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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, 11:00 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 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.

**Saturday, January 1 New Year's Day**

7:00 AM Dr. Francis J. Grandieri—Rector

10:00 AM Katherine Eyth—Family

Sunday, January 2

7:30 AM Mary Lou Cuff—SJ CCW

9:30 AM Guiseppe Ferraro—Wife

11:00 AM Intentions of Parishioners

5:00 PM Barbara Ann Montroni—M/M T. Umbro

Monday, January 3

12:05 PM Joseph & Joe Valente—C. Valente

Tuesday, January 4

12:05 PM Joseph & Joe Valente—C. Valente

Wednesday, January 5

12:05 PM John A. Crowell, Jr.—M/M C. Scalzo

Thursday, January 6

12:05 PM Bridget Duff—Mary & Frank Sullivan

Friday, January 7

12:05 PM Jesus Esteban—Ampeloquio Family

Saturday, January 8

8:00 AM Jane Ampeloquio—Ampeloquio Family

4:00 PM Martin C. Nissly, Jr.—Meerman Family

Sunday, January 9

7:30 AM Intentions of Parishioners

9:30 AM Walter J. Straitin, III—Family

11:00 AM Rose Marie Correia—M/M J. DeLease

5:00 PM Lucia Passamonti—Rosa Fanelli

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 Joseph & Joe Valente requested by her Catherine Valente.

Thank You

Calendars

Many thanks to our Patrons for providing our Parish Calendar this year, **Mitchell Oil** and **The Knights of Columbus Council #29**. As always, we appreciate their generosity.



Dear parishioners and friends of St. Joseph Parish,

Father Dennis Billy, C.S.S.R, in his book, *Under the Starry Night*, writes, "Ours is one of the first generations for whom the stars have lost their strange, transcendent appeal. No longer do they relate to us the eternal stories of embattled gods; no longer do they elicit from us the inspired dreams of journeying kings; no longer do they move us to our knees in gratitude for the power we have to behold them."

He continues: "We have analyzed [the stars] to so great an extent that they have become surprisingly irrelevant in our lives . . . We watch them through our telescopes but have forgotten to ponder them with our hearts."

Father Billy's sense of loss – the loss of the sacred in today's world -- can be a catalyst to ponder the stars anew on a clear night and be led to an experience of wonder and awe. May the Holy Spirit recreate us as we celebrate the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord this weekend.

Epiphany is actually the celebration of the manifestation of Christ to all. The Star of Bethlehem drew the Magi to the new-born King of the Jews, the Savior of the World. The Star continues to call all people to Christ. The mystery of the Incarnation, the mystery of God made visible, calls forth from us a response of gratitude and more.

St. Leo the Great in a sermon wrote: "The obedience of the star calls us to imitate its humble service: to be servants, as best we can, of the grace that invites all men to find Christ." May our lives be an invitation, then, to all people to draw closer to Christ to adore Him and to appreciate that through the Holy Spirit a Christian becomes a New Creation in Christ Jesus, our Lord. Happy New Year!

Devotedly in Christ,
Rev. Samuel V. Scott
Pastor

JANUARY 2, 2022



**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 the vernacular (English).

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:

- a) *The Godparent/Sponsor is to be at least sixteen years old.*
- b) *He/she is to have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Communion, and Confirmation.*
- c) *If married, the Sponsor/Godparent must have been married according to the laws of the Church.*

For the Pastor to issue a Sponsor Certificate:

- a) You are a currently registered member of the parish.
- b) You worship here regularly.
- c) You are requesting the Sponsor Certificate *yourself*; please do not ask a parent, spouse or another person to do this for you.
- d) No Sponsor Certificates will be signed or issued before or after weekend Masses.

Please call the Rectory (203-748-8177) well in advance when Sponsor Certificates are needed.

Newly Baptized

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

Andrew Michael Tullino

Order of Mass for the Lord's Day

Epiphany of the Lord

Cycle B

ENTRANCE

St. Michael Hymnal # 433 - "Angels, from the Realms of Glory"

KYRIE

ICEL Mass

GLORIA

ICEL Mass

FIRST READING

Missal pg. 43- Isaiah 60: 1-6

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Missal pg. 43

SECOND READING

Missal pg. 44 - Ephesians 3: 2-3a, 5-6

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Missal pg. 44

GOSPEL

Missal pg. 45 - Matthew 2: 1-12

HOMILY

OFFERTORY

St. Michael Hymnal # 822 - "We Three Kings"

SANCTUS

ICEL Mass

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

ICEL Mass

AGNUS DEI

ICEL Mass

COMMUNION

St. Michael Hymnal # 43.5 - "As with Gladness Men of Old"

"We have seen his star in the East, and we have come with our gifts, to worship the Lord"

CLOSING HYMN

St. Michael Hymnal # 827 - "What Star is This"

Please Pray For The Repose Of The Souls Of:

*Andrew Blom
Thomas Robertazzi*

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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Stewardship of Time, Talent, and Treasure Worship Offerings

Dec. 18 - Dec. 19, 2021 \$5,889.00
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2021 Special Parish Annual Collection

Goal: \$40,000.00

Amount raised thus far: \$25,092.00

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

Leadership Institute of The Diocese of Bridgeport *Sunday Family Rosary*

Join other families in the Diocese in saying the Rosary every Sunday at 7:30 PM. Visit www.formationreimagined.org and click on the praying hands . If you have any questions, please email Rosary@diobpt.org.

We Welcome You!

***Saint Joseph Parish warmly welcomes this newly
registered family:***

Mr. Philip Camardella

Saint Joseph Music Notes



Today's celebration of Epiphany is more than just the feast of the Three Wise Men who brought Christ gifts. It is more broadly a feast of Christ's revelation to the Gentiles, of whom the Magi were the first but certainly not the last. As the infant Christ reveals Himself as the Lord and King of the universe to the whole world, not only unto the Jews to whom He was promised; let us joyfully greet His coming as the "newborn king", as we sing in the entrance hymn. This hymn is particularly fitting as it echoes well the Introit text of the day: "Behold, the Sovereign Lord is coming; kingship, government, and power are in his hands."

Zacchaeus Lock
Music Director



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***The Saint Joseph Faith Formation Catechists and
Staff wish all parishioners a very Happy New
Year!***

Our office will be closed on Friday, December 31st.

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.

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.

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.

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.



Saint Joseph School

To keep up with the latest **School news**, like us on Facebook.

For information on upcoming events, visit our website www.sjsdanbury.org.

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.

**HAVE YOU
PRAYED TODAY?**



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Respect Life Reflection

We continue our study of Pope Benedict's 2009 Encyclical, *Caritas in Veritate* (Charity and Truth) and his reflection on Human Rights. It seems appropriate to reflect on human rights this Christmas season, as our Lord Jesus, the Light of the world, took on human flesh to reconcile us to the Father through His Atoning sacrifice, to make humankind free again to live in the love and wisdom of God, for our Eternal good and that of others.

Basic human rights: life, freedom, safety, security, access to resources—knowledge, healthcare, materials, job opportunities and meaningful work, apply to everyone by virtue of the common origin of the person, who remains the high point of God's creative design for the world and for history. Our human rights derive from our being made in the image of God, given intelligence and the ability to reason and therefore, to think critically; given free will and the freedom to determine one's own destiny according to God's good purpose, and finally, the ability to love, placing the higher good of another even before one's own needs.

Pope Benedict identifies a significant threat to basic human rights in our world today: a growing claim within affluent societies to a 'right to excess,' and even to transgression and vice. The world's wealth may be growing in absolute terms, but inequalities are on the increase. 'Profit is useful if it serves as a means towards an end that provides a sense both of how to produce it and how to make good use of it. Once profit becomes the exclusive goal, if it is produced by improper means and without the common good as its ultimate end, it risks destroying wealth and creating poverty,' enslaving and not freeing.

Let us pray: O Father, as we celebrate the birth of Jesus, the Light that willingly entered into a dark world, we pray, once again for your Light to pierce wherever darkness influences minds and hearts. Send your Holy Spirit to illuminate our consciences to see as you do so that we may, through our prayers and actions affirm the dignity of every life and to transform excess in our own lives, community, nation, and the world, into resources that can be used to protect the rights of others. We pray this in and through the precious and blessed name of Jesus, our Lord. Amen.

The **St. Joseph Respect Life Group** will meet Sunday, **January 9th, at 1:00 PM** in the Carmen Buck Religious Education Building. We will study the *Caritas in Veritate* encyclical. All are welcome to attend. Please contact Anne at 203-790-6074 for information.


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, Jan 3: Christmas Weekday, [Holy Name of Jesus]

1 John 3: 22-4: 6
Responsorial Psalm 2
Gospel: Matthew 4: 12-17, 23-25

Tuesday, Jan. 4: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

1 John 4: 7-10
Responsorial Psalm 72
Gospel: Mark 6: 34-44

Wednesday, Jan. 5: St. John Neumann, Bishop

1 John 4: 11-18
Responsorial Psalm 72
Gospel: Mark 6: 45-52

Thursday, Jan. 6: Christmas Weekday, [St. Andre Bessette, Religious]

1 John 4: 19-5: 4
Responsorial Psalm 72
Gospel: Luke 4: 14-22

Friday, Jan. 7: Christmas Weekday, [St. Raymond of Penafort, Priest]

1 John 5: 5-13
Responsorial Psalm 147
Gospel: Luke 5: 12-16

Saturday, Jan. 8: Christmas Weekday

1 John 5: 14-21
Responsorial Psalm 149
Gospel: John 3: 22-30

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Saint Joseph Parish

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Volunteer Coordinator: Mrs. Anne Leclercq,
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Our Deepest Longing day retreats at Holy Family Retreat Center, West Hartford, CT. Join us in exploring that deep longing planted in our hearts by God for peace, wholeness, and relationships that give us joy and lift us up. These retreats are offered on site (40 participants max) as well as on the Zoom platform. Visit our website for dates and additional details: holyfamilyretreat.org/themed-retreats or call 860.760.9705.

Getting Married?

The Diocese of Bridgeport offers formation for couples who wish to be married in the Catholic Church. Formation is available online in English and in person in Spanish. For more information, please visit <https://formationreimagined.org/marriage-prep-reimagined/>.

Saint Joseph School

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Parent Teacher Organization: Mrs. Megan Cerullo,
ptopresident@sjsdanbury.org

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.*

PLEASE PRINT

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

Last Name: _____

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I am interested in: (circle)

Becoming a member of St. Joseph Parish

First Communion / Baptism / Confirmation

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Children

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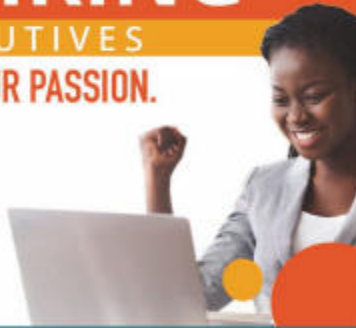
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