

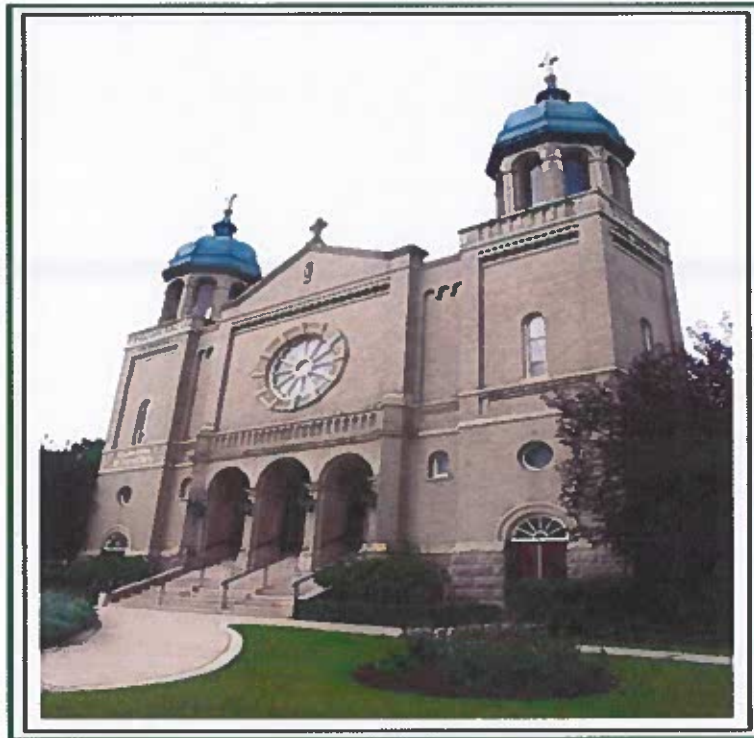
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Second Sunday of Easter (or Divine Mercy Sunday) April 12, 2026



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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

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

HOLY HOUR AND CONFESSIONS

MONDAY EVENING 7:00 PM–8:00 PM



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

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



Saturday, Apr. 11:

8:00 AM Intentions of St. Joseph School
 4:00 PM Jose Madera (6th Anniv.)—Family

Sunday, Apr. 12: Divine Mercy Sunday

7:30 AM Marie Kornhaas
 —Brendan & Jeanne Spain
 9:30 AM McNerny Family—Family
 11:00 AM Repose of the Souls of Virginia & John
 McGowan & Donald Silva—Fr. Silva
 5:00 PM Intentions of Parishioners

Monday, Apr. 13:

12:05 PM Intentions of Denise Cavallo
 —Lawrence Cioffi

Tuesday, Apr. 14:

12:05 PM Catherine Valente—Family

Wednesday, Apr 15:

12:05 PM Louise McMahon—CCW

Thursday Apr 16:

12:05 PM John Roosevelt Lopez
 —Lawrence Seavy-Cioffi

Friday, Apr. 17:

12:05 PM David Dever—Bob & Gail Doyle

Saturday, Apr. 18:

8:00 AM Vocations to the Religious Life
 4:00 PM M/M Matthew Benicewicz
 —M/M Martin Nissly

Sunday, Apr. 19:

7:30 AM Elinor Wemitt —Wemitt Family
 9:30 AM Battaglioli Family—McNerney Family
 11:00 AM M/M Joseph Valente—Family
 5:00 PM Intentions of Parishioners



The Sanctuary Candle will burn
 this week in memory of

Catherine Valente

Requested by: Family

Pastor's Corner for the Second Sunday of Easter (or Divine Mercy Sunday)

Christ has Risen, alleluia!

The Church celebrates on this Second Sunday of Easter, the great Divine Mercy Sunday. Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska was a young Polish nun during the 1930's who received revelations from Jesus Himself. These conversations with Jesus were put together into the "Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska" and in this diary, Jesus had much to say to Saint Faustina, but one message above all stood out: Mercy. Pope Saint John Paul II referred to Saint Faustina as "the great apostle of Divine Mercy in our time". She communicated these revelations from our Lord about His great desire to bestow mercy on His flock at a time period where Divine Mercy was most needed. Is it any wonder that these revelations came about at the same time that the world would be plunged into its deadliest war? Is it any wonder that God's message about repentance, forgiveness, love, and mercy would descend upon the earth while humanity's deadliest weapon ever conceived was invented (the nuclear bomb)?

While humanity sought newer and evermore creative ways to destroy each other, God was at work, communicating His message of love and mercy on a personal level. He did not seek large crowds of people but the ear of a lowly nun whose region of the world would know some of history's most horrific tragedies: the invasion of Poland, the holocaust, the takeover of the communist ideology, etc... God worked unknown and unspeakable graces through the life of Saint Faustina and that message has been passed down from generation to generation in order that we too might first embrace it ourselves and then share it with others.

In St. Faustina's diary, she wrote: "In whatever state a soul may be, it ought to pray. A soul which is pure and beautiful must pray, or else it will lose its beauty; a soul which is striving after this purity must pray, or else it will never attain it; a soul which is newly converted must pray, or else it will fall again; a sinful soul, plunged in sins, must pray so that it might rise again. There is no soul which is not bound to pray, for every single grace comes to the soul through prayer (*Diary*, 146)."

On this Divine Mercy Sunday, I invite you all to pray for an increase in receptivity to God's love and mercy. The only one who can truly prevent us from receiving that mercy is ourselves because all who call upon the Heavenly Father to receive His graces will not be left wanting. Jesus said to St. Faustina in one particular encounter, "**The graces of My mercy are drawn by means of one vessel only, and that is — trust. The more a soul trusts, the more it will receive** (*Diary*, 1578)." The more we delve into a deeper life of prayer and trust that our prayers, our truest desires, and our greatest hopes will be answered by the infinitely loving and merciful Father, the more our lives will be open to spreading that very same mercy to those who are waiting for us to be a vessel to communicate God's love to them.

In Christ & Mary,
Father Silva

PARISH EVENTS

INSTALLATION MASS & RECEPTION

Sunday, April 12
11:00 Mass

Please join us to celebrate the
Installation Mass
for our Pastor
Rev. Eric W. Silva

A reception will follow in the
Church Hall.

Everyone is invited.

NO MONTHLY COFFEE HOUR
after Sunday, April 12 7:30 AM Mass
Coffee Hour will resume in May

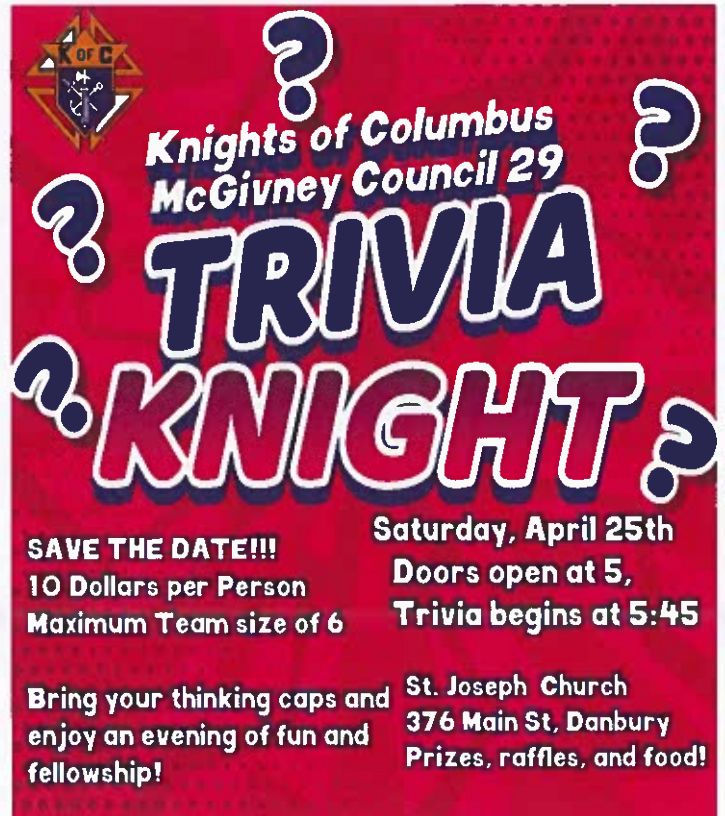
WEEKLY HOLY HOUR & CONFESSION
Monday, April 13, from 7:00-8:00 PM

BIBLE STUDY
Tuesday, April 14 7:00-8:00 PM
Carmen Buck Religious Ed Building

O.C.I.A. CONGRATULATIONS!

We congratulate the following members
of our Parish family who received
Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil:

Tristan Ali	Amanda Marano
Fred Ames	Devon Quinn
Marisol Carasquillo	Glenn Thiele
Kathleen Cothren	Sarah Valdes
Bryce Decker	Harrison Yochum
Joseph Dlubac	



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Saint Monica's Prayer Group

Praying for Our Children's Intentions

"Nothing is lost when you entrust it to God in prayer."

- Inspired by St. Monica



🕒 When: April 14 @ 8:45am/4pm
April 15 @ 4pm

🏠 Where: St Joseph Church
8 Robinson Ave, Danbury

🌿 Who: All parents, grandparents,
godparents, and those who
have a child's name in their
hearts. *Children are always
welcome*

🌸 What to Bring: Your prayer intentions
and an open heart

Our Children's prayer intentions will be collected
from their classrooms and placed on the altar as we pray



*Saint Monica's Prayer Group meets monthly on the 2nd Tuesday
and Wednesday. Sessions are held Tuesdays at 8:45 a.m. (after
morning drop-off) and 4:00 p.m. (during Religious Ed),
and Wednesdays at 4:00 p.m. (during Religious Ed).*

For more information, contact:
📞 Nikki/914.980.0129

Please Note: OFFICE CLOSURE

The Rectory Office will **close at 12:00 Noon**
on Wednesday, April 15. The office will
reopen on Thursday, April 16 at 9:00 AM.

Parish Support

Stewardship of Time, Talent, and Treasure Worship Offerings for the Week of 3/31-4/6/26

Weekly Offertory	\$10,877.00
Holy Thursday *	\$ 1,631.50
Holy Land / Good Friday *	\$ 2,445.50
Easter *	\$11,723.00
Easter Flowers *	\$ 3,247.00
* To Date	

ADULT BIBLE STUDY THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES - PART 2

All interested parishioners (and guests) are invited to participate in the upcoming session of our adult bible study program.

Acts, written by St. Luke, is the companion piece to his Gospel. The first half of Acts presents the Ascension of Jesus, the descent of the Holy Spirit, and the subsequent actions of St. Peter and the other Apostles as they converted people to Christianity in Jerusalem.

The second half of Acts concentrates on the conversion of St. Paul, his missionary trips to convert Gentiles, and his arrest and trip to Rome where he was tried, condemned and put to death. Throughout, it is inspiring to see the Holy Spirit in action among some familiar saints who are shown to be very human.

As we have in the past, we are employing a nationally known program “**Little Rock Scripture Study**”, published by The Liturgical Press. The second section (Acts chapters 16 through 28) will be presented in April and May of this year.

The group meets each week to discuss the readings. Each session will take place on Tuesday, from 7:00 to approximately 8:30 p.m., in the Carmen Buck Religious Education Building. The meeting dates will be April 14, 21 and 28, and May 5. Each meeting will also be presented on Zoom. Zoom meetings will be recorded and can be viewed at a later time for those who are not able to attend the live classes.

Those who are just now joining the group for Part 2 may wish to purchase the books which give some commentary on the readings. For more information, to register for the program, or for information on obtaining books, please contact Deacon Bill Timmel at dadatim@yahoo.com, or (M-F 9-5) at 203-270-8300.



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FAITH FORMATION

Calendar—In April, we will continue meeting on Tuesdays, April 14, 21, and 28, and on Wednesdays, April 15, 22, and 29.

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.

Volunteering: For anyone, 18 years and older, interested in volunteering at St. Joseph Parish and/or St. Joseph School, **VIRTUS Safe Environment training (Protecting God's Children for Adults) is required.** Please see the Diocese of Bridgeport website for information and sessions: www.bridgeportdiocese.org/safe-environment



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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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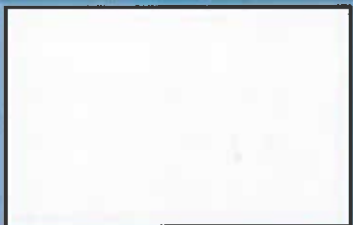
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