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25th Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 20, 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.

SAINT JOSEPH PARISH CONTACTS

Rev. Eric W. Silva: frsilva@diobpt.org



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Office Hours: Monday–Thur 9:00AM– 4:00PM
 Friday 9:00AM–12:00PM

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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

Monday, September 21:

12:05 PM Romeo Urbiztondo - Marijane Tuano

Tuesday, September 22:

12:05 PM Dorothy "Dottie" Wagonhoffer
 - M/M Frank Sullivan

Wednesday, September 23:

12:05 PM Henry Stalzer - CCW

Thursday, September 24:

12:05 PM Epifania Tuano - M/M Redentor Tuano

Friday, September 25:

12:05 PM Greta Simone-Alain - Daughter

Saturday, September 26:

8:00 AM Vocations to the Religious Life
 4:00 PM Fr. Naji J. Kiwan - Cheri & John Jowdy

Sunday, September 27:

7:30 AM Adaline & Peter Perez - Doherty Family
 9:30 AM Int. of Andrea Barbuto - Parkis Family
 11:00 AM Joe Kielb - Joseph Parkis
 5:00 PM Intentions of Parishioners

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
Henry Stalzer
 Requested by: Wife

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**Meet Our Seminarian**

Greetings St. Joseph's Parishioners,

My name is Alexander and I am a seminarian for the Diocese of Bridgeport. I have the privilege of being assigned here at St. Joseph's in Danbury for this year. A little about myself, I actually grew up here in Danbury with three older sisters. When I was younger my family were parishioners at St. Marguerite's in Brookfield, and we later moved to Sacred Heart here in Danbury. I went to public school for all of grade school and graduated from Danbury High in 2020.

Growing up my family always went to Sunday mass and I would normally be an altar server. However, during Middle school I started questioning my faith and stopped seeing the value in it. If it had not been for my parents taking our family to church every weekend I probably would have stopped practicing my faith. During one summer in High school I went on a retreat, during which I truly encountered Christ for the first time. I realized on that retreat that if God is real, and knows and loves me, then I need to know him and learn as much as I can about him.

During the rest of High School I started to dive into the faith, praying, reading, and learning as much as I could. As I grew closer to Christ I started to hear him calling me to the Priesthood. Initially I was hesitant to respond to his call, but with the advice and encouragement of my pastor and a few other people I decided to apply to the seminary.

After graduating High School I was accepted into Seminary for the Dioceses of Bridgeport. I have done most of my formation for the priesthood down at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary in Philadelphia. In 2025 I graduated from St. Charles with a Bachelors of Philosophy. After that I stepped away from seminary for a year and worked as a line cook, but returned this year. I am excited to be continuing in formation for the priesthood.

I am looking forward to getting to know all of you here at St. Joseph's and hopefully being of service to the parish. I have been and will continue to pray for all of you, please pray for me and all the seminarians of the diocese as we try to pursue God's will for us in our lives.

Thank you and God Bless,
Alexander Vas

PARISH EVENTS

WEEKLY HOLY HOUR & CONFESSION Monday, September 21 7:00-8:00PM

Holy Hour is held every Monday evening.

St. Joseph's Student Schola Rehearsal Thursday, September 24 4:30 – 6:30pm

Rehearsals held in Church choir loft
Contact: Kateri Lock 475-206-3120

CATHOLIC WAR VETERANS Cross of Peace Collection

After Masses on
Saturday, September 26
& Sunday, September 27

OCIA SESSION Sunday, September 27 12:15 PM

in the Religious Ed Building

Please contact Anne Leclercq for information:
203-748-8177

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

**Saturday, September 26
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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"Sell Your Old Gold" Fundraiser



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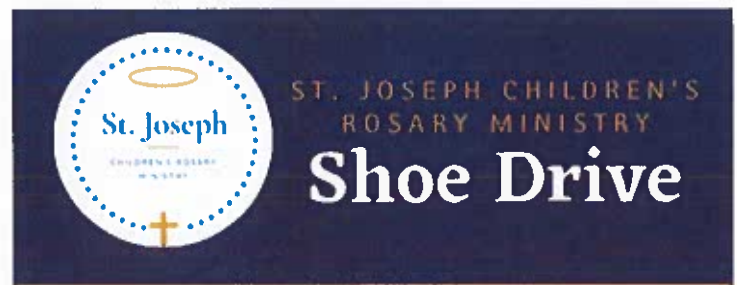
Saturday Sept. 19th 10 AM to 4 PM

**Sunday Sept. 20th 8 AM to 4 PM
in the Religious Ed. Building**

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
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Any questions, please email:
bob@libertygoldct.com



SATURDAY DROP OFFS THROUGH OCTOBER 31ST

1:30 to 3:00 PM

Knights of Columbus McGivney Council #29,
St. Joseph Church, 8 Robinson Avenue
(building adjacent to the school parking lot)



Sep 5

Sep 12

Sep 19

Sep 26

Oct 3

Oct 10

Oct 17

Oct 24

Oct 31



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Sunday after the 11AM Mass
through Nov. 1st.



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Weekly Offertory	\$8,605.00
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This weekend's 2nd collection is for:
St. Joseph School Capital Projects Fund.

Next weekend's 2nd collection is for:
Our Annual Parish Collection.
Donations will be used for security improvements
at our parish.

Annual Bishop's Appeal St. Joseph Parish

Bishop's Appeal Goal	\$ 98,000
Total Pledged	\$ 111,711
114% of goal pledged	
274 Donors	

New Day Bereavement Programs

Fall Session registration now open:

St. Marguerite Bourgeys 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"

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

Masterpieces for the Piano

Franz Joseph Haydn
Ludwig van Beethoven
Franz Schubert
Frédéric Chopin
Franz Liszt
Johannes Brahms

performed by
Robert Fertitta

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

St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church, Danbury, CT

This concert is free.

PRE-BAPTISM CLASS

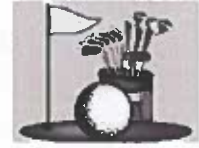
**Sunday, October 4
at 1:30 PM**

Pre-baptism class is required for all parents who would like to have their child baptized at Saint Joseph Church. Class is required before a baptism is scheduled. Class meets in the Religious Ed Building. Please contact the Parish Office to register. 203-748-8177



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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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
Open to youth from any school or parish.

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

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

Signup link: <https://forms.gle/ArSjmcYJUzowDhm8>



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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.

Please contact Sharon Colihan for registration and information:
Sharon.Colihan@diobpt.org or 203-416-1454

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