

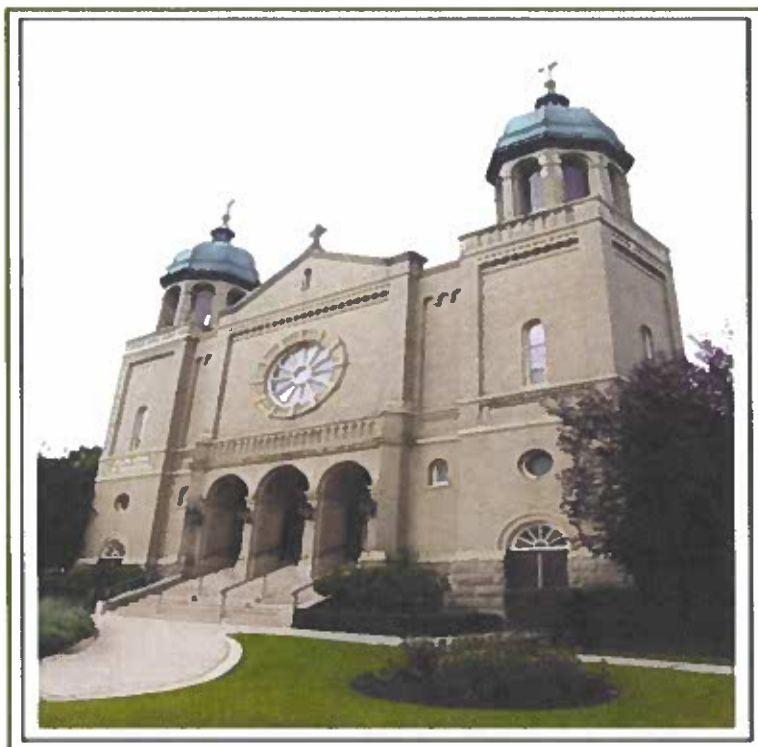
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28th Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 11, 2026



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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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 Anointing homebound visit, please call the
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Saturday, October 10:

8:00 AM Vocations to the Priesthood
 for the Diocese of Bridgeport
 4:00 PM Mr. Andra Cefaloni - *Family*

Sunday, October 11:

7:30 AM Eleanore Mikucki - *Ron*
 9:30 AM Raini Spasova - *Hristina Veleva*
 11:00 AM Kathleen Timm - *Son, Matthew*
 5:00 PM Intentions of Parishioners

Monday, October 12:

12:05 PM Barbara Ratchford - *Gail & Bob Doyle*

Tuesday, October 13:

12:05 PM Andrew Vagenas - *Salvatore Cioffalo*

Wednesday, October 14:

12:05 PM Catherine Valente - *Family*

Thursday, October 15:

12:05 PM George Shehl, Jr. - *Shehl Family*

Friday, October 16:

12:05 PM Rebecca Sergio - *Romy Tuano*

Saturday, October 17:

8:00 AM Intentions of Our Parishioners
 4:00 PM Donald & Bernice Masi Cole
 - *Ron & Katrina Freier*

Sunday, October 18:

7:30 AM Franco Potenziani - *Wife, Teresa*
 9:30 AM Joseph Molenda
 - *Christine & Stanley Zieminski*
 11:00 AM Henry Stalzer
 - *John & Nancy Justiniano*
 5:00 PM Intentions of Parishioners

Wedding Banns:

3rd: Zackary Smith & Molly Gillotti
 2nd: Hunter Heath & Samantha Martin



The Sanctuary Candle will burn
 this week for

Catherine Valente

Requested by: Family

Pastor's Corner for the Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Praised be Jesus Christ!

It is starting to officially feel like fall here in Connecticut; the trees are beginning to change colors, there's a chill in the breeze, and it finally feels as though the torrential downpours are behind us (thank the Lord!). The fall season brings with it many things that we love about living in the northeast with its abundant changes in seasons. It is an unfortunate reality that this season also brings with it the passing of so many of our family and friends. I do not know why the colder weather always brings about the passing of so many more people than the summer months do but if you ask any parish, this seems to be a universal truth. It could be the rise in cold and flu season, the colder weather means less people are outside and not exposed to the sun's rays, or the fact that poor winter weather means less human contact. This may be a question that we never receive and full answer to on this side of eternity.

This season does provide us with a unique opportunity to ponder and to pray about our own mortality. Questions arise in our hearts: Will I be ready? What will it be like? Will it be something quick and unforeseen or will it be prolonged? These are all questions that naturally rise to the mind of any faithful Christian who takes seriously the words of our Lord Jesus when He says, "You know neither the day nor the hour" (Matthew 25: 13). While it will be impossible to answer all of those deep questions that arise to the forefront of our minds when our time on this earth draws near to its end, we can prepare ourselves as best we can.

I must have preached about this before or written a previous bulletin column about this topic but it bears repeating over and over because of how genuinely important it is: **please, do not wait until you or your loved one are about to pass away before calling to receive the Anointing of the Sick.** Words fail to express how important this is and if it were possible, I would have it posted on a billboard on I-84. There are so very many people who believe (implicitly or explicitly) that the receiving of the sacrament of the anointing of the sick will bring about death. It may be that your loved one passes shortly after having received the sacrament, the effects of this incredible grace are not to bring about death but to absolve sins and prepare the individual who is receiving the sacrament to either bring about a healing of soul and (possibly) body.

There are many people who believe that there are so many priests available that a call on any day or at any time will mean that a priest will come right away. While I can say that I will drop near anything when I receive this call, I am human. I miss calls, emails, texts, and voicemails. I have slept through late night emergency calls. I also have other obligations which take me away from communication so that when I am visiting others, celebrating funerals or weddings, and much more, I am unavailable to come running to administer the sacrament. God has not yet granted me the ability to bilocate...thankfully!

This is a long-winded way of pleading with you all to prioritize either calling yourself or reaching out on behalf of a loved one who is sick. According to the norms, "Any baptized Catholic who has reached the age of reason (around 7 years old) and is beginning to be in danger of death due to sickness, advanced old age, or a serious upcoming surgery" may receive the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. In the same way that you can go to confession or receive the Eucharist countless times, so too can you receive this sacrament of healing. I pray that we all have the time to prepare for our last hours before passing into eternity (myself included!) so that we may be availed to the saving grace of the anointing of the sick. God bless you all.

In Christ & Mary,
Father Silva

PARISH EVENTS

OFFICE CLOSURE

Monday, October 12

The Parish Offices will be closed for the Columbus Day Holiday and will re-open on Tuesday, 10/13. For urgent issues, please leave a message. 203-748-8177.

MONTHLY COFFEE HOUR

Sunday, October 11
after the 7:30AM Mass
in the Church Hall

WEEKLY HOLY HOUR & CONFESSION

Monday, October 12 7:00-8:00PM

Holy Hour is held every Monday evening.

MASTERPIECES FOR THE PIANO CONCERT

Saturday, October 17 7:30PM

St. Joseph Church

(Make an evening of it -perhaps go out for dinner and then come and enjoy the music.)

Free Admission.

ST. JOSEPH CHILDREN'S ROSARY MINISTRY

SHOE DRIVE Drop-Off

Saturday, October 17 1:30 to 3:00 PM

at the Knights of Columbus Building
(St. Joseph Church parking lot, building adjacent to the school parking lot.)

TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE

October 17-18 After Masses

The **Knights of Columbus Council #29** will hold their annual Tootsie Roll Drive after all Masses next weekend, in support of the "Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities". All proceeds will benefit Ability Beyond.

Saint Joseph Church presents A Concert of.....

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Franz Joseph Haydn
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Saturday, October 17, 2026 at 7:30 p.m.

St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church, Danbury, CT

This concert is free.

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

In the month of November, we remember our beloved deceased family and friends. In their honor, we inscribe their names in a Book of Remembrance, which will be kept on the side altar during November.

Beginning October 17, you may enroll loved ones online on our church website, or you can submit a card that is available in the side church entrance.

Please submit names by October 29.

PARISH SUPPORT

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for the Week of 9/29-10/5

Weekly Offertory \$ 9,481.00
DOB Seminarians & Vocations \$ 4,310.00

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

Next weekend's 2nd collection is for:
World Mission Sunday.



October 18: World Mission Sunday One in Christ, United in Mission

Each October, which is World Mission Month, the Church invites us to reflect upon our missionary vocation. This year's theme, **One in Christ, United in Mission**, chosen by Pope Leo XIV, invites us to rediscover the profound unity we share in Christ through baptism and how our baptismal missionary identity overflows into the mission of the Church to bring all creatures into communion with God and us.

The highlight of World Mission Month is the annual celebration of World Mission Sunday, which this year will take place on Oct. 18. Pope Leo XIV has stressed how important World Mission Sunday is for the Church. He spent a large part of his priestly ministry as a missionary in Peru and has noted how dependent he was on the prayers and financial support of the universal Church through World Mission Sunday.

Let us pray this week for those missionaries who bring Christ's love to far-off places, often at great personal cost and risk. And let us ask the Holy Spirit to rekindle a zeal in our own hearts, that we may also be missionaries, wherever we are.



The St. Joseph Council of Catholic Women will hold their

Annual Food Drive

On Saturday, October 24th
from 10:00 AM until 1:00 PM
In the upper parking lot.

All donations will be delivered to the Dorothy Day Hospitality House.

Requested items are:

Tea	Coffee
Cookies	Crackers
Sugar	Flour
Cake Mix	Tuna Fish - canned
Fruit -canned	Vegetables - canned
Pasta - dry	Pasta Sauce - tomato & other
Gravy -canned	Juice
Soup	Rice - small boxes
Cereal	Cooking Oil

No glass containers or fresh/refrigerated/frozen items please.

The support of our parishioners is greatly appreciated.



FAITH FORMATION

Calendar — Welcome back! We look forward to a great Faith Formation year! The Faith Formation office is open and continues to receive enrollments. Classes began on Tuesday and Wednesday, October 6 and 7, 2026. 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.

Kelli Barrett	Catherine McCarthy
Miguel Boni	Jim McNerney
Marie Bovaird	William Morrison
William Carrasquillo	Michelle Mott
Ernestine Clark	Nick Munoz
Irene Clark	Victor Munoz
Chuck Daudt	Marjorie Nodine
Patricia Deakin	Evelyn Nipper
Jonathan DeMarco	Joseph Parkis
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Edith Donald	Joseph Ponmankal
Anita Edwards	Christine Preisser
Anand Gokhale	Lillian Rivera
Marie Hallas	Catherine Robinson
Henry James	Barbara R. Schirmer
Jessy Jos	Gael Sifuentes
P.M. Joseph	Jeanne Soraghan
Gavin King	Lorraine Squillante
Dorothy Koellmer	Kenneth Towery
Livio Malta	Jim Wheeler
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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

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