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33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, November 16, 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. 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 & Family
5:00 PM Intentions of Parishioners

Monday, Nov. 17:

12:05 PM Giovanni Mariani—M/M R. Cefaloni

Tuesday, Nov. 18:

12:05 PM Dr. Peter Buck—Fr. Scott

Wednesday, Nov. 19:

12:05 PM George Godfrey, Jr.—Godfrey Family

Thursday Nov. 20:

12:05 PM Kenneth Hyatt—Lucas Family

Friday, Nov. 21:

12:05 PM Robert LeFebvre—Family

Saturday, Nov. 22:

8:00 AM Justin O'Reilly—Nephew, Liam
4:00 PM Danielle Kornhaas—Doyle Family

Sunday, Nov. 23:

7:30 AM Christine Gremler—M/M F. Sullivan
9:30 AM Carolyn Victory—Moore & McElroy Families
11:00 AM Robert LeFebvre—Family
5:00 PM Intentions of Parishioners



The Sanctuary Candle will burn
this week in memory of
Frank Kovacs
Requested by Jeanne Hurgin



Please Pray for the Repose
of the Souls of:

Caitlin Saporato
Lucille Share

**Bulletin Blurb for the
Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Praised be Jesus Christ!

In the days of old when the majority of the population was illiterate, the architecture and artwork of the churches, from the stained-glass windows to the statues and paintings, all existed to help the people of God understand the stories of our own shared salvation history. I think, in part, while roughly 87% of the adult population is literate, there is still the mindset of waiting for the Church to feed us, when we have been given, to a certain degree, the capacity to help the Church feed us, and to feed ourselves...especially in regards to our consumption of the Sacred Scripture. I think it important to explain the mind of the Church when it comes to our hearing of the Sacred Scripture when we attend Mass as an aid to what we can or should be doing on our own to aid in our own receptivity to the spoken Word of God.

Sunday readings repeat every three years in a cycle (Years A, B, and C) while daily Mass readings rotate on a two-year cycle (Years I and II). The first Sunday of Advent marks the beginning of a new liturgical calendar year when we will begin Year A: Sunday Cycle (primarily St. Matthew and Cycle II: Weekday Cycle. If we attend Mass every day and pray the Liturgy of the Hours every day for a span of three years in a row, we essentially read the entirety of the Bible! While the vast majority of people, because of their status in life, are unable to attend Mass and pray the Liturgy of the Hours every single day for three years straight, the cycles of the Church exist to tie readings together from the Old Testament to the New Testament in order to help us understand how we are to read and interpret and connect the Sacred Scripture: The Old Testament being read in light of the New Testament and the New Testament being read with the understanding of the Old Testament. If you are unsure where to delve into the Sacred Scripture on your own, as overwhelming as it may feel at times, take heart in knowing that the Church has mapped out, via the readings at Mass, a clear way of reading through the entire story of salvation history. For our part, we must strive to aid those Mass readings by reading and praying with those stories in their full context from the Bible.

In Christ & Mary,
Father Silva

PARISH EVENTS

CCW WARM WEATHER DRIVE

November 15-16 & November 22-23

St. Joseph Council of Catholic Women is asking for your help in collecting **NEW hats, 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**.

Knights of Columbus Council 29 Food Drive

November 22-23

Food collections to benefit the Daily Bread Food Pantry. Please leave donations in bins at church side entrance. See next page for items to donate.

HOLY HOUR & CONFESSION

Monday, December 1, from 7:00-8:00 PM

Beginning on December 1, St. Joseph Church will have a monthly Holy Hour & Confessions on the first Monday of each month from 7:00-8:00pm.

St. Joseph Church's GIVING TREE

Beginning the weekend of **November 22-23**, 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, from the baskets in church** to let someone know that they are cared about.

Order of Mass for the Lord's Day 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Processional Hymn

#524 "For the Beauty of the Earth"

First Reading: Malachi 3:19-20a *

Resp. Psalm: Psalm 98:5-6, 7-8, 9

Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12

Gospel Acclamation: Luke 21:28

GOSPEL: Luke 21:5-19

Offertory Hymn

#828 "What Wondrous Love"

Communion Hymn

#408 "Adoro Te Devote"

Recessional Hymn

#499 "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

*Readings & Gospel: Today's Missal: pp. 75-77

Hymns: **St. Michael Hymnal**

DAILY MASS READINGS:

Monday, Nov. 17 Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious

1 Maccabees 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63 /
Ps. 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158 / Luke 18:35-43

Tuesday, Nov. 18

2 Maccabees 6:18-31 / Psalm 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 /
Luke 19:1-10

Wednesday, Nov. 19

2 Maccabees 7:1, 20-31 / Psalm 17:1bcd, 5-6,
8b&15 / Luke 19:11-28

Thurs., Nov. 20

1 Maccabees 2:15-29 / Psalm 50:1b-2, 5-6,
14-15 / Luke 19:41-44

Friday, Nov. 21 The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

1 Maccabees 4:36-37, 52-59 / Resp. 1 Chronicles
29:10bcd, 11abc, 11d-12a, 12bcd / Luke 19:45-48

Saturday, Nov. 22 St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr

1 Maccabees 6:1-13 / Ps. 9:2-3, 4 & 6, 16 & 19 /
Luke 20:27-40



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

In partnership with:



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

Please Join Us for St. Joseph's Presentation of

"The Twelve Voices of Christmas"

Sunday, December 14, 2025 at 2:00pm

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As you experience twelve different perspectives of the story of Christ's coming, your understanding will be enriched.

Archangel Gabriel, Zechariah and Elizabeth, Mary and Joseph, Simeon and Anna, the Shepherds and Angels, the Wise Men and Herod - Each had a voice in the Christmas story.

Experience the blessing, wonder, joy, and peace in a fresh way as you celebrate the birth of our Lord, Christ Jesus.

Mr. Robert Fertitta, Director of Music and Organist, will provide Christmas hymns for audience participation

PARISH REGISTRATION

Parish Registration

Welcome! If you wish to register with St. Joseph Parish, please complete a registration form and submit it to the Parish Office.

- ◊ Registration can be done online through our parish website, on the *Newcomers* tab: www.stjosephdanbury.org
- ◊ Or, you can stop into the office and complete a form.
- ◊ Please introduce yourself to Fr. Silva.

You can help to keep our information current:

Please notify the Parish Office of address changes, new phone numbers and email addresses, so that we may have current information on file.

Requests for Sacraments and Home Visits:

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

PLAN TO ATTEND MASS WHILE AWAY

As we travel for holidays, here is a service that can help you locate a Catholic Church anywhere in the United States.

Visit www.masstimes.org to find a Catholic Church close to your travel site.

PRAYER FOR THE UNBORN

Heavenly Father,
You created us in Your own image, and You desire that not even the least among us should perish.
In Your love for us,
You entrusted Your only Son to the holy Virgin Mary.
Now, in Your love,
protect against the wickedness of the devil,
those little ones to whom You have given the gift of life.

Amen



SAINT JOSEPH PARISH CONTACTS

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

Stewardship of Time, Talent, and Treasure Worship Offerings

November 8-9 \$ 8,744.00
Military Archdiocese \$ 2,468.00

Second Collection: November 22-23

Next weekend's Second Collection is for
the **Health and Welfare Fund for the
Retired Priests of the Diocese of Bridgeport**

Faith of Our Fathers: Supporting Our Retired Priests

Next weekend, our parish is taking part in the diocesan *Faith of Our Fathers* campaign, benefitting the St. John Vianney Trust for senior and infirm priests. These faithful men have spent their lives bringing us the sacraments—baptizing our children, celebrating our marriages, and nourishing us with the Eucharist. Now it is our turn to care for them with gratitude and love. Please take time this week to pray for our retired priests and consider how you can support this important effort. More information is available at vianneytrust.org

Pledge cards will be available in church, for you to take and return the weekend of November 30.

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.

Parish Office: Tel. (203) 748-8177
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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

Our last Faith Formation classes in November will meet from 4:00 to 5:15 pm on Tuesday and Wednesday, November 18 and 19. No classes on Tuesday and Wednesday, November 25 and 26 (Thanksgiving Recess).

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.



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.

Rose Marie Abramo
Kelli Barrett
Matthew Bernabe
Marie Bovaird
Ernestine Clark
Irene Clark
Chuck Daudt
Albert Docktor
Melissa Doreson
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Anand Gokhale
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Monthly School Mass

Next **Sunday, November 23**, St. Joseph School
Students will participate in the:
9:30 AM Sunday Mass.

Coffee hour will follow in the Church Hall.

All are invited to join in worship and fellowship with our parish & school community.

St. Mary School, Bethel, CT is looking for individuals interested in **substitute teaching** this school year on an as needed basis (not daily). Qualifications for this position are a background check, VIRTUS training and a Bachelor's degree.

We are also looking for **part-time employees on a regular schedule** for our AfterSchool Club, (after school care for our students). Hours are 2pm-5:30pm on days school is in session.

For information about either of these opportunities, please email the school office at principal@stmarybethelct.org

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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