

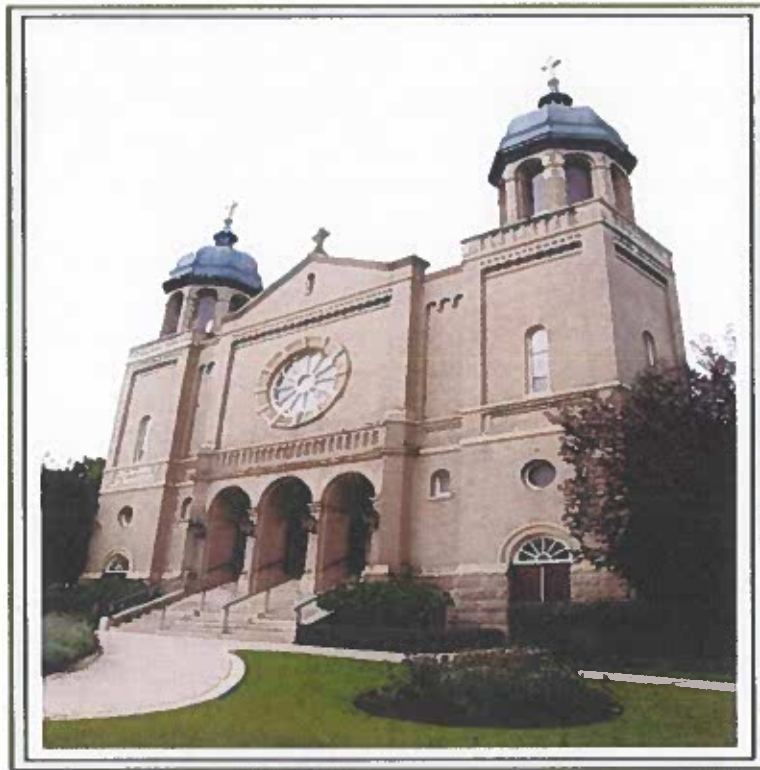
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## **23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 7, 2025**



**REV. ERIC W. SILVA, PARISH ADMINISTRATOR**

**DEACON WILLIAM C. TIMMEL, J.D.**

**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**

**SATURDAYS 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM, 3:00 PM - 3:45 PM**



Saint Joseph Church is wheelchair accessible at the church side entrance. Parking is located at the side of church.

**MASS INTENTIONS****Saturday, Sept. 6:**

8:00 AM Kenneth Hyatt—Lucas Family

4:00 PM Antonietta Cefaloni—Maria Scanga

**Sunday, Sept. 7:**

7:30 AM Jeannette &amp; George Nichols—M/M J. Ferrara

9:30 AM Louise Carbone—Roseanne Vigna

11:00 AM Stacy Miskar—His Sister

5:00 PM Intentions of Parishioners

**Monday, Sept. 8:**

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

**Tuesday, Sept. 9:**

12:05 PM Luigi Casciaro—Sister

**Wednesday, Sept. 10:**

12:05 PM Souls in Purgatory—Lucas Family

**Thursday Sept. 11:**

12:05 PM Intentions of Sidonie Buissereth

**Fri. Sept. 12:**

12:05 PM Elena &amp; Oreste Casciaro—Daughter

**Saturday, Sept. 13:**

8:00 AM Thomas Smith—M/M F. Sullivan

4:00 PM Picchione & Toglia Families & John, Jr.  
—Marie & John**Sunday, Sept. 14:**

7:30 AM Francesca Mariani—Frank &amp; Mary

9:30 AM Jakub Szurawski—Stronghold Family

11:00 AM Bethany Mass

5:00 PM Intentions of Parishioners



The Sanctuary Candle will burn  
this week in memory of  
**Josephine & Angelo Fiasco**  
Requested by Antonietta & Family

**Wedding Banns****Annette Morlino & James Grimm - Third Banns**

We welcome our newly baptized:

**Morgan Brown****Gianna Grace Diaz****Benjamin Alejandro Reino****Joseph James Reino**Please keep them and their  
families in your prayers.

**Bulletin Blurb**  
**for the 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Praised be Jesus Christ!

You may have noticed a number of changes, renovations, and updates to our parish facilities so I would like to take this week's bulletin to direct your attention to those updates as well as to thank those who made them possible. Firstly, in the main street vestibule, because of your generosity in last year's October special collection, we have replaced the floor as well as painted. Additionally, we replaced the bulbs to make that vestibule much brighter. The placards honoring those who made the 1970's renovations of the church possible have been removed so that we can restore them in conjunction with the new placards that will go up in the church hall, honoring those who generously donated to our stained-glass restoration campaign. Soon we will be getting custom floor mats as well as framed images of both the holy father, Pope Leo and Bishop Caggiano.

While the painting company was here to restore the plaster in the vestibule and paint, we had them paint the sanctuary as well in order to highlight our newly restored stained-glass windows above the high altar. We moved the sanctuary lamps to a higher location in the sanctuary to prevent any of our altar servers from hitting their heads as well as to open up new space for things such as seating or additional credence tables.

We have a lot more renovation, restoration, and preservation projects coming for the near future and because of Father Scott's leadership and, again, your incredible generosity, the parish is in a wonderful financial position to complete these projects without incurring any debt or financial burden whatsoever. I wanted to thank, in particular, Brian Walsh, our facilities manager for bearing a significant amount of the burden of labor, saving us great costs on hiring outside companies. He had help from too many volunteers to name them all, but I wanted to thank Margie Heron as well as the Zilliox family. The entire staff here has been working tirelessly to complete all these projects in a relatively short amount of time, and I am incredibly grateful. Stay tuned for so much more and thank you again for all your generosity!

In Christ & Mary,  
Father Silva

## PARISH EVENTS

### TAG SALE DROP OFF of DONATED ITEMS

Church Hall

**Fri. Sept. 5** 9:00am-11:30am & 4:00pm-8:00pm  
**Sat. Sept. 6** 8:30am-5:00pm  
**Sun. Sept. 7** 8:30am-5:00pm

### TAG SALE !!!

Church Hall

**Fri. Sept. 12** 8:30-9:30 Early Bird Admission \$10  
 9:30am - 2:00pm Free Admission  
**Sat. Sept. 13** 9:30am - 3:30pm  
**Sun. Sept. 14** 10:00am - 4:00pm

### "SELL YOUR OLD GOLD" FUNDRAISER

Religious Ed Building

**Fri. Sept. 12** 10:00am - 4:00pm  
**Sat. Sept. 13** 9:00am - 4:00pm  
**Sun. Sept. 14** 8:00am - 4:00pm

### MONTHLY COFFEE HOUR

Sunday, Sept. 14 following 7:30am Mass  
in the Rel. Ed. Building.



### BOY SCOUT TROOP 33

#### POPCORN SALE

**Sat. Sept. 13 & Sun. Sept. 14**  
 After Masses

### ADULT BIBLE STUDY:

#### THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

The group will use the "Little Rock Scripture Study" and will meet weekly on Tuesdays at 7:00pm, beginning October 7. Please contact Deacon Bill Timmel for information, with registration by September 28. Email: [dadatim@yahoo.com](mailto:dadatim@yahoo.com) or by phone: 203-270-8300 (daytime) or 203-426-3474 (eves).

### Save the Date!

#### THE TWELVE VOICES OF CHRISTMAS

On 12/14/25 at 2:00 pm in St. Joseph Church, Danbury, *The Twelve Voices of Christmas* production will be presented. Please join us in hearing from those most intimately connected with the birth of our Lord.

We are in need of a few people who might be interested in joining the cast as either the Archangel Gabriel, Elizabeth, or shepherd boys (two). Please call or text Cheryl Fusco at 203-482-1202 for more information or to volunteer if interested in being a part of this special event. Thank you.

## Order of Mass for the Lord's Day 23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Processional Hymn

#661 "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" vs. 1-4

**First Reading:** Wisdom 9:13-18b \*

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17

**Second Reading:** Philemon 9-10, 12-17

**Gospel Acclamation:** Psalm 119:135

**GOSPEL:** Luke 14:25-33

### Offertory Hymn

#724 "Prayer of St. Francis"

### Communion Hymn

#609 "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

### Recessional Hymn

#661 "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" vs. 1, 5, 6

*\*Readings & Gospel: Today's Missal: pp. 52-54*

*Hymns: St. Michael Hymnal*

### DAILY MASS READINGS:

#### Monday, Sept. 8

**The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Micah 5:1-4a / Ps. 13:6ab, 6c / Matt 1:1-16, 18-23

#### Tuesday, Sept. 9 St. Peter Claver, Priest

Colossians 2:6-15 / Psalm 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11 / Luke 6:12-19

#### Wednesday, Sept. 10

Colossians 3:1-11 / Psalm 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab / Luke 6:20-26

#### Thursday, Sept. 11

Colossians 3:12-17 / Psalm 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 / Luke 6:27-38

#### Friday, Sept. 12

Timothy 1:1-2, 12-14 / Psalm 16:1b-2a & 5, 7-8, 11 / Luke 6:39-42

#### Saturday, Sept. 13 St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

1 Timothy 1:15-17 / Psalm 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5 & 6-7 / Luke 6:43-49

### NEW CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Effective Saturday, September 6

the new Confession times are:

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



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

August 30-31	\$7,512.00
Youth Ministry	\$1,791.00
Assistance for People of Gaza	\$1,205.00

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**This weekend's second collection is for:  
Monthly Collection**  
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### Mass Intentions & Votive Candle Pricing Changes

Effective **September 1**, prices for Mass Intentions and Candles updated as follows:

Mass Intentions	\$20
4-Hour (small) Votive Candles	\$ 2
3-day (large) votive candles remain at	\$ 5
Sanctuary Candle (1)	\$25

### Mass Intentions

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If you pay for Mass Intentions online, please call the office to schedule the Mass, before scheduling payment through Online Giving. This will allow us to confirm the dates of your Mass requests.



### ANNUAL BISHOPS APPEAL

| Saint Joseph Parish                                                                                                                                                        |             |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| 2025 Bishop's Appeal as of 8/29/25                                                                                                                                         |             |
| Bishop's Appeal Goal:                                                                                                                                                      | \$98,000.00 |
| Total Pledged:                                                                                                                                                             | \$80,606    |
| Donors to Date:                                                                                                                                                            | 294 Donors  |
|                                                                                         |             |
| To make a gift, or for more information, please visit us at <a href="https://2025BishopsAppeal.org">2025BishopsAppeal.org</a> 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.**

Please make a pledge or payment as soon as possible. We can meet the goal with everyone's help. Pledge cards are available at the church entrance. Thank you for your support.



### NEW DAY BEREAVEMENT PROGRAM FALL SESSION REGISTRATION NOW OPEN Thursday afternoons 2:00 – 3:30pm September 11 – November 6

Your loss may be recent or long ago.

We are here to help you on your journey to healing where you are invited to share your story, and to find comfort in a supportive, confidential environment. Meetings take place in a small-group confidential setting at: **St. Marguerite Bourgeoys Church**  
**138 Candlewood Lake Road Brookfield**

Meetings are led by trained bereavement facilitators. There is no charge.

St. Marguerite is partnering with the Bereavement Initiative of the Fairfield County Catholic Cemeteries to offer this program. Please go to their website to submit a Program Inquiry Form or you can contact Carolyn Killian at 203-404-0023.

[www.Thegrief.org](http://www.Thegrief.org)

Once the form is submitted, you will hear from one of our bereavement ministers regarding the next steps.





**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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- 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. 14<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:bob@libertygoldct.com)

Please join us for the annual

**St. Robert Bellarmine Mass**

for individuals with Down syndrome,  
their families, and friends

**Sunday, September 28, 2025**  
**11am Mass**

St. Joseph Church, Danbury CT

**Reception to follow!** All are welcome!

## SAINT JOSEPH PARISH CONTACTS

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**Email:** [recstjoseph@yahoo.com](mailto:recstjoseph@yahoo.com)  
**Office Hours:** Monday–Thurs. 9:00AM–4:00PM  
Friday 9:00AM–12:00PM

## FAITH FORMATION

Please contact our **Faith Formation Office** for registration and information: 203.778.1920

Mrs. Maria Merino-Schweitzer, Director of Faith Formation [Maria.Schweitzer@stjosephdanbury.org](mailto:Maria.Schweitzer@stjosephdanbury.org)

Classes will begin on **Tuesday, October 7** and **Wednesday, October 8**.

### Requests for Sacraments and Home Visits:

For a communion, confession, and/or anointing homebound visit, please call the Parish Office: 203-748-8177



Please pray for our parishioners below, and those currently in nursing homes, hospitals, or confined to their homes. *Please call the Parish Office with updates.*

|                    |                     |
|--------------------|---------------------|
| Rose Marie Abramo  | William Morrison    |
| Kelli Barrett      | Michelle Mott       |
| Matthew Bernabe    | Victor Munoz        |
| Marie Bovaird      | Marjorie Nodine     |
| Ernestine Clark    | Ethel Pancotti      |
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**School Advisory Board:** Mrs. Jeanne Spain

**Parent Teacher Organization:**

Mrs. Katie Duncan [ptopresident@sjsdanbury.org](mailto:ptopresident@sjsdanbury.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 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.

Please contact Sharon Colihan for information and registration: [Sharon.Colihan@diobpt.org](mailto:Sharon.Colihan@diobpt.org) or

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