

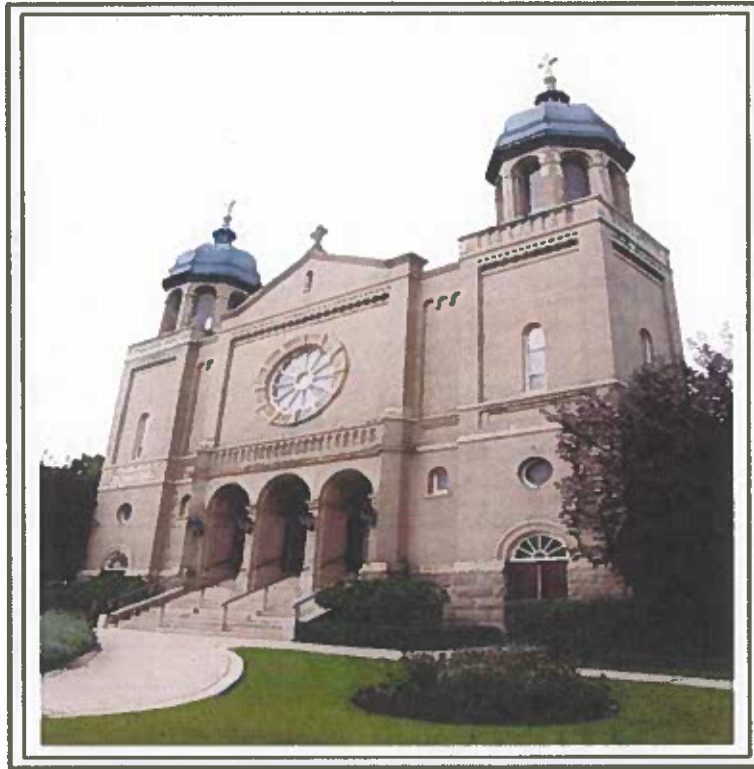
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27th Sunday in Ordinary Time, October 5, 2025



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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, 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

Monday, Oct. 6:

12:05 PM Elena Ongard—Donna & Kristen Palmer

Tuesday, Oct. 7:

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

Wednesday, Oct. 8:

12:05 PM Souls in Purgatory—M/M F. Sullivan

Thursday Oct. 9:12:05 PM Harry & Catherine Nipper—
Dr. & Mrs. Thomas Nipper**Friday, Oct. 10:**

12:05 PM Holy Souls in Purgatory—Nancy

Saturday, Oct. 11:

8:00 AM Teresa Trovoska—Cheryl Fusco

4:00 PM Josephine Hennessy—Dean Family

Sunday, Oct. 12:7:30 AM Robert Finister, Jr.—
Theresa & Joseph Bromley9:30 AM Irena Zieminski—
Christine & Stanley Zieminski

11:00 AM Bethany Mass

5:00 PM Intentions of Parishioners



The Sanctuary Candle will burn
this week in memory of
Joseph, Joe & Catherine Valente
Requested by M/M F. Sullivan



Please Pray for the Repose
of the Souls of:
Gerald Garavel, Sr.
Maria DeMasi

Bulletin Blurb
for the Twenty-Seventh Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Praised be Jesus Christ!

Each October the Church in the United States celebrates Respect Life Month, and the first Sunday of October is observed as Respect Life Sunday. As Catholics, we are called to cherish, defend, and protect those who are most vulnerable, from the beginning of life to its end, and at every point in between. During the month of October, the Church asks us to reflect more deeply on the dignity and gift of every human life. See the bulletin insert "Our Life a Sign of Hope." This short reflection unpacks this Jubilee year's focus on hope within the context of respect for human life, highlighting our Holy Father's call to be signs of hope to all facing trials and difficulties. Each week of this month there will be a different bulletin insert highlighting issues, misconceptions, and general information all regarding the ever important and necessity of advocating for life. This goes far beyond any political institution, agenda, or ideology but is rather a human issue. For far too long, political ideologies have claimed certain moral battlegrounds as their own when life is a much greater and complex issue. When Cain asks God, "Am I my brother's keeper?" all of humanity must cry out in both word and deed, "Yes, we are!". We have been made stewards of all of the created world by God's decree and it begins with protecting one another, serving one another, and especially loving one another with all the messiness and concern that accompanies that most sacred of missions. May God grant us the wisdom and courage to lovingly protect His gift of human life at every stage, in sickness and in health.

In Christ & Mary,
Father Silva



We welcome our newly baptized:
Quinn Anthony Poe
Cora Lisa Poe
Edward Michael Amato IV
Rui Graca
Hannah James Schmitt
Myla Rocha Cruz
Tatum Thomas Yang-Kokhammany

Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

PARISH EVENTS**HOLY FACE DEVOTION**

First Tuesday of the Month

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

Adoration and Confession in Church

RESPECT LIFE GROUP MEETING

Thursday, October 9 5:30 PM

In the Religious Ed Building

Contact: Lani Gonzales 203-512-1629

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Saturday, October 11 at 10:00 AM

At the Blessed Mother Grotto

ADULT BIBLE STUDY:**THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES**

Tuesdays, in October & November, 7:00 PM

The group is having its first meeting this Tuesday, October 7, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. in the Carman Buck Religious Education Center. We will distribute books to those who have previously ordered them, briefly discuss the class and study procedure, and set the schedule for our next several meetings. All New participants are always welcome, whether previously signed up or not. Why not drop in and see what we're doing? Feel free to call Deacon Bill Timmel for details. Daytime: 203-270-8300 / Evenings: 203-426-3474.

MONTHLY COFFEE HOUR

Sunday, October 12

after the 7:30 am Mass

In the Church Hall

TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE

Sat. 10/18 & Sun. 10/19 after Masses

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ROSARY MAKING EVENT

Sunday, October 18 10:00 AM—2:00PM

In the Church Hall

ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE

Saturday, October 18 10:00 AM—1:00PM

In the Upper Parking Lot

Sponsored by the Council of Catholic Women

**Order of Mass for the Lord's Day
27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Processional Hymn

#689 "O Worship the King"

First Reading: Habakkuk 1:2-3, 2:2-4 *

Resp. Psalm: Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14

Gospel Acclamation: 1 Peter 1:25

GOSPEL: Luke 17:5-10

Offertory Hymn

#572 "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"

Communion Hymn

#665 "O Jesus, Joy of loving Hearts"

Recessional Hymn

#688 "O Word of God Incarnate"

*Readings & Gospel: Today's Missal: pp. 61-62

Hymns: St. Michael Hymnal

DAILY MASS READINGS:**Monday, Oct 6**

Jonah 1:1-2:2, 11 / Resp: Jonah 2:3, 4, 5, 8 /

Luke 10:25-37

Tuesday, Oct. 7 Our Lady of the Rosary

Jonah 3:1-10 / Psalm 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8 /

Luke 10:38-42

Wednesday, Oct. 8

Jonah 4:1-11 / Psalm 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10 /

Luke 11:1-4

Thursday, Oct. 9

Malachi 3:13-20b / Psalm 1:1-2, 3, 4 & 6 /

Luke 11:5-13

Friday, Oct. 10

Joel 1:13-15, 2:1-2 / Psalm 9:2-3, 6 & 16, 8-9 /

Luke 11:15-26

Saturday, Oct. 11

Joel 4:12-21 / Psalm 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 /

Luke 11:27-48

MASS SCHEDULE UPDATE

There will be **no daily 12:05 Mass on:**
Tues 10/13, Wed 10/14 and Thurs 10/15, as priests
 will be away for the Diocesan Priests' Convocation.

Parish Support

Stewardship of Time, Talent, and Treasure Worship Offerings

September 27-28 \$8,233.00
Tag Sale 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.



ANNUAL BISHOPS APPEAL

Saint Joseph Parish	
2025 Bishop's Appeal as of 9/26/25	
Bishop's Appeal Goal:	\$98,000.00
Total Pledged:	\$80,941
Donors to Date:	296 Donors
 To make a gift, or for more information, please visit us at 2025BishopsAppeal.org call (203) 416-1470 or scan with your phone.	



The St. Joseph Council of Catholic Women will hold their **Annual Food Drive** on **Saturday, October 18th** from **10:00 AM** until **1:00 PM** in the upper parking lot.

All donations will be delivered to the Dorothy Day Hospitality House.

Requested Items are:

Tea	Coffee
Cookies	Crackers
Sugar	Flour
Cake Mix	Tuna Fish—canned
Fruit—canned	Vegetables—canned
Pasta—dry	Pasta Sauce—tomato & other
Gravy—canned	Juice
Soup	Rice—small boxes
Cereal	Cooking Oil

No glass containers or fresh/refrigerated/frozen items please.

The support of our parishioners is greatly appreciated.

Knights of Columbus Council 29
The Rosary Ministry and
Children's Rosary Ministry
invite you to....

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



JOIN THE FIGHT HELP STOP HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Sunday, October 19
6:30 - 8:00 P.M.

Join us to hear from Our Rescue's CEO Derek Benner as he shares about sex trafficking and child exploitation, what Our Rescue is doing to combat it, and how each of us can Join the Fight™.



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St. Rose Catholic Church is proud to partner with Our Rescue to bring "Join the Fight™: Help Stop Human Trafficking" to Newtown! This powerful community event is dedicated to raising awareness about human trafficking, equipping participants with vital information, and empowering everyone with practical steps they can take to help prevent this injustice.

St. Rose Church
46 Church Hill Rd,
Newtown, CT 06470

For More Info
Visit Our Website
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Register: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/join-human-trafficking-tickets-15564397261192>
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Hope After Abortion

Project Rachel — Are you or someone you know hurting

from a past abortion? There is hope, healing is possible! Project Rachel is dedicated to helping those wounded by abortion in their healing. Part of the journey is knowing we are not alone and having the tools needed to assist in the obstacles and spiritual battles faced in the healing process. For more information on upcoming retreats and resources, contact projectrachel@diobpt.org or 203-416-1619.

St. Marguerite Fall Festival

Vendor/Crafter applications are being accepted for St. Marguerite's 33rd Annual Fall Festival being held on Saturday, November 8th, 9 am-4 pm. St. Marguerite Bourgeoys Parish is located at 138 Candlewood Lake Road in Brookfield. For information or an application, email fallfestival@stmarguerite.org.

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



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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.



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REMEMBER
in your prayers

Please pray for our parishioners who have requested prayers, and those currently in nursing homes, hospitals, or confined to their homes.

Please call the Parish Office with updates.

LIFE

Our Sign of Hope



There is perhaps no more beautiful celebration than when parents bring their newborn child to the waters of baptism. Parents, godparents, family, and friends share in this sacrament with incomparable joy. For in baptism, we share in Christ's death and resurrection, and through the outward signs of water and oil, are made *children of God* and given the hope of eternal life with Him.

"The death and resurrection of Jesus is the heart of our faith and the basis of our hope."¹ Through our Lord Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven, death is overcome, and life is victorious. "Hope dwells as the desire and expectation of good things to come, despite not knowing what the future may bring."² Because of this Christian hope, we can face the unknown trials of life with faith rather than fear.

We are called to be signs of hope to all people, especially those whose goodness, value, and dignity are undermined. As members of the Body of Christ, we carry this hope with us as we continue Jesus' mission on earth. Pope Leo XIV encourages us, "How important it is that each and every baptized person feel himself or herself called by God to be a sign of hope in the world today."³

Sadly, there is a devastating absence of hope today. We see this most profoundly in a sweeping disregard for human life in its most vulnerable forms and stages. Abortion and assisted suicide are products of

"Hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the holy Spirit that has been given to us." Romans 5:5

hopelessness and despair. Yet even amid the increasing attacks on human life, we know that the "storms that buffet us will never prevail, for we are firmly anchored in the hope born of grace, which enables us to live in Christ and to overcome sin, fear and death."⁴

We have been entrusted with a message of hope for the woman who finds herself unexpectedly pregnant or for the man diagnosed with a terminal illness. At these challenging moments, we must bring God's presence, witnessing to His love, and inspiring a renewal of hope in those whose hearts are burdened. For "hope is born of love and based on the love springing from the pierced heart of Jesus upon the cross."⁵

Having been "buried with Christ in Baptism, we receive in his resurrection the gift of a new life that breaks down the walls of death."⁶ Confident of God's presence within us, may we share the Gospel of Life with those most in need of hope, knowing that "the grace of God precedes and accompanies his people as they press forward firm in faith, active in charity and steadfast in hope."⁷

¹ Pope Francis, *Spes non confundit*, 20.

² *Ibid*, 1.

³ Pope Leo XIV, Vatican News, May 26, 2025: <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2025-05/pope-leo-xiv-africa-day-pilgrimage-blessing-vatican-basilica.html>.

⁴ Pope Francis, *Spes non confundit*, 25.

⁵ *Ibid*, 3.

⁶ *Ibid*, 20.

⁷ *Ibid*, 6.

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