Offering every person in our community a life-changing encounter with Jesus



A Roman Catholic Community in Shelton

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Pastor Rev. Michael Dogali

Weekend Assistants Rev. Msgr. Matthew Bernelli Rev. Raymond Petrucci

Permanent Deacons Guillermo Bernal

Bradford Smythe

Religious Education Dept.

Mr. Joshua St. Onge, Director Tel.: 203-924-9677 Email: RelEd@sjcshelton.org Classes for all ages are held weekly during the academic year. Contact the Religious Education Dept. for more information.

Lay Members of the Parish Corp. Mr. Joseph Kudravy Ms. Mary Jane Paris

Finance Council Chairperson Mr. John Lawrence

Parish Membership

Through baptism we become God's sons and daughters, and brothers and sister of each other in Christ. We ask that every family in the Parish be registered. Registration forms may be acquired at the Parish Office. This registration is our only means of certifying anyone as a member of our Parish Family.

Parish Office Hours

Monday through Friday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

www.SJCshelton.org

www.Instagram.com/sjcshelton

www.Twitter.com/sjcshelton

St. Joseph Church is wheelchair accessible. Accessible parking is located in the rear parking lot. We thank you for turning off all personal electronic devices before entering the church.

Mission Statement

We, the members of St. Joseph Parish, are an open and inviting Roman Catholic Family of Faith centered in the Eucharist, nourished by God's Word and faithful to the sacramental life of the Church. We strive to imitate Christ in all that we say and do. We are committed to teaching and sharing the Faith, supporting one another in prayer and action, and to reaching out to those in need. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, we seek always to be just, gentle, and forgiving as we walk humbly with our God.

Weekly Mass Schedule

Monday through Friday 7:00 am Saturday Vigil 4:00 pm Sunday 7:30, 9:00 a.m., 10:30 am, 12:00 pm (Spanish)

Holy Day Mass Schedule 5:30 pm Vigil Holy Day 7:00 am, 12:05 pm, 5:30 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturdays 3:00 to 3:45 pm

Devotions

The Rosary is prayed on Thursday evenings 7:00 to 8:00 pm in chapel. Stations of the Cross on Lenten Fridays at 7:00 pm

Anointing of the Sick If you know a parishioner who is seriously ill, please contact the Rectory.

Baptism

Pre-Baptismal class is held once a month on a Sunday at 1:00 pm. Pre-registration is required. Please call the Parish Office for information. Baptisms are celebrated Sundays at 1:00 pm.

Marriage

Registered parishioners should make arrangements at least nine months in advance. There are no Sunday weddings.

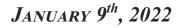
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.)

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The Rite of Initiation of Adults is available year round to anyone who wishes to inquire about our Faith, baptism, or completing their initiation as Roman Catholics with Eucharist and/or Confirmation. Please telephone R.C.I.A. Coordinator Elizabeth Anderson-Zaczkowski at 203-924-9677 for more information.

Catholic Elementary School Holy Trinity Catholic Academy (Grades PreK-8) 503 Shelton Avenue, Shelton 203-929-4422

The Baptism of the Lord





Monday, January 10th

7:00 a.m. For a Special Intention (req. by Mary Jane Paris)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 11th

7:00 a.m. †Daniel Bartolucci (req. by Ruth Fririhio & Stan Gorlo)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12th

7:00 a.m. †Eugenia Tomchik (req. by the Rectory)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 13th

7:00 a.m. †Edith Harger (req. by Mark & Ginny Harger)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 14th

7:00 a.m. †Phyllis Fischetti (req. by the Lozinak Family)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 15th

4:00 p.m. †Henry Wolosiewicz: 13th Anniversary (req. by Liz Wolosiewicz & Children)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 16th

- 7:30 a.m. †Martha Skrovanek (req. by Diane Sentner)
- **9:00 a.m.** †Daniel Bartolucci (req. by the Adriani Family)
- **10:30 a.m.** †Steven Plotkin, Sr. (req. by Patty Van Sickle)
- **12:00 noon** Parishioners of St. Joseph Church Spanish

The next Coffee Café will be Sunday, February 6thafter the 7:30, 9:00 & 10:30 a.m. Masses.

Please join us!

A Message From Dan Horstmann Music Director

Today we celebrate The Baptism of the Lord. I have been praying this week with the text from the Psalm "O bless the Lord, my soul." Reflecting upon the recent Christmas Season and looking ahead to the New Calendar Year 2022, my prayer has been for God to grant all of us good health, lasting peace and loving grace. The phrase that sticks out the most to me in the Gospel is something John The Baptist says: "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."

Article from the Diocese: St. Joseph Church: "A Place of Reverence and Beauty":

"I hope that you are proud of all that you have accomplished here at St. Joseph's, for you are a parish of great generosity, great dedication, and great faith. And you have made your church ever more a beautiful place in which we can be sent out in mission," said Bishop Frank J. Caggiano at the recent Pontifical Mass of Blessing at St. Joseph Church.

In a reflection Fr. Dogali wrote for the parish bulletin following the Mass and dedication, he said: "While every year in the life of parish is special, 2021 was extra special as we celebrated 115 years of Catholic faith with the blessing of our new church pews and renovations. The blessing today by Bishop Caggiano is a reminder of those who have gone before us, leaving a splendid example of faith, prayer and stewardship... As we pass the Catholic faith on to our children, may they see us recommit ourselves to the work of evangelization, love of neighbor and a more fervent celebration of the Holy Eucharist. May St. Joseph, Pastor of the universal church, intercede for us."

For more information, photos, and recording of the Mass please visit our website: <u>www.SJCshelton.org/newpew</u>

Music Ministry Program

Over the past few weeks we have added a number of new members to both the 4:00 p.m. and 9:00 a.m. Choirs! If you like to sing and feel called to share your gift with the Lord and our St. Joseph Community, please contact me to get involved! No musical experience is necessary, only the ability to match pitch.

LIVESTREAM MASS - spread the word that our Saturday 4:00 p.m. Mass and Sunday 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph are live streamed on our Parish Website (www.sjcshelton.org). If you are not able to join the worshiping community in person, please join us virtually and pray in real time. In addition, recordings will be posted to Facebook and YouTube.

Stay Strong and Stay Safe! Please visit the website: <u>www.sjcshelton.org</u> for more information.

God Bless You and Your Families!

Ann Baker Katie Conti Daniel Horstmann Bookkeeper Parish Office Assistant Director of Music

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The Baptism of the Lord

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS



If you have a child entering First Grade in public school in September, it is time to enroll them in Religious Education classes for them to be eligible to receive First Holy Communion at the end of Second grade.

To register or for more information, please call the Religious Education Office (203-924-9677) or visit our website at <u>http://www.sjcshelton.org</u>

We offer K-8th grade Faith Formation. Our students receive 1st Sacraments in 2nd grade and Confirmation in 8th grade. Two years of faith formation are required prior to receiving a Sacrament. If your student is in Public school between the grades K-8th please give us a call at 203-924-9677 or email RelEd@sjcshelton.org

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

If Shelton Schools are **Cancelled** or if they have an **Early Dismissal** due to weather conditions, then the Religious Education classes are cancelled.

If schools have a **Delayed Start**, then Religious Education classes **will be held**.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION DATES TO REMEMBER

January 9: Mass 3rd & 4th grades

February 13: Mass 6th & 7th grades



Thank you, Thank you!

From the students of St. Joseph Religious Education, Mr. Joshua St. Onge and Mrs. Patty Van Sickle

To all the parishioners who took ornaments from our Giving Tree.

We are so grateful for your generosity! We thank God for you and wish you a Blessed New Year!

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Date: January 3, 2022 Re: Use of Masks in Church

In light of the precipitous rise of Covid infections in our county, the Diocese of Bridgeport is **strongly recommending** that people wear masks while attending Mass in the interest of protecting others during the Covid surge.

If anyone feels ill, shows symptoms associated with Covid infection or has serious health issues, they should remain home to protect themselves and their families.

Best wishes for a Blessed, Joyful and Healthy New Year.

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

10 th	Comunidad de Oracion y Evangelizacion Hijos de Maria Santisima (5:30 p.m., Religious Ed. Meeting Rm.).
	R.C.I.A. Meeting (7 p.m., Pastoral Center).
11 th	Eucharistic Adoration (1-7 p.m., Chapel).
12 th	Women's Devotional (7 p.m., Church Hall).
13 th	Carpool to Pray for Life near Planned Parenthood (2 p.m., Church Parking Lot).
	Catechist Workshop (6:30 p.m., Religious. Ed. Meeting Rm.).
	Miraculous Medal Novena (7 p.m., Chapel).
14 th	Women's Bible Study (9:30 a.m., Rel. Ed. Mtg. Rm.).
	Eucharistic Adoration (1 -7 p.m., Chapel).
	Holy Hour for the Dying (1 p.m., Chapel).
	Hispanic Charismatics (6:30 p.m., Upper Rm.)
15 th	Sons of St. Joseph (6:30 a.m., Pastoral Ctr.).

MEETINGS AND EVENTS

13th T.O.P.S. (6 p.m., Pastoral Center Mtg. Rm.).

DATES TO REMEMBER

	Lenten Speaker Series: Dr. Joan Kelly, 7:00 p.m.	
	Lenten Speaker Series: Rev. Brian Konzman, S.J., 7:00 p.m.	
	Lenten Speaker Series: Sister Sally Norcross, C.N.D.,7:00 p.m.	
March 11, 18, 25: Fish Fry		
May 13, 14, 15:	Sell Your Old Gold	



OFFERTORY

Weekend of January	1 st - January	2 nd , 2022
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Sunday Offertory \$4	4,511.00
Online \$3	3,007.00
Capital Improvement \$1	,091.00
Solemnity of Mary Env. \$	800.00
Extra Donations \$6	5,790.00

For those watching our online Masses, please remember to mail in your contributions .



Please remember St. Joseph Parish when preparing your will. A legacy to the church eases your tax burden and helps continue the good works of our Parish.

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

Contribution Statements will be mailed to all parishioners who have contributed \$250 or more to the parish in 2021. Statements will be mailed by January 31, 2022. If you do not receive a statement, please contact the parish office at 203-924-8611 and a copy will be provided for you.

If you made a contribution to the Annual Catholic Appeal, you will receive a statement directly from the Diocese of Bridgeport.



If Shelton Schools are **delayed** or **closed** due to inclement weather, our 7:00 a.m. Mass is automatically cancelled. This is to provide for the safety of everyone. Attempting to drive in such weather or navigate the parking lot before it is plowed or

salted has potential risks and creates certain liabilities for the Parish. If the weather is severe enough to necessitate the cancelling or delay of school, local radio and television stations will note the cancellation or delay and the 7:00 a.m. Mass is also cancelled.

JANUARY 9th, 2022



To help meet current needs in our parish, the Altar Server Ministry extends an invitation to all children to join our ministry, learn its duties and participate in the Mass. This is a great ministry for children and youth to

serve the Lord, grow in their faith, build relationships as well as fellowship with other servers. Community service hours can also be earned.

Requirements: Children must have received their First Holy Communion and have their parent's permission. Please contact the Rectory at 203-924-8611 and leave a message for Mrs. Leslie Allaire.

Devotions

January February March April May June July August September October	The Holy Name and Childhood of Jesus The Holy Family St. Joseph The Blessed Sacrament Mary Sacred Heart of Jesus The Precious Blood Immaculate Heart of Mary Seven Dolours (Sorrows) of Mary The Holy Rosary
September	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
October	The Holy Rosary
November	Poor Souls in Purgatory
December	The Immaculate Conception

SPONSOR CERTIFICATE GUIDELINES

Our parish receives a number of requests for Sponsor Certificates from people who have been asked to be a Godparent at a Baptism or a Sponsor at a Confirmation. This certificate verifies that you are an active Catholic, a member of this parish and eligible for this honor. Being a Godparent or a Sponsor is not just a family or social relationship, as important as these may be. It is a profound spiritual responsibility which entails witness and commitment and there are several requirements:

The Godparent/Sponsor is to be at least sixteen years old.

He/she is to have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Communion, and Confirmation.

If married, the Sponsor/Godparent must have been married according to the laws of the Church.

For the Pastor to issue a Sponsor Certificate:

You are a currently registered member of the parish. You worship here regularly.

You are requesting the Sponsor Certificate yourself; please do not ask a parent, spouse or another person to do this for you.

Please call the Rectory to make an appointment with Leslie Allaire at 203-924-8611.

The Baptism of the Lord



The Red Sanctuary Lamp, signifying the Eucharistic presence of Our Lord Jesus Christ, burns this week in memory of Mario & Catherine Gambacini requested by Nelson & Kathleen Gambacini.

Our Lady's Blue Memorial Lamp burns this week in memory of Robert & Theresa Slosser requested by Richard & Jackie Slosser.

St. Joseph's Green Memorial Lamp burns this week in memory of Francis Becher requested by Michael & Mary Becher.

If you would like to memorialize a Lamp, please send your name and telephone number along with a check for \$25.00 made out to **St. Joseph Church**.

Thank you!



- Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19/ Mk 1:14-20
- **Tuesday:** 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/ Mk 1:21-28
- Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39
- **Thursday:** 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/ Mk 1:40-45
- Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/ Mk 2:1-12
- Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 2:13-17
- Next Sunday: Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

Observances for the week

- **Thursday:** St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- **Sunday:** 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

JANUARY 9th, 2022



Interested in becoming Catholic? Are you an adult who was baptized in another faith tradition but would like to become Catholic? Do you want to receive the sacraments you

missed? Do you have questions about what Catholics believe? Then, RCIA might be just what you are looking for. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a process set up to prepare adults to join or re-join the Catholic Church and receive the sacraments.

The sessions include prayer, teachings on different topics, along with time for questions and answers. There are no textbooks and no test!

Call the R.C.I.A. Coordinator, Elizabeth Anderson-Saczkowski at 203-924-9677 for more information.



The **2022 and 2023** Mass Books are in the Rectory Office. Please see Rose in the Rectory at 203-924-8611 to reserve Masses.

PARISH EVENTS

If you would like to schedule an event at the parish, or you are an officer of an existing club or organization at the parish, and would like your organization's events featured on our online calendar, please go to:

www.sjcshelton.org and click the Online Calendar tab on the left to fill out the Calendar Request form. If there is a conflict, Mrs. Patty Van Sickle will be in contact with you.

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VIRTUS TRAINING

All volunteers serving in the Diocese of Bridgeport that have not yet been trained - are required to attend a VIRTUS training program and clear a background check. These safeguards are required for all volunteers, even those who do not have scheduled contact with children. It is everyone's responsibility to help keep the children and our parish safe.

Included in these requirements are Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, members of the Choir, Religious Education Teachers, and volunteers at all various Parish Events. Everyone plays a role in protecting the children in our parish.

All volunteers need to attend so that together we can all "Protect God's Children." Materials will be provided. Please, if you have not yet attended a VIRTUS course, please sign up by visiting www.Virtusonline.com to pre-register. Select FIRST TIME REGISTRANT, BEGIN REGISTRATION and be sure to select BRIDGEPORT DIOCESE as your organization.

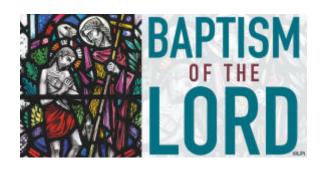
Thank you for your willingness to help us Protect God's Children

CHURCH FLOWER DONATIONS

Did you know you can make an offering for flowers to enhance the celebration of the Eucharist in the name of a loved one or for your special intentions? Contact the Parish Office at 203-924-8611 to arrange for flowers any week during the year, except Advent and Lent.



To all guests and neighbors to St. Joseph Parish. We are grateful you found your way to our parish, whether visiting from afar or for convenience of Mass times. We invite you to consider joining our parish as we reinvigorate into a thriving community.





REASONS TO REGISTER AT ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

- 1. Enables you to obtain sponsor certificates, release letters, or any other documentation needed from the Church.
- 2. Enables you to have your children registered to become eligible for any of the Seven Sacraments.
- **3.** Enables you to have your children registered in our Religious Education program or Holy Trinity Catholic Academy.
- **4.** Gives you a sense of belonging to our Parish Family.
- 5. Helps support the Church. There are several ways to support our Parish. You may use the envelope system for weekly contributions or through our on-line giving system.

Respect Life Ministry

Proclaiming and supporting God's truth that life is a sacred gift from the moment of conception to natural death.

There is help for mothers and fathers troubled by unexpected pregnancy, and those suffering after abortions. **Have you read** the Shelton Respect Life Ministry publication, "**Services and Resources for Pregnant Moms, Dads, and Families**" which is located in the back of the church. For an electronic copy, email <u>Lkosko@ymail.com</u>.

During the month of January, the Respect Life Ministry is taking a collection to support pro-life activities. Please help if you can by placing your donation in the Respect Life envelopes at the back of the church, and write Respect Life in the memo on checks, which should be made out to St. Joseph Church.

Thank you in advance!

We Are Grateful For the Women and Men of Health Care Who Have Been Called To Care

We stand in awe of your grace under pressure, your dedication to serve, and your commitment to the needs of others. We remain in prayerful support of the work you do for the good of all. As we continue to weather this storm together, please take the time to care for yourself as you care for others.

Our God goes before you and will be with you; God will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged. Deuteronomy 31:8



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