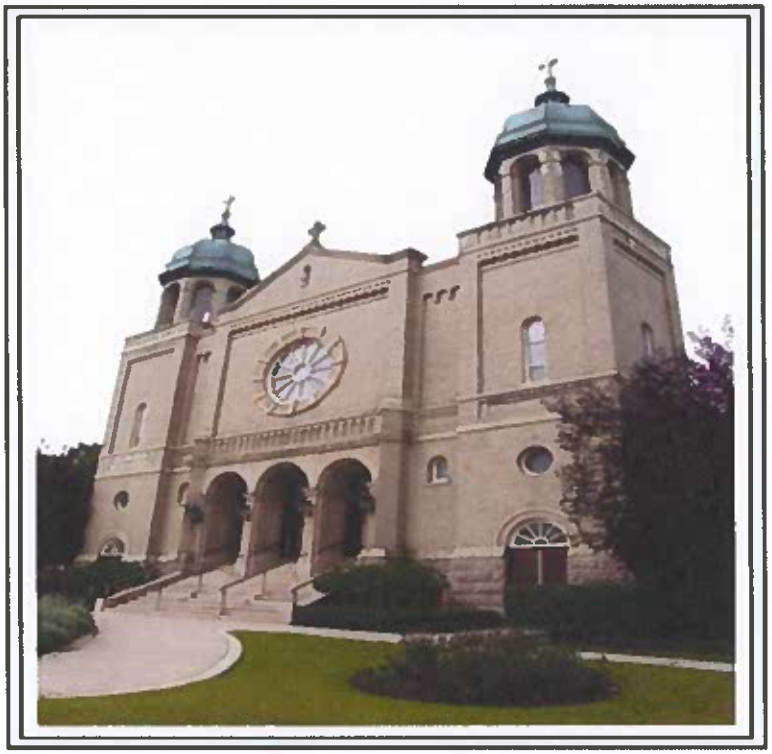
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The Solemnity of All Saints November 1, 2026



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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, October 31:
8:00 AM Dec. of the Madera Family - *Sonia*
4:00 PM Ann Marie Gremler - *M/M F. Sullivan*

Sunday, November 1 - All Saints Day:
7:30 AM Medlar & Casale Families - *Sue & Vinny Casale*
9:30 AM Theresa Baldelli - *Daughters*
11:00 AM Ida Merenda - *Sister*
5:00 PM Intentions of Parishioners

Monday, November 2 - All Souls' Day:
9:00 AM Marie Iozzo - *Michael & Claire Iozzo (This Mass is with St. Joseph School)*
12:05 PM All the Faithful Departed - *M/M Frank Sullivan*
7:30 PM Intentions of Pope Leo XIV

Tuesday, November 3:
12:05 PM Jeffrey Gonzalez - *Zobia DeLeon*

Wednesday, November 4:
12:05 PM Henry Stalzer - *Doyle Family*

Thursday, November 5:
12:05 PM Richard Cronin-*Phil & Maggie Curran*

Friday, November 6:
12:05 PM Int. of Matijevic Family - *Corie*

Saturday, November 7:
8:00 AM David & Bernice Patton - *Ron & Katrina Freier*
4:00 PM Carmela & Louis Picchione & John, Jr. - Mom, Dad & Family

Sunday, November 8:
7:30 AM Najlah & Ray Antous - *Phil & Maggie Curran*
9:30 AM William Mahoney - *Family*
11:00 AM Bethany Mass
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

Theresa Baldelli

Requested by: Daughters

Pastor's Corner for the Solemnity of All Saints

Praised be Jesus Christ!

Pope Benedict XVI once wrote that, "The Saints are not a small caste of chosen souls but an innumerable crowd to which the liturgy urges us to raise our eyes. This multitude not only includes the officially recognized Saints, but the baptized of every epoch and nation who sought to carry out the divine will faithfully and lovingly." It is so very easy to forget that it is not the declaration of men that makes saints, but God. While the Church has the capacity to declare men and women throughout the centuries canonized saints through the process of canonization, how many more souls lie on the other side of eternity beholding the face of God, singing "Hosana in the highest", in the Kingdom of Heaven?

The definition of a saint is anyone who is in heaven, which means that we are all called to be saints. The second Vatican council document Lumen Gentium makes this abundantly clear when it declares, "The forms and tasks of life are many but holiness is one—that sanctity which is cultivated by all who act under God's Spirit and... follow Christ, poor, humble and cross-bearing, that they may deserve to be partakers of his glory... Therefore, all the faithful of Christ are invited to strive for the holiness and perfection of their own proper state. Indeed, they have an obligation to so strive."

On this side of eternity we will never fully know nor grasp how many of those who have walked the path of holiness before us are interceding for us in this life. Countless multitudes of our family members, ancestors, and those we would otherwise have never met are praying for us before the Heavenly Father constantly. The saints are alive and their desire is for us to experience the life that they now live in all its perfection. One of the great plagues of the contemporary era is the epidemic of loneliness; we have never been more connected to the world because of those technological advances of our time, and yet, we have never been more alone at the same time. It is in times of loneliness that we can find consolation in the undoubtable truth that God surrounds us with the saints in heaven.

We can take courage from their examples of heroic virtue, take heart in knowing how God worked in and through their own personal struggles and sins, and take consolation that in their current state of perfection, they now see and pray for us. On this Solemnity of All Saints, find time to meditate on the incredible truth that we can and will never walk through this life alone because God's desire for all of us to sit at the table at the eternal banquet is the desire of all of those saints in heaven who continue their intercession from where we too belong. God bless and all you holy men and women, pray for us!

In Christ & Mary,
Father Silva

PARISH EVENTS

PRE-BAPTISM CLASS
Sunday, November 1 at 1:00 PM
in the Religious Ed Building

No Holy Hour & Confessions
Monday, November 2
due to the All Souls' Day Mass schedule

HOLY FACE DEVOTION
Tuesday, November 3
from 7:00-8:00 PM

Praying the Holy Face Devotion the First Tuesday of each month at St. Joseph Church, Danbury.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
Friday, November 6
12:30-8:00PM

Eucharistic Adoration is held on the **first Friday** of each month, immediately following the 12:05 PM Mass, and ending at 8:00 PM. A sign-up sheet is available at the church side entrance. Walk-ins are welcome.

MONTHLY COFFEE HOUR
Sunday, November 8
after the 7:30AM Mass
in the Church Hall

IMMACULATE HIGH SCHOOL BAKE SALE
Sunday, November 8
after 9:30 and 11:00 AM Masses

COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN
Thank you, and Upcoming Events

FOOD DRIVE
Thank you again for the successful Food Drive on October 24th. Again, we filled two pick up trucks, two layers high. Dorothy Day was very appreciative. God Bless you all.

WARM WEATHER DRIVE
NEW Scarves, Hats, Gloves, and Socks are needed: collecting **November 14 and 15 after all Masses**. Bins in front and side entrances. Thank you!

CCW MEETING
The next meeting of the CCW is **Monday, November 16** at 1:00PM in the Religious Ed Building.



PARISH SUPPORT

Stewardship of Time, Talent, and Treasure
Worship Offerings

for the Week of 10/20–10/26

Collections	2026	2025
Weekly Offertory	$ 7,725	$ 7,554

This weekend's 2nd collection is for:
All Saints Day.

Next weekend's 2nd collection is for:
Monthly Collection.

Diocese of Bridgeport
Saint Joseph Parish
2026 Annual Bishops Appeal
as of 10/9/2026

Bishop's Appeal Goal	**$ 98,000**
Total Pledged	**$111,721 (114%)**
Donors to Date	**275 Donors**

To make a gift, or for more information, please visit us at 2026BishopsAppeal.org, or call (203) 416-1470.

Online Giving

Our parish offers Online Giving as a payment option to support our ongoing mission and ministries so our spiritual home may thrive.

Online Giving helps support our church by allowing you to make donations and pledges, via your mobile phone, smart device, or computer, to our church.

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Newly Baptized

We welcome our newly baptized:

Anastasia Luna Baretto
Matteo Samuel Barreto
Theodore Pieretti

Please keep them and their familes in your prayers.



FINDING HELP FROM
THE SAINTS ON OUR JOURNEY

Join us for a special Day of Reflection as we look to the saints for inspiration, encouragement, and help on our own journey of faith.

The day will include prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, Reconciliation, and short personal witnesses on relevant topics, along with time for reflection and fellowship.

Continental breakfast and a full lunch are included.
Vegetarian and gluten-free options are available

NOVEMBER 7, 8:30AM-4:00PM
SCHOOL HALL $35

St. Mary School Hall 183 High Ridge Ave, Ridgefield, CT
www.smcr.org

Scan QR Code to register or go to
www.osvhub.com/smcr/forms/day-of-reflection-2026

"...we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith..." --Hebrews 12.1

FAITH FORMATION

Calendar — The Faith Formation office is open and continues to receive enrollments. The enrollment form for the 2026-27 religious education year has been sent by email and has been posted in the Faith Formation page of the Parish website. 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.

Join the catechetical team! Share your faith with our youth! For the new faith formation year, we continue to need catechists, door/hall monitors, classroom aides, and substitutes! Parents who commit to teaching a class will receive a tuition discount and ongoing training! All volunteers 18+ are required to complete Virtus training to be Safe Environment compliant.

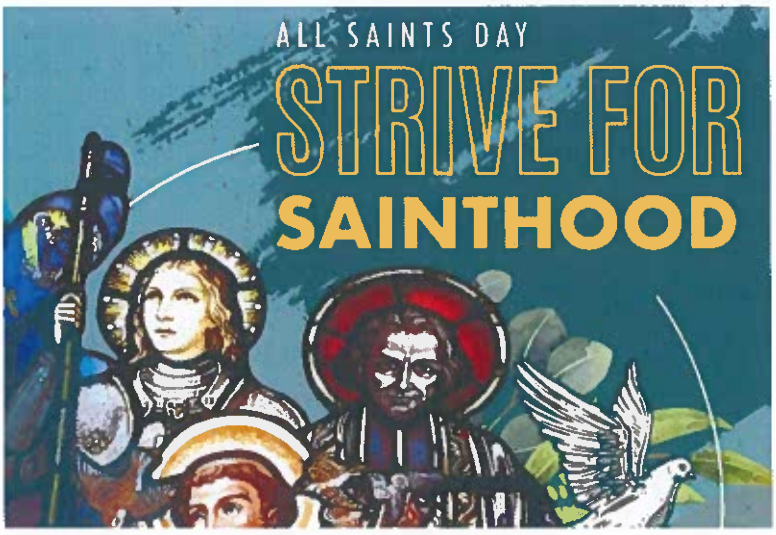
We also are looking for teen mentors! Teen volunteers must be in middle/high school and already confirmed. If interested, please contact Maria Merino-Schweitzer, the Faith Formation Director at: maria.schweitzer@stjosephdanbury.org.

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

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

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Miguel Boni
Marie Bovaird
William Carrasquillo
Ernestine Clark
Irene Clark
Chuck Daudt
Patricia Deakin
Jonathan DeMarco
Albert Docktor
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