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25th Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 21, 2025



REV. ERIC W. SILVA, PARISH ADMINISTRATOR

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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. 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

Monday, Sept. 22:

12:05 PM Don Basso, Sr.—Wife, Pauline

Tuesday, Sept. 23:

12:05 PM Pauline Almgren—M/M Phil Curran

Wednesday, Sept. 24:

12:05 PM Int. of United States Military
 —Curran Family

Thursday Sept. 25:

12:05 PM Nick Casteluocci—Didi & Rudy Asistin

Fri. Sept. 26:

12:05 PM Justin O'Reilly—Nephew, Mark

Saturday, Sept. 27:

8:00 AM Francis P. Sullivan—M/M F. Sullivan
 4:00 PM Viola & Pius Cesca—Family

Sunday, Sept. 28:

7:30 AM Maureen Ferrara—M/M J. Ferrara
 9:30 AM Joseph Molenda—Christine & Stanley
 Zierninski
 11:00 AM Carolyn Victory-Moore & McElroy Families
 5:00 PM Intentions of Parishioners

Bulletin Blurb**for the Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Praised be Jesus Christ!

As we begin this next phase of our stained-glass restoration campaign, I wanted to begin by thanking each and every one of you who have so very generously given to ensuring that our church's beautifully stained-glass windows are preserved for the next generation to venerate and admire. They are not just artwork that is worthy of God's house, but they are a view into the past; they are a clear glimpse to the past generations who sacrificed their hard-earned wages, at great personal cost to themselves and their families.

I may be the pastor of this parish, but I can say with honesty that before I was assigned here, I would easily put St. Joseph in Danbury as one of the most beautiful churches in our diocese. We could make the logical argument that we are preserving these windows or that the sealing around them will help reduce utility costs by making the church more energy efficient, but I think that a driving factor in this campaign, and why I believe so many have already given so much, is that we are now called to do what our great grandparents did.

I am incredibly excited to begin this next phase with you all and getting to experience the new set of restored windows will be like they are being put into the church for the first time. As we continue to build up and beautify our collective parish home, both in its architecture and in our souls, I am promised by so many generations of saints before us that there is no more worth pursuit.

In Christ & Mary,
 Father Silva



The Sanctuary Candle will burn
 this week in memory of
Judy Corbett
 Requested by Jeanne Hurgin

***Wedding Banns***

Rosa Cervantes & Darwin Tenecela
Alexandra Korvik & Emil Cerno



Please Pray for the Repose
 of the Souls of:
Robert Samuelson
Nancy Piskura

PARISH EVENTS

CATHOLIC WAR VETERANS

Cross of Peace Collection

Sept. 20 & 21 after all Masses

Please support our Catholic War Veterans, to assist them in their service in supporting veterans, their families, and their communities.

"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

PHOTOGRAPHIC PRESENTATION OF STAINED GLASS WINDOWS

Tuesday, Sept. 23 at 7:00pm in the Church Hall
Robert Fertitta will present photos of stained glass windows at St. Joseph Church and throughout the Diocese of Bridgeport. He will demonstrate photographic editing techniques, and will provide souvenir bookmarks and postcards at this free event.

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).

ROSARY MAKING EVENT

Saturday, Oct. 18, 10:00am-2:00pm
in the Church Hall

Sponsored by Knights of Columbus Council 29, Rosary Makers and Children's Rosary Ministry

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. **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 25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Processional Hymn

#720 "Praise to the Living God"

First Reading: Amos 8:4-7 *

Resp. Psalm: Psalm 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1-8

Gospel Acclamation: 2 Corinthians 8:9

GOSPEL: Luke 16:1-13

Offertory Hymn

#721 "Praise to the Lord"

Communion Hymn

#624 "Lord, Who at Thy First Eucharist"

Recessional Hymn

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

***Readings & Gospel:** Today's Missal: pp. 56-58

Hymns: *St. Michael Hymnal*

DAILY MASS READINGS:

Monday, Sept. 22

Ezra 1:1-6 / Ps. 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 /

Luke 8:16-18

Tuesday, Sept. 23 St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

1 Ezra 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20 / Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 /

Luke 8:19-21

Wednesday, Sept. 24

Ezra 9:5-9 / Resp.: Tobit:13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8 /

Luke 9:1-6

Thursday, Sept. 25

Haggai 1:1-8 / Psalm 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a & 9b /

Luke 9:7-9

Friday, Sept. 26

Haggai 2:1-9 / Psalm 43:1, 2, 3, 4 / Luke 9:18-22

Saturday, Sept. 27 Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest

Zechariah 2:5-9, 14-15a / Resp.: Jeremiah 31:10,

11-12ab, 13 / Luke 9:43b-45



Stewardship of Time, Talent, and Treasure Worship Offerings

September 13-14 \$9,382.00
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### 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.

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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 recstjoseph@yahoo.com
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### 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.

## LAY DOMINICAN INQUIRER OPEN HOUSE

Are you being called to a deeper understanding of Faith and Truth? Do you think you might want to be a Lay Dominican? Come follow in the footsteps of St. Dominic through prayer, study, community and apostolate. **Our Lady of Fatima, Lay Fraternity of St. Dominic** is growing! Please join us for our **Open House / Inquiry on Monday, September 22 @ 7PM**, St. Theresa Church, 5301 Main Street, Trumbull, CT in the Lower Parish Center.

For more information, call, text or email our formation Director, Mrs. Michelle Rowe, OP, at 203-218-6882 or [orapronobis20@gmail.com](mailto:orapronobis20@gmail.com).



## ANNUAL BISHOPS APPEAL

### Saint Joseph Parish

#### 2025 Bishop's Appeal as of 9/12/25

|                       |             |
|-----------------------|-------------|
| Bishop's Appeal Goal: | \$98,000.00 |
| Total Pledged:        | \$80,666    |
| Donors to Date:       | 294 Donors  |



To make a gift, or for more information, please visit us at [2025BishopsAppeal.org](http://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*

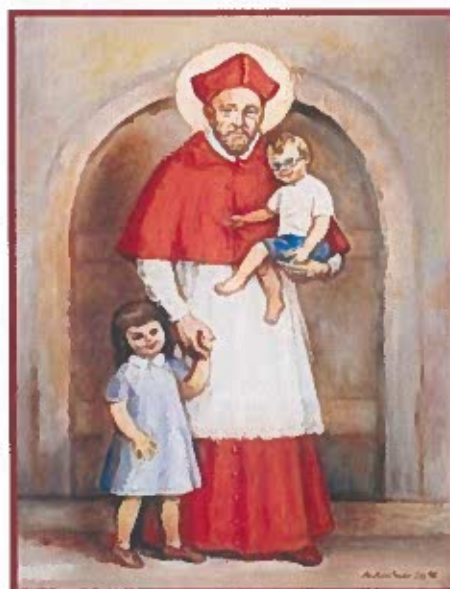
**When:** Sunday, September 28, 2025; 11am Mass

**Where:** St. Joseph Church

376 Main St.

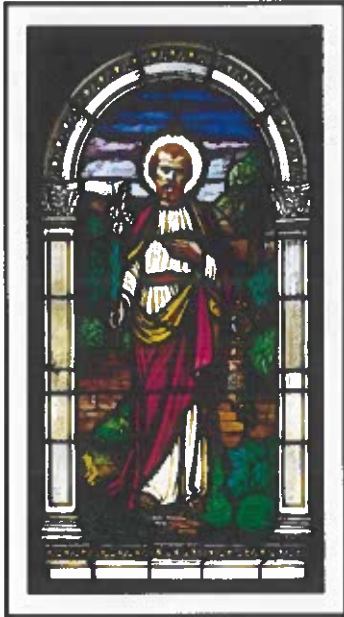
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**Reception to follow! All are welcome!**



## 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 win-

dows 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

Rev. Eric W. Silva: [frsilva@diobpt.org](mailto:frsilva@diobpt.org)

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### Liturgical Ministries / Music:

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### Saint Joseph Faith Formation 203-778-1920

Director: Maria Merino-Schweitzer  
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### Parish Organization Contacts

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## 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**.

**Catechists, aides, monitors are needed for our program. Please contact Maria Merino-Schweitzer if interested.**

### 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.*

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Kelli Barrett  
Matthew Bernabe  
Marie Bovaird  
Ernestine Clark  
Irene Clark  
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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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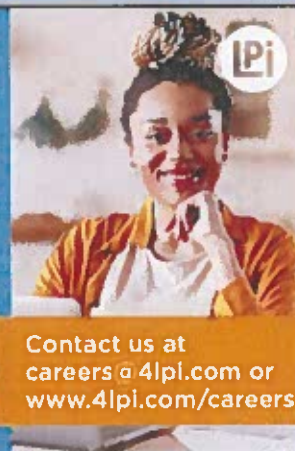
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