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28th Sunday in Ordinary Time, October 12, 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. 11:**

8:00 AM Teresa Trovoska—Cheryl Fusco
 4:00 PM Josephine Hennessy—Dean Family

Sunday, Oct. 12:

7:30 AM Robert Finster, Jr.—
 Theresa & Joseph Bromley
 9:30 AM Irena Zieminski—
 Christine & Stanley Zieminski
 11:00 AM Bethany Mass
 5:00 PM Intentions of Parishioners

No Daily Masses 10/13-10/15, as our priests are attending the Diocesan Priests' Convocation

Monday, Oct. 13: No Daily Mass

Tuesday, Oct. 14: No Daily Mass

Wednesday, Oct. 15: No Daily Mass

Thursday Oct. 16:

12:05 PM Catherine Valente—M/M Frank Sullivan

Friday, Oct. 17:

12:05 Wilhelmina Borromeo—Eileen Frederick
 & Family

Saturday, Oct. 18:

8:00 AM In thanksgiving to St. Joseph—Sonia
 4:00 PM Int. of Ania Szurawski—Rosemarie Latty

Sunday, Oct. 19:

7:30 AM Franco Potenziani—Wife, Teresa
 9:30 AM Albert J. Baldelli—His Daughters
 11:00 AM Krystyna Szetella—Christine & Stanley
 Zieminski
 5:00 PM Intentions of Parishioners



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



Please Pray for the Repose
 of the Souls of:
Kathleen Timm
Francoise Krueger

OFFICE CLOSURE: Monday 10/13

Our Offices will be closed for Columbus Day.

Bulletin Blurb
for the Twenty-Eighth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Praised be Jesus Christ!

After another successful tag sale, there are so very many people to thank for all of their hard work and time spent. In particular, I wanted to thank Antonia Stalzer who headed up the tag sale in ways that are known only to God because, even though she is likely going to be upset with me for publicly thanking her, there was so much work done behind closed doors that no one, including myself, is aware of. There were countless volunteers working on set up, helping carry tag sale items in and out of our front doors, helping shoppers select items, and so much more. I am so very grateful to all those volunteers as well as shoppers for all of their generosity. This year's tag sale brought in \$12, 214! Additionally, I wanted to thank Mr. Bob Doyle who has annually given his time and resources to host the "Sell your old Gold" in connection with our tag sale. This year, his fundraiser brought in \$8,000 for the parish. We are so very grateful to you as well, Bob, for your service to our parish and this community.

This event is a true testament to our parish's commitment to ensuring that our children, grandchildren, and beyond are able to worship and commune in this home for generations. I am continually blown away by how generous our people are not only with their finances but particularly with their time. I cannot accurately communicate just how excited I am to see what the future has in store for all of us here and all that the Lord is looking to do in and through this community. God bless you all, and once again, thank you all for all that you do and all that you are!

In Christ & Mary,
 Father Silva

BETHANY MASS: Sunday, October 12

This Sunday, at the **11:00 AM Bethany Mass**, we remember our deceased parishioners, especially the recently deceased, with services in September:

Georgette Talbot, Nancy Piskura, Kathleen Timm

Please pray for them and their families and friends.

PARISH EVENTS**BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS**

Saturday, October 11 at 10:00 AM
At the Blessed Mother Grotto

MONTHLY COFFEE HOUR

Sunday, October 12
after the 7:30 am Mass
In the Church Hall

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

Tuesdays, in October & November, 7:00 PM

The group is under way. This coming Tuesday, October 14, 2025, we will be discussing the Introduction and Chapters 1 and 2 of The Acts of the Apostles, as set forth in pages 11-27 of the class text. We meet at 7:00 p.m. in the Buck Religious Education Center. New participants are always welcome, even on a drop in basis just to see what we're doing. Feel free to contact Deacon Bill Timmel for details. Email: dadatim@yahoo.co, or telephone at (Daytime): 203-270-8300 or (Evenings): 203-426-3474.

TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE

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

The Knights of Columbus Council #29 will hold their annual Tootsie Roll Drive after all Masses this weekend.

All proceeds will benefit Ability Beyond.

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

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

In the month of November, we remember our beloved deceased family and friends. In their honor, we inscribe their names in a *Book of Remembrance*. Beginning Oct. 18 you may enroll loved ones online on a form on our church website. If you prefer, you can submit a card that is available in the side vestibule. Please submit names by October 31.

Order of Mass for the Lord's Day
28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Processional Hymn

#524 "For the Beauty of the Earth"

First Reading: 2 Kings 5:14-17 *

Resp. Psalm: Psalm 98:1, 2-3, 3-4

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 2:8-13

Gospel Acclamation: 1 Thessalonians 5:18

GOSPEL: Luke 17:11-19

Offertory Hymn

#802 "To You I Lift My Soul"

Communion Hymn

#570 "Humbly We Adore Thee"

Recessional Hymn

#499 "Crown Him With Many Crowns"

***Readings & Gospel: Today's Missal: pp. 63-64**

Hymns: St. Michael Hymnal

DAILY MASS READINGS:**Monday, Oct. 13**

Romans 1:1-7 / Psalm 98:1bcde, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 /
Luke 11:29-32

Tuesday, Oct. 14

Romans 1:16-25 / Psalm 19:2-3, 4-5 /
Luke 11:37-41

**Wednesday, Oct. 15 Saint Teresa of Jesus,
Virgin and Doctor of the Church**

Romans 2:1-11 / Psalm 62:2-3, 6-7, 9 /
Luke 11:42-46

Thursday, Oct. 16

Romans 3:21-30 / Psalm 130:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab /
Luke 11:47-54

**Friday, Oct. 17 Saint Ignatius of Antioch,
Bishop and Martyr**

Romans 4:1-8 / Psalm 32:1b-2, 5, 11 /
Luke 12:1-7

Saturday, Oct. 18 Saint Luke, Evangelist

2 Timothy 4:10-17b / Ps. 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 /
Luke 10:1-9

Parish Support

Stewardship of Time, Talent, and Treasure Worship Offerings

October 4-5	\$ 8,330.00
Monthly Offertory	\$ 5,308.00
Tag Sale	\$12,214.00
Sell Your Old Gold	\$ 8,000.00

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. 203-748-8177



ANNUAL BISHOPS APPEAL

Saint Joseph Parish

2025 Bishop's Appeal as of 10/03/25

Bishop's Appeal Goal:	\$98,000.00
Total Pledged:	\$81,641
Donors to Date:	298 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
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SUPPORT OUR SEMINARIANS & YOUNG MEN CALLED TO THE PRIESTHOOD

Bulletin Blurb for October 4-5

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR FUTURE PRIESTS

Thanks be to God, we have 37 seminarians preparing for the priesthood! The cost for this formation is more than \$70,000 annually which breaks down as follows:

35% Tuition
19% Room & board
21% Health insurance
15% Other living expenses
10% Summer programs & mission trips

Our seminarians are intensely focused on spiritual growth, academic excellence, human maturity, and pastoral service. Your support allows them to focus on preparing to serve as good and holy priests!

We also have an excellent plan to further increase priestly vocations in our diocese, including:

- Revitalized Vocation Team
- Parish Vocation Ministries
- Called by Name Campaign
- Regional Discernment Groups
- St. Andrew Dinners
- Discernment Retreats

Our Vocation Team's overall strategy is to identify and accompany young men as they hear and respond to God's call.

Bishop Caggiano has asked all parishioners to be especially generous to ensure happy, healthy, holy priests for the future of the Church. Please give at www.bridgeportpriest.org/give



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



RETREAT FOR SINGLE WOMEN AGES 18-35

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OF JESUS



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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.



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Requests for Sacraments and Home Visits:

For a communion, confession, and/or anointing homebound visit, please call the Parish Office:
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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.

The Truth About **Abortion** & **Women's Health**

Abortion does not save women's lives.

Abortion is the **direct** and **intentional** killing of a child in the womb.

Abortion is never medically necessary. It does not treat or solve any pregnancy-related complication.

Outlawing abortion will not affect treatment for miscarriage.

Treatment for miscarriage and abortion is not the same thing.

There is a complete moral and legal difference between losing a child through miscarriage and intentionally taking the life of a child.

In the tragic case of miscarriage, surgery may be necessary—and is an ethical treatment—to remove the remains of an unborn child who has already died.

While the same surgery is done to perform an abortion, abortions impose this procedure on a living child with the **intention** of ending his or her life.

Women can get the lifesaving treatments they need—without abortion.

In rare cases, and in the absence of better alternatives, life-threatening maternal health conditions may require interventions that **indirectly** and **unintentionally** lead to the death of an unborn child. **Abortion restrictions will not prevent women from receiving these treatments.**

When the lives of mother and child are in immediate danger, the goal is to fight to save both patients. **Effective treatments exist that seek to save the life of the mother and never to intentionally harm her unborn child.**

When a woman's life is at risk in pregnancy, preterm delivery may be used as a lifesaving medical intervention to preserve the life of both mother and child.¹

Ectopic pregnancies result when an embryo implants outside the uterus—often in the fallopian tube. Sadly, such embryos cannot survive and this condition can pose serious risks to the mother. While ectopic pregnancies sometimes resolve naturally, interventions are often necessary.

When done ethically, treatment for an ectopic pregnancy is not abortion. Ethical interventions include the removal of the damaged fallopian tube containing the embryo or, if embryo death has already occurred, medication can be used to resolve the ectopic pregnancy.

Bottom line: Abortion restrictions never prevent women from receiving life-saving treatment.²

If you or someone you know is struggling after involvement in an abortion, the Church offers confidential, compassionate help through Project Rachel Ministry. Visit www.hopeafterabortion.org for more information.

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¹ Buskmiller, C. 2018. "The ethics of interstitial and cesarean scar ectopic pregnancies: four case studies and a review of the literature." The Linacre Quarterly 85(3): 252-269.

² For further information on these topics, reference: [1] National Catholic Bioethics Center, "Medical Interventions During Pregnancy in Light of Dobbs," <https://www.ncbcenter.org/ncbc-news/bioethics-public-policy-report-august-12-2022-egqx2>. [2] American Association of Pro-Life Obstetricians and Gynecologists, "Myth vs. Fact: Correcting Misinformation on Maternal Medical Care," <https://aaplog.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/AAPLOG-Myth-vs-Fact-v5.pdf>.

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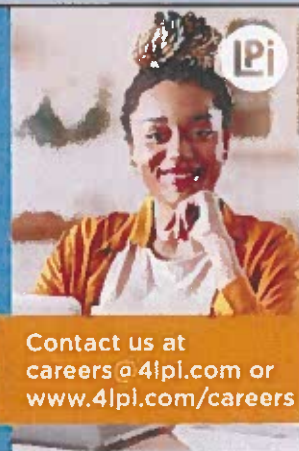
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