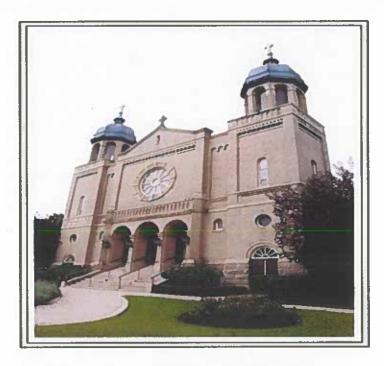
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#### 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 24, 2025



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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)

SATURDAYS 11:00 AM - 12:00 NOON, 3:00 PM - 3:45 PM

CHANGE IN CONFESSION SCHEDULE, EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 6, 2025: RECONCILIATION TIMES WILL CHANGE TO: SATURDAYS AT 8:30-9:30AM & 3:00-3:45PM. CONFESSIONS WILL NO LONGER BE HEARD FROM 11:00AM-12:00PM STARTING SEPT. 6.



#### **MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday, Aug. 23:

8:00 AM Kenneth Toolsie—Wendollyn Loayza & Family

4:00 PM Janice C. Merkle—Todd Hersh

Sunday, Aug. 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

Monday, Aug. 25:

12:05 PM Sonia Mitchell—Mary Thomas

Tuesday, Aug. 26:

12:05 PM Mary Shindelman—Doyle Family

Wednesday, Aug. 27: St. Monica, Memorial 12:05 PM Phyllis Sproule—Doyle Family

Thursday Aug. 28: St. Augustine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

12:05 PM Doulgas Newsome---Mother

Fri. Aug. 29: The Passion of St. John the Baptist 12:05 PM Michael Couture—Fr. Silva

Saturday, Aug. 30:

8:00 AM Dominic Sankaralingam—Fr. Silva 4:00 PM Lewis Addessi—Tony Briganti

Sunday, Aug. 31:

7:30 AM Eleanor Mikucki—Family

9:30 AM John J, John S, & Anthony Mastracchio
—Family

11:00 AM John & Brian Doran—The Doran Family

5:00 PM Intentions of Parishioners



The Sanctuary Candle will burn this week in memory of **Open Intention** 



Victoria McKenna & Joseph Poletsky - Third Banns

Annette Morlino & James Grimm - First Banns



Please Pray for the Repose of the Souls of:

Anise LeBlanc Jean Simard

## ADULT BIBLE STUDY THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

Coming this Fall, Register by September 28

All interested parishioners (and guests) are invited to participate in the upcoming session of our adult Bible study program.

Acts, written by St. Luke, is the companion piece to his Gospel. The first half of Acts presents the Ascension of Jesus, the descent of the Holy Spirit, and the subsequent actions of St. Peter and the other Apostles as they converted people to Christianity in Jerusalem.

The second half of Acts concentrates on the conversion of St. Paul and his missionary trips to convert Gentiles. Throughout, it is inspiring to see the Holy Spirit in action among some familiar saints who are shown to be very human.

As we have in the past, we will be employing a nationally known program "Little Rock Scripture Study", published by The Liturgical Press. This is a recently updated presentation. We will break our study into two sections. The first section (the first 15 chapters of Acts) will be presented during this coming October and November. The second section (Acts chapters 16 through 28) will be presented in February and March of next year.

Participation in the program will entail some home study, and then the group meets each week to discuss the readings. Each session will take place on Tuesday, from 7:00 to approximately 8:30 p.m., in the Carmen Buck Religious Education Building. The final schedule will be determined by the participants as the year progresses.

Since the program requires the purchase of books, it is important to know the number of participants. For this reason, all interested parishioners (and guests) high school age and above are invited to contact Deacon Timmel for further information about the program and to register not later than September 28. Books will then be ordered and the final meeting dates will be announced. Two books will be needed to complete both sessions. The cost of both books is estimated to be approximately \$35.00 for each participant.

Deacon Bill Timmel may be contacted directly by email at <a href="mailto:dadatim@yahoo.com">dadatim@yahoo.com</a>, or by telephone at (daytime) 203-270-8300 or (evenings) 203-426-3474.



#### **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.

\*Registration is now open for\*

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#### Order of Mass for the Lord's Day 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### **Processional Hymn**

#551 "Hail, Redeemer, King Divine"

First Reading: Isaiah 66:18-21 \*

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 117:1, 2 Second Reading: Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13

Gospel Acclamation: John 14:6

**GOSPEL**: Luke 13:22-30

**Offertory Hymn** 

#487 "Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life"

**Communion Hymn** 

#528 "Gift of Finest Wheat"

Recessional Hymn

#720 "Praise to the Living God"

\*Readings & Gospel: Today's Missal: pp. 48-49

Hymns: St. Michael Hymnal

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

#### Monday, August 25

1 Thessalonians 1:1-5, 8b-10 / Ps.149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a & 9b / Matthew 23:13-22

#### Tuesday, August 26

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 / Psalm 139:1-3, 4-6 / Matthew 23:23-26

Wednesday, August 27 St. Monica

1 Thessalonians 2:9-13 / Psalm 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab / Matthew 23:27-32

## Thursday, August 28 St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

1 Thessalonians 3:7-13 / Psalm 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 & 17 / Matthew 24:42-51

## Friday, August 29 The Passion of St. John the Baptist

1 Thessalonians 4:1-8 / Psalm 97:1 & 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12 / Mark 6:17-29

**Saturday, August 30** 1 Thessalonians 4:9-11 / Psalm 98:1, 7-8, 9 / Matthew 25:14-30

#### CONFESSION SCHEDULE CHANGE

Effective <u>Saturday</u>, <u>September 6</u> the new Confession times will be:

Saturday 8:30-9:30AM and 3:00-3:45PM



## Stewardship of Time, Talent, and Treasure Worship Offerings

August 16-17 \$8,140.00 Air Conditioning Fund \$2,934.00 Assumption of Mary \$2,376.00

## 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)	<b>\$25</b>

#### **Mass Intentions**

If you pay for Mass Intentions online, please call the office to schedule the Mass, before scheduling payment through Online Giving.

## SPECIAL COLLECTION TO ASSIST THE PEOPLE OF GAZA

Weekend of August 30th-31st

Considering the tremendous devastation and loss of life experienced by the people of Gaza, and in response to an appeal made by Archbishop Timothy Broglio, President of the United States Catholic Conference, Bishop Frank Caggiano has asked parishes to take up a special collection for humanitarian relief.

At weekend Masses on Saturday, August 30 and Sunday, August 31, St. Joseph Parish will have donation baskets available at the church entrances, for contributions towards humanitarian relief, to assist the people of Gaza. Online donations can be made through our website's *Online Giving* page.



#### ANNUAL BISHOPS APPEAL

Saint Joseph Parish	
2025 Bishop's Appeal as of 8/8/25	
\$98,000.00	
\$80,429	
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.

#### ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL

The Annual Bishop's Appeal will continue through September 30, 2025.

St. Joseph Parish is at 82% of the ABA goal.
We can meet the goal with everyone's help.
Pledge cards are available at the church entrance. Thank you to all who have supported the ABA with a pledge or gift.

Little Flowers is a club for Catholic girls K-8 who, with their moms, learn about the saints and how to put virtue into practice! Each meeting has lively presentations, crafts, and activities led by mothers in the group. Badges and medals for the virtues are earned by completing activities at home and are worn on a blue sash, uniting the girls to the Blessed Mother. Begins September 2nd! We meet once a month on first Tuesdays from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm in Saint Joseph's Carmen Buck Religious Education Building. Please contact Jennifer Suess

at JenniferSuess1@gmail.com to register.



#### 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.



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McGivney Council #29
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14<sup>th</sup> 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

#### SAINT JOSEPH PARISH CONTACTS

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Monday-Thurs. 9:00AM-4:00PM

Friday

9:00AM-12:00PM

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

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



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lhowe@sjsdanbury.org School Advisory Board: Mrs. Jeanne Spain

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Mrs. Katie Duncan ptopresident@sisdanbury.org

#### **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 4th 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.

Please contact Sharon Colihan for information and registration. She can be reached at Sharon.Colihan@diobpt.org or (203) 416-1454.

#### PARISH OFFICE

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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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