Votive Candle Pricing Changes

Effective <u>September 1</u>, 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 recstioseph@yahoo.com

#### **ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL**

#### St. Joseph Parish is at 82% of the ABA goal.

As of August 8, we have 26% parishioner participation. We can meet the goal with everyone's help. Please prayerfully consider a pledge or gift if you have not yet participated.

Pledge cards are available at the side entrance of the church.

Thank you to all who have supported the ABA with a pledge or gift.

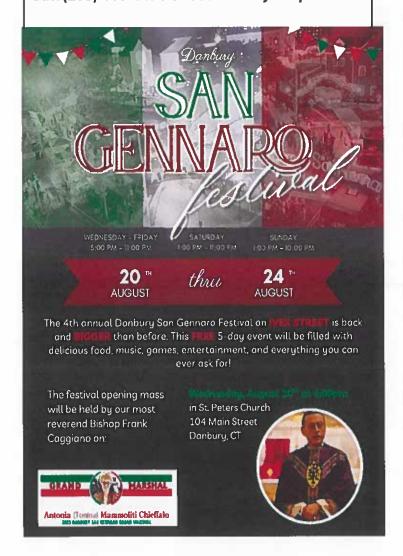


#### ANNUAL BISHOPS APPEAL

Saint Joseph Parish		
2025 Bishop's Appeal as of 8/8/25		
Bishop's Appeal Goal:	\$98,000.00	
Total Pledged:	\$80,429	
Donors to Date:	292 Donors	



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





St. Joseph Annual Tag Sale September 12, 13, and 14, 2025

We are back and once again we are looking for donated items to sell at our Annual Tag Sale.

#### We appreciate your donations of the following:

- TOYS, GAMES
- DVDs, CDs
- KITCHEN & HOUSEHOLD ITEMS
- PUZZLES & BOOKS
- HOLIDAY DECORATIONS
- BEDDING
- BABY ITEMS
- LAMPS
- PICTURE FRAMES
- SMALL FURNITURE
- TOOLS & SMALL GARDEN EQUIPMENT
- COSTUME JEWELRY

#### **Drop Off Times:**

You may drop off your donated items in the Church Hall (beneath the Church) on the following dates/ times:

Friday, Sept. 5:

9:00a to 11:30a & 4:00p to 8:00p

Saturday, Sept. 6: 8:30a to 5:00p

Sunday, Sept. 7: 8:30a to 5:00p

#### PLEASE NOTE that we do NOT accept any of the following items:

- Televisions
- Computer Equipment and Printers
- Typewriters
- Suitcases
- Sporting Equipment
- Clothes
- VHS or Cassettes or Vinyl Records
- Textbooks, Encyclopedias
- Coffee Table Books
- Car Seats

#### The Tag Sale will be held in the Church Hall on:

Friday, Sept. 12:

8:30a - 9:30a (Early Bird Admission is \$10)

9:30a - 2:00p Free Admission

Saturday, Sept. 13 9:30a - 3:30p

Sunday, Sept. 14 10:00a - 4:00p

Please contact Antonia Stalzer at 203-456-5170 with any questions.



FOR THIS FUNDRAISER, YOUR CHECKBOOK STAYS HOME... AND THIS TIME, YOU TAKE HOME THE MONEY!!!

Please take a moment to look through your jewelry boxes at home for:

- BROKEN GOLD CHAINS AND BRACELETS
- SINGLE EARRINGS (HALF PAIRS)
- **OLD SCHOOL RINGS**
- RINGS WITH MISSING STONES
- OLD BOYFRIEND/GIRLFRIEND GIFTS
- JEWELRY YOU NEVER WEAR
- **GOLD NON-WORKING WATCHES**
- YES. EVEN DENTAL GOLD
- STERLING SILVER JEWELRY, FLATWARE, HOLLOWWARE
- PLATINUM AND PALLADIUM

#### THEN BRING IT WITH YOU ON:

Friday Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> 10 AM to 4 PM Rel. Ed. Bldg. Sat. Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> 9 AM to 4 PM Rel. Ed. Bldg. Sunday Sept. 14th 8 AM to 4 PM Rel. Ed. Bldg.

There, our good friend, Bob the gold man, will buy your "old gold" and hand you a check. Then, OVER 70% of whatever profits are made after the refining process, will be donated, in your name, to ST. JOSEPH PARISH !!!.

Any questions, please email:

bob@libertygoldct.com



#### SAVE THE DATE

McGivney Council #29 **Knights of Columbus** 14th Annual Charity Golf Outing September 17<sup>th</sup>

Enjoy a fun day of golf at Danbury's Richter Park while supporting the Charitable Works of McGivney Council #29 Knights of Columbus! The outing is open to all men and women. Singles and foursomes. Registration opens at 10:30 AM and the Shotgun Start begins at 12:30PM followed by Lunch. Dinner and cocktail hour included. Non-Golfers are welcome to join at 5:30 PM.

For more information contact: KofC29@gmail.com or 203.744.9562

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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 Boyaird - 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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#### 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.stiosephdanburv.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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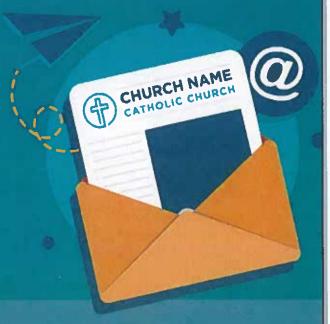


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