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The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, September 14, 2025



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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

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. 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 & Mary
 9:30 AM Jakub Szurawski—Stronghold Family
 11:00 AM Bethany Mass
 5:00 PM Intentions of Parishioners

Monday, Sept. 15:

12:05 PM Rev. Joseph Rossitto—M/M F. Sullivan

Tuesday, Sept. 16:

12:05 PM Chester Lucas Sr. & Chester Lucas Jr.—
 Lucas Family

Wednesday, Sept. 17:

12:05 PM Alice Bolton—Fr. Silva

Thursday Sept. 18:

12:05 PM George Pullis—John DiCarlo

Fri. Sept. 19:

12:05 PM Robert Allan Riego de Dios—
 Janette Riego de Dios

Saturday, Sept. 20:

8:00 AM Fred "Ricky" Otto—M/M R. Freier
 4:00 PM Michael J. Smith, Jr.—M/M F. Sullivan

Sunday, Sept. 21:

7:30 AM Int. of Teresa Pesce—Hood Family
 9:30 AM Patti Medlar-Abramson—Medlar
 & Casale Families
 11:00 AM Ginny Policella—Bruno & Horwath Families
 5:00 PM Intentions of Parishioners

Bulletin Blurb**for the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

Praised be Jesus Christ!

On Saturday, September 27, at the Cathedral of Saint Augustine in Bridgeport, we are honored to celebrate two of our dedicated parishioners, Maggie and Phil Curran, who have been named recipients of the prestigious St. Augustine Medal by the diocese. This well-deserved recognition is a testament to a lifetime of faith, service, and unwavering commitment to our community. Many of you know Maggie from her decades of service teaching RCIA across local parishes. Her gentle guidance and deep faith helped countless individuals on their journey to becoming Catholic. We were blessed to have her retire from St. Joseph's in 2020, but her legacy continues to inspire those she touched.

Phil served nearly four decades of service, retiring from the Danbury Fire Department. While he may have retired from the Fire Department, he certainly has not retired from a life of service; you can often find him during the week serving as sacristan for our daily Masses, ensuring that everything is set up reverently and the live-stream is up and running for all of our homebound parishioners who wish to pray "alongside" their fellow parishioners from their own homes. Together, Maggie and Phil have always embodied the spirit of giving back. Whether it's Maggie's famous pies, their work with the Salvation Army, or their quiet support for countless families in need, their generosity knows no bounds. As they raised eight children and now enjoy the blessings of 16 grandchildren, Maggie and Phil have truly built a family rooted in faith and service. While we may never know all the ways they have lived in the image of Christ, we are so grateful for their example and for the profound impact they have had on our parish and the wider community.

It is a great honor and pleasure to have them receive this award as a small token of gratitude for all that they have done for our parish community and beyond. Please join us in extending our heartfelt congratulations to Maggie and Phil Curran on this wonderful honor. They are a true blessing to St. Joseph's Parish, and their lives are a beautiful reflection of Christ's love in action.

In Christ & Mary,
 Father Silva



The Sanctuary Candle will burn
 this week in memory of
Catherine Valente
 Requested by Mr. & Mrs. F. Sullivan

***Wedding Banns***

Rosa Cervantes & Darwin Tenecela
Alexandra Korvik & Emil Cerno

PARISH EVENTS**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**"SUNDAES ON SUNDAY"****Sunday, September 21**

The Homeschool Support Group is hosting a Family Rosary with "Sundaes on Sunday" at 6pm in the **Church Hall**. Please contact Jennifer Suess for information: jennifersuess1@gmail.com

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 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. 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
THE FEAST OF THE EXALTATION
OF THE HOLY CROSS****Processional Hymn**

#575 "I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

First Reading: Numbers 21:4b-9 ***Resp. Psalm:** Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38**Second Reading:** Philippians 2:6-11**Gospel Acclamation****GOSPEL:** John 3:13-17**Offertory Hymn**

#612 "Let All Things Now Living"

Communion Hymn

#593 "Jesus, My Lord, My God, My All"

Recessional Hymn

#716 "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"

Readings & Gospel: Today's Missal: pp. 54-56*DAILY MASS READINGS:****Monday, Sept. 15** Our Lady of Sorrows

1 Timothy 2:1-8 / Ps. 28:2, 7, 8-9 / John 19:25-27

Tuesday, Sept. 16 Sts. Cornelius, Pope and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

1 Timothy 3:14-16 / Ps 103:1b-2ab, 2cd-3ab, 5, 6 / Luke 7:11-17

Wednesday, Sept. 17

1 Timothy 3:14-16 / Psalm 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 / Luke 7:31-35

Thursday, Sept. 18

1 Timothy 4:12-16 / Psalm 111:7-8, 9, 10 / Luke 7:36-50

Friday, Sept. 19

1 Timothy 6:2c-12 / Psalm 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20 / Luke 8:1-3

Saturday, Sept. 20 Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest, & Paul Chŏng Ha-sang, and Companians

1 Timothy 6:13-16 / Psalm 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 / Luke 8:4-15

Please Pray for the Repose
of the Soul of:**Georgette Talbot**



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

September 6-7	\$7,610.00
Monthly Collection	\$3,207.00

New Envelope Amounts

The amounts listed on our offertory envelopes have been updated to reflect more current giving trends, as determined by our envelope company's review of similar churches. The prior amounts were in place for a number of years without change.

**This weekend's second collection is for:
Catholic University**

The Catholic University of America is the national university of the Catholic Church in the United States, educating seminarians, religious, bishops, and laity to advance the dialogue between faith and reason. As a comprehensive institution of higher education, Catholic University seeks to impart the truth through excellence in teaching and research, in service to the Church, the nation, and the world.

With five Catholic University alumni up for canonization, the University embraces the mandate of Pope Leo XIII at its founding to "give to the Church and the nation her best citizens".

Mass Intentions

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 and ensure that your request is properly recorded.



ANNUAL BISHOPS APPEAL

Saint Joseph Parish	
2025 Bishop's Appeal as of 9/5/25	
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 2025BishopsAppeal.org call (203) 416-1470 or scan with your phone.	

Please join us for the annual St. Robert Bellarmine Mass for individuals with Down syndrome, their families, and friends

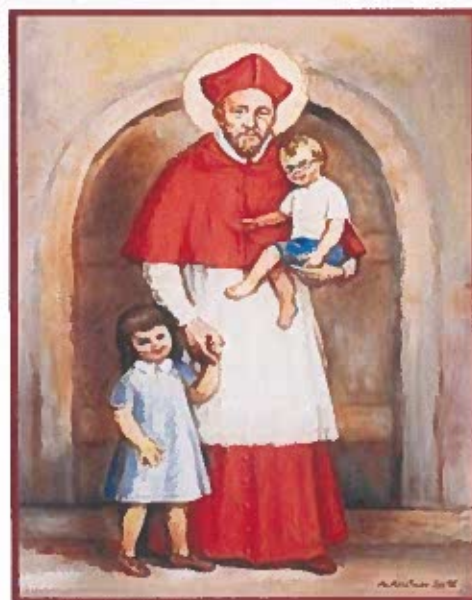
When: Sunday, September 28, 2025; 11am Mass

Where: St. Joseph Church

376 Main St.

Danbury, CT 06810

Reception to follow! All are welcome!





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

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.

Thank you for your support!

**"Sell Your
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Fundraiser**

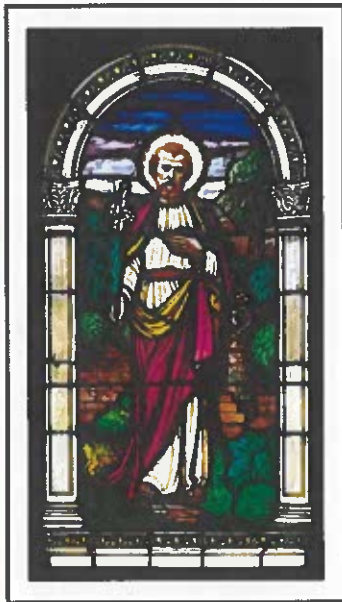


**FOR THIS FUNDRAISER, YOUR CHECK-
BOOK STAYS HOME...AND THIS TIME,
YOU TAKE HOME THE MONEY!!!**

Friday Sept. 12th 10 AM to 4 PM
Sat. Sept. 13th 9 AM to 4 PM
Sunday Sept. 14th 8 AM to 4 PM
Religious Ed. Bldg.

**There, our good friend, Bob the gold man, will
buy your "old gold" and hand you a check.
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your name, to ST. JOSEPH PARISH !!!.**

Any questions please mail: bob@libertygoldct.com



STAINED GLASS WINDOWS PHOTOGRAPHIC PRESENTATION

Tuesday, September 23 7:00pm

A photographic presentation of stained glass windows at St. Joseph Church and throughout the Diocese and beyond will take place in the Parish Hall on Tuesday evening, September 23rd at 7:00 p.m.

Robert Fertitta, our music director, has photographed stained glass windows at over six hundred churches during the last twenty-five years. He has traveled throughout Connecticut and neighboring states, capturing the beauty of these magnificent works of art and then sharing them with the churches. Many churches have published books and other media and created webpages on their parish websites.

In the Bridgeport Diocese, Robert has photographed twenty-five churches including St. Augustine Cathedral, St. Joseph in Danbury, St. Peter in Bridgeport, St. Peter in Danbury, St. Mary in Norwalk and St. Theresa in Trumbull. Over four hundred windows from the diocese are included and most will be illustrated at the upcoming presentation.

Also included at the presentation will be a number of digital books published by the various churches. Robert will demonstrate the various editing techniques used to 'restore' windows to their original condition.

Those in attendance will be given souvenirs in the form of bookmarks and postcards. All are invited to this free event. We are looking forward to seeing you there.

SAINT JOSEPH PARISH CONTACTS

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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

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



REMEMBER
in your prayer

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
Irene Clark	Joseph Parkis
Chuck Daudt	Michael Pedicini
Albert Docktor	Joseph Ponmankal
Melissa Doreson	Julie Potenziani
Anita Edwards	Christine Preisser
Anand Gokhale	Art Regan
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Jessy Jos	Barbara R. Schirmer
P.M. Joseph	George Schur
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Livio Malta	MaryAnn Storms
David McCann	Kenneth Towery
Catherine McCarthy	Rebecca Zaccardo
Eileen McCarthy	



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Mrs. Katie Duncan 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 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: Sharon.Colihan@diobpt.org or

Registration is now open for **CREW - Leaders For Mary**



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