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32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time November 8, 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.

SAINT JOSEPH PARISH CONTACTS

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OFFICE CLOSURE
Wednesday, November 11

The Parish Offices will be closed for Veterans' Day

Requests for Sacraments and Home Visits:

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

Mass INTENTIONS

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

Monday, November 9:
12:05 PM Ignatius Cuttita - *LaGratta Family*

Tuesday, November 10:
12:05 PM Fernando Gonzalez - *Zobia DeLeon*

Wednesday, November 11:
12:05 PM Henry Stalzer
- Carmen & Donna Scalzo

Thursday, November 12:
12:05 PM In Memory of Mother Cabrini
- John Perry

Friday, November 13:
12:05 PM Noemi San Pablo
- Axel & Arlene Ampeloquio

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 Germaine Sauli
- Donna & Kristen Palmer
5:00 PM Intentions of Parishioners



The Sanctuary Candle will burn this week for

Catherine Valente

Requested by: Family

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Praised be Jesus Christ!

This week I want to share with you a saint and devotion which are very close to my heart. This past week on November 4th the Church celebrated the Feast Day of St. Charles Borromeo. For those of you who don't know the seminary I went to in Philadelphia was under the patronage of St. Charles Borromeo. St. Charles lived in the 16th century and was extremely influential in the counter reformation within the Catholic Church. He was a member of the Medici Family which was one of the most powerful families in all of Italy. His Uncle was Pope Pius IV, and it was through nepotism that he was made the Secretary of State in Rome and later the Archbishop of Milan. However, instead of trying to advance his families influence St. Charles sought to redirect the church back to God. He was influential in the Council of Trent, and its implementation. He helped establish seminaries to teach priest, the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD) to educate the Laity and spent his family's money on the poor and sick of his diocese. St. Charles ended up getting sick and dying at 46 years old. St. Charles is the patron saint of seminarians and over the past five years I have grown to have a special devotion to him. He is a great example of using all we are given for the sake of God and staying faithful to the Church despite difficulties. I encourage you all to learn more about St. Charles Borromeo and ask his intercession in difficulties.

In addition to being an amazing saint the days leading up to the Feast of St. Charles Borromeo was one of my favorite times of the year. In the Archdioceses of Philadelphia there is the Forty Hours devotion. This devotion was brought to the Archdiocese by St. John Neumann the fourth bishop of Philadelphia. The Forty Hours devotion is where the Blessed Sacrament is exposed for Eucharistic adoration for a continuous forty hours leading up to a parishes feast day. The forty hours of the devotion comes from the forty hours, or three days, which the body of the Jesus laid in the tomb before the resurrection. The devotion was widespread in the archdiocese with most parishes having it leading up to their patronal feast days. However, within the seminary it was particularly beautiful. For the duration of those forty hours all other activities stopped. Interspersed during Adoration, the whole seminary would gather and solemnly pray the Liturgy of the Hours and offer the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Every seminarian would have an assigned hour, day or night, to pray before the blessed sacrament, so that our Lord was never left alone. Unlike most people, my favorite time to pray was during the middle of the night around 2 or 3am. There is something inherently beautiful about being with our Lord when the whole world is asleep. At the conclusion of Forty Hours, we would have a Eucharistic Procession around the Seminary Campus and then have a party celebrating the Feast of St. Charles Borromeo. Even though I am no longer in the seminary, the Feast of St. Charles Borromeo and the days leading up to it will always hold a special place in my heart.

God Bless,
– Alexander Vas

PARISH EVENTS

IMMACULATE HIGH SCHOOL BAKE SALE

Sunday, November 8
after 9:30 and 11:00 AM Masses

MONTHLY COFFEE HOUR

Sunday November 8
after the 7:30AM Mass
in the Church Hall

HOLY HOUR & CONFESSIONS

Monday, November 9
from 7:00-8:00 PM

ST. MONICA'S PRAYER GROUP

Tuesday, November 10
8:45AM in Church

CCW WARM WEATHER DRIVE

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

CCW MONTHLY MEETING

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

PUT YOUR HOUSE in ORDER

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

Presentation on wills, estate planning, funerals, Catholic funeral liturgy.





PARISH SUPPORT

Stewardship of Time, Talent, and Treasure
Worship Offerings

for the Week of 10/27–11/2

Collections	2026	2025
Weekly Offertory	$ 10,547	$ 8,864
All Saint's Day	$ 3,446	$ 1,429

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

Next weekend's 2nd collection is for:
St. Joseph School Capital Projects Fund.

Wedding Banns

1st *Ryan Englert & Kristin Strazza*

BETHANY MASS

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

Maria Pante
Victoria Mizell
Sandy Luis
Maureen Van Hise
Linda Mosher
Ronald Carpentier

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

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:







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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Irene Clark
Chuck Daudt
Patricia Deakin
Jonathan DeMarco
Albert Docktor
Edith Donald
Anita Edwards
Anand Gokhale
Marie Hallas
Henry James
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Gavin King
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Catherine McCarthy
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Evelyn Nipper
Joseph Parkis
Michael Pedicini
Joseph Ponmankal
Christine Preisser
Lillian Rivera
Catherine Robinson
Barbara R. Schirmer
Gael Sifuentes
Jeanne Soraghan
Lorraine Squillante
Kenneth Towery
Jim Wheeler
Rebecca Zaccardo

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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