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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



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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) No Sunday 9:00 a.m. Mass during July and August

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

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

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.

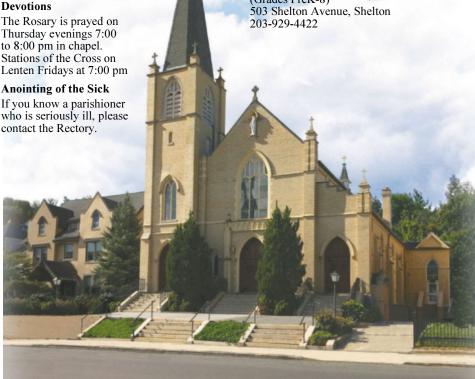
Marriage

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.)

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



FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Monday, January 31st

7:00 a.m. Living Intention for Deborah Lovato

(req. by Anthony Lovato)

Tuesday, February 1st

7:00 a.m. †Adrienne Casalveri

(req. by Lauren Casalveri & Gary Valinsky)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2nd

7:00 a.m. †Paul Baker: 1st Anniversary

(req. by Doris Baker)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3rd

7:00 a.m. In Thanksgiving for St. Anthony

(req. by a Parishioner)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4th

7:00 a.m. †Ludovina Coelho

(req. by Maria Jardim)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5th

4:00 p.m. †John A. Balog

(req. by the Balog & Kennedy Families)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6th

7:30 a.m. †Eugenia Tomchik

(req. by Mary Jane Paris)

9:00 a.m. †Michael & Rose Donnarummo

(req. by the Donnarummo Family)

10:30 a.m. †Victoria Perez

(req. by the Esteves Family)

12:00 noon

Parishioners of St. Joseph Church

Spanish



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

Please join us!

A MESSAGE FROM Fr. RAYMOND PETRUCCI

There are those who are fully vaccinated and those who choose to avoid the vaccines – some for religious reasons. There are parishioners who asked for clarification about the vaccines and the role that aborted fetal cell lines play in their production.

Last March, the United States Council of Catholic Bishops issued a report on this matter. I recommend looking it up on usccb.org. The gist of the statement is as follows: Abortion-derived cell lines have been used in the testing and, in some cases, the production of Covid-19 vaccines. The report states that the Pfizer and the Moderna vaccines used the aborted-derived cell line for testing but NOT the production of their vaccine. Johnson and Johnson, however, used the abortion-derived cell line not only for testing but also for production of their vaccine.

Last April, Johnson and Johnson claimed that there were no fetal cells in their vaccine. No vaccine has any. As of March 2021, the Congregation for Doctrine of the Faith states that if one can choose the Pfizer or the Moderna vaccines, they are morally acceptable (irreproachable). If, however, the Johnson and Johnson Covid-19 vaccine is the only one available, it would be acceptable to use it.

I was surprised to learn about otherwise unrelated products that have employed some abortion-derived cells in their production.

I hope that I have provided some clarity. I do encourage the unvaccinated to feel assured in faith to become vaccinated and to use the proper vaccines.

Blessings always, Father Ray



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FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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 http://www.sjcshelton.org

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

February 13: Mass 6th & 7th Grades

March 13, 20, 27: 1st Eucharist Classes

March 29: 7th Grade Assessment & Parent

Meeting

PARISHIONERS—PLEASE UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION

If your address, email or family information has changed, your parish registration needs to be updated and can be done by contacting the Parish Office at 203-924-8611.

Thank you!

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

31st Comunidad de Oracion y Evangelizacion Hijos de Maria Santisima (5:30 p.m., Religious Ed. Meeting Rm.).

1st Eucharistic Adoration (1-7 p.m., Chapel). Hispanic Charismatics (7 p.m., Upper Rm.).

3rd Miraculous Medal Novena (7 p.m., Chapel). Carpool to Pray for Life near Planned Parenthood (2 p.m., Church Parking Lot).

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.).

5th Sons of St. Joseph (6:30 a.m., Pastoral Ctr.).

<u>MEETINGS AND EVENTS</u>

3rd T.O.P.S. (6 p.m., Pastoral Center Mtg. Rm.).

4th Men's Club Mtg. (6 p.m., Upper Rm.).

DATES TO REMEMBER

March 2: Ash Wednesday

March 5-6: Lenten Food Drive

March 8: Lenten Speaker Series:

Dr. Joan Kelly, 7:00 p.m.

March 15: Lenten Speaker Series:

Rev. Brian Konzman, S.J., 7:00 pm

March 22: Lenten Speaker Series:

Sr. Sally Norcross, C.N.D.,7:00 pm

March 11, 18, 25: Fish Fry

March 31: Confirmation
April 10: Palm Sunday
April 17: Easter Sunday
April 30: 1st Communion
May 1: May Crowning
May 13, 14, 15: Sell Your Old Gold

May 26: Ascension of the Lord (A Holy

Day of Obligation)

June 5: Pentecost

June 19: Corpus Christi





OFFERTORY

Weekend of January 22nd - January 23rd, 2022

Sunday Offertory \$ 5,135.00
Online \$ 3,927.00
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Extra Donations \$ 2,478.00

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.

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.



Applications for the 2022-2023 Academic Year are now being accepted.

You must first call our Admissions Office to check on grade availability and how to apply.

Please call 203-929-4422. Come and be a part of the HTCA Family!



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.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



The Red Sanctuary Lamp, signifying the Eucharistic presence of Our Lord Jesus Christ, burns this week in memory of Phyllis Fischetti requested by the Meresko & Fischetti Families.

Our Lady's Blue Memorial Lamp burns this week in memory of Edwin Ibanez requested by Dede Makinano.

St. Joseph's Green Memorial Lamp burns this week in memory of Vera Gaetano requested by Paul & Elaine Gaetano.

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!

Readings Week

Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Ps 3:2-3, 4-

5, 6-7/Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3/

Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday: Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Heb 2:14-

18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10, 11ab,

11d-12a, 12bcd/Mk 6:7-13

Friday: Sir 47:2-11/Ps 18:31, 47 and 50, 51/Mk

6:14-29

Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13,

14/Mk 6:30-34

Next Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8

[1c]/1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/

Lk 5:1-11

Observances for the week

Monday: St. John Bosco, Priest

Wednesday: The Presentation of the Lord; World

Day for Consecrated Life

Thursday: St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr; St.

Ansgar, Bishop

Saturday: St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr

Next Sunday: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Paul

Miki and Companions, Martyrs

RCA

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

Do you have a new email address or a new phone number? Have you moved to a new apartment or house? Make sure you update your contact information so you can receive information, news and upcoming events at our parish.

Call the office at 203-924-8611 so that we may update our records. Thank you!



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 online 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 Lkosko@ymail.com. 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, and make the check out to St. Joseph Church. Thank you in advance!

You are invited to peacefully pray for life with us near Planned Parenthood Thursday, leaving the St. Joseph Parking lot at 2:00 p.m. and returning by 4:00 p.m.

SAVE THE DATE! Wednesday, March 23, 2022, is the Connecticut March for Life! A bus will travel from Shelton to the March. For more information on activities, or to RSVP, please call Linda at (203) 913-4661 or email at Lkosko@ymail.com.

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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.

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Deuteronomy 31:8

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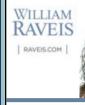
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