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23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 6, 2026



REV. ERIC W. SILVA, PASTOR

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



Saturday, September 5:

8:00 AM Intentions of Our Parishioners
 4:00 PM Viola & Pius Cesca - *Family*

Sunday, September 6:

7:30 AM Medlar & Casale Families
 - *Sue & Vinny Casale*
 9:30 AM John Wilk - *Stillson Family*
 11:00 AM Bethany Mass
 5:00 PM Intentions of Parishioners

Monday, September 7:

12:05 PM Malachi & Helen Kane
 - *Ron & Katrina Freier*

Tuesday, September 8:

12:05 PM Int. of the Rosary Ministry
 - *Szurawski Family*

Wednesday, September 9:

12:05 PM Luigi Casciaro - *Sister*

Thursday, September 10:

12:05 PM Russell M. Novella - *Wife & Family*

Friday, September 11:

12:05 PM Dolores Barrett - *Cheryl Rigney*

Saturday, September 12:

8:00 AM Elena & Oreste Casciaro - *Daughter*
 4:00 PM Int. of Rose Latty - *Szurawski Family*

Sunday, September 13:

7:30 AM Daniel Consilio
 - *Teresa & Joseph Bromley*
 9:30 AM Thomas A. Smith - *M/M Frank Sullivan*
 11:00 AM George Shehl, Jr. - *Shehl Family*
 5:00 PM Intentions of Parishioners

Wedding Banns:

James DeSorbo & Veronica Regina



The Sanctuary Candle will burn
 this week for

Int. of Donald J. Corrigan, II

Requested by: Marie A Petrovskis

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

Praised be Jesus Christ!

Most of us who are reading this column remember exactly where we were and what we were doing on Tuesday, September 11, 2001. Whether we were in school, at or on our way to work, or at home...we remember. This past week marks the 25th anniversary of the gravest attack on our country of this generation. Memorials have been erected to those who either lost their lives or heroically gave their lives, speeches were made, services were held, and countless people across our country took the time to stop, if only for a moment, to remember exactly why it is that we must never forget that fateful Tuesday morning.

Usually with great tragedy comes a degree to which we want and try to forget. The attempt to forget the worst things that have happened to us is a way that we cope with the sometimes ongoing trauma of what that event has done to us mentally, emotionally, and even spiritually. The attempt to forget may be a mechanism to help us forgive those who have harmed us in the past but with this particular tragedy, we loudly proclaim, "Never forget". We must never forget these events because in doing so, we may forget of those lives that were taken in an act of barbaric evil. We must never forget these events because in doing so, we may forget the countless heroic men and women who gave their lives to save so very many other. We must never forget these events because in doing so, we lose out on what our Lord allows in times of great trial, suffering, sadness, and tragedy: redemption and forgiveness. Remember that the greatest sign of our hope for salvation was once the greatest act of barbaric, public execution by the Roman Empire. Standing at the forefront of every Catholic Church, classroom, bedroom, and even wrapped around countless peoples necks is that sign, so that we too may never forget what is still our foundation of hope as brothers and sisters in faith: Jesus Christ Crucified. We proclaim loudly, Jesus Christ Crucified not because we revel in the fact that our savior went to His bloody death on the cross because of our sins, but because the story does not end on the cross...it ends with Jesus bursting forth from the tomb and the conquering of sin and death!

It is an unfortunate reality that there could be no heroic acts without great sacrifice. That sacrifice does not mean much to us and does not move the human heart when it only remains a theory. In the "Common of Martyrs" of the Roman Missal at Mass, the "Prayer Over the Offerings" reads: "May the offerings we bring in commemoration of blessed N. be acceptable to you, we pray, O Lord, so that they may be pleasing to your majesty just as the shedding of this Martyr's blood was precious in your sight. Through Christ our Lord". The line that may cause some natural revulsion in us reads, "...just as the shedding of this Martyr's blood was precious in your sight". How could that which was done to these heroic martyrs be pleasing in a loving God's sight? It is not the act of their suffering and death that is pleasing in God's sight but rather, it is their steadfastness in faith in the face of what may feel like overwhelming evil that is pleasing in God's sight.

All of us who remain here, who did not lose our lives in the tragic events of September 11, 2001 are presented the task of continuing the heroic work that those brave men and women offer us by their final example. May we continue to work for a world of peace, love each other as we did in the aftermath of this terrible attacks, and offer all of it to God so that in our final hours, God may find us and all of our works "pleasing in His sight" as well. May God Bless those who sacrificed all for us who remain, watch over their loved ones, and bring about peace from the evil done that fateful Tuesday morning.

In Christ & Mary,
Father Silva

PARISH EVENTS

PARISH OFFICE CLOSURES

Monday, September 7

Wednesday, September 9

The Parish Offices will be closed on Monday, September 7 for Labor Day, and on Wednesday, September 9 for an off-site meeting.

WEEKLY HOLY HOUR & CONFESSION

Monday, September 7 7:00-8:00PM

Holy Hour is held every Monday evening.

SAINT JOSEPH PARISH

"Sell Your Old Gold Fundraiser"

FOR THIS FUNDRAISER, YOUR CHECKBOOK STAYS HOME...
AND THIS TIME, YOU TAKE HOME THE MONEY!!!

Friday Sept. 18th 10 AM to 4 PM Rel. Ed. Bldg.

Saturday Sept. 19th 10 AM to 4 PM Rel. Ed. Bldg.

Sunday Sept. 20th 8 AM to 4 PM Rel. Ed. Bldg.

There, our good friend, Bob the gold man, will buy your "old gold" and hand you a check. Then, OVER 70% of whatever profits are made after the refining process, will be donated, in your name, to ST. JOSEPH PARISH !!!.

Any questions, please email: bob@libertygoldct.com



St. Joseph Annual Tag Sale September 11, 12 and 13, 2026



We are back and once again appreciate the following donated items to sell at our Annual Tag Sale being held on September 11, 12 and 13:

- Toys and Games
- CDs, DVDs (no VHS or cassettes) and Vinyl Records
- Kitchen and Household Items
- Puzzles and Books (no textbooks, encyclopedias or coffee table books)
- Holiday decorations
- Bedding
- Baby items (no car seats)
- Lamps, Picture Frames, Small Furniture
- Tools and Small Garden Equipment
- Costume Jewelry

PLEASE NOTE: We can **NOT** accept any of the following items:

- TVs, Computer Equipment or Printers
- Typewriters
- Suitcases
- Sporting Equipment
- Clothes

You may drop off your donated items in the Church Hall (beneath the Church) on the following dates/times:

Friday, Sept. 4	9:00a - 11:30a and 4:00p - 8:00p
Saturday, Sept. 5	8:30a - 5:00p
Sunday, Sept. 6	8:30a - 5:00p
Monday, Sept. 7	8:30a - 5:00p

The Tag Sale will be held in the Church Hall on:

Friday, Sept. 11	8:30a - 9:30a (Early Bird Admission is \$10) 9:30a - 3:30p Free Admission
Saturday, Sept. 12	9:30a - 3:30p
Sunday, Sept. 13	10:00a - 4:00p

Please contact Antonia Stalzer at 203-456-5170 with any questions.

Thank you for your support!

Parish Support

Stewardship of Time, Talent, and Treasure Worship Offerings

for the Week of 8/25–8/31

Weekly Offertory	\$ 7,558.00
Youth Ministry	\$ 1,869.00

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

Next weekend's 2nd collection is for:
Catholic University.

ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL:

Saint Joseph Parish	
2026 Bishop's Appeal as of 7/31/26	
Bishop's Appeal Goal:	\$98,000
Total Pledged:	\$111,680 (114%)
Donors to Date:	273 Donors



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

Interested in Becoming Catholic?

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults), is the process by which adults become fully Catholic through the sacraments of Baptism, Holy Eucharist and Confirmation.

If you are considering becoming Catholic, or are a baptized Catholic adult who wishes to prepare for First Communion and Confirmation, we invite you to join our OCIA program.

Sessions will begin on September 13.

St. Joseph's OCIA program includes sessions of education, discussion, questions & answers, and fellowship.

For more information, please contact Anne Leclercq at 203-748-8177, or anne.leclercq@stjosephdanbury.org



ST. MONICA'S Prayer Group

PRAYING TOGETHER FOR OUR
CHILDREN AND FAMILIES



St. Monica's Prayer Group meets on the
2nd Tuesday
of each month.



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

2025-2026 DATES

- September 8
- October 13
- November 10
- December 15
- January 12
- February 9
- March 9
- April 6
- May 11
- June 8

TIME
8:45 AM
after morning drop off

LOCATION
St. Joseph Church
8 Robinson Ave
Danbury, CT

*Please join us
after prayer*
for refreshments in the
Carmen Buck Religious Ed Building.

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ANYONE WHO WISHES TO PRAY



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Learn to read and sing Gregorian Chant

SEASON
Mid-September to the End of May

SCHEDULE
Meets on Thursdays
Younger Students (Fluent Readers - 11-year-olds): 4:30 PM - 5:00 PM
Older Students (12 - 18-year-olds): 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM

SUNDAY MASS
Sing at 9:30 AM Sunday Mass once a month

WHO CAN JOIN?
Open to youth from any school or parish
For children who are fluent readers - age 18

REGISTRATION
Sign up online or scan the QR code below

For questions,
contact Kateri at
katerilock@gmail.com.



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PLEASE HELP US
REACH OUR GOAL!

More information
TO COME! →

Diocesan Wedding Jubilee Mass Saturday, October 3

Most Reverend Frank J. Caggiano, Bishop of Bridgeport will celebrate the **Annual Diocesan Wedding Jubilee Mass on Saturday, October 3, 2026 at 11:00 AM** at the Cathedral of Saint Augustine in Bridgeport.

Couples celebrating their **25th, 40th, 45th, 50th and more** years of marriage are eligible to attend. All couples who are recognized at the Mass will receive a commemorative certificate in recognition of this important milestone in their married life in addition to pictures with the Bishop.

Sharon Colihan is coordinating the registration process for the Mass and is available to answer whatever questions you may have. She can be reached at Sharon.Colihan@diobpt.org or 203-416-1454 and she will provide instructions on how to register.



SAVE THE DATE

McGivney Council #29 Knights of Columbus 15th Annual Charity Golf Outing – September 23rd



Enjoy a fun day of golf at Danbury's Richter Park while supporting the Charitable Works of McGivney Council #29 Knights of Columbus! The outing is open to all men and women. Singles and foursomes welcome. Registration opens at 10:30 AM and the Shotgun Start begins at 12:30PM. Includes Lunch, Dinner, Drink coupons, Hole in One Contests, Prizes and Raffles for \$200. Dinner only is welcome to join at 5:30 PM.

For more information contact: KofC29@gmail.com 203.744.9652
Geoff Wakeford – gwakeford@comcast.net 203.545.9075

Safe Environment - Virtus Training Class

St. Joseph Parish will be hosting a Virtus training class in the Church Hall on **Thursday, September 17 at 5:00 PM**. This session is open to all school parents and parishioners who have not yet completed the training. Please register in advance at the Virtus Online website www.virtusonline.org and create a new account by selecting the green link on the left side of the screen labeled First Time Registrant. Then, follow the instructions on the screen to begin the registration process. Select the Diocese of Bridgeport, and if you are registering to volunteer at the school, please choose "Saint Joseph School, Danbury, CT." If you are registering to volunteer in the church, please select "Saint Joseph Church, Danbury, CT." (Keep in mind that there are numerous St. Joseph Schools and Parishes within our Diocese. Please be sure to choose the ones in Danbury.) You will be asked to authorize a Background Check and to select a training session. From the various options, please select St. Joseph, September 17, with Brian Walsh listed as the facilitator. If you need assistance with the registration process or have any questions, please reach out to our Safe Environment Coordinator, Maria Merino-Schweitzer, at maria.schweitzer@stjosephdanbury.org, or our facilitator, Brian Walsh, at bwalsh@stjosephdanbury.org.

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