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33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time November 15, 2026



REV. ERIC W. SILVA, PASTOR
DEACON WILLIAM C. TIMMEL, J.D.
MR. ROBERT FERTITTA, B.A., M.A., DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

MASSES

SATURDAY ANTICIPATORY MASS – 4:00 PM
SUNDAY–7:30, 9:30, 11:00 AM AND 5:00PM
DAILY WEEKDAY – 12:05 PM
SATURDAY– 8:00 AM
(MASS TIMES IN GREEN ARE ALSO LIVE-STREAMED)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM, 3:00 PM - 3:45 PM

HOLY HOUR and CONFESSIONS

Monday evening 7:00pm—8:00pm

Saint Joseph Church is wheelchair accessible at the church side entrance. Parking is located at the side of church.

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Mass INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 14:
8:00 AM Catherine Valente - *Family*
4:00 PM Fr. Naji J. Kiwan - *Cheri & John Jowdy*

Sunday, November 15:
7:30 AM Int. of Margaret "Peggy" Gaffney (80th Birthday)
9:30 AM Int. of Francine Schulz - *Matt Schulze*
11:00 AM Germana Sauli - *Donna & Kristen Palmer*
5:00 PM Intentions of Parishioners

Monday, November 16:
12:05 PM Halina Okupna - *Szurawski Family*

Tuesday, November 17:
12:05 PM Elinor Wemitt - *Wemitt Family*

Wednesday, November 18:
12:05 PM Dr. Peter Buck - *Fr. Scott*

Thursday, November 19:
12:05 PM George Godfrey, Jr. - *Godfrey Family*

Friday, November 20:
12:05 PM Heather Rogalski - *Mother, Margaret McKerrow*

Saturday, November 21:
8:00 AM Vocations to the Religious Life
4:00 PM Abouna Naji J. Kwan - *Cheri & John Jowdy*

Sunday, November 22:
7:30 AM Patrick Joseph Hoyer - *Theresa & Joseph Bromley*
9:30 AM Robert LeFebvre - *Children*
11:00 AM George Shehl, Jr. - *Shehl Family*
5:00 PM Intentions of Parishioners

Requests for Sacraments and Home Visits:

For Communion, Confession, and/or Anointing homebound visit, please call the Parish Office: 203-748-8177



The Sanctuary Candle will burn this week for

James Whitlock, Jr.

Requested by:
Bob & Barbara Whitlock

Pastor's Corner for the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Praised be Jesus Christ!

In his Apostolic Letter, Misericordia et Misera (20th of November 2016), Pope Francis designated the Thirty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time "World Day of the Poor". He wrote, "It will be a day that will help communities and each baptized person to reflect on how poverty is at the heart of the Gospel, and on the fact that, as long as Lazarus lies at the door of our homes (Luke 16: 19-21) there can be no justice or social peace. This day will represent a genuine form of new evangelization which can renew the face of the Church as she preserves in her perennial activity of pastoral conversion and witness to mercy."

This mission of serving the poor is at the very heart of the Gospel message and belongs to each and every baptized Christian who proclaims Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. How can we seek to serve the Lord whom we cannot see and remain blind to those around us, immersed in poverty, whom we can see? The question that, I believe, is at the heart of every Christian who hears this call to serve the poor is, how am I specifically called to serve? In trying economic times, not everyone is capable of monetarily giving any more than they are already giving. Not every person has the time allotted in their busy and hectic lives to allocate their time to go and serve food at soup kitchens and shelters around them. Not every person is called to leave their lives, like the Missionaries of Charity, and serve the poorest of the poor with the entirety of their lives.

The first and most necessary step in serving the poor is asking in the depth of one's own heart, do I genuinely see Jesus Christ in each and every person with whom I cross paths and do I make a concerted effort to offer up prayers for their sake? Prayer is the most necessary thing that we can do to serve the poor and it is that which, no matter our socio-economic status, all of us are capable of offering up to the poor whom we know and all of those whom we will never meet on this side of eternity. Secondly, we must all (myself included!) also examine our own consciences and ask if I am being as generous as I can be with my time, my talents, my calendar, and my resources? I think that at the heart of discerning how we are to give is always the confrontation of fear that encompasses all of us; most especially for all those tasked with raising and providing for a family with unforeseen futures, how could there not be any fear or trepidation when contemplating potential health concerns, the instability of the economy, or the mere price of educating our young people in today's world?

Do I trust that the Lord will reward little sacrifices here and there that both I individually, and my family as a whole, can make in order to readily and charitably serve the poor? What that entails or looks like on a practical level is entirely up to your own conscience, your family's deep discernment, as well as the Good Lord Himself. I pray that each and every member of our parish may not suffer the same fate as Lazarus did at the end of our lives, not only because of what is at stake (our eternal salvation) but because the revelation of knowing that our small sacrifices in this life will have eternal implications for very real individuals. Individuals that are known and eternally loved by God the Father, just as He eternally loves us!

In Christ & Mary,
Father Silva

PARISH EVENTS

CCW WARM WEATHER DRIVE



November 14th & 15th
Collecting NEW Scarves Hats, Gloves & Socks. Bins located at Church entrances.

CCW MONTHLY MEETING

Monday, November 16
1:00PM in the Religious Ed Building

HOLY HOUR & CONFESSIONS

Monday, November 16
from 7:00-8:00 PM

PUT YOUR HOUSE in ORDER PRESENTATION

Tuesday, November 17 at 2:00 PM
in the Church Hall

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

Wednesday, November 18
6:00-7:00 PM in the Church

St. Joseph Church's GIVING TREE

Beginning the weekend of November 22, 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.

Angel tags will be available in baskets at the church entrances. Please consider taking one and purchasing the gift.

The Giving Tree benefits these agency clients:
Amos House ~ Birthright of Greater Danbury
Danbury Youth Services ~ Interfaith AIDS Ministry ~ Havencare Hancock Hall & Filosa
State of CT Dept of Children & Families

Put Your House in Order!

PUT YOUR HOUSE IN ORDER - PREPARING FOR DEATH.

A REFLECTION ON BEARING FRUIT IN THIS LIFE
AND BEARING FRUIT IN THE FUTURE KINGDOM OF GOD

OUR PANEL WILL OFFER INFORMATION ON
END-OF-LIFE PLANNING, ESTATE MANAGEMENT, CEMETERY ARRANGEMENTS, FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS, CATHOLIC FUNERAL LITURGY, ADVANCED HEALTH CARE DIRECTIVES, AND MORE.

Presented by St. Joseph Parish and Dignity Memorial

Tuesday, November 17, 2026
2:00pm
St. Joseph Church Hall
8 Robinson Ave. Danbury, CT

Please RSVP
by calling the Parish Office at 203-748-8177
or register online via the parish website:
www.stjosephdanbury.org or the QR code below:

Become an Altar Server!



St. Josephs Parish is looking for new Altar Servers to assist at Mass.

New server training for the fall is in the church on

November 18th 6-7pm

December 3rd 7-8pm

You must have received your First Holy Communion



If you have any questions or concerns, please email Mr. Alexander Vas at avas@diobpt.org

PARISH SUPPORT

Stewardship of Time, Talent, and Treasure
Worship Offerings

for the Week of 10/27–11/2

Collections	2026	2025
Weekly Offertory	$ 9,233	$ 8,124
All Soul's Day	$ 1,592	$ 2,001
Monthly	$ 3,922	$ 4,292

This weekend's 2nd collection is for:
St. Joseph School Capital Projects Fund. Please make checks payable to *St. Joseph School.*

Next weekend's 2nd collection is for:
Fund for the Retired Priests of the Diocese of Bridgeport.

Wedding Banns

2nd *Ryan Englert & Kristin Strazza*

1st *Lester Valdes & Sarah Valdes*

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TWELVE VOICES of CHRISTMAS

Please join us once again for St. Joseph's Church Players Fourth Presentation of **The Twelve Voices of Christmas**; a unique drama written by Woodrow Kroll where we meet and hear from the major characters of the story of Christ's birth.

Sunday, December 13, 2026
at 2:00 PM in the St. Joseph Church.

Save the date
and invite family and friends!

Any questions?
Please call Cheryl Fusco at 203-482-1202.

Sing for the Lord: New Adult Choir Forming!

We are excited to announce the formation of a new adult choir to enrich our parish liturgies!

All voice types and experience levels are welcome. No formal music training required, just a love for sacred music and a desire to serve our parish.

To express interest and learn details, please contact Kateri Lock at katerilock@gmail.com or 475-206-3120.

Rehearsals on Thursday nights 7:00-8:15PM

FAITH FORMATION

Program information is posted on the Faith Formation page of the Parish website: www.stjosephdanbury.org
Forms and payment may be dropped off at our office (in-person or in the black mailbox outside of our offices). If you pay online, please forward the confirmation receipt to CWeber@stjosephdanbury.org, so that we can note your account accordingly.

For questions or more information about the Faith Formation program, please contact Maria Merino-Schweitzer, the Faith Formation Director at: maria.schweitzer@stjosephdanbury.org.

Faith Formation Office Hours —
Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays: 9am to 4pm, and Thursdays from 9am to 12noon.

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Please keep our parishioners in prayer, especially those on our prayer listing, the homebound, their families and caregivers.

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Please notify our Parish Office if you have an update to our listing, so that we may keep it current: 203-748-8177

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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