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.
Dear parishioners and friends of St. Joseph Parish,

I begin with a word of welcome to our visitors who are reading this on-line or joining us in person as we celebrate Easter Sunday. The message of Easter is seen so beautifully in the Missal of Saint Gall in the Abbey Library of Saint Gall in Switzerland. This Library is recognized as one of the richest medieval libraries in the world. It is home to one of the most comprehensive collections of early medieval books in the German-speaking part of Europe. The Missal of Saint Gall includes this beautiful message about Easter:

Here comes the day which the Lord hath made: It destroys death. All creatures keep a feast of joy at the resurrection of Jesus.

Flowers spring up, meadows are again clothed in their rich verdure, and birds, now that gloomy winter is past, carol in sweet jubilation.

The sun and moon, which mourned at Jesus' death, are brighter now than ever. The earth, that shook at his death and seemed ready to fall to ruin, now puts on her richest green to greet her risen God.

Let us, therefore, be glad on this day whereon our Jesus, by his resurrection, opened to us the way of life.

Let stars and earth and sea rejoice: Let all the choirs of the blessed in heaven give praise to the Trinity. Amen.

It is, indeed, a joy to echo the words of this Missal and proclaim, “Christ is risen!” May we announce the Good News of Christ’s resurrection to every family of our wonderful Parish and our extended family throughout greater Danbury. In fact, may the Good News enter every human heart, for it is there that God wants to sow this message: Jesus is risen, and there is hope for you. We are no longer held back by the power of sin or ignorance. Love has triumphed; mercy has been victorious!

Christ died and rose once for all, but the power of the Resurrection, this Passover from slavery to evil to the freedom of goodness, must be accomplished in every age and in our everyday lives. Like the Hebrew slaves freed from Pharaoh’s yoke, we must cross the desert within, when we feel no love for God or neighbor, and when we fail to realize that we are guardians of all that the Creator has given us and continues to give us. God’s mercy produces abundant life, and it can make even the driest land become a garden of delight and rich bountifulness.

Devotedly in Christ,
Rev. Samuel V. Scott
Pastor
Bethany Mass
Next Sunday, April 28th, at the 10:30 AM and 5:00 PM Masses 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.

St. Joseph Church Men's Group
The Men's Group at St. Joseph Parish provides an opportunity (aided by a study guide) to ponder, freely discuss in small groups, and learn from the Sunday Scriptures. This deeper spiritual formation influences the participants' daily lives, improves their personal well-being, and heightens their appreciation of the homily, the liturgy, and the teachings of the Catholic Church. Meetings will be held on Saturdays from 7 to 8 AM in the Carmen Buck Religious Education Building. All men are welcome. For information, call Mark at (203) 947-4012 or email him at indeedchristian@yahoo.com.

Order of Mass for the Lord's Day
Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord
Cycle C

ENTRANCE
St. Michael Hymnal # 589 - “Jesus Christ is Risen Today”

KYRIE
“Lord Have Mercy” - Heritage Mass (Alstott)

GLORIA
“Gloria,” Heritage Mass (Alstott)

FIRST READING
Missal pg. 79 – Acts of the Apostles 10: 34a, 37-43

RESPONSORIAL PSALM
Missal pg. 80

SECOND READING
Missal pg. 80 - Colossians 3: 1-4

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION
Missal pg. 82

GOSPEL
Missal pg. 82 - John 20: 1-9

HOMILY
OFFERTORY
St. Michael Hymnal # 437 - “At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing”

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 # 426 - “Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”

CLOSING HYMN
St. Michael Hymnal # 787 - “The Strife is O'er”

Camp Veritas
Camp Veritas is a one-week play—and—pray sleep away summer camp for teens going into 7th to 12th grades. It will be held at three USA locations in 2019; July 21-27 at Mount Saint Mary College in Newburgh, NY; July 28-Aug. 2 at Lake Placid Camp, Lake Placid, FL; and July 28-August 3 at Summit Lake Camp in Emmitsburg, MD. Enrollment Price for each week is $450 per camper. There is no additional charge for dance and basketball program options (at Mount Saint Mary College only). Volunteers (must be over 18 years old) are needed and free! For more information please visit www.campveritas.com.

Today we celebrate the Easter Sunday. Here are some thoughts for families from Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families 2013-2014 by Margaret M. Brennan (Archdiocese of Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications)

. . . . . . ON THE WAY TO MASS
The mood should be different today. For six weeks, we have not said or sung the Alleluia, so break forth with a familiar verse.

ON THE WAY HOME FROM MASS . . . . .
Talk about how Easter is expressed in the liturgy and the church: what did you see, hear, smell, and feel that expressed the joy of the Resurrection?
EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Parish Support

Stewardship of Time, Talent, and Treasure
Worship Offerings

April 13 - April 14, 2019 $8,948.00
Maintenance Fund $2,656.00

Many thanks for your generous stewardship!

St. Joseph Youth Ministry

St. Joseph Church High School Youth Group meets Sundays from 5PM to 8PM and is open to all teens of our parish in grades 9 through 12. Each week begins with attending the 5 PM Youth Mass on Sundays. Youth take part in the Mass serving as Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, as well as ushers. After Mass, we meet in the Youth Room for food, fellowship activities, faith lessons, and service projects from 6 to 8 PM. We are a Life Teen Youth Group and our mission is to provide every teen with a unique and personal opportunity to grow closer to Christ in a new way every single day by providing them with a safe and engaging environment. Please join us for our upcoming events. For any questions, or more information, please reach out to Tyler Moore, Youth Minister, at (203) 826-4038 or at tyler@stjosephyg.com.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Jesus is the Resurrection and the Light for our Church and within our Marriages. Gift your relationship with a bright light by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Apr 26-28, and July 12-14 in Manchester, Connecticut. For more information, call Pat & Mary Jo McLaughlin at 860-315-2127 or visit them at https://wwmectw.org/.

Longest Married Couple Project

For the past eight years, Worldwide Marriage Encounter has been hosting a Longest Married Couple Project which has recognized couples from each state and a national winner. Winners are selected solely from nominations. Nominations for the 9th Annual LMC Project will be accepted until May 15, 2019, and are open to all married husband and wife couples regardless of religious affiliation. Send the couple’s name, wedding date, current residence, and a contact phone or email to one of the following: Bryan & Karen Berland at 405-850-4274, or 530 S. Academy Guthrie, OK 73044, or bkberland@gmail.com, or at wwme.org. Awards for national and state winners will be presented in June, which is National Marriage Month.

We wish all families a blessed and joyous Easter!

Spring Schedule for Religious Education:
April 23rd & 24th - Classes for Grades 1-6
April 27th - Sacrament of First Reconciliation at 10:00 AM (Church)
April 30th & May 1st - May Crowning and last classes for Grades 1-6
May 6th & 7th - Rehearsals for First Holy Communion 5:00-6:30 p.m. (Church Hall)
May 11th - Sacrament of First Holy Communion at 10:00 AM (Church)

Our Office is located in the Carmen Buck Religious Education Building. Our hours are Monday - Wednesday from 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM and Friday from 9:00 AM - 12:00 Noon. We are closed on Thursday.

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

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St. Joseph School News
To keep up with the latest School news, like us on Facebook.
Visit our website www.sjsdanbury.org for information on upcoming events.
Knights of Columbus

Knights of Columbus McGivney Council #29 is the K of C chapter for much of Danbury; St. Joseph is its home Parish. Men (18+) are welcome to join. For information, please pick up the flyer in the pamphlet holder in the back of the church, or visit the Knights' at KoC29.org and facebook.com/kofc29.

On Friday, May 3, 2019, the Knights of Columbus McGivney Council #29 will be presenting Thomas Vincent Foley scholarships at a breakfast in The Amber Room Colonnade, 1 Stacy Road, Danbury starting promptly at 7:30 AM and ending at 8:45 AM.

One thousand dollar scholarships are awarded to Eighth graders from each of Danbury’s three Catholic schools and to a public school Eighth grader attending Religious Education classes at one of Danbury’s nine Catholic churches, to attend a Catholic High School.

There is no charge for the breakfast but donations are accepted. Reservation are requested by Friday, April 26th and can be made by voicemail: (203)744-9562 or email: KofC29@gmail.org. More information is available at www.koc29.org.

Background of the Divine Mercy Devotion

From the diary of a young Polish nun, a special devotion began spreading throughout the world in the 1930s. The message is nothing new, but is a reminder of what the Church has always taught through Scripture and Tradition: that God is merciful and forgiving and that we, too, must show mercy and forgiveness. But in The Divine Mercy devotion, the message takes on a powerful new focus, calling people to a deeper understanding that God’s love is unlimited and available to everyone — especially the greatest sinners.

The message and devotion to Jesus as The Divine Mercy is based on the writings of Saint Faustina Kowalska, an uneducated Polish nun who, in obedience to her spiritual director, wrote a diary of about 600 pages recording the revelations she received about God’s Mercy. Even before her death in 1938, the devotion to The Divine Mercy had begun to spread.

The message of Mercy is that God loves us — all of us no matter how great our sins. He wants us to recognize that His Mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His Mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share His joy. It is a message we can call to mind simply by remembering ABC.

A — Ask for His Mercy. God wants us to approach Him in prayer constantly, repenting of our sins and asking Him to pour His Mercy out upon us and upon the whole world.

B — Be merciful. God wants us to receive His Mercy and let it flow through us to others. He wants us to extend love and forgiveness to others just as He does to us.

C — Completely trust in Jesus. God wants us to know that the graces of His Mercy are dependent upon our trust. The more we trust in Jesus, the more we will receive.

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DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

SUNDAY, APRIL 28th
2:30 PM ADORATION & CONFESSIONS
3:00 PM DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET
BENEDICTION

Daily Mass Readings:

Monday, April 22: Monday within the Octave of Easter
Acts 2: 14, 22-33
Responsorial Psalm 16
Gospel: Matthew 28: 8-15

Tuesday, April 23: Tuesday within the Octave of Easter
Acts 2: 36-41
Responsorial Psalm 33
Gospel: John 20: 11-18

Wednesday, April 24: Wednesday within the Octave of Easter
Acts 3: 1-10
Responsorial Psalm Daniel 105

Thursday, April 25: Thursday within the Octave of Easter
Acts 3: 11-26
Responsorial Psalm 8

Friday, April 26: Friday within the Octave of Easter
Acts 4: 1-12
Responsorial Psalm 118
Gospel: John 21: 1-14

Saturday, April 27: Saturday within the Octave of Easter
Acts 4: 13-21
Responsorial Psalm Jeremiah 118
Gospel: Mark 16: 9-15
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Please help us to keep our list current by informing us when we may remove a name. Thank you.

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Mr | Mrs | Ms | Mr & Mrs (circle one)

Last Name: ____________________________
First Name(s): ____________________________

Address: ____________________________
City, State, ZIP: ____________________________
Home Tel: ____________________________
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E-mail: ____________________________

Primary Language Spoken: ____________________________
Children (names, gender, & birthdates):

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Liturgy Attended:

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**Food Drive**
The Knights of Columbus Council #29 has been working to collect food for Catholic Charities here in Danbury. On the Third Sunday of each month (May 19th) we will be placing bins at each entrance at the Church for donations of non-perishable foods. These donations are hand delivered by the Knights to Catholic Charities. These donations are then given out to many needed families in the greater Danbury area. Your donations are greatly appreciated.

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