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26th Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 27, 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 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

Monday, September 28:

12:05 PM Cesare Sorio - *Family*

Tuesday, September 29:

12:05 PM Richard Borrelli - *Family*

Wednesday, September 30:

12:05 PM Giuseppe Ferraro - *Wife*

Thursday, October 1:

12:05 PM Francis P. Sullivan - *M/M Frank Sullivan*

Friday, October 2:

12:05 PM Henry Stalzer - *Fiorito Family*

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

Wedding Banns:

1st: Zackary Smith & Molly Gillotti



The Sanctuary Candle will burn
 this week for
Kenneth Ruppell
 Requested by: Daughter, Brenda

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

Praised be Jesus Christ!

This coming Thursday, October 1st, is the Feast Day of Saint Thérèse of Lisieux, also known as the “Little Flower” or Saint Thérèse of the Holy Face of Jesus. We all should have our favorite saints or saints that we go to in times of prayer for things. These saints may draw us in because they have a story that is attractive such as the lives of the heroic martyrs who gave their lives in such a grand way that it is difficult to not stand in awe of the holiness and courage that we all wish to have in the face of such fierce persecution. These saints may draw us in because they have a story (or at least the beginning of their story) that may be similar to our own; they may be a mother or a father such as yourselves like Saints Louis and Azélie Martin, or a healthcare professional like Saint Gianna Molla, or if you are into hiking and rock climbing like Saint Pier Giorgio Frassati.

There are some saints that draw us in because they have lived a life so foreign to our own that regardless of how “ordinary” their lives seemed in the view of the world, it becomes increasingly more attractive the more we read their writings and learn of their lives. For myself (and for millions of others, I am certain), this is Saint Thérèse of Lisieux. Born in 1873 and died in 1897 at the young age of 24, she lived a life that was shielded from the public eye, especially having grown up in a modest household only to give her life to a cloistered Carmelite order when she entered at the age of 15. Most know her from her autobiography entitled, “Story of a Soul” but her writings are so vast and profound that in 1997 Pope Saint John Paul II declared her a Doctor of the Church.

I could spend the next 100 bulletin columns discussing the beauty, depth, and holiness of Saint Thérèse of Lisieux, but this column is better suited to encourage you all to find a saint that you can have a relationship with. It may be one saint or a few saints that you regularly go to in your prayer life to ask for intercession or find yourself immersed in their writings for your own spiritual reading. Regardless of who you choose, we know that “It is not good for man to be alone” (Genesis 2:18) and that we were made for communion with one another, which is why we should not only have people in our day to day lives to whom we can turn for aid but also those who are living in the beatific vision, whose prayers are perfect, with whom we can grow in relationship with.

Many of our Protestant brothers and sisters disagree or at least are confused about our relationship with the saints in heaven and admittedly, from the outside, it may seem as though we worship the saints if all you see is our statues, paintings, and relics. Just as assuredly as many of us can attribute our own faith to individuals in our lives who were instrumental in passing along the faith to us or helped us encounter the Lord in a deep and profound way, we can say the same thing about the saints in heaven. Their lives are a model for our own and they are even more alive now in heaven than they were during their lives on earth! Find a saint or a group of saints that you can call your “friends” so that in this life you can turn to them for their example, their wisdom, and their prayers. When we find ourselves standing before the Lord when we pass from this life to the next, rest assured that we will not walk through the gates of the Heavenly Kingdom alone.

In Christ & Mary,
Father Silva

PARISH EVENTS

WEEKLY HOLY HOUR & CONFESSION Monday, September 28 7:00-8:00PM

Holy Hour is held every Monday evening.

CATHOLIC WAR VETERANS Cross of Peace Collection

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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION Friday, October 2

Eucharistic Adoration is held on the **first Friday** of each month, immediately following the 12:05 PM Mass and ending at 8:00 PM. A sign-up sheet will be available at the church side entrance. Walk-ins are welcome.

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

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

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

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.

HOLY FACE DEVOTION Tuesday, October 6 from 7:00-8:00 PM

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**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2026
7-9 PM**

1 WHEN YOU PRAY

Trust, Surrender and the Transformation of Your Soul

2 THE ART OF LIVING

The Cardinal Virtues and the Freedom to Love

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2026
9-11 AM**

3 THE GOOD, THE MESSY, AND THE BEAUTIFUL

The Joys and Struggles of Real Married Life

4 MEN, WOMEN & THE MYSTERY OF LOVE

ABOUT DR. EDWARD SRI

Dr. Edward Sri is a theologian, author and internationally renowned Catholic speaker who presents to tens of thousands of people around the world each year, including clergy, parish leaders, catechists, and laity. He is a founding leader with FOCUS and serves as Sr. Vice President of Apostolic Outreach. He is the host of the "All Things Catholic" podcast and an adjunct professor at the Augustine Institute

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1:30 to 3:00 PM

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Sep 5

Sep 12

Sep 19

Sep 26

Oct 3

Oct 10

Oct 17

Oct 24

Oct 31



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Our Annual Parish Collection.

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Next weekend's 2nd collection is for:

Seminarian Fund Drive for the Diocese of Bridgeport.

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Bishop's Appeal Goal	\$ 98,000
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Saturday, October 17, 2026 at 7:30 p.m.

St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church, Danbury, CT

This concert is free.

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

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 expected to begin 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



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