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26th Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 28, 2025



REV. ERIC W. SILVA, PARISH ADMINISTRATOR

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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. 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 Zieminski
 11:00 AM Carolyn Victory-Moore & McElroy Families
 5:00 PM Intentions of Parishioners

Monday, Sept. 29:

12:05 PM Giuseppe Ferrara—Wife

Tuesday, Sept. 30:

12:05 PM Richard Borrelli—Family

Wednesday, Oct. 1:

12:05 PM Thomas & Ethel Gaffney—Gaffney Family

Thursday Oct. 2:

12:05 PM Cesare Sorio—Family

Friday, Oct. 3:

12:05 PM Int. of Anjalise Veras
 —Wendolyn Loayza & Family

Saturday, Oct. 4:

8:00 AM Joseph Valente—M/M F. Sullivan
 4:00 PM Donald Basso, Sr.—Wife

Sunday, Oct. 5:

7:30 AM Francesca Mariani—Frank & Mary
 9:30 AM Edward Zieminski
 —Christine & Stanley Zieminski
 11:00 AM Mr. Andrea Cefaloni—Maria Cefaloni
 5:00 PM Intentions of Parishioners



The Sanctuary Candle will burn
 this week in memory of
H. Kenneth Ruppell
 Requested by Daughter, Brenda

PRE-BAPTISM CLASS:

The next pre-baptism class will be held on **Sunday, October 5, at 1:30 PM** in the Religious Ed Building. Pre-baptism class is required for parents prior to scheduling a baptism. Please call the Office to register: 203-748-8177.

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

Praised be Jesus Christ!

With everything going on in the world it can be very easy to fall into despair about all of the violence, the hatred, and the persecution. God gave us free will and while free will allows us to love each other fully, it also allows us to commit heinous crimes against our fellow man. It is in what allows us to harm one another that is also our hope. In the second reading this Sunday, Saint Paul writes to Timothy saying, "you, man of God, pursue righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience, and gentleness. Compete well for the faith." It is clear that it is not about not doing bad things but rather, it is about the pursuit of the Good.

We, as a society, tend to turn towards policies for hope: "if this or that bill is passed, everything would be better" or "this law would change everything". Policies and laws are meant to be an aid in our personal and familial pursuit of the Good. It is perfectly reasonable to be concerned, especially when it comes to our children, but despair is only of the devil. We heed the words of Jesus Himself when He says, "I have said this to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world." Pray hard for our world, pray hard for the conversion of so many who have succumb to acts of violence as their method of bringing about change, and pray for all of those who have been the target of that violence, that they may know the true and lasting peace of our God who promises that this life...this world, is not the end.

In Christ & Mary,
 Father Silva

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**Friday, October 3**

Eucharistic Adoration is held on the **first Friday** of each month, immediately following the 12:05 PM Mass and ending at 8:00 PM. A sign up sheet is available at the Church side entrance. Walk-ins are also welcome.

PARISH EVENTS**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

First Friday of the Month

Friday, October 3

Following 12:05 PM Mass until 8:00 PM

HOLY FACE DEVOTION

First Tuesday of the Month

Tuesday, October 7 7:00-8:00 PM

Adoration and Confession

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).

**Order of Mass for the Lord's Day
26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Processional Hymn

#579 *"In Christ There Is No East or West"*

First Reading: Amos 6:1a, 4-7 *

Resp. Psalm: Psalm 146:7, 8-9, 9-10

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 6:11-16

Gospel Acclamation: 2 Corinthians 8:9

GOSPEL: Luke 16:19-31

Offertory Hymn

#828 *"What Wondrous Love"*

Communion Hymn

#709 *"Panis Angelicus"*

Recessional Hymn

#520 *"Faith of Our Fathers"*

*Readings & Gospel: Today's Missal: pp. 58-60

Hymns: St. Michael Hymnal

DAILY MASS READINGS:

Monday, Sept. 29 Sts. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 / Ps. 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5 / John 1:47-51

Tuesday, Sept. 30 St. Jerome, Priest & Doctor of the Church

Zechariah 8:20-23 / Psalm 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 / Luke 9:51-56

Wednesday, Oct. 1 St. Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin & Doctor of the Church

Nehemiah 2:1-8 / Psalm 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 / Luke 9:57-62

Thursday, Oct. 2 The Holy Guardian Angels

Nehemiah 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12 / Ps. 19:8, 9, 10, 11 / Matthew 18:1-5, 10

Friday, Oct. 3

Baruch 1:15-22 / Ps. 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9 / Luke 10:13-16

Saturday, Oct. 4 Saint Francis of Assisi

Baruch 4:5-12, 27-29 / Psalm 69:33-35, 36-37 / Luke 10:17-24



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Rosary Making

Help us celebrate Our Lady of the Rosary and the month of the Holy Rosary

Join us in making your own rosary, or a rosary to donate.

Saturday, October 18, 2025
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

St. Joseph Parish Hall
8 Robinson Avenue
Danbury, CT

Light refreshments will be served.

For more info call/text
John Zilliox 203-770-3454
Ania Szurawski 203-297-7110

Parish Support

Stewardship of Time, Talent, and Treasure Worship Offerings

September 20-21 \$
Will be included in next week's bulletin

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.

Offertory Online Giving

Online Giving is an easy, safe, and convenient way to support St. Joseph Church. You can manage your giving or give a one-time gift right from your phone or from the comfort of your own home, using your preferred credit card or bank account.

To enroll, visit our church website www.stjosephdanbury.org and click on the **Online Giving tab** (on the right) to create an account. Your support helps sustain our parish year-round, and also helps to simplify the related administrative support.

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

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as priests, deacons, and consecrated persons.

Send your Holy Spirit to help others to respond generously and courageously to your call. May our community of faith support vocations of sacrificial love in our youth and young adults.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.



ANNUAL BISHOPS APPEAL

Saint Joseph Parish

2025 Bishop's Appeal as of 9/19/25

Bishop's Appeal Goal:	\$98,000.00
Total Pledged:	\$80,691
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!



ARE YOU PLANNING TO GET MARRIED?

- * Couples should contact a parish priest one year in advance, BEFORE any social arrangements are made.
- * NO Sunday Weddings.
- * Please call the office at 203-748-8177 for initial information.

SPONSOR CERTIFICATE GUIDELINES

Our Parish receives many requests for Sponsor Certificates from people who have been asked to be a Godparent at a Baptism or a Sponsor at a Confirmation. This Certificate verifies that you are an active Catholic, a member of this parish and eligible for this honor.

Being a Godparent or a Sponsor is not just a family or social relationship, as important as these may be. It is a profound spiritual responsibility which entails witness and commitment and there are several requirements:

1. *The Godparent/Sponsor is to be more than sixteen years of age.*
2. *(S)He is to have received the Sacraments of Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation and live a life of faith which befits the role to be undertaken.*
3. *If married, the Sponsor/Godparent must have been married according to the laws of the Church.*
4. *Is neither the father nor the mother of the person.*

For the Pastor to issue a Sponsor Certificate:

1. You need to be a currently registered member of our parish.
2. You worship here regularly.
3. You are requesting the Sponsor Certificate for **yourself**. Please do not ask a parent, spouse or other person to do this for you.
4. Sponsor Certificates will not be signed or issued before, or after, Mass.

Please call the Rectory at 203-748-8177 (Option #2) **at least 3 weeks in advance** of when a Sponsor Certificate is needed.

SAINT JOSEPH PARISH CONTACTS

Rev. Eric W. Silva: frsilva@diobpt.org

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Office Hours: Monday–Thurs 9:00AM–4:00PM
Friday 9:00AM–12:00PM
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Parish Manager: Anne Leclercq

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Saint Joseph Faith Formation 203-778-1920

Director: Maria Merino-Schweitzer
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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

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 prayers

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
Kelli Barrett
Matthew Bernabe
Marie Bovaird
Ernestine Clark
Irene Clark
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Albert Docktor
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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

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