

# ***SAINT JOSEPH CHURCH***

*A ROMAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY IN DANBURY*

**EIGHT ROBINSON AVENUE**

**DANBURY, CONNECTICUT 06810-5517**

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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 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

**Monday, September 25**

7:00 AM Molly Wright—Julian & Jay Albano  
12:05 PM Joseph DelMonte—Daughter

**Tuesday, September 26**

7:00 AM George McGlynn—Friends  
12:05 PM Beverly Nestor—Laura Ambrose

**Wednesday, September 27**

7:00 AM Ernest P. Leclercq, Jr.—Family  
12:05 PM Dr. Henry Blansfield—Vaughn Family

**Thursday, September 28**

7:00 AM Dr. Francis J. Grandieri—Wife, Mary  
12:05 PM Thomas A. Smith

**Friday, September 29**

7:00 AM Ralph Burdick—Wife  
12:05 PM Mary Umbro—Son

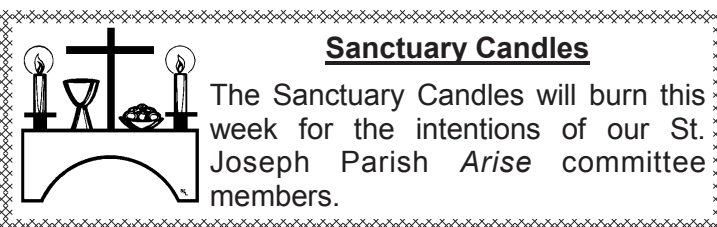
**Saturday, September 30**

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

|                    | <u>Mass</u> | <u>Presider</u> |
|--------------------|-------------|-----------------|
| Saturday, Sept. 30 | 4:00 PM     | Fr. Franklin    |
| Sunday, Oct. 1     | 7:30 AM     | Fr. Franklin    |
|                    | 9:00 AM     | Fr. Franklin    |
|                    | 10:30 AM    | Fr. Scott       |
|                    | 12:00 PM    | Fr. Petrucci    |
|                    | 5:00 PM     | Fr. Scott       |



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

*Nancy Renna*

Dear parishioners and friends of St. Joseph Parish,

On Sunday, September 17th, Father Scott commissioned and blessed our Religious Education catechists and aides at the 9:00 AM Mass. The theme for Catechetical Sunday this year is "*Living as Missionary Disciples.*" We are blessed to have such a devoted team who are willing to impart their knowledge and love of the Catholic Faith to the children of our Parish family. We are grateful to Mrs. Claire Anderson, our Religious Education secretary, for the dedication and talent that she brings to our program. Please pray throughout the year for all of those called to serve in this important Parish ministry.

***Religious Education Team for 2017-2018:*****Tuesday Catechists:**

First Grade: Mrs. Maria Merino-Schweitzer  
Mrs. Debra Webb-Maloney  
Second Grade: Mrs. Ania Szurawski  
Third Grade: Mrs. Bridgid Schaffer  
Fourth Grade: Mrs. Kathleen Donellan-Chenard  
Fifth Grade: Mrs. Joyce Pasquarella  
Sixth Grade: Mr. Brian Walsh

**Wednesday Catechists:**

First Grade: Miss Kendra Dascano  
Miss Alycia Sweeny  
Second Grade: Mrs. Kathleen Johnson  
Third Grade: Mrs. Becky Wallin  
Fourth Grade: Mrs. Nancy Keilty  
Fifth Grade: Mrs. Georgiana Rescigno  
Mrs. Stacy Smith-Brown  
Sixth Grade: Mr. Art Regan

**Level I Catechists:**

Sunday: Mrs. Cheryl Fusco  
Sunday: Mrs. Ann McCarthy  
Wednesday: Mr. Maura Gibson

**Level II Catechists:**

Sunday: Mr. Ric DiPierro  
Wednesday: Mr. Jake and Mrs. Jeanette Jakobson

**Aides, Substitutes, and Monitors:**

Mrs. Laura Vernile-Pellitteri, Mrs. Susan DeMato, Mrs. Terri Stramiello, Mr. Michael Suozzo, Mrs. Tracy Ciccone, Miss Shawna O'Leary, Mrs. Caroline Civitano,, Mrs. Lisette Alonso, Mrs. Cara DeFonce, Mrs. Rita Treglia, and Mrs. Renee Butera.

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**Prayer for Catechists**

O God, our Heavenly Father, you have given us the gift of these catechists to be heralds of the Gospel to our parish family. We lift them up to you in thanksgiving and intercede for them concerning their hopes and needs.

May we be attentive to the presence of your Word in them, a Word that lifts up and affirms, calls forth and challenges, is compassionate and consoles.

We pray that our Parish family will always be blessed with those who have responded to the call to share in Christ's prophetic mission as catechists. May we too be open to the universal call to service that Christ addresses to all of his disciples, contributing our gifts to the communion of faith, the Church.

We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

*Lynn Smierciak*  
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**Save the Date:** St. Joseph Church in Danbury will sponsor a Scriptural Rosary in honor of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, celebrating the 100th Anniversary closure of the Fatima Messages. This special Rosary will be held on Friday, October 13th at 7:00 PM at St. Joseph Church. All area parishes are encouraged to join in unity and thanksgiving to Our Lord and to Our Mother, expressing our Catholic "oneness."

**Bethany Mass:** This Sunday, September 24th, at the 10:30 AM Mass, we will remember our deceased parishioners: Carmelina DiPietro, Thomas Smith, Dr. Henry Blansfield, Joseph Novella, Benito Sapienza, and John Otto. 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.

**Order of Mass**

**Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Cycle A**

**ENTRANCE**

*St. Michael Hymnal # 601 - "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"*

**KYRIE**

"Lord Have Mercy" - Heritage Mass (Alstott)

**GLORIA**

"Gloria," Heritage Mass (Alstott)

**FIRST READING**

*Missal pg. 54—Isaiah 55: 6-9*

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

*Missal pg. 54*

**SECOND READING**

*Missal pg. 55—Philippians 1: 20c-24, 27a*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*Missal pg. 55*

**GOSPEL**

*Missal pg. 55—Matthew 20: 1-16a*

**HOMILY**

**OFFERTORY**

*Singing Our Faith # 224- "Blest Are They"*

**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**

*Singing Our Faith # 270 - "Seek Ye First"*

**CLOSING HYMN**

*St. Michael Hymnal # 661 - "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"*

**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.

**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.

TWENTY - FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Stewardship of Time, Talent, and Treasure  
Offertory Collections

|                                 |             |
|---------------------------------|-------------|
| September 16-September 17, 2017 | \$10,018.00 |
| Hurricane Relief                | \$5,082.00  |
| Tag Sale                        | \$10,083.15 |

*Many thanks for your generous stewardship!*



**An Invitation to All Seventh and Eighth Grade Parents:** Representatives from *Immaculate High School* will be at St. Joseph School on Tuesday, September 26th at 7 PM to provide information on the Admission process and their upcoming Open House. Please join us in the gym.

**Special thanks** to Mr. & Mrs. Liam O'Keefe who coordinated the "Back to School Barbecue." It was a huge success enjoyed by all who attended.

**The students** of St. Joseph School collected and donated \$1000 to the victims of Hurricane Harvey by having a dress down day. We are very proud of their generosity.

**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](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. 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.



**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 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](mailto:SaintJosephYG@gmail.com).

**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 on September 23rd, 24th, 30th, and 29th, and October 1st. Please plan to attend!



*Wedding Banns*

*I.....Graham Stewart Finklea & Erika Theresa O'Leary*



**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](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.



**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 the Arise Parish Team at [Stjosephdanburyarise@gmail.com](mailto:Stjosephdanburyarise@gmail.com). If you would like further information, please call Sherry Morris at 203-770-5356.

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

**Daily Mass Readings:**

**Monday, Sept. 25: Weekday**

Ezra 1: 1-6  
 Responsorial Psalm 126  
 Gospel: Luke 8: 16-18

**Tuesday, Sept. 26: Weekday, [Sts. Cosmas & Damian, Martyrs]**

Ezra 6: 7-8, 12b, 14-20  
 Responsorial Psalm 122  
 Gospel: Luke 8: 19-21

**Wednesday, Sept. 27: St. Vincent de Paul, Priest**

Ezra 9: 5-9  
 Responsorial Tobit 13  
 Gospel: Luke 9: 1-6

**Thursday, Sept. 28: Weekday, [St. Wenceslaus, Martyr; St. Lawrence Ruiz & Companions, Martyrs]**

Haggai 1: 1-8  
 Responsorial Psalm 149  
 Gospel: Luke 9: 7-9

**Friday, Sept. 29: Sts. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels**

Daniel 7: 9-10  
 Responsorial Psalm 138  
 Gospel: John 1: 47-51

**Saturday, Sept. 30: St. Jerome, Priest & Doctor of the Church**

Zechariah 2: 5-9, 14-15a  
 Responsorial Jeremiah 31  
 Gospel: Luke 9: 43b-45

TWENTY - FIFTH 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

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

**42nd Annual Catholic Charismatic  
Renewal Retreat**

The Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center in West Hartford will be sponsoring a Renewal Retreat from October 27th through the 29th. The presenter will be Father Anthony Gramlich, M.I.C. Father Anthony is a member of *The Marians of the Immaculate Conception* and was ordained in 2002. He is currently the Rector at the National Shrine of the Divine Mercy. He conducts parish missions, retreats, and healing Masses throughout the country. In addition, he is the chaplain for Rachel’s Vineyard Ministries. Come and renew your relationship with Jesus! For more information or to register, please email catholiccharismaticrenewal6@gamil.com or call Lorraine at 413-547-0118.

**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: \_\_\_\_\_