

SAINT JOSEPH CHURCH

A ROMAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY IN DANBURY

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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, September 30**

- 8:00 AM Richard Leinert—Wife & Family
4:00 PM Guiseppe Ferraro—Wife

Sunday, October 1

- 7:30 AM Jeanne Ferraiuolo-Husband & Daughter
9:00 AM Erna Hass—Pellecchia Family
10:30 AM Gordon & Julie Lynch—M/M Ray Bento
12:00 PM Mary Drury—Patrick & JoAnn Drury
5:00 PM Intentions of Parishioners

Monday, October 2

- 7:00 AM Kevin Chiarito—Family
12:05 PM Dorothy Noack—Family

Tuesday, October 3

- 7:00 AM Blanche Rogers (2nd Ann.) - Husband, John
12:05 PM Thomas Smith—M/M Stan McKenney

Wednesday, October 4

- 7:00 AM Dr. Francis Grandieri—Wife, Mary
12:05 PM Edgar & Willetta White—Family

Thursday, October 5

- 7:00 AM Ralph Burdick—Wife
12:05 PM Suzanne Dunn—MaryRose Dillon

Friday, October 6

- 7:00 AM Int. of Dorothea Cadigan—M/M Sullivan
12:05 PM Peter & Bridget McMahon—Family

Saturday, October 7

- 8:00 AM Tommy Duddy—Mom & Denis
4:00 PM Mr. Andrea Cefaloni—Wife

Sunday, October 8

- 7:30 AM Intentions of Parishioners
9:00 AM Edward & Lillian Coffey—Daughters
10:30 AM Dec. members of Arnone Family—Carmine
12:00 PM Robert Lanphier—Bill & Bridget
5:00 PM Maria Scuglia & Antonio Butera

Council of Catholic Women

The CCW will be hosting a **Communion Breakfast** on Sunday, October 8th after the 9:00 AM Mass in the Parish Hall. All men and women of the Parish are invited. The cost is \$15 per person. A delicious hot breakfast will be served. Our guest speaker will be **Dianne Yamin**, Probate Judge of Danbury. Tickets will be sold at all Masses this weekend, September 30th and October 1st. Please plan to attend!



Arise Together in Christ is our new Parish program of renewal and evangelization that will help us to grow closer to Christ and reach out to others. Small group sessions will begin the first week of October. If you have not yet signed up and would like to, please email Stjosephdanburyarise@gmail.com. If you would like further information, please call Sherry Morris at 203-770-5356.

Dear parishioners and friends of St. Joseph Parish,

This weekend, you are invited to a reception after the 12 Noon Mass. We are honoring Miss Dottie Wagenhoffer who has retired after sixteen years of exemplary service to the Parish as bookkeeper and administrative assistant. Please join me in thanking Dottie for her dedication and loyalty to our Parish community. We stand in a debt of gratitude to Dottie and offer our best wishes for a happy retirement.

This weekend, we also welcome Fr. Raymond M. Sherba to our Parish family. Fr. Sherba will be the part-time Danbury Hospital Chaplain and part-time Parochial Vicar, joining Fr. Franklin and me in the pastoral care of our community.

Fr. Sherba was born in Norwalk and was raised in Fairfield where he was involved in the Scouting Movement, eventually achieving the rank of Eagle Scout. Fr. Sherba has also been certified as an EMT. It must also be included that Mr. Met is quite pleased to report that Father Sherba is a faithful Mets fan!

Fr. Sherba's theological formation took place at St. Mary's Seminary and University, Baltimore, Maryland, which is under the administration of the Society of Priests of Saint Sulpice. Ordained in 1982 by Bishop Walter W. Curtis, Fr. Sherba has served at Holy Family Parish, Fairfield; St. Mark's in Stratford; and he has been our neighbor at St. Gregory the Great Parish for the last 27 years. Please join me in warmly welcoming Fr. Sherba.

Finally, I am writing to acknowledge those who participated in the successful fundraisers which took place over the weekend of September 15th through the 17th. Under the umbrella of the Tag Sale, we also offered "Sell your Old Gold" and the "Oktoberfest Bratwurst Cookout."

Council 29 of the Knights of Columbus offered bratwurst and hot dogs at the Church side entrance during the first two days of the Tag Sale. As many know, I never miss an opportunity for bratwurst and sauerkraut. We thank the Knights who prepared, cooked, and served at this annual event.

We also ran our annual "Sell Your Old Gold" fundraiser through parishioner Bob Doyle. I thank Bob for his generosity and the 20 parishioners and friends who helped generate \$2,800 in donations.

Not least, the Tag Sale itself was a huge success. It represents the combined efforts of dozens of St. Joseph volunteers who worked countless hours setting up, generous donors who contributed interesting items, and visitors who purchased goods in the Sale. Thank you!

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I especially thank our Tag Sale Chairwoman, Mrs. Antonia Stalzer, for the gift of her quiet perseverance, enthusiasm, and leadership. I am grateful, as well, for the steady presence and oversight that Fr. David Franklin provided for the entire three days of the Sale.

The Tag Sale is one of the ways we serve the community-at-large and provide affordable items for members of the greater Danbury area. The Tag Sale also makes a positive contribution to the financial health of the Parish, so the effort represents a "win-win" situation.

The dates for the **Annual Tag Sale in 2018** will be set in the near future for your planning purposes. If you are cleaning out your basement this fall or doing spring cleaning in your attic next year please remember St. Joseph Parish in charitable giving and save items which can be donated for this event.

My heart is filled with gratitude for your generosity. Through the intercession of St. Joseph, our patron, may God continue to bless and prosper our Parish.

Devotedly in Christ,
Rev. Samuel V. Scott
Pastor

We Welcome You!

Saint Joseph Parish warmly welcomes these newly registered families:

*Ms. Laurie Demetrius
Mr. Joseph Laduca
Ms. Yamaira Medina-Ynfante*


Eucharistic

Eucharistic Adoration
Friday, October 6th



Adoration

Saint Joseph Church has Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on the First Friday of every month, starting at 7:30 AM and concluding with Benediction at 11:45 AM in the Church. All are encouraged to attend.

Stop In... AND HAVE A CUP OF COFFEE 

Coffee Hour

There will be a Coffee Hour following the 7:30 AM Mass this **Sunday, October 8th**. Please come join us for some food and fellowship and please bring a friend! All are welcome!

Order of Mass

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Cycle A

ENTRANCE

St. Michael Hymnal # 410 - "All Creatures of Our God and King"

KYRIE

"Lord Have Mercy" - Heritage Mass (Alstott)

GLORIA

"Gloria," Heritage Mass (Alstott)

FIRST READING

Missal pg. 56—Ezekiel 18: 25-28

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Missal pg. 56

SECOND READING

Missal pg. 57—Philippians 2: 1-11

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Missal pg. 57

GOSPEL

Missal pg. 58—Matthew 21: 28-32

HOMILY

OFFERTORY

St. Michael Hymnal # 569- "How Great Thou Art"

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 # 724 - "Prayer of Saint Francis"

CLOSING HYMN

St. Michael Hymnal # 612 - "Let All Things Now Living"

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

The time to inquire is here! If you are interested in becoming a Roman Catholic or have been baptized Catholic but not catechized, baptized in a different faith and are thinking of entering in full communion with the Catholic Church, or received only minimal catechesis and hope to receive the Sacraments, a new year of classes will be beginning on October 1, 2017. Classes are held in the lower Church Hall after the noon Mass on Sundays from 1 to 2 PM (the first class on October 1st will be held in the Carmen Buck Religious Education Building due to a reception in the lower Church Hall). Please consider attending the October 1st class to see if we can assist you on your faith journey. We look forward to meeting you! Please call Maggie at 203-792-1132 with any questions or for more information.



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

September 23-September 24, 2017 \$7,569.00

Many thanks for your generous stewardship!



Wednesday, October 4th – School Mass at 9:15 AM in the School Gym.

Early Dismissal on Friday, October 6th for all grades.

Blessing of the Animals on Saturday, October 7th at 10 AM at the Grotto.

SJS Open House for Prospective Students is Sunday, October 29th from 10 AM to 12 noon.

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

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

News from SJS Eighth Grade:

The Eight Graders of St. Joseph School are all fired up about their final year here! They are looking forward to all of the new experiences that go along with being the leaders of our school. Our younger students look up to them as role models, and our Kindergartners, in particular, will partner with our 8th Graders as their "Buddies." They will attend Mass together, and work on STEM projects and holiday celebrations in order to form special friendships where good examples are being set. The bonds of friendship that our 8th Graders have among themselves will continue to strengthen with opportunities to work on their yearbook, attend school dances, go on their class trips, and participate in school assemblies. This year is all about creating lasting memories! Above all, our 8th Graders are looking forward to receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this year. As we all know, they will be adults in our Faith, and continue to nurture their spiritual life and their personal relationship with God.



Carmen Buck Religious Education Building
203-778-1920

The **October classes** for Sunday Levels I and II students will be held on October 1st, 15th, and 29th. For Tuesday and Wednesday students, please follow the annual calendar provided.

Attention Level II and SJS 8th Grade Parents: A mandatory Sacrament of Confirmation parent meeting will be held on Monday, October 30th at 7:00 PM in the Church.

If you need to register your child(ren), please stop by our office or download the forms from our parish website, www.stjosephchurchdanbury.org. Our office hours are:

Monday - Wednesday 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Friday 9:00 AM - 12:00 noon

We are closed on Thursdays.

A copy of the Baptismal Certificate is needed with registrations for children who are new to our program or for those children not baptized at Saint Joseph Church.

Sunday Mass is expected for all of our students. Please sign the book at the back of the Church following Mass.



St. Joseph Youth Ministry

The St. Joseph High School Youth Group meets Sunday nights from 5 to 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.



St. Joseph Music Ministry

Our Adult Choir (which is still in need of new members) will be singing two arrangements of Southern hymns in the upcoming weeks, *God is Seen*, and *Hark, I Hear the Harps Eternal*.

Both are beautifully set by Alice Parker, the famous American choral arranger and collaborator with the choral icon Robert Shaw. A resident of western Massachusetts, Ms. Parker has published books on melodic styles, choral improvisation and "Good Singing in Church." She has been recognized by Chorus America, the American Guild of Organists, the American Choral Directors Association, The Hymn Society and Choral Arts New England for her lifetime contributions to choral music. She is the recipient of six honorary doctorates and the Smith College Medal.

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

Please Pray For The Repose Of The Soul Of:

Peter LaManna



Respect Life Group News

The month of October is designated as Respect Life Month. The St. Joseph Respect Life Group will hold its monthly meeting on **Sunday, October 1 at 1:00 PM** in the Religious Education Building. At 2:00 PM the Group will gather to participate in the **DANBURY LIFE CHAIN**. The Life Chain is a nationwide silent witness to the sanctity of life and will take place at 44 Main St., Danbury, in front of Planned Parenthood **from 2:30 to 3:30 PM**. This is a peaceful, prayerful vigil which includes praying a rosary for the protection of all human life.

Please join us. For information call Anne at 203-790-6074.

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 October 2, 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.

Respect Life Sunday

Each year, the first Sunday in October is designated: *Respect Life Sunday*, when we are asked to recommit ourselves to promoting the culture of LIFE. It is a good time to ask ourselves whether we are good witnesses to the respect we are called to have for all human life, from conception to natural death. This is challenging because we are members of a society in which there is tremendous pressure to limit our love and ignore the sacredness of human life.

We live in a violent society that sees violence and death by abortion, euthanasia, suicide, and capital punishment as a solution to many of our personal and societal "problems."

On this Respect Life Sunday, we should pray hard for our legislators, for those mothers who feel forced to choose abortion, and for those who provide and promote abortion. But we must also look at ourselves. Do we speak up for the innocent abortion victims? Do we promote pro-life values? Do we vote for pro-life politicians? Do we do anything tangible to protect the unborn?

We can definitely help change our society to become a culture of LIFE, but we must be active, informed, and faithful witnesses.

Daily Mass Readings:

Monday, Oct. 2: The Holy Guardian Angels

Zechariah 8: 1-8
 Responsorial Psalm 102
 Gospel: Matthew 18: 1-5, 10

Tuesday, Oct. 3: Weekday

Zechariah 8: 20-23
 Responsorial Psalm 87
 Gospel: Luke 9: 51-56

Wednesday, Oct. 4: St. Francis of Assisi

Nehemiah 2: 1-8
 Responsorial Psalm 137
 Gospel: Luke 9: 57-62

Thursday, Oct. 5: Weekday, [Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest]

Nehemiah 8: 1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12
 Responsorial Psalm 19
 Gospel: Luke 10: 1-12

Friday, Oct. 6: Weekday, [St. Bruno, Priest; Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin]

Baruch 1: 15-22
 Responsorial Psalm 79
 Gospel: Luke 10: 13-16

Saturday, Oct. 7: Our Lady of the Rosary

Baruch 4: 5-12, 27-29
 Responsorial Psalm 69
 Gospel: Luke 10: 17-24

TWENTY - SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saint Joseph Parish

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Saint Joseph Religious Education

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Saint Joseph School

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Please remember the sick of our Parish: Barbara Baker, Kelli Barrett, Evelyn Buckley, Elizabeth Eisenberger, Tyrone Freitas, Anne Gallagher, Alberta Greeley, Vera Grieve, Penelope Hansen, 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: _____

Young Adult Study Week in the Holy Land

Young Adult interested in studying Scriptures in the Holy Land are welcome to apply for the first-ever Institute Study Week in January 2018. Fall in love with Scripture by immersing yourself in studies with Biblical scholars in Jerusalem; on pilgrimage to Sacred Biblical sites; and share theological reflection with a small faith community. Only 25 spaces are available. Open to Young Adults who currently live or attend school in the Diocese of Bridgeport. For more information visit formationreimagined.org.



Wedding Banns

II.....Graham Stewart Finklea & Erika Theresa O’Leary