

SAINT JOSEPH CHURCH

A ROMAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY IN DANBURY

EIGHT ROBINSON AVENUE

DANBURY, CONNECTICUT 06810-5517

Rectory Telephone: (203)748-8177

Web Page: www.stjosephchurchdanbury.org



REVEREND SAMUEL V. SCOTT, M.Div., M.A., PASTOR
REVEREND DAVID W. FRANKLIN, M.Div., PAROCHIAL VICAR
DEACONS LOUIS F. HOWE, DONALD J. NAIMAN

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, July 22

8:00 AM Intentions of Mary Barden—Family
 4:00 PM Sarah Sullivan—Mary & Frank Sullivan

Sunday, July 23

7:30 AM George Reisert-Carmine & Donna Scalzo
 9:00 AM Francis & Evelyn Howley—Family
 10:30 AM Earl & Earl Jr. Ireland—Family
 12:00 PM Carmella Valentine—Fratello Family
 5:00 PM Intentions of Parishioners

Monday, July 24

7:00 AM Eileen Lawlor—Patrick & Wendy Burke
 12:05 PM Ruth Lewis—Louise McDevitt

Tuesday, July 25

7:00 AM John Otto—Deborah Crothers
 12:05 PM Hannelore Hillebrand-M/M D. Macauley

Wednesday, July 26

7:00 AM Michael Kreho, Jr.—Rectory
 12:05 PM Theresa Waterman—Daughters

Thursday, July 27

7:00 AM Carmella Scozzafava-M/M J. Scozzafava
 12:05 PM Clarence Urso—Family

Friday, July 28

7:00 AM Ralph Burdick—Wife
 12:05 PM Michael J. Duff—M/M Frank Sullivan

Saturday, July 29

8:00 AM Anne Luongo—Rectory
 4:00 PM Milton Barrett—Family

Sunday, July 30

7:30 AM Ralph Burdick—Wife
 9:00 AM Louise & Don Scappatura—Family
 10:30 AM Constance Milano—Claire Milano
 12:00 PM Kathleen Forrestall—Bridget Murray
 5:00 PM Intentions of Parishioners

	<u>Mass</u>	<u>Presider</u>
Saturday, July 29	4:00 PM	Fr. Scott
Sunday, July 30	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



Wedding Banns

II.....Jeremy L. Gordon & Ava Lynn Portelli

We Welcome You!

Saint Joseph Parish warmly welcomes these newly registered families:

*Mr. & Mrs. Brian Daniels
 Mr. & Mrs. James MacLean
 Mr. & Mrs. Claudio Perfetti*

Dear parishioners and friends of St. Joseph Parish,

The First Day of Summer (the Summer Solstice) arrived a few weeks ago, on Wednesday, June 21st. My thoughts echo those found in the *Old Farmer's Almanac*, "Everybody loves summer!" What comes to mind when we think of summer may be swimming at Candlewood Lake, a summer getaway since 1928; others go on vacation in Rhode Island or Cape Cod. We think, as well, of relaxing picnics at home with sunny days and cool summer breezes.

Unfortunately, summer also can be a time of temptation. When we take a break from our normal routine and go on holiday we can easily get distracted and forget about living our Catholic faith, in season and out of season.

Praying on one's own during the summer can be more difficult for our young parishioners – those at St. Joseph School, who are used to being led in daily prayer; and those in our Religious Education program, where classes always begin with prayer, as well. The good example of parents who make sure that they pray daily as a family is a tremendous blessing to their children. I vividly remember my mother or father, for example, praying the Lord's Prayer and the Twenty-third Psalm with me when I was a child before I went to sleep at night and always praying before meals, as well.

Devout college students who pray together in their college chapel with other practicing Catholics may find it difficult to be out of that routine during the summer. Father Peter John Cameron, O.P., for example, wrote in a letter in his publication *MAGNIFICAT* about Catholic students at Dartmouth College who gather at 8:00 a.m. in the Dartmouth campus chapel once a week during the academic year for Morning Prayer. Students home from college for the summer will be well-served if they bring a good "worship aid" home with them and practice praying alone or with another family member.

Families who go on vacation may not know where a local Catholic Church is to go to worship. You will find it helpful when planning vacations to locate a Catholic Church before leaving home. Please remember that there is a website called www.masstimes.org to help one locate a Catholic Church anywhere in the world.

Please remember the importance of being faithful to your relationship with Jesus present in the Eucharist by participating in Mass every Sunday or at the Saturday Vigil. The Church teaches us that keeping the Sabbath holy is a minimum obligation for practicing our faith.

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When I was a seminary rector, I remember telling the seminarians at this time of year, "There is no vacation from your vocation." This axiom was intended for those being formed for the ordained priesthood. It is also true for all who are disciples of Christ Jesus, Our Lord. May we put our faith into practice by attending Mass here every Sunday or Saturday Vigil during the summer; by dressing modestly and appropriately for Mass; and by encouraging others to join us in prayer at Mass at our beautiful Church always.

Devotedly in Christ,
Rev. Samuel V. Scott
Pastor

“Scars remind us where
we’ve been.
They don’t have to dictate
where we’re going.”

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/>.

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.

Order of Mass

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Cycle A

ENTRANCE

St. Michael Hymnal # 657 - “O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

KYRIE

“Lord Have Mercy” - Heritage Mass (Alstott)

GLORIA

“Gloria,” Heritage Mass (Alstott)

FIRST READING

Missal pg. 31—Wisdom 12: 13, 16-19

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Missal pg. 31

SECOND READING

Missal pg. 32—Romans 8: 26-27

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Missal pg. 32

GOSPEL

Missal pg. 32—Matthew 13: 24-43

HOMILY

OFFERTORY

Singing Our Faith # 216- “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

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 # 521 - “Father, We Thank Thee”

CLOSING HYMN

St. Michael Hymnal # 540 - “God We Praise You”

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.

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



**Stewardship of Time, Talent, and Treasure
Offertory Collections**

July 15-July 16, 2017 \$8,052.00
Mission Co-op \$4,990.50

Many thanks for your generous stewardship!



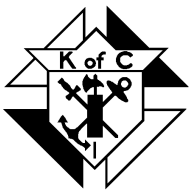
**St. Joseph Youth
Ministry**

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:

- July 21-23 - Steubenville Retreat for students who have registered
- July 30 - Return from Steubenville meeting
- 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



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.



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 – 12Noon
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.

Catechists are needed for 5th and 6th Grades on Tuesdays and Wednesdays for the 2017-2018 school year. Classes meet from 4:00 to 5:15 PM in St. Joseph School and follow the Danbury Public School calendar. Aides and substitutes are also needed. For more information on this important ministry, please email our Director of Religious Education, Mrs. Lynn Smierciak at iasmierciak@gmail.com or call 203-778-1920.



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.

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.

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.

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. For more information, please call Antonia at 203-748-3417.

Project Rachel

Project Rachel is free and confidential help for those seeking healing after abortion. Project Rachel is the post-abortion ministry of the Catholic Church seeking to assist those suffering from a past abortion come to healing in Christ.

"Do not give in to discouragement and do not lose hope...the Father of Mercies is ready to give you His forgiveness and His peace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation." -Blessed John Paul II.

Contact **Project Rachel** at (203) 416-1619 or projectrachel@diobpt.org.

Calling all College Freshmen!

Before you head off to college, consider one more stop along the way out your parent's door. Join other freshmen at St. Pius X Parish for *Make It or Break It*, a retreat designed especially for rising freshmen. The retreat will be held on **Saturday, August 5th from 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM**. There is no cost to attend. For more information, visit <http://go2l.ink/retreat>.

Daily Mass Readings:

Monday, July 24: Weekday, [St. Sharbel Makhluf, Priest]

Exodus 14: 5-18
 Responsorial Exodus 15
 Gospel: Matthew 12: 38-42

Tuesday, July 25: Weekday, St. James, Apostle

2 Corinthians 4: 7-15
 Responsorial Psalm 126
 Gospel: Matthew 20: 20-28

Wednesday, July 26: Sts. Joachim & Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Exodus 16: 1-5, 9-15
 Responsorial Psalm 78
 Gospel: Matthew 13: 1-9

Thursday, July 27: Weekday

Exodus 19: 1-2, 9-11
 Responsorial Daniel 3
 Gospel: Matthew 13: 10-17

Friday, July 28: Weekday

Exodus 20: 1-17
 Responsorial Psalm 19
 Gospel: Matthew 13: 18-23

Saturday, July 29: St. Martha

Exodus 24: 3-8
 Responsorial Psalm 50
 Gospel: Matthew 13: 24-30

SIXTEENTH 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: rlagratta@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

Please Pray For The Repose Of The Souls Of:

*Carmelina DiPietro
Susan Weishaar*

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: _____