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Dedication of the Lateran Basilica, November 9, 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, Nov. 8:**

8:00 AM Maria DeMasi—Doyle Family
 4:00 PM George & Helen Craemer—Their Children

Sunday, Nov. 9:

7:30 AM Juanita Cabrera & Grant Sheehan
 —Maria Sheehan
 9:30 AM Livio Cervini—Maria Scanga
 11:00 AM Bethany Mass
 5:00 PM Intentions of Parishioners

Monday, Nov. 10:

12:05 PM Fernando Gonzalez, Jr.—Family

Tuesday, Nov. 11:

12:05 PM Dec. of Danbury Veterans' Council
 —Daniel P. Jowdy

Wednesday, Nov. 12:

12:05 PM In memory of Mother Cabrini—John Perry

Thursday Nov. 13:

12:05 PM Jonathan W. David—Caryl Lucchesi

Friday, Nov. 14:

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

Saturday, Nov. 15:

8:00 AM Jeff Curriere—Nancy
 4:00 PM Elinor Wemitt—Wemitt Family

Sunday, Nov. 16:

7:30 AM Germana Sauli—Donna & Kristen Palmer
 9:30 AM Luciana Toribio—Tess Toribio
 11:00 AM Marie Bennett—Bruce Bennett
 5:00 PM Intentions of Parishioners



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



Please Pray for the Repose
 of the Souls of:

Mary Lerario
Kathleen LiVolsi
Barbara Krebs
Manuel Saraiva

Bulletin Blurb
for the Feast of the Dedication of the
Lateran Basilica in Rome

Praised be Jesus Christ!

Today, in the year 324, marks the anniversary of the dedication of the cathedral church of Rome, on land owned by the Laterani family, by Pope St. Sylvester I. Honored as the episcopal seat of the pope as bishop of Rome, in the same way that our own bishop, Bishop Frank Caggiano, calls St. Augustine Cathedral his episcopal seat as bishop of the Diocese of Bridgeport. According to an inscription which Pope Clement XII place there, this church is the "mother and head of all church of Rome and the world" (*"omnium ecclesiarum Urbis et Orbis mater et caput"*). Residence of the popes from the fourth century until their moving to Avignon in 1309, site of five ecumenical councils, Pope Innocent X commissioned the present structure in 1646. Beneath its high altar rests the remains of the small wooden table on which, according to tradition, St. Peter celebrated Mass. This church was dedicated to the Savior and later to John the Baptist.

It may seem a strange thing to have an entire feast day dedicated to a mere building, especially when this feast day can be "weighed" against the feast days of saints and martyrs. This visible symbol of the universal Church calls us to look toward the house of God in the new Jerusalem, toward which the earthly Church is on constant and continual pilgrimage. We also honor, pray, and give thanks to all of the Veterans of our armed forces this coming Tuesday, November 11th. I would venture to guess that if you were to ask a Veteran if physical places are important, be they the battle grounds or the safety of their own homes, that they would respond with a resounding "yes!". The Basilica of St. John Lateran in Rome has been a battleground for the faith since the fourth century and continues to be a symbol of all of those who have come before us to defend the faith but also, promote and spread the Gospel message to the whole world. May the Lord keep this building, and all that it symbolizes, safe until He sees fit to come again!

In Christ & Mary,
 Father Silva

PARISH EVENTS**MONTHLY COFFEE HOUR**

Sunday, November 9

Following 7:30 AM Mass

Please join us in the Church Hall for our monthly coffee hour. All are welcome.

ADULT STUDY GROUP**THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES**

The group is under way. This coming **Tuesday, November 11, 2025**, we will be completing our study of the first half the Acts of the Apostles as we discuss Chapters 13 through 15 of the 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.co, or telephone at (Daytime): 203-270-8300 or (Evenings): 203-426-3474. We'll continue with part 2 of the Acts of the Apostles in the Spring.

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**.

OFFICE CLOSURE:**Tuesday, November 11**

Our Parish Offices will be closed for Veterans Day.

November 9 BETHANY MASS

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

Robert Samuelson, Maria DeMasi, Gerald L. Garavel, Sr., Francoise Krueger, Joanne Bennett

Please pray for all deceased parishioners, their families and friends.

Order of Mass for the Lord's Day

**Feast of the Dedication of
The Lateran Basilica in Rome**

Processional Hymn

#410 "All Creatures of Our God and King"
Verse 1, 3 & 8

First Reading: Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12 *

Resp. Psalm: Psalm 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:9c-11, 16-17

Gospel Acclamation: 2 Chronicles 7:16

GOSPEL: John 2:13-22

Offertory Hymn

#529 "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"

Communion Hymn

#655 "O Food of Exiles Lowly"

Recessional Hymn

#776 "The Church's One Foundation"***Readings & Gospel:** Today's Missal: pp. 73-75**Hymns: St. Michael Hymnal****DAILY MASS READINGS:**

**Monday, Nov. 10 Saint Leo the Great, Pope
and Doctor of the Church**

Wisdom 1:1-7 / Psalm 139:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10 /
Luke 17:1-6

Tuesday, Nov. 11 Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop

Wisdom 2:23-3:9 / Psalm 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19 /
Luke 17:7-10

**Wednesday, Nov. 12 Saint Josaphat, Bishop
and Martyr**

Wisdom 6:1-11 / Ps. 82:3-4, 6-7 / Luke 17:11-19

Thurs, Nov. 13 St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin

Wisdom 7:22b-8:1 / Psalm 119:89, 90, 91, 130,
135, 175 / Luke 17:20-25

Friday, Nov. 14

Wisdom 13:1-9 / Psalm 19:2-3, 4-5ab /
Luke 17:26-37

Saturday, Nov. 15

Wisdom 18:14-16, 19:6-9 / Psalm 105:2-3, 36-37,
42-43 / Luke 18:1-8



Knights of Columbus Council #29

FOOD DRIVE

Help us fill the bins in the vestibule at all Masses!

WE ARE COLLECTING THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

Boxed stuffing mix, Cranberry sauce, Jarred or canned gravy/stock, Dried beans (1 or 2-pound bags), Rice (1 or 2-pound bags), Pasta (especially spaghetti), Cooking oil, Tea and coffee, Baby food, Breakfast cereal (hot or cold), Condiments (such as ketchup, mustard, mayo, vinegar, and hot sauce), Sugar, flour, and baking items such as cake mix, Any little luxuries or oddball items you yourself might like as a treat, Canned staple items such as tuna, soup, vegetables, as well as mac and cheese and pasta sauce

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At All Masses Nov. 22nd and 23rd @ St. Joseph's Parish, Danbury

St. Joseph Church's GIVING TREE

Later this month, we will once again have the annual Giving Tree, a project that helps to fulfill the wishes of a local child, adult or senior in need; who may not otherwise receive a gift for the holidays.

The Giving Tree benefits clients in these agencies:

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Last year, our parishioners made a difference in the lives of over 300 of our Danbury-area neighbors. Please consider taking an **angel gift tag** to let someone know that they are cared about.

Stay tuned for details and dates.

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Stewardship of Time, Talent, and Treasure Worship Offerings

November 1-2	\$ 8,621.00
Monthly Offertory	\$ 5,992.00
All Saints Day	\$ 1,344.00
All Souls Day	\$ 1,862.00

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The Second Collection is for  
the **Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA**

This week our parish will take a collection to benefit the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA (AMS). The AMS receives no funding from the U.S. Government or U.S. Military and has no parishes from which to receive a weekly assessment. Instead, it must rely on the generosity of those whose values and priorities align with its mission, programs and services, to meet its costs. Please prayerfully consider a contribution to this special collection to support active-duty military men and women, and their families – including those from our own parish. Please give generously. Thank you.

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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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If you 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](mailto:recstjoseph@yahoo.com)

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

FAITH FORMATION

Happy November! We are starting our second month of Faith Formation classes, which meet every week from 4:00 to 5:15 pm, unless otherwise noted.

In November, classes will only meet on Wednesday, November 12 and Tuesday and Wednesday, November 18 and 19. No classes on Tuesday, November 11 (Veterans Day) as well as Tuesday and Wednesday, November 25 and 26 (Thanksgiving Recess).

Witnesses of the Catholic Faith — We are blessed with an amazing Faith Formation Catechetical Team this year! Please pray for them and all of our students!

Catechists: Ms. Mariana Bankhardt, Mrs. Randylynn Brosz, Mrs. Nancy Keilty, Mr. Mark Lapham, Mrs. Teresa Pesce, Mr. Art Regan, Mrs. Jeanne Spain, Mrs. Ania Szurawski, Mrs. Kim Wien, and Father Silva

Catechetical Substitutes and Aides: Mrs. Trina Amendola, Mr. Frank Fontana, Miss Gracelyn Johnson, Miss Alicia Jos, Mrs. Cheryl Lallo, Mrs. Kelly Metichchia, Mrs. Jamie Morelli, Mrs. Gloria Nissly, Mr. Marty Nissly, Ms. Lydia Rebello, Mrs. Anacenia Rodriguez, and Mrs. Teresa Vegerano

For anyone interested, a plethora of Advent Resources, including calendars in English and in Spanish, are available online at: <https://formationreimagined.org/advent-resources-2025/>

The Face of Prayer — Bishop Caggiano invites us to join thousands of people across our diocese – and the world – who receive an invitation to pray every day at 3 pm. Text the word PRAY to 55778.

Faith Formation Office Hours — Monday to Wednesday from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm and Thursdays from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon. The office is closed on Fridays.

Faith Formation Office: 203-778-1920



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.



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