

# ***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, September 16**

- 8:00 AM Agnes Brown—Family
- 4:00 PM Bommicino & Picchione Families-M/M Crowell

**Sunday, September 17**

- 7:30 AM Michael J. Smith, Jr.—M/M F. Sullivan
- 9:00 AM Carmela Picchione—M/M D. Macauley
- 10:30 AM Phyllis Ducibella—Husband & Daughter
- 12:00 PM Mary Toth—Schneider Family
- 5:00 PM Intentions of Parishioners

**Monday, September 18**

- 7:00 AM Int. of Elizabeth Eisenberger—Dottie
- 12:05 PM Susan Weishaar—Katherine Corigliano

**Tuesday, September 19**

- 7:00 AM Bruce Eisenberger—Wife
- 12:05 PM Robert Lewis—Wife, Linda

**Wednesday, September 20**

- 7:00 AM Eleanora & Enrico Panza—A. Savino
- 12:05 PM Rose Boggio—Daughter, Donna Scalzo

**Thursday, September 21**

- 7:00 AM Intentions of Joseph Valente
- 12:05 PM Joseph Novella—Chamoures Family

**Friday, September 22**

- 7:00 AM Tommy Duddy—Father Scott
- 12:05 PM William & Ethel White—Family

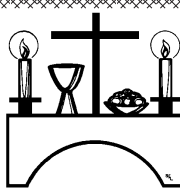
**Saturday, September 23**

- 8:00 AM Honor of St. Padre Pio—J. Pipitone
- 4:00 PM Viola & Pius Cesca—Family

**Sunday, September 24**

- 7:30 AM Francis P. Sullivan—M/M Frank Sullivan
- 9:00 AM Jessica Ireland—M/M Peter Stillson
- 10:30 AM Deceased Parishioners
- 12:00 PM Fr. Clifford Grise—Share Family
- 5:00 PM Intentions of Parishioners

|                    | <u>Mass</u> | <u>Presider</u> |
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| Saturday, Sept. 23 | 4:00 PM     | Fr. Scott       |
| Sunday, Sept. 24   | 7:30 AM     | Fr. Scott       |
|                    | 9:00 AM     | Fr. Scott       |
|                    | 10:30 AM    | Fr. Franklin    |
|                    | 12:00 PM    | Fr. Petrucci    |
|                    | 5:00 PM     | Fr. Franklin    |



**Sanctuary Candles**

The Sanctuary Candles will burn this week for the intentions of our St. Joseph Parish *Arise* committee members.

**Please Pray For The Repose Of The Soul Of:**

*Joan Sweeney O'Connor*

Dear parishioners and friends of St. Joseph Parish,

Several years ago, I sang in the Summer Choral Festival of Westminster Choir College. The experience was a deeply meaningful and moving one.

I write, today, to invite you to join one of the St. Joseph Choirs now that rehearsals have resumed after the summer recess. We are blessed to have a choral program here for adults who appreciate sacred music from the vast treasury of the Catholic Church. I am grateful for the leadership of Mr. David Baranowski who directs the Adult Choir and oversees our entire music program as Director of Music.

We also have a choral program for children as well. Our Children's Choir sings at the 9:00 AM Mass and on other special occasions as well. It is under the enthusiastic direction of Mrs. Jennifer Doherty.

In addition, there is a special choir for the 5:00 PM Sunday Mass which is open to those who can arrive several minutes before that Mass.

Our music ministry is an integral part of our Parish liturgies. We rely on volunteers for our Choirs; volunteers who serve the Parish community for the glory of God alone. We believe that a person's musical talents can be cultivated. We use the gifts God has given us and with practice a volunteer choir can sound professional and sing authentic sacred music. Please allow Mr. Baranowski or Mrs. Doherty the opportunity to help you develop your unique musical gifts by joining one of our Choirs.

I hope and pray that the St. Joseph Choirs will continue to grow and flourish so that many more parishioners will experience the prayerfulness and joy of choral singing and the overall benefits for one's human formation.

The intrinsic benefits of music making have been well documented, for example, the groundbreaking research done by Dr. Alfred A. Tomatis in his 1991 book, *Pourquoi Mozart? (Why Mozart?)*. In addition, a discussion of music is included in the classic work, *Flow*, by Dr. Mihaly Csikszentmihaly. Music is described there as an activity which promotes flow, a mental state of single-minded immersion which leads to harnessing the emotions in a way that is positive, energizing, and life-giving.

In this short space, I cannot say more, but here are some significant benefits to consider as I invited you prayerfully to consider joining one of our Parish choirs. One, music is physical. In choir rehearsals and performances, musicians use, train, coordinate and condition specific muscles.

Two, music is intellectual. Through studying music theory, a person learns to think logically and arrive at new conclusions by building on what one has already learned.

Three, music is emotional. Music is an expression of human feeling and experience. We are able to share the experiences of other composers

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and artists and express creatively our own feelings through music.

Four, music is spiritual. For centuries men and women have given glory to God in song. The religious dimension of music continues to be at the pinnacle of the human experience because music helps one grow in sanctity. The path to holiness comes in singing God's praises. As we prepare for the fall liturgical calendar, I hope that you will be open to the call to serve at Mass in the Choir and share your talents, enthusiasm, and joy with the parish community gathered around the Altar of Jesus Christ, the Great High Priest.

Devotedly in Christ,  
*Rev. Samuel V. Scott*  
Pastor

**We Welcome You!**

***Saint Joseph Parish warmly welcomes these newly registered families:***

*Mr. Eueal Dagne*  
*Ms. Mary Steinitz*



*Wedding Banns*

*III.....Robert Jorgensen & Nicole Visovsky*

**Bethany Mass:** Next Sunday, September 24th, at the 10:30 AM Mass, we will remember our deceased parishioners. 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.

**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. 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.

**St. Joseph Council of Catholic Women:** The CCW will hold their meeting on Monday, **September 18th at 1:00 PM** in the Carmen Buck Religious Education Building. All women of the Parish are invited to attend. We look forward to seeing you there!

**Order of Mass**

**Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Cycle A**

**ENTRANCE**

*St. Michael Hymnal # 716 - "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"*

**KYRIE**

"Lord Have Mercy" - Heritage Mass (Alstott)

**GLORIA**

"Gloria," Heritage Mass (Alstott)

**FIRST READING**

*Missal pg. 51—Sirach 27: 30-28: 7*

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

*Missal pg. 52*

**SECOND READING**

*Missal pg. 53—Romans 14: 7-9*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*Missal pg. 53*

**GOSPEL**

*Missal pg. 53—Matthew 18: 21-35*

**HOMILY**

**OFFERTORY**

*St. Michael Hymnal # 784- "The King of Love"*

**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 # 832 - "Where Charity and Love Prevail"*

**CLOSING HYMN**

*St. Michael Hymnal # 543 - "God's Blessing Sends Us Forth"*

**Spiritual Adoption Program**

*Month Eight: "I like to listen to Mommy's voice!"*

Baby is now 18 inches long! In the last two months the baby continues to gain weight. She is developing a layer of fat that will keep her warm after she is born. In the 9th month she will shift to a head-down position, preparing for birth. Her lungs are now fully developed and capable of making the transition to breathing air. After birth she will continue the human growth process for many years to come.

**Coffee Hour:** There will be NO coffee hour after the 7:30 AM Mass in September due to our Tag Sale.

## TWENTY - FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Parish Support

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

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|--------------------------------|------------|
| September 9-September 10, 2017 | \$9,184.50 |
| Catholic University            | \$2,059.00 |
| Online Giving                  | \$7,974.00 |

*Many thanks for your generous stewardship!*

### SCHOOL NEWS

#### Annual Back to School Night Information Sessions

Kindergarten – Grade 5 Parents – Tuesday,  
September 19th, 7:00 PM in the Gym

Pre-Kindergarten Parents – Friday, September 22nd  
– 10:00 AM in the Gym

Please pray for our Faculty and Staff as they celebrate a Retreat Day on Thursday, September 21st.

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

*Visit our website [www.sjsdanbury.org](http://www.sjsdanbury.org) for information on upcoming events.*



Carmen Buck Religious  
Education Building  
203-778-1920

**Welcome back!** We are in the process of forming classes for the 2017-2018 Religious Education school year for students in Grades 1- 8. Sunday Levels I and II classes will begin on September 17th. Wednesday Levels I and II plus Tuesday and Wednesday Grades 1-6 classes will begin on September 26th and 27th. Letters with class assignments and the annual calendar will be mailed home in mid-September. If you need to register your child(ren), please stop by our office or download the forms from our parish website, [www.stjosephchurchdanbury.org](http://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.

#### Preparation for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion, and Confirmation

- First Reconciliation/First Holy Communion and Confirmation preparation are **two (2) year programs**.
- A student must be enrolled for 2 consecutive years to be eligible to receive a Sacrament.
- First Reconciliation/First Holy Communion preparation program is typically for First and Second Graders. Confirmation preparation is usually for Seventh and Eighth Graders.

#### 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 and it will be catered by the Waterfall Restaurant. Our guest speaker will be **Dianne Yamin**, Probate Judge of Danbury. Tickets will be sold at all Masses on September 23rd, 24th, 30th, and 29th, and October 1st. Please plan to attend!



#### MUSIC NOTES

#### St. Joseph Music Ministry

The cool September air seems to draw us back to our studies every year, and as the kids go off to school, our music ministries get back into practice as well. Our Adult Choir starts rehearsing this Wednesday in the Parish Center at 7:45 PM, and we need new volunteers. All voice parts are welcome, and although experienced singers are appreciated, novices are never turned away! Our Choir has two wonderful concerts planned this year with guests and orchestra, so if you would like to be a part of a challenging and meaningful ministry- come and join us!

If you have interest or ability in music, please get involved in one of our ministries. We are all busy these days, but studying Sacred music in a group is a great way to unwind and focus on something that we can offer to God at Mass each and every week. Please contact Music Director David Baranowski at [baranowski73@yahoo.com](mailto:baranowski73@yahoo.com) if you are interested or have questions.



#### 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](mailto:SaintJosephYG@gmail.com). *Students in 8th grade going into 9th grade are now welcome to attend youth group meetings and events.*

**Family and Youth Concert**

Saint Anthony Maronite Catholic Church in Danbury, CT invites you to a Youth Mass and a Family and Youth Concert featuring the Full Armor Band on **Saturday, September 23, 2017. Youth Mass at 5:00 PM and the Concert at 7:30 PM.** Admission is free. Donations are greatly appreciated. For more information please call 203-744-3372 or visit [www.stanthonydanbury.com](http://www.stanthonydanbury.com). The Full Armor Band formed over 11 years ago and they remain passionate about making their ministry a priority. Their greatest joy is seeing God changing the lives of the young people with whom they get to share in ministry. Visit their website at [www.fullarmorband.com](http://www.fullarmorband.com).

**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](http://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.

**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, 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 and to apply, visit [formationreimagined.org](http://formationreimagined.org). Partial scholarships available.

**Catholic Young Adults of Greater Danbury (18-35)**

will gather on September 22nd, Friday, 8-10 PM, at St Ann's Church in Danbury. Join other young adults for fellowship, to watch the stars, and to enjoy some S'mores over a fire pit!

**Online Giving:** To sign-up for online giving, go to [www.stjosephchurchdanbury.org](http://www.stjosephchurchdanbury.org) and click on the **Online Giving** logo and create an account.

**Daily Mass Readings:**

**Monday, Sept. 18: Weekday**

1 Timothy 2: 1-8  
 Responsorial Psalm 28  
 Gospel: Luke 7: 1-10

**Tuesday, Sept. 19: Weekday, [St. Janarius, Bishop & Martyr]**

1 Timothy 3: 1-13  
 Responsorial Psalm 101  
 Gospel: Luke 7: 11-17

**Wednesday, Sept. 20: Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest, & Paul Chong Ha-sang, & Companions, Martyrs**

1 Timothy 3: 14-16  
 Responsorial Psalm 111  
 Gospel: Luke 7: 31-35

**Thursday, Sept. 21: St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist**

Ephesians 4: 1-7, 11-13  
 Responsorial Psalm 19  
 Gospel: Matthew 9: 9-13

**Friday, Sept. 22: Weekday**

1 Timothy 6: 2c-12  
 Responsorial Psalm 49  
 Gospel: Luke 8: 1-3

**Saturday, Sept. 23: St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest**

1 Timothy 6: 13-16  
 Responsorial Psalm 100  
 Gospel: Luke 8: 4-15

TWENTY - FOURTH 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

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

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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

**Special Event for Married Couples**

Whether you’re newlyweds or have celebrated decades together, all couples are invited! Join us on Friday, September 29th in the Queen of Saints Hall at the Catholic Center (238 Jewett Avenue, Bridgeport) for “Fall in Love Again and Again,” an evening for married couples. The evening begins at 6:15 PM with heavy hors d’oeuvres and wine and cheese. At 7 PM musician, author and national speaker Chris Padgett will present five tips for Christ centered marriages. Following Chris’s presentation we will have dessert and a concert by internationally renowned Catholic artist John Angotti. Cost is \$30 per couple. You may register online at [formationre-imagined.org](http://formationre-imagined.org).

**Saint Joseph School**

Mrs. Lisa M. Lanni, Principal

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Home School Association: Mr. Ed Scirbona,  
203-748-6615

Advisory Board President: Mr. John Pitrelli  
203-748-6615



**PRAY FOR . . .**

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):  
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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: \_\_\_\_\_