

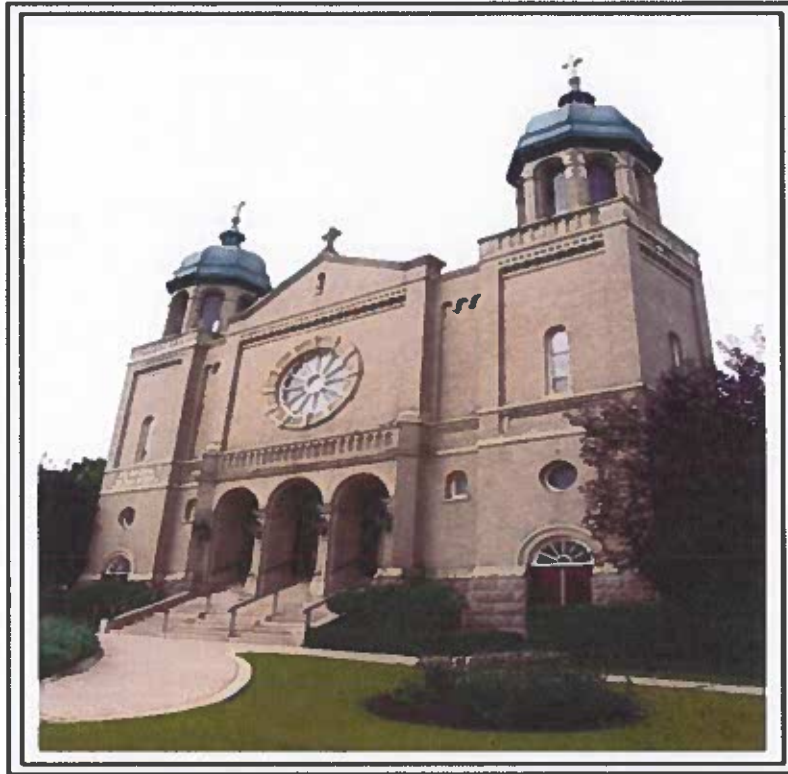
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24th Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 13, 2026



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



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

Monday, September 14:

12:05 PM Catherine Valente - *Family*

Tuesday, September 15:

12:05 PM Rev. Joseph Rositto - *M/M F. Sullivan*

Wednesday, September 16:

12:05 PM Rev. Lawrence Carew - *M/M F. Sullivan*

Thursday, September 17:

12:05 PM Int. of Joseph Santoro - *JoAnn Renzetti*

Friday, September 18:

12:05 PM Int. of Beverly Dakin - *JoAnn Renzetti*

Saturday, September 19:

8:00 AM Int. of St. Joseph School
 4:00 PM Abouna Naji J. Kiwan
 - *Cheri & John Jowdy*

Sunday, September 20:

7:30 AM Betty & George Repko
 - *George, Jim & Deanna*
 9:30 AM Michael J. Smith, Jr. - *M/M F. Sullivan*
 11:00 AM John Wilk - *Peter & Kathleen Stillson*
 5:00 PM Intentions of Parishioners

Wedding Banns:

James DeSorbo & Veronica Regina



The Sanctuary Candle will burn
 this week for
Catherine Valente
 Requested by: Family

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

Praised be Jesus Christ!

Two weeks ago, I had the pleasure of going to the Danbury movie theater with my parents and Father Sean to see "American Martyr: The Stanley Rother Story". This feature-length documentary, narrated by Martin Sheen, was about Blessed Father Stanley Rother, who is the first United States born priest and martyr in the Catholic Church's history. Usually, the movie theater is a place for seeing the action or drama filled stories that help shape our culture (for better or usually for worse!) but it was a unique opportunity to see the saintly story of a man who was not only from our country but was martyred less than half a century ago in 1981.

Father Stanley Rother grew up in a small farm town from the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. He was well known around town, in the seminary, and even as a priest for being a "blue collar priest" whose technical skills were a huge asset wherever he went. He struggled a great deal in seminary with the intellectual formation to the point where he was dismissed from seminary but his Archbishop saw something in this young man that the seminary overlooked. He finished his studies at Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, Maryland (the alma mater of another priest that you know well!) before being ordained in May of 1963. After serving in various parishes and in different capacities in the Archdiocese, he was sent down to their parish mission in Santiago Atitlán, Guatemala.

Father Rother spent the next 13 years of his priesthood living, serving, and working alongside the people of that poor, remote village in Guatemala. His technical skills and knowledge of farming, which were a crutch in his days of seminary formation, became some of the most valuable knowledge to share with his new flock. His people soaked in this new wisdom about farming, building, mechanical work, medical knowledge, and so much more. His people saw in him the very same God who walked, sweat, bleed, ate, and laughed amongst the people of Jesus' time. The message of the Gospel did not come in the form of a classroom lesson, but rather, it came in the form of a messenger who wanted to better the entirety of their lives, not just their spiritual lives.

Father Rother, who was once a seminarian who struggled a great deal with Latin in the seminary, became a shepherd who learned Spanish as well as Tz'utujil, which was the native language of the people; he learned it so well that he translated the bible as well as the Roman Missal in order to say Mass in their native language. The people did not have a word for "Stanley" so they called him by his middle name, "Father Francis". The intensity of the civil war escalated in 1978 and the effects spilled over into Father Rother's small village. Parishioners were either being killed or disappearing in the middle of the night and threats against Father Rother were becoming more and more frequent. Father Rother was called back home to Oklahoma and out of obedience as well as the desire of his concerned parishioners, he agreed and went home in January of 1981. His return home was short-lived because his heart belonged to the people of Santiago Atitlán, so he returned in April of that same year, only to be martyred on July 28th, 1981.

The story of Blessed Father Stanley Rother is one that has touched the lives of people around the world and certainly is continuing to do so, especially now that this incredible, heroic, and saintly life is now on the "big screen". May our lives be modeled after he who modeled his own life after Jesus Christ. Blessed Stanley Rother, pray for us!

In Christ & Mary,
Father Silva

PARISH EVENTS

MONTHLY COFFEE HOUR
Sunday, September 13
after the 7:30 AM Mass
in the Religious Ed Building
All are welcome.



ST. JOSEPH PARISH
ANNUAL TAG SALE
Final Day:
Sunday, September 13
10:00am - 4:00pm

There is something for everyone!

WEEKLY HOLY HOUR & CONFESSION
Monday, September 14 7:00-8:00PM
Holy Hour is held every Monday evening.

OCIA SESSION
Sunday, September 13
12:15 PM
in the Religious Ed Building

ST. JOSEPH CHILDREN'S ROSARY MINISTRY
SHOE DRIVE Drop-Off

Saturday, September 19
1:30 to 3:00 PM
at the Knights of Columbus Building
(St. Joseph Church parking lot, building
adjacent to the school parking lot.)

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Sophia Grace Sousa

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your prayers.



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for the Week of 9/1–9/7

Weekly Offertory \$ 9,203.00
Monthly Offertory \$ 4,797.00

**This weekend's 2nd collection is for:
Catholic University of America.**

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

ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL:

*Saint Joseph Parish
2026 Bishop's Appeal as of 8/28/26*

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

New Day Bereavement Programs

Fall Session registration now open:

St. Marguerite Bourgeoys Church
138 Candlewood Lake Rd., Brookfield
September 17 – November 12
Thursday afternoons 2:00 – 3:30pm

St. Mary Church, 26 Dodgingtown Rd., Bethel
October 13 – December 8
Tuesday afternoons 4:30 – 6:00pm

www.TheGrief.org Carolyn Killian at 203-404-0023
click on "New Day Ministry"

MUSIC NEWS

from our Director of Music

Robert Fertitta

Upcoming Concert: October 17

Dear Parishioners,

You are cordially invited to attend a **concert of masterpieces for the piano at St. Joseph Church on Saturday evening, October 17th at 7:30 p.m.**

The program includes a variety of works by Haydn, Beethoven, Schubert, Chopin, Liszt and Brahms, spanning almost exactly one hundred years.

One of my great teachers, Nadia Boulanger, often referred to a musical work as a 'miracle.' No word could better describe them. Each and every creation of the master composers is in its own world. On the program are a beautiful set of variations by Haydn, a spectacular sonata by Beethoven, and seven 'character' pieces by the other four composers: two 'Musical Moments' (Schubert), a Sonetto (Liszt), an Intermezzo (Brahms) and four pieces by Chopin - a Nocturne, two Mazurkas and the epic Ballade no. 4 in F minor.

The sanctuary of St. Joseph Church is particularly beautiful. It is a perfect setting for the magnificent music of the master composers. Please tell your family and friends about the concert. No tickets are required.

Join the Saint Joseph's Student Schola!

Children and youth (fluent readers through age 18) are invited to join our parish choir to learn and sing Gregorian chant.

Season: Mid-September through May

Rehearsals: Thursdays (Younger students: 4:30–5:00 PM | Older students: 5:00–6:00 PM)

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

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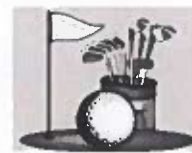
To register, access the link below or visit
www.stjosephdanbury.org.

For questions, contact Kateri at katerilock@gmail.com.
Signup link: <https://forms.gle/ArQ5jmcyJUzowDHm8>



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
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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.

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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