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27th Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 4, 2026



REV. ERIC W. SILVA, PASTOR

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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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Saturday, October 3:

8:00 AM Vocations to Married Life
 4:00 PM Mario & Angelina Tomaino
 - Notaro Family

Sunday, October 4:

7:30 AM Medlar & Casale Families
 - Sue & Vinny Casale
 9:30 AM Edward & Irena Zieminski
 - Christine & Stanley Zieminski
 11:00 AM Bethany Mass
 5:00 PM Intentions of Parishioners

Monday, October 5:

12:05 PM Int. of Mr. & Mrs. Francis Sullivan

Tuesday, October 6:

12:05 PM Elena Ongaro - Donna & Kristen Palmer

Wednesday, October 7:

12:05 PM Marie Koellmer - Rose Latty & Family

Thursday, October 8:

12:05 PM Int. of Mr. & Mrs. F. Sullivan

Friday, October 9:

12:05 PM Brian Michael Schelp
 - Laura & Ariel Martinez & Family

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

Wedding Banns:

2nd: Zackary Smith & Molly Gillotti
 1st: Hunter Heath & Samantha Martin

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
Intentions of Pope Leo XIV

Requested by: Marie A. Petrovskis

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

Praised be Jesus Christ!

After weeks of hard work collecting, pricing, and organizing goods, our 2026 tag sale has come to a close. I am delighted to report that the proceeds from this year's tag sale amounted to \$13,066 and the "Cash for Gold" proceeds totaled \$8,234. Setting up and taking down tables, organizing shifts of volunteers to price out items and work the tag sale itself, and the many other unseen jobs means that our parish was graced with a legion of incredibly generous parishioners who sacrificed their time and their talents so that our parish could receive an incredible monetary gift.

I firstly would like to offer a word of thanks to our Tag Sale Chairpersons: Antonia Stalzer and Leigh Fiorito. I would venture to say that during those two weeks in September, they could have possibly spent more time at the parish than I did! We at St. Joseph parish are grateful for all of your hard work and dedication to ensuring that our tag sale was a success. On behalf of everyone here at the parish, thank you so very much and may God reward you for your labor of love for your parish and its many people who will benefit because of that labor. There are many people who work behind the scenes that I would like to thank as well. This list is long because it takes many people working together to ensure our annual tag sale's success. I apologize in advance if my list omits anyone; just know of our gratitude here at the parish.

I would personally like to thank the following people who worked tirelessly on this parish fundraiser: Joseph Ferrara, Donna and Carmine Scalzo, Gloria and Marty Nissly, Linda and Brian Macreery, Mary Anne and Ned Moore, Dayle and Tom Renna, Barbara and Bob Whitlock, Ed Moore, Allan Morgan, Maria and Ray Bento, Carol Kovacs, Lisa Schneider, Marie Crowell, MaryEllen Ryer, Vickey Hickey, Lorraine Squillante, Rose Latty, Connie LaGratta, Ania Szurawski, PJ Jollena, Mary Cappiello, Mary Ann Hoffman, Rosa Fanelli, Claire Mastracchio, Cindy Magazzi, Jeanne Hurgin, Cheryl Fusco, Betty Bontempi, and Edith Sullivan. A sincere thank you to all of you!

It is an unfortunate and inevitable truth that parishes across the world have to deal with the reality of monetary issues. There are some parishes that are able to keep their heat on and their doors open because of the generosity of a minority of people. This is not to assert that those who give more are more generous because a slew of circumstances could indicate otherwise. I am delighted to say that here at St. Joseph parish, we are blessed with more volunteers and generous parishioners than I have seen before. People give in a variety of ways that benefit the whole of our parish. My hope is that each generation of parishioners will produce the fruit of generous parishioners who have come before them; those who would donate time, talent, and giving forth of that which they have received from God themselves. Thank you to all of you who have helped make our tag sale possible and wildly successful and I hope you have inspired others as you have inspired me. God bless all you abundantly!

In Christ & Mary,
Father Silva

PARISH EVENTS

WEEKLY HOLY HOUR & CONFESSION

Monday, October 5 7:00-8:00PM

Holy Hour is held every Monday evening.

HOLY FACE DEVOTION

Tuesday, October 6 7:00-8:00PM

Adoration & Confession

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

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

at the Grotto

Saturday, October 10 10:00 AM

ROSARY-MAKING Event

Saturday, October 10 9:00AM-2:00PM
in the Church Hall

ST. JOSEPH CHILDREN'S ROSARY MINISTRY

SHOE DRIVE Drop-Off

Saturday, October 10 1:30 to 3:00 PM

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

MONTHLY COFFEE HOUR

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

MASTERPIECES FOR THE PIANO CONCERT

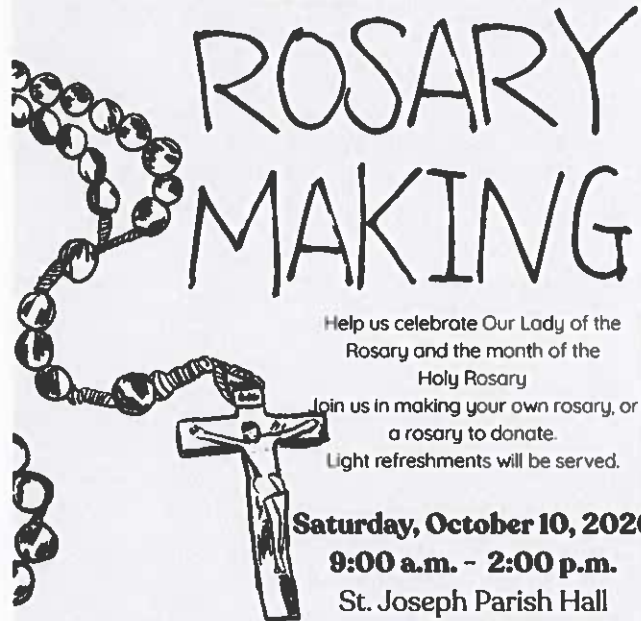
Saturday, October 17 7:30PM

St. Joseph Church

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

Free Admission.

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ROSARY MAKING

Help us celebrate Our Lady of the
Rosary and the month of the
Holy Rosary

Join us in making your own rosary, or
a rosary to donate.

Light refreshments will be served.

Saturday, October 10, 2026

9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

St. Joseph Parish Hall

8 Robinson Avenue

Danbury, CT

For more info call/text:
John Zilliox 203-770-3454
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Saint Joseph Church presents A Concert of.....

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

St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church, Danbury, CT

This concert is free.

PARISH SUPPORT

Stewardship of Time, Talent, and Treasure Worship Offerings

for the Week of 9/22–9/28

Weekly Offertory	\$ 7,521.00
Annual Parish Special Collection	\$ 9,141.00

This weekend's 2nd collection is for:
Seminarian Fund Drive for the Diocese of Bridgeport.

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

Annual Bishop's Appeal St. Joseph Parish

Bishop's Appeal Goal	\$ 98,000
Total Pledged	\$ 111,721
114% of goal pledged.	275 Donors

PRIESTS FOR THE FUTURE

Seminarian and Vocations Drive

Please Support Our Future Priests

Your prayers for vocations are working! This year, we have over 40 seminarians preparing for the priesthood, the most our diocese has had in almost 30 years. But this blessing comes with a fiscal challenge. Each seminarian's education costs about \$70,000 per year, therefore the cost to educate all our seminarians this year is expected to exceed \$3 million. To ensure our seminarians can become well prepared and thriving priests, Bishop Caggiano has announced a special drive to fund their formation. Please prayerfully consider a generous gift to support our future priests:

www.bridgeportpriest.org/give

*Donation cards are available in church.
This is our 2nd collection for 10/3-4.*

TAG SALE THANK YOU's

From Chairperson Antonia Stalzer:

"THANK YOU "THANK YOU"
We had a very successful Tag Sale.
Thank you to all the hard working volunteers.
Especially to the men lugging the items in and out of our Church Hall. God Bless You All!
Tag Sale \$ 10,500.00
Gold & Silver \$ 2,500.00
Total \$ 13,000.00

From Bob Doyle for "Sell Your Old Gold":

Thank you to 12 parishioners whose participation generated over \$14,000 back to them, and a donation of \$8,000 to St. Joseph Church.



We welcome our
newly baptized:

Catalina Jolie Viveros-Cartas
Cataleya Juliet Viveros-Cartas

Please keep them and their family in your
prayers.

BETHANY MASS

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

Thomas Smith
Marcelino Colon
Maria Elena Lopane
Patrick Crowley
Janet Butera

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

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 are scheduled to begin this week 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.

Are you looking for a deeper relationship with Jesus? Do you want to grow in holiness and develop a contemplative prayer life?

Consider Becoming a Lay Carmelite



Location:
St. Joseph Church
376 Main St.
Danbury, 06810

When:
2nd Saturday of each month
10:30 to 12:30

For more information, please contact:
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