

SAINT JOSEPH CHURCH

A ROMAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY IN DANBURY

EIGHT ROBINSON AVENUE

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MASSES

Saturday Vigil – 4:00 P.M.

Sunday – 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 A.M.,
12:00 Noon and 5:00 P.M.

Daily – 7:00 A.M. and 12:05 P.M.

Saturday – 8:00 A.M.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 11:00 A.M. - 12:00 Noon
3:00 P.M. - 3:45 P.M.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

The second and fourth Sundays of each month.
Please call the Rectory to register for pre-baptismal instruction. Classes held on the first Sunday of each month.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Couples should contact a parish priest one year in advance, BEFORE any social arrangements are made. NO Sunday Weddings.

SICK CALLS, COMMUNION CALLS, ANOINTING OF THE SICK, HOSPITAL VISITS

Due to the Federal health privacy laws, HIPAA, hospitals cannot issue names of patients to parishes; you or a family member must let the Admissions Office know of your desire to have a visit during your stay. If you would like a visit at home please call or have a family member call the Rectory Office: 203-748-8177.



Saint Joseph Church is wheelchair accessible. Parking for the physically challenged is located at the side of church.

We thank you for turning off all personal electronic devices before entering the church.

**Saturday, August 12**

- 8:00 AM Bernadette Chiarito—Family
4:00 PM Toglia & Ianniello Families-M/M Crowell

Sunday, August 13

- 7:30 AM Intentions of Parishioners
9:00 AM Deceased Parishioners
10:30 AM Phyllis Ducibella—Husband & Daughter
12:00 PM Mike Kreho—Ray & Maria Bento
5:00 PM Robert Torcaso—Dolores Barrett

Monday, August 14

- 7:00 AM Int. of Elizabeth Eisenberger—Dottie
12:05 PM Shane Slinsky—Cahill Family
4:00 PM Ralph Burdick—Wife

Tuesday, August 15 Assumption

- 7:00 AM Elaine DeVito—Don & Irene Ragatz
12:05 PM Dominic Matarazzo—Wife
7:30 PM Dr. Henry Blansfield—Rector

Wednesday, August 16

- 7:00 AM Pasquale Perry (69th Ann.) - Son, John
12:05 PM Mary E. Deering—Son, John W.

Thursday, August 17

- 7:00 AM Bruce Eisenberger—Wife & Family
12:05 PM Leonard Greenfield—Family

Friday, August 18

- 7:00 AM Bruce Eisenberger—Dottie
12:05 PM Eileen Rickerhauser—M/M Joseph Duffy

Saturday, August 19

- 8:00 AM Dr. Henry Blansfield—D. Wagenhoffer
4:00 PM Viola & Pius Cesca—Family

Sunday, August 20

- 7:30 AM Frank Valluzzo—Granddaughter, Donna
9:00 AM Jessica Ireland—Alan & Barbara Schirmer
10:30 AM George Bory—Matzinger Family
12:00 PM David Grant (1st Ann.) - M/M Jason Pell
5:00 PM Intentions of Parishioners

	<u>Mass</u>	<u>Presider</u>
Saturday, Aug. 19	4:00 PM	Fr. Franklin
Sunday, Aug. 20	7:30 AM	Fr. Franklin
	9:00 AM	Fr. Franklin
	10:30 AM	Fr. Scott
	12:00 PM	Fr. Scott
	5:00 PM	Fr. Petrucci

**Sanctuary Candles**

The Sanctuary Candles will burn this week in memory of Dr. Henry Blansfield requested by the Rector Staff.

Dear parishioners and friends of St. Joseph Parish,

The Fourth Synod, under the direction of our Bishop, Most Reverend Frank Caggiano, developed pastoral initiatives in 2015 for all of the parishes of the Diocese of Bridgeport.

These initiatives are beginning to come to fruition. At St. Joseph Parish, our focus this fall will be *evangelization*. Our Pastoral Planning Team prayerfully discerned this initiative because we cannot simply be “treading water,” so to speak, in the secular sea around us. In order for us to swim upstream, we must be intentionally pro-active in making new disciples for Christ. We must challenge ourselves to support actively the growth of our community of faith. Otherwise, we are simply going to go with the flow, and that tide is going downstream rapidly.

In the shared wisdom of our Pastoral Planning Team, we recognized that to be effective in evangelization we needed support from outside of the Parish. This fall, therefore, we will be introducing “ARISE Together in Christ,” a three year parish centered process of spiritual renewal and evangelization that will help us grow in our knowledge of the Catholic Faith and in our ability to share it joyfully.

We invite you to be a part of this movement so that we can all develop a closer relationship with Christ and His Church. In this way, we can be prepared to reach out to others in an organized way and to bring them to encounter Christ here.

I am sharing this narrative with you here because there are those reading the *Bulletin* who may have been on vacation and missed my homilies for the last two weekends which presented this plan. I know that there are others who read this column online who may be inspired to be a part of this Parish movement of renewal. You are welcome to join us!

Bishop Caggiano, who was a pastor and former auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Brooklyn, truly has a pastor’s heart and has had firsthand experience with the effectiveness of “ARISE Together in Christ.” It is as a result of his leadership as our Bishop that this process of renewal has come to the Diocese of Bridgeport.

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It is slowly growing with the support of a team of parishioners in our Parish and will no doubt bear much good fruit. You will be hearing more about "ARISE Together in Christ" as our ARISE Team prepares to launch it this fall. I wanted to give you here a sense of the direction our Parish will be taking as we move forward to make more missionary disciples for the Lord.

Devotedly in Christ,
Rev. Samuel V. Scott
Pastor

**ASSUMPTION
OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

Tuesday, August 15th, 2017

Holy Day of Obligation

Mass Schedule

Vigil – Monday, August 14th, 2017

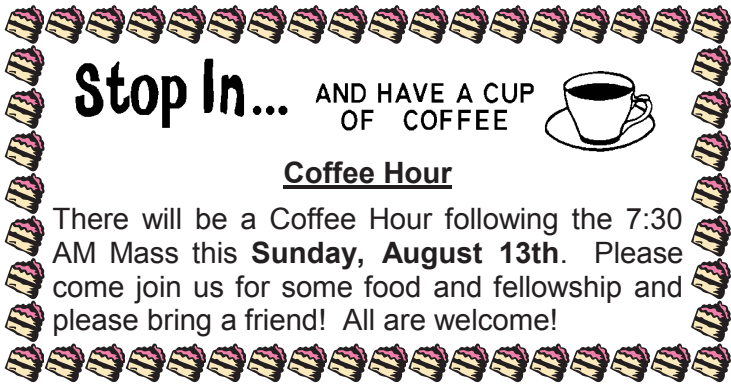
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Tuesday, August 15th, 2017

7:00 AM

12:05 PM

7:30 PM



Stop In... AND HAVE A CUP OF COFFEE 

Coffee Hour

There will be a Coffee Hour following the 7:30 AM Mass this **Sunday, August 13th**. Please come join us for some food and fellowship and please bring a friend! All are welcome!

Give Us This Day Subscriptions

It is time to renew our subscriptions for the monthly publication of *Give Us This Day*. The book includes daily Mass texts, daily Scripture reflections, daily prayer and intercessions, seasonal prayers and blessings and the Order of mass. It is a wonderful tool to foster a better relationship with Jesus, the Church, and the riches of the Catholic tradition. The cost is \$20 for the year.

If you are interested in starting a new subscription or renewing your current one, please fill out the form located on the bulletin table, include a check made out to St. Joseph Church, and return to the Rectory. Thank you!

Order of Mass

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Cycle A

ENTRANCE

St. Michael Hymnal # 547 - "Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer"

KYRIE

"Lord Have Mercy" - Heritage Mass (Alstott)

GLORIA

"Gloria," Heritage Mass (Alstott)

FIRST READING

Missal pg. 38—1 Kings 19: 9a, 11-13a

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Missal pg. 38

SECOND READING

Missal pg. 38—Romans 9: 1-5

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Missal pg. 39

GOSPEL

Missal pg. 39—Matthew 14: 22-33

HOMILY

OFFERTORY

St. Michael Hymnal # 626- "Lord, You Have Come to the Seashore"

SANCTUS

"Holy"- Heritage Mass (Alstott)

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

"Save Us Savior of the World"- Heritage Mass (Alstott)

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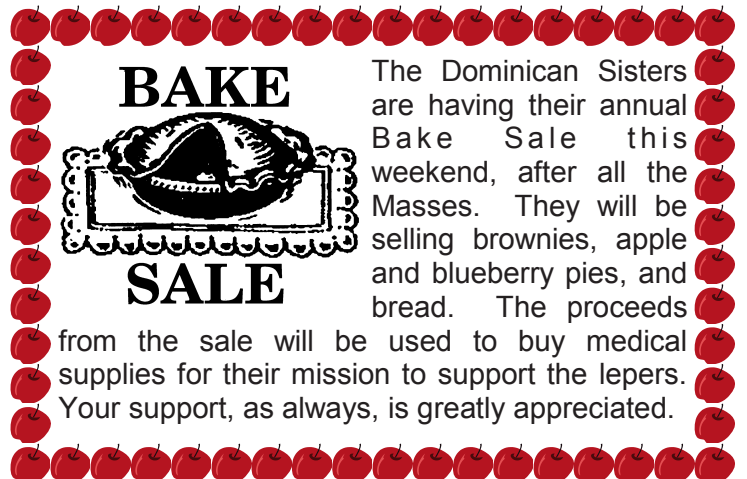
"Lamb of God"-Heritage Mass (Alstott)

COMMUNION


St. Michael Hymnal # 512 - "Eat This Bread"

CLOSING HYMN

St. Michael Hymnal # 659 - "O God Beyond All Praising"



BAKE



SALE

The Dominican Sisters are having their annual Bake Sale this weekend, after all the Masses. They will be selling brownies, apple and blueberry pies, and bread. The proceeds from the sale will be used to buy medical supplies for their mission to support the lepers. Your support, as always, is greatly appreciated.

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Parish Support

Stewardship of Time, Talent, and Treasure Offertory Collections

July 29-July 30, 2017 \$7,950.00
Monthly \$3,970.00

Many thanks for your generous stewardship!



St. Joseph Youth Ministry

The St. Joseph High School Youth Group meets Sunday nights from 5-8 PM and is open to all teens of our Parish in grades 9 through 12. Our mission is to provide every teen with a unique and personal opportunity to grow closer to Christ by providing them with a safe and engaging environment. Teens that come to our Sunday meetings will encounter Christ's love through the celebration of Mass, our Life Nights, social outings, their fellow classmates, and our Adult Core of volunteers. Our teens will also be challenged to grow deeper in relationship with Christ through participation in the Sacraments, prayer meetings, retreats, and community outreach. For more information, please email our Youth Minister, Renzo, at SaintJosephYG@gmail.com.

Students in 8th grade going into 9th grade are now welcome to attend youth group meetings and events.

Our Summer schedule is:

August 13 - TBA

August 19 - Fan the Fire Retreat at St. Joseph High School Trumbull, CT (contact Renzo for registration information)

August 20 - No Youth Group

August 27 - End of Summer Party

SALE



Save the Date! Our *Saint Joseph Annual Tag Sale* will be held September 15th, 16th, and 17th! Please start saving your items! Donations will be accepted in early September. Details will follow. For more information, please call Antonia at 203-748-3417.



Knights of Columbus

Knights of Columbus McGivney Council #29 is the K of C chapter for much of Danbury; St. Joseph is its home Parish. Men (18+) are welcome to join. For information, please pick up the flyer in the pamphlet holder in the back of the church, or visit the Knights' web sites KofC29.org and facebook.com/kofc29.

The Knights of Columbus Council #29 **Annual Golf Outing** will take place on *September 27, 2017* at Richter park. For information and a registration form please visit KOC29.ORG. All are welcome.

SCHOOL NEWS

Registration for New Families is now available. Please contact the Development Office at 203-748-6615 for more information.

Summer Office Hours

Tuesday – Thursday

9 AM – 12 Noon

During July & August

203-748-6615

To keep up with the latest School news, like us on Facebook.

Visit our website www.sjsdanbury.org for information on upcoming events.



Carmen Buck
Religious Education
Building
203-778-1920

The Religious Education Office is closed for the summer and will reopen on August 28th. If you need to register your children for Religious Education classes for grades 1-8, you may download the Registration Form and Emergency Contact Form on our parish website: www.stjosephchurchdanbury.org. Please use the tab for Parish Life and drop down to click on Religious Education. You may also pick up forms in the rectory on Monday through Thursday from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM. A copy of the Baptismal Certificate must accompany registrations for children who are new to our program or for those children not baptized at Saint Joseph Church. Please mail all paperwork to: Religious Education Office, St. Joseph Church, 8 Robinson Ave, Danbury, CT 06810.

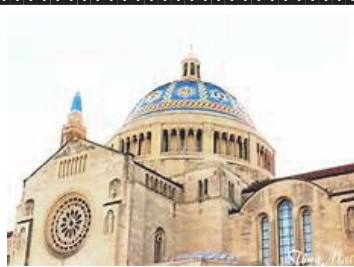
A catechist is needed for the Wednesday 6th grade class for the 2017-2018 school year. Door/hallway monitors, aides, and substitutes are also greatly needed on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Classes meet from 4:00 -5:15 PM in St. Joseph School and follow the Danbury Public Schools calendar. For more information on this important ministry, please email our Director of Religious Education, Mrs. Lynn Smierciak, at lasmierciak@gmail.com or call 203-778-1920. Thank you for prayerfully considering becoming a member of our parish team.



MUSIC NOTES

Saint Joseph Music Notes

New volunteers are necessary each and every year for our music ministries to succeed. If you can sing or play, come and volunteer! Our Children's Choir and Youth Choir are in need of new young voices as well. Email or call Music Director David Baranowski at (914)217-9234 or baranowski73@yahoo.com if you have questions.



The Face of Prayer Pilgrimage

Join Bishop Caggiano on September 23, 2017 for the pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. for the dedication of an outdoor shrine. The shrine is dedicated to young people and continues our celebration of the 100th anniversary of Our Lady's appearance to the children of Fatima. Details about the pilgrimage can be found at www.thefaceofprayer.com or by emailing institute@diobpt.org or calling 203-416-1670.

Birthright needs volunteers!

Birthright is an emergency pregnancy service offering free pregnancy tests, friendship counseling, and practical support. Our guiding principle: It is the right of every pregnant woman to give birth and the right of every child to be born. Birthright has served in Connecticut since 1972 and has ten locations. We help any pregnant girl or woman who calls us. If you would like to help, please call 1-800-550-4900 for the Birthright nearest you. Training is provided! A special call to Spanish speaking volunteers. Thank you.

Spiritual Adoption Program: Babies' Names

Please see the **Spiritual Adoption Poster** that is hanging in the side entrance of our church.

- If you've been participating, please write in the name that you chose for your spiritually-adopted baby.
- If you would like to participate, you may join at any time. Pick up a flyer, with the program information and daily prayer, at the church entrance. Then add your baby's name to the list.

This listing is intended to give visibility and sense of community to this beautiful program.

Please contact Anne at 203-790-6074, with any questions.

Lebanese Festival

St. Anthony Maronite Catholic Church in Danbury will sponsor the **14th Annual Lebanese Festival "Mahrajan"** on Friday, August 18th, from 3:00 PM to 12 Midnight, and Saturday, August 19th, from 12:00 Noon to 12:00 Midnight (rain or shine). There will be a variety of Lebanese foods, music by singer Amin Sultan and Ensemble, dancing, vendors, and children's games. Admission is free.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

"... My word shall not return to me void, but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it." Discover how God's loving words can help us show his love for us and the world by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next WWME Weekends are Nov 3-5, 2017 in Manchester, CT and Aug 11-13, 2017 in Wappingers Falls, NY. For more information, call Dennis & Jane Lamondy at 860-481-3720 or visit us at <https://wwmectw.org/>.

Bethany Mass

This Sunday, August 13th, at the 9:00 AM Mass, we will remember our deceased parishioners: Anne Luongo, Stanislaw Sokulski, and Joan Cappellano. Although we miss these parishioners' physical presence, we celebrate their eternal life with Jesus. We want their loved ones to know that we are here to support them. Please continue to pray for all deceased parishioners and their families and friends.

Online Giving

To sign-up for online giving, go to www.stjosephchurchdanbury.org and click on the Online Giving logo and create an account.

Daily Mass Readings:

Monday, Aug. 14: St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest & Martyr

Deuteronomy 10: 12-22
 Responsorial Psalm 147
 Gospel: Matthew 17: 22-27

Tuesday, Aug. 15: Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Revelation 11: 19a; 12: 1-6a, 10ab
 1 Corinthians 15: 20-27
 Responsorial Psalm 45
 Gospel: Luke 1: 39-56

Wednesday, Aug. 16: Weekday, [St. Stephen of Hungary]

Deuteronomy 34: 1-12
 Responsorial Psalm 66
 Gospel: Matthew 18: 15-20

Thursday, Aug. 17: Weekday

Joshua 3: 7-10a, 11, 13-17
 Responsorial Psalm 114
 Gospel: Matthew 18: 21-19: 1

Friday, Aug. 18: Weekday

Joshua 24: 1-13
 Responsorial Psalm 136
 Gospel: Matthew 19: 3-12

Saturday, Aug. 19: Weekday, [St. John Eudes, Priest]

Joshua 24: 14-29
 Responsorial Psalm 16
 Gospel: Matthew 19: 13-15

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saint Joseph Parish

Parish Office - Tel. (203) 748-8177, Fax (203) 748-2010
Office Hours: Mon.– Fri., 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Receptionist: Mrs. Kathee Meerman

Administrative Assistant: Miss Dottie Wagenhoffer

Director of Music: Mr. David Baranowski, 203-778-1920

Adult Choir: Mr. David Baranowski - 203-778-1920

Children’s Choir: Mrs. Jennifer Doherty, 203-748-6615

Youth Ministry: Mr. Renzo Ortega, 203-778-1920

Altar Servers: Mrs. Kathee Meerman, 203-748-8177

Eucharistic Ministers: Kathee Meerman, 203-748-8177

Lectors: Kathee Meerman, 203-748-8177

Ushers: Fr. Sam Scott, 203-748-8177

Pre-Cana: Call Parish Office, 203-748-8177

Saint Joseph Religious Education

Director of Religious Education : Mrs. Lynn Smierciak,
(203) 778-1920

Secretary: Mrs. Claire Anderson, 203-778-1920

R.C.I.A.: Mrs. Margaret Curran, 203-792-1132

Adult Education Lectures: Dr. Joan Kelly, 203-227-8928

Parish Contacts

Bereavement Ministry: Deacon Donald & Mrs. Stephania
Naiman, 203-748-8177

Catholic Charities of Northern Fairfield County Board

Members: Mrs. Terri Stramiello, 203-733-0465

Dr. Roger LaGratta: rlagrat@comcast.net

Carmelites: Mrs. Joan Ledoux, 203-743-7813

Coffee Hour: Mrs. Anne Savino, 203-744-5567

Council of Catholic Women: Mrs. Barbara Whitlock
203-791-0232

Finance Committee Chairman: Mr. Gerald Palanzo, Jr.,
203-733-0124

Knights of Columbus: Dr. John Pitrelli
203-744-9562

Men’s Group: Mr. Mark Azzara, 203-947-4012

Parish Corporation Trustees:

Mr. George Godfrey, III, M.B.A.

Mrs. Constance LaGratta, M.A.

Parish Council: Mr. John Fisher, 203-792-5447

Respect Life Group: Mrs. Anne Leclercq, 203-790-6074

Scouts (Boy): Dr. Edwin Cruz, 203-770-5012

Host an International Student

Open your home to an Immaculate High School student coming from China. This is a great opportunity for a family to learn a new culture and to have a lasting impact on a student’s life. Families are compensated \$1000/month for room & board. For more information contact:

Kathleen Whitmore

Ivy International Group

Local Host Family Coordinator

203-470-1124; kmwhitmore@snet.net

Retrouvaille of Connecticut: If your marriage has become troubled or stressed, unloving or uncaring; even if you are separated or divorced, but you want to try again, the Retrouvaille program can help. For information, call confidentially 1-800-470-2230.

Saint Joseph School

Mrs. Lisa M. Lanni, Principal

Office 203-748-6615—Fax 203-748-6508

Website: www.sjsdanbury.org

Home School Association: Mrs. Christina Hefele,
203-748-6615

Advisory Board President: Dr. Roger LaGratta
rlagratta@comcast.net



Please remember the sick of our Parish: Barbara Baker, Kelli Barrett, Evelyn Buckley, Lorraine Colacicco, Jennifer Corona, Tyrone Freitas, Anne Gallagher, Alberta Greeley, Vera Grieve, Leslie Johnson, Janet Nicolosi, Ethel Pancotti, Lucia Pasamonti, and all our parishioners currently in nursing homes, hospitals, or confined to their homes.

To Our Welcome Visitors:

Welcome to Saint Joseph Church! May this be a sanctuary of peace and grace for you! If you attend our parish on a regular basis, will you consider registering with us? It is so helpful whenever the need arises for special sacraments, funeral masses, and sponsor certificates. Please complete the lines below, drop it in any collection basket and our staff will register you. And please be sure to introduce yourself to one of the parish priests.

PLEASE PRINT

Mr | Mrs | Ms | Mr & Mrs (circle one)

Last Name: _____

First Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City, State, ZIP: _____

Home Tel: _____

Buss Tel: _____

E-mail: _____

Primary Language Spoken: _____

Children (names, gender, & birthdates):

I am interested in: (circle)

Becoming a member of St. Joseph Parish

First Communion

Baptism / Confirmation

St. Joseph School (Pre-K to 8th Grade)

Youth Programs (8th – 12th Grade)

Choirs:

Adults

Hand Bells (Children & Adults)

Children

Adult Religious Education

Liturgy Attended: _____