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Whether you are a lifelong parishioner – or just visiting us for a while – **welcome to St. Joseph Parish.** We are blessed to have you among us in our worshipping community, where we seek to be conformed ever more closely to the pattern of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, offering right worship to the Father in spirit and truth (cf. Jn 4:24).

MASSES

Saturday Vigil – 4:00 P.M.

**Sunday – 7:30, 9:30 A.M.,
and 5:00 P.M.**

Daily – 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 par-
ishes; you or a family member must let the Ad-
missions 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.

**Saturday, December 25 Christmas Day**

7:30 AM Int. of Hugh Poza—Vanessa Mosher
 10:30 AM Joseph & Joe Valente—C. Valente
 12:00 PM Dec. of the Milano Family—C. Milano

Sunday, December 26

7:30 AM Catherine Small—M/M Brendan Spain
 9:30 AM Edson Pires—Family
 10:30 AM Dec. of the Milano Family—C. Milano*
 11:30 AM Intentions of Parishioners*
 NO 5:00 PM MASS

Monday, December 27

7:00 AM Patricia Tribble—Family*
 12:05 PM Paul J. Coleman—LaGratta Family

Tuesday, December 28

7:00 AM Int. of Dorothea Cadigan—C. Valente*
 12:05 PM Ralph Burdick (10th Ann.)—Eileen Burdick

Wednesday, December 29

7:00 AM Joe Valente—Catherine Valente*
 12:05 PM James Deakin—Deakin Family

Thursday, December 30

7:00 AM Ralph Burdick—Eileen Burdick*
 12:05 PM Int. of Dorothea Cadigan—E. Burdick

Friday, December 31

7:00 AM Int. of Dorothea Cadigan—C. Valente*
 12:05 PM **No MASS**
 4:00 PM Betty & Jack McCarthy—Family

Saturday, January 1 New Year's Day

7:00 AM Dr. Francis J. Grandieri—Rectory
 10:00 AM Katherine Eyth—Family

Sunday, January 2

7:30 AM Mary Lou Cuff—SJ CCW
 9:30 AM Guisepppe Ferraro—Wife
 11:00 AM Intentions of Parishioners
 5:00 PM Barbara Ann Montroni—M/M T. Umbro

(*These Masses are being offered privately and are not open to the public at this time.)

Please be advised:

In case of inclement weather, when school and our office is closed, our 12:05 PM daily Mass will be said privately for the safety of all our parishioners.

**Sanctuary Candles**

The Sanctuary Candles will burn this week in memory of Alanna Rose requested by her Grammajj, Patricia Targett.



Dear parishioners and friends of St. Joseph Parish,

Perhaps over the last month, your Christmas Season has not gone as you had hoped. Perhaps you got swept up in the busyness of the season – in buying presents, attending various parties, staying on top of your to-do lists – and suddenly, these weeks which you'd meant to devote in a unique way to prayer and reflection slipped by you. If so, you're not alone.

With Christmas Day behind us, maybe we can spend the coming weeks in that prayer and reflection both at home and in the beauty of Saint Joseph Church.

There is much to be said about the importance of silence in church, the importance as Abbot Christopher Jamison, O.S.B., writes of "finding sanctuary." To that end, there is a lesson for us all, whether children or adults. It is a lesson I wish to share by telling a story which Abbot Jamison offers in his work *finding sanctuary: Monastic Steps for Everyday Life*.

This story is of three friends who became monks. One chose to live out the saying "Blessed are the peacemakers" and worked to reconcile enemies. The second chose to visit the sick. But the third stayed in solitude.

Now the first worked among many contentious people and found that he could not appease them all, so eventually he was overcome with exhaustion. He sought out his friend who was caring for the sick, only to find that he too was worn out, depressed, and unable to carry on.

The two of them decided to visit their friend who lived in the desert, and they told him all their troubles. When they asked how he was, the monk was silent for a while and then poured some water into a bowl. "Look at the water," he said, and they saw that it was murky. After a while he said, "Look again and see how clear the water has become." As they looked, the two monks saw their own faces as in a mirror. And the monk said to his friends: "Because of the turbulence of life, the one who lives in the midst of activity does not see his sins. But when he is quiet, especially in solitude, then he sees the real state of things."

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The experience of praying in church quietly before going to the Sacrament of Confession is a very important catechetical experience for our young parishioners. It is important, as well, for adults to "find sanctuary" in church. This does not mean that the desire to serve others and to work hard is bad. It is a question of finding the right balance in our lives.

Silent solitude is a necessary part of life not only in the monastic tradition but in the life of discipleship for those of us living in the secular world. Silent solitude is necessary; it is not an additional extra. To know oneself and to grow spiritually, emotionally, and intellectually requires insights that only solitude can provide. Even the most intimate friendship, fellowship, and faith sharing cannot be a substitute for the work we must all do on our own, the work of silent reflection and prayer.

Devotedly in Christ,
Rev. Samuel V. Scott
Pastor



New Mass Schedule

Starting
January 2, 2022



Saturday Evening
4:00 PM Vigil

Sunday
7:30 AM (Quiet Mass)
9:30 AM
11:00 AM
5:00 PM

All Masses will be in English.

We Welcome You!
Saint Joseph Parish warmly welcomes this newly registered family:
Mr. Christopher Dalton

Order of Mass for the Lord's Day
Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph
Cycle B

ENTRANCE
St. Michael Hymnal # 649 - "O Come, All Ye Children"

KYRIE
ICEL Mass

GLORIA
ICEL Mass

FIRST READING
Missal pg. 39- 1 Samuel 1: 20-22, 24-28

RESPONSORIAL PSALM
Missal pg. 40

SECOND READING
Missal pg. 40 - 1 John 3: 1-2, 21-24

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION
Missal pg. 40

GOSPEL
Missal pg. 41 - Luke 2: 41-52

HOMILY

OFFERTORY
St. Michael Hymnal # 448 - "Away in a Manger"

SANCTUS
ICEL Mass


MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION
ICEL Mass

AGNUS DEI
ICEL Mass

COMMUNION
St. Michael Hymnal # 582 - "In the Bleak Midwinter"
"My son, why have you treated us so? Your father and I have been anxiously looking for you. How is it that you were seeking me? Did you not know that I must be about my Father's business?"

CLOSING HYMN
St. Michael Hymnal # 558 - "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

Please Pray For The Repose Of The Soul Of:
Andrew Blom



Childrens' Rosary Ministry
Children of all ages come and join us in prayer!

Fridays 4:00-5:00 PM
Saint Joseph Church
For more information contact:
Ania Szurawsk at 203-297-7110

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Goal: \$40,000.00

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***Many thanks for your generous stewardship! May
God reward your generosity!***

Holiday Schedule

New Year's Eve Mass
Friday, December 31, 2021
4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass

New Year's Day Masses
(Feast of Mary, Mother of God)
Saturday, January 1, 2022
7:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

Saint Joseph Music Notes



Today's Entrance hymn, besides being a beloved carol of our present Christmastide, is selected to commemorate the Holy Innocents slain by Herod in vain attempts to thwart the Divine Providence of Christ in the world while He was yet a babe. In song we may call these other children to the stable where Christ lay, giving them grace and hope before they are slain in Herod's utilitarian folly. As today's Introit antiphon reads, "God...in his holy dwelling place...who causes us to dwell together...will give power and strength to his people," and so these first martyrs of the Church, truly those closest to Christ, baptized by the shedding of their own blood, are powerful before the Lord as intercessors, who we celebrate in their great feast day on Tuesday. Yet we must not forget that these holy innocents were naught but humble children like unto the Christ-child Himself, who may see Him "surrounded by radiance bright" both in the manger and soon after in Heaven's eternal bliss.

Zacchaeus Lock
Music Director



Carmen Lucia Buck
Religious Education Building
203-778-1920

Happy New Year from the Religious Education Office!

Our classes will resume during the first full week of January in 2022.

Tuesday classes will meet on January 4th, 11th, 18th, and 25th.

Wednesday classes will meet on January 5th, 12th, 19th, and 26th.

Sunday classes will meet on January 9th, 23rd, and 30th.

The Faith Formation office hours are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, Thursday from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, and Friday from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm.

Sunday Mass attendance is expected for all of our students. Reception of the Holy Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life. Please sign the book at the back of the Church following Mass.

For more information about our program, please contact our Director of Faith Formation (DRE) Maria Merino-Schweitzer at 203-778-1920 or by email at mschweitzer.stjosephdanbury@gmail.com.

To sign-up for online giving, go to www.stjosephchurchdanbury.org and click on the Online Giving logo and create an account.



Saint Joseph School

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Altar Servers Wanted



We would like to restore our altar server ministry for the New Year. If you are a boy or girl in grades 4 through 7 and are interested in becoming an Altar Server for weekend masses, weddings, and funerals, please call Mrs. Kathee Meerman in the Rectory Office, 203-748-8177, or email recstjoseph@yahoo.com so that we can set up a time for training.



Respect Life Reflection

Watching the news and reading the headlines, we may feel helpless seeing the heartbreaking lack of respect of human life. How do we respond when our efforts seem small in the face of the culture of death?

To understand more fully how to defend and protect human life, we must first consider who we are, at the deepest level. God creates us in His image and likeness, which means we are made to be in a loving relationship with Him. Changing the culture is a process of conversion that begins in our own hearts.

The knowledge and realization of how deeply we are loved by God elicits a response of love that simultaneously draws us closer to Him and impels us to share His love with others. Like the apostles, we are called to be missionary disciples. This doesn't mean moving to a foreign land or quitting our jobs. For most of us, our mission field is daily life.

We often measure ourselves by false standards; what and how much we do, our successes or failures, etc. When we are faced with challenges and suffering, we may feel helpless, alone or abandoned; we may be tempted to think our lives have decreased value or worth. But God's love--personal, real, unchanging--is the true source of our worth, identity, and dignity.

When someone is facing great trials, we need to meet them where they are, walk with them on their journey, intercede for them and be open to sharing Christ's love however He directs.

Our lives are often changed by the witness of others; others' lives may be changed by our witness. Sometimes our actions speak for themselves; other times, words are needed.

Jesus knows how to speak to each person's heart; we simply need to follow where He leads. Let us go and not be afraid. God is always with us. (USCCB Respect Life Program - How to build a culture of life)

The **St. Joseph Respect Life Group** meets the first Sunday of each month. All parishioners are welcome to join. Please contact Anne at 203-790-6074 for information.

Newly Baptized

Please keep in your prayers this newly baptized and his family:

Casper John Neth


Live Streaming Mass Schedule

Monday-Friday: Daily Mass
12:05 PM

Saturday: Vigil Mass
4:00 PM

Sunday: Mass
9:30 AM

Please go to our website: www.stjosephchurchdanbury.org and click on *StreamSpot* live streaming.

Click on the  icon in the bottom right hand corner to see the Mass full screen.

If you miss the live stream of the Mass you may still go to the website, click on the *StreamSpot* logo, then click on "previous broadcasts" to find the Mass you would like to view.

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Daily Mass Readings:

Monday, Dec. 27: St. John, Apostle & Evangelist

1 John 1: 1-4
Responsorial Psalm 97
Gospel: John 20: 1a & 2-8

Tuesday, Dec. 28: The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

1 John 1: 5-2: 2
Responsorial Psalm 124
Gospel: Matthew 2: 13-18

Wednesday, Dec. 29: Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord, [St. Thomas Becket, Bishop & Martyr]

1 John 2: 3-11
Responsorial Psalm 96
Gospel: Luke 2: 22-35

Thursday, Dec. 30: Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

1 John 2: 12-17
Responsorial Psalm 96
Gospel: Luke 2: 36-40

Friday, Dec. 31: Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

1 John 2: 18-21
Responsorial Psalm 96
Gospel: John 1: 1-18

Saturday, Jan. 1: Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Numbers 6: 22-27
Galatians 4: 4-7
Responsorial Psalm 67
Gospel: Luke 2: 16-21

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Please remember the sick of our Parish in your prayers: Barbara Baker, Kelli Barrett, Max Cassano, Mark Cefaloni, Irene Clark, Anand Gokhale, Gavin King, Carol Matzinger, Jake Meerman, William Morrison, Victor Munoz, Marjorie Nodine, Ethel Pancotti, Catherine Robinson, Rebecca Shost, Mary Ann Storms, Kenneth Towery, Holly Traccola, 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 help us to keep our list current by informing us when we may remove a name. Thank you.**

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