

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 5

- 8:00 AM Ralph Burdick—Wife
- 4:00 PM Dec. of the Winter's Family-M/M Bongo

Sunday, August 6

- 7:30 AM Pasquale Perry—Son, John
- 9:00 AM Erna Hass—Lapham Family
- 10:30 AM Elizabeth Elliott—Brother, Charles
- 12:00 PM William Taylor—Cousins
- 5:00 PM Intentions of Parishioners

Monday, August 7

- 7:00 AM Raina Spasova Ilieva—Veleva Family
- 12:05 PM Adelia Potenziani—Sister

Tuesday, August 8

- 7:00 AM Dr. Henry Blansfield-M/M Frank Sullivan
- 12:05 PM McKenzie Newsome—Family

Wednesday, August 9

- 7:00 AM Dr. Francis J. Grandieri—Wife, Mary
- 12:05 PM Josephine & Charles Borz—Family

Thursday, August 10

- 7:00 AM Joseph Novella, Sr.—Rectory
- 12:05 PM Sebastian Ponmankal & Devasia Joseph

Friday, August 11

- 7:00 AM Int. of our Pastoral Planning Team
- 12:05 PM Michelle Kayal—M/M Ron Keenan


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

	<u>Mass</u>	<u>Presider</u>
Saturday, Aug. 12	4:00 PM	Fr. Scott
Sunday, Aug. 13	7:30 AM	Fr. Scott
	9:00 AM	Fr. Scott
	10:30 AM	Fr. Franklin
	12:00 PM	Fr. Franklin
	5:00 PM	Fr. Petrucci



Sanctuary Candles

The Sanctuary Candles will burn this week in memory of Michelle Kayal requested by Mrs. George Shukry.

Please Pray For The Repose Of The Souls Of:

Dr. Henry Blansfield
John Otto
Benito Sapienza

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!

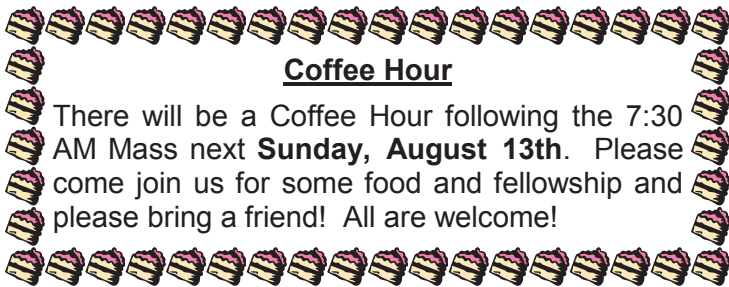
Bishop Caggiano, who was a pastor and former auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Brooklyn, truly has a pastor’s heart and has had firsthand experience with the effectiveness of “ARISE Together in Christ.” It is as a result of his leadership as our Bishop that this process of renewal has come to the Diocese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



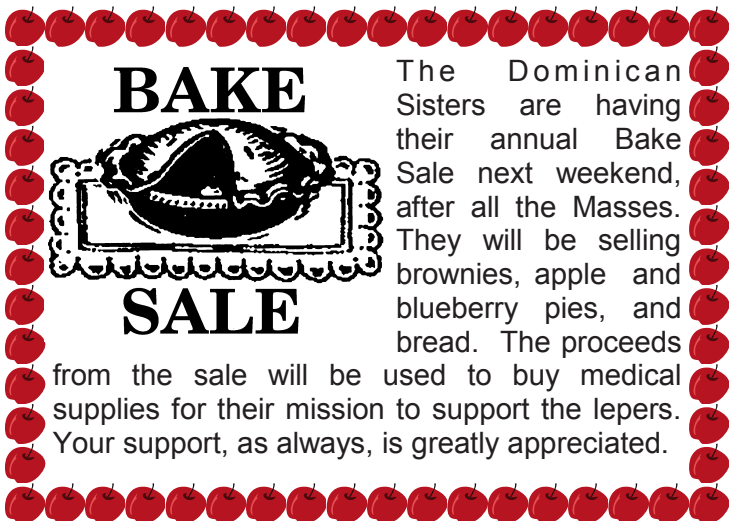
Coffee Hour

There will be a Coffee Hour following the 7:30 AM Mass next **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!



BAKE



SALE

The Dominican Sisters are having their annual Bake Sale next 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.

Order of Mass

Transfiguration of the Lord

Cycle A

ENTRANCE

St. Michael Hymnal # 562 - "Holy, Holy, Holy"

KYRIE

"Lord Have Mercy" - Heritage Mass (Alstott)

GLORIA

"Gloria," Heritage Mass (Alstott)

FIRST READING

Missal pg. 36—Daniel 7: 9-10, 13-14

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Missal pg. 36

SECOND READING

Missal pg. 37—2 Peter 1: 16-19

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Missal pg. 37

GOSPEL

Missal pg. 37—Matthew 17: 1-9

HOMILY

OFFERTORY

St. Michael Hymnal # 799- "Tis Good, Lord, to be Here"

SANCTUS

"Holy"- Heritage Mass (Alstott)

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

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

AGNUS DEI

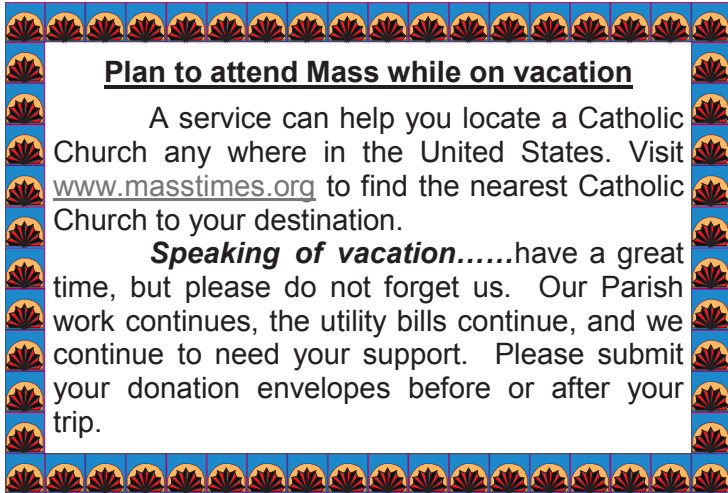
"Lamb of God"-Heritage Mass (Alstott)

COMMUNION

St. Michael Hymnal # 593 - "Jesus, My Lord, My God, My All"

CLOSING HYMN

St. Michael Hymnal # 470 - "Christ is Made the Sure Foundation"



Plan to attend Mass while on vacation

A service can help you locate a Catholic Church any where in the United States. Visit www.masstimes.org to find the nearest Catholic Church to your destination.

Speaking of vacation.....have a great time, but please do not forget us. Our Parish work continues, the utility bills continue, and we continue to need your support. Please submit your donation envelopes before or after your trip.

TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

Parish Support

Stewardship of Time, Talent, and Treasure Offertory Collections

July 29-July 30, 2017

\$8,757.00

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 6 - TBA

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



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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.sjdanbury.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.

AUGUST 6, 2017

Virtus: Protecting God's Children

You are invited to attend a special program called **VIRTUS: Protecting God's Children** to help keep children safe. Together with your assistance, the Diocese of Bridgeport continues to make the safety of our children a top priority. The **VIRTUS** awareness training teaches caring adults about the warning signs of child sexual abuse and how to prevent it. This training meets the highest of standards established by the USCCB Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People.

All clergy, seminarians, religious, employees, and volunteers in the Diocese of Bridgeport are required to complete a **VIRTUS** class. (This policy has been in effect since July 2003.) We realize this is a commitment of your time and we appreciate you volunteering in our Parish. A training class will be held at Saint Joseph Parish on:

**Monday August 7, 2017 from 6:00 to 9:00 PM
in the Buck Religious Education Building**

To register, visit www.virtusonline.org. Begin by selecting the box, **FIRST-TIME REGISTRANT**. On the next screen, click on **BEGIN THE REGISTRATION PROCESS**. Next, scroll down to **BRIDGEPORT, CT** (Diocese) and click on the **SELECT** button. Next, you will create a **USER ID** and **PASSWORD** and complete the online registration and background check. You may select the training class listed above (or another date/location) from the schedule of all training choices listed across the Diocese. If you have any problems completing your registration, please call Erin Neil at (203) 416-1406 or the **VIRTUS** help-desk at 1-888-847-8870. There is no cost to attend.

Ministry to Deaf Parishioners

Father Nicholas Pavia is available for home and hospital visits, to interpret at Mass, offer religious education, and for Confession. For more information, please contact him at padrepavia@msn.com.

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://www.mectw.org/>.

Bethany Mass

Next Sunday, August 13th, at the 9:00 AM Mass, we will remember our deceased parishioners: Anne Luongo, Stanislaw Sokulska, 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. 7: Weekday, [St. Sixtus II, Pope & Companions, Martyrs; St. Cajetan, Priest]

Numbers 11: 4b-15
Responsorial Psalm 81
Gospel: Matthew 14: 13-21

Tuesday, Aug. 8: St. Dominic, Priest

Numbers 12: 1-13
Responsorial Psalm 51
Gospel: Matthew 14: 22-36

Wednesday, Aug. 9: Weekday, [St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin & Martyr]

Numbers 13: 1-2, 25-14: 1, 26-29a, 34-35
Responsorial Psalm 106
Gospel: Matthew 15: 21-28

Thursday, Aug. 10: St. Lawrence, Deacon & Martyr

2 Corinthians 9: 6-10
Responsorial Psalm 112
Gospel: John 12: 24-26

Friday, Aug. 11: St. Clare, Virgin

Deuteronomy 4: 32-40
Responsorial Psalm 77
Gospel: Matthew 16: 24-28

Saturday, Aug. 12: Weekday, [St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious]

Deuteronomy 6: 4-13
Responsorial Psalm 18
Gospel: Matthew 17: 14-20

TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

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

We Welcome You!

Saint Joseph Parish warmly welcomes this newly registered family:

Ms. Shirley Hughes

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
rlagrat@comcast.net



PRAY FOR . . .

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: _____