

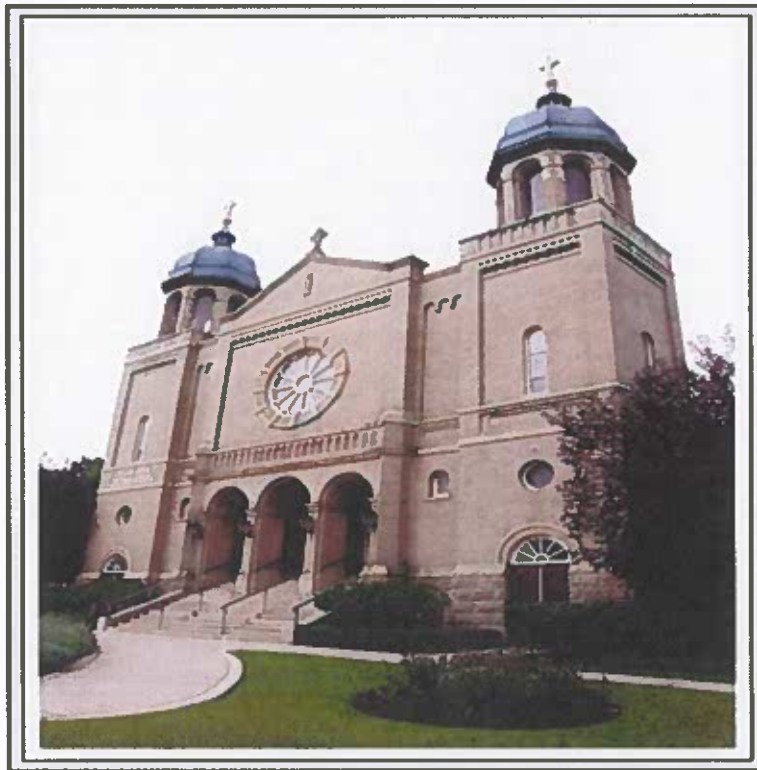
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30th Sunday in Ordinary Time, October 26, 2025



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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.

Bulletin Blurb
for the Thirtieth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Praised be Jesus Christ!

8:00 AM Marcelle Saint Jean—Fr. Silva
4:00 PM Mr. & Mrs. R. Ferrante—Daughter

Growing up, I remember that going to Mass was never less than an hour long. There might have been a few minutes shaved off if we managed to get up early enough to get to the earliest Sunday Mass with no music, but even then, the difference was barely noticeable. For whatever reason, and it may be my own narrow perception, it seems as though the duration of our current Masses, not just here at St. Joseph but everywhere, are much shorter, usually getting out with ten or so minutes to spare. While it perplexes me, I think that there is a goodness here that may not have been afforded to all 30 or so years ago.

7:30 AM Fred Preston, Jr. (25th Anniv.)—Family
9:30 AM Thomas Newsome—Wife
11:00 AM Erin Schembri—Christine & Stanley
Ziemiński
5:00 PM Intentions of Parishioners

Monday, Oct. 27:

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

Tuesday, Oct. 28:

12:05 PM Dec. of Kennedy & Ryan Families—Family

Wednesday, Oct. 29:

12:05 PM Christine Gremler—M/M Frank Sullivan

Thursday Oct. 30:

12:05 PM Ann Marie Gremler—M/M Frank Sullivan

Friday, Oct. 31:

12:05 PM Mary E. McCarthy—Family
7:30 PM M/M F. Sullivan

Saturday, Nov. 1:

8:00 AM Lena LaGratta—LaGratta Family
4:00 PM Ida Merenda—Sister

Sunday, Nov. 2:

7:30 AM Jeffrey Gonzalez—Family
9:30 AM Theresa Baldelli—Daughters
11:00 AM Stephen Miskar—Daughter
5:00 PM Intentions of Parishioners



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



Wedding Banns

Zachary Jacobellis and Kathryn Coward-2nd Banns



Please Pray for the Repose
of the Soul of:

Joanne Bennett

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Please do not mistake this encouragement to stay longer at Mass as a chastisement of all who leave, especially for those who have something important to run to and have made it a priority to make it to Mass; there are certainly occasions for situations such as those. I would say that for those who wish to be perfect in their prayer or to elevate what the Sunday Mass can be, singing the final hymn to its conclusion and staying after to make a prayer of thanksgiving will most certainly have a profound and lasting effect on your spiritual life and will elevate your Sunday's as something far more than simply "the Sunday obligation". One of my favorite moments of the week is greeting you all after Mass but, rest assured, I am more than happy to wait for a little while if it means that you are spending a little more time communing with the Lord!

In Christ & Mary,
Father Silva

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**MASS INFORMATION  
FOR WEEKEND OF NOVEMBER 1-2,  
ALL SAINTS DAY, ALL SOULS DAY**

The Solemnity of All Saints is normally a Holy Day of Obligation but because it falls on a Saturday, it is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year. However, we will still be having a Vigil Mass on Friday, October 31 and Masses for the Solemnity of All Saints on November 1 at 8am as well as 4pm. All of the Sunday Masses (7:30am, 9:30am, 11am, and 5pm) will be for All Souls Day. Please note that while the 4pm Saturday Mass is celebrated for All Saints Day, it does still count for one's Sunday obligation.

**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*. You may enroll loved ones online on a form on our church website, or 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  
30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Processional Hymn**

**#645 "O Bless the Lord, My Soul"**

**First Reading:** Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18 \*

**Resp. Psalm:** Psalm 34:2-3, 17-18, 19, 23

**Second Reading:** 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

**Gospel Acclamation:** 2 Corinthians 5:19

**GOSPEL:** Luke 18:9-14

**Offertory Hymn**

**#559 "Have Mercy, Lord, On Us"**

**Communion Hymn**

**#656 "O Food of Travelers, Angels' Bread"**

**Recessional Hymn**

**#543 "God's Blessing Sends Us Forth"**

**\*Readings & Gospel:** Today's Missal: pp. 67-68

**Hymns:** *St. Michael Hymnal*

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DAILY MASS READINGS:**Monday, Oct. 27**

Romans 8:12-17 / Psalm 68:2 & 4, 6-7ab, 20-21 /
Luke 13:10-17

Tuesday, Oct 28 Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles

Ephesians 2:19-22 / Ps. 19:2-3, 4-5 / Luke 6:12-16

Wednesday, Oct. 29

Romans 8:26-30 / Psalm 13:4-5, 6 / Luke 13:22-30

Thursday, Oct. 30

Romans 8:31b-39 / Psalm 109:21-22, 26-27, 30-31 /
Luke 13:31-35

Friday, Oct. 31

Romans 9:1-5 / Psalm 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 /
Luke 14:1-6

Saturday, Nov. 1

Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14 / Psalm 24:1bc-2, 3-4b, 5-6 /
1 John 3:1-3 / Matthew 5:1-12a

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**Requests for Sacraments and Home Visits:**

For a communion, confession, and/or anointing homebound visit, please call the Parish Office:  
203-748-8177

## PARISH EVENTS

### Bake Sale after Masses October 25-26

This weekend the Rosary Ministry will be having a bake sale after all the Masses to fundraise both for the Rosary making needs as well as for the Children's Rosary group, which has increased to over 50 children every Friday afternoon. All proceeds will go towards Rosary materials and the Children's Rosary Group supplies.

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

Tuesdays, in October & November, 7:00 PM

The group is under way. This coming Tuesday, October 28, 2025, we will be discussing Chapters 6 through 8 of Acts of the Apostles, as set forth in 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.com](mailto:dadatim@yahoo.com), or telephone at (Daytime): 203-270-8300 or (Evenings): 203-426-3474.

### CCW WARM WEATHER DRIVE Nov. 15-16 & Nov. 22-23

St. Joseph Council of Catholic Women is asking for your help in collecting **NEW socks, mittens/gloves and scarves** for adults and children in need. As cold weather approaches, we would like to collect these items which will be distributed through Dorothy Day House. Used items cannot be accepted. Labeled bins will be at the entrances of the church on the weekends of Nov 15-16 and 22-23.

### 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.

### PRE-BAPTISM CLASS:

The next pre-baptism class will be held on **Sunday, November 2, 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.

## LOCAL EVENTS

### DIVINE MERCY and HUMAN LIFE PRESENTATION October 30, 7:00 PM

St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Somers NY  
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Registration fee: \$15

Featured speaker: Very Reverend Chris Alar, MIC  
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### Give Us This Day November & December Books

If you currently subscribe to the **Give Us This Day** publication, the **November and December** books are available after the Saturday evening and Sunday Masses. Please see an Usher at the side entrance after Mass to receive your books.



## Parish Support

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

October 18-19                      \$ 7,489.00  
World Mission Sunday        \$ 2,023.00

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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.

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### 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](http://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:***  
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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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in your prayers

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

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Updates to our Prayer /List:

Please contact our Parish Office if you have an update to the Prayer List above, so that we may maintain current information. 203-748-8177

Information about our Parish Groups can be found on the Parish website www.stjosephdanbury.org
Parish Life tab: *Ministries & Organizations.*

BE NOT *Afrāid*

When battered by life's storms, or immersed in a dense fog of suffering and uncertainty, we may feel alone and unequipped to handle the circumstances. Yet with words that echo through thousands of years into the corners of our hearts, the Lord says to us, "Do not fear: I am with you" (Isaiah 41:10).

He speaks these words not as one who merely observes our pain, but as one who experienced immense suffering. And the very wounds that bear witness to his suffering indicate the essence of our identity and worth: we are loved by God.

Reflecting on the healed wounds of the Risen Christ, we see that even our most difficult trials can be the place where God manifests his victory. He makes all things beautiful. He makes all things new.

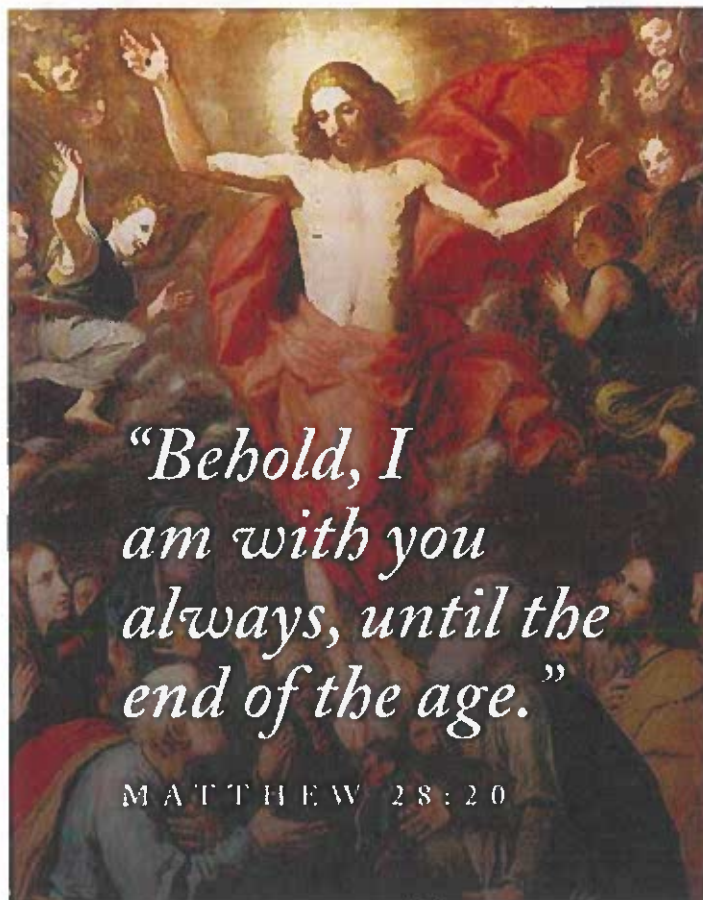
He is *always* with us. Jesus promised this when he gave the disciples the same mission he gives to each of us: Go.

Go be my hands and feet to a world enslaved by fear. Go to the woman who is unexpectedly pregnant and fears the future. Go to your friend who fears reprisal at work because he takes a stand for the protection of human life. Go to your aging parent in failing health who fears being a burden. And go to others, too, for their support.

We don't need to have everything figured out. We can simply follow the

guidance of Our Blessed Mother, the first disciple: "Do whatever he tells you" (John 2:5).

Walk with each other. Do not be afraid to embrace God's gift of life. Whatever storms or trials we face, we are not alone. He is with us.



RESPECT LIFE

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