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A ROMAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY IN DANBURY EIGHT ROBINSON ÅVENUE DANBURY, CONNECTICUT 06810-5517 Rectory Telephone: (203)748-8177 Web Page: www.stjosephchurchdanbury.org



REVEREND SAMUEL V. SCOTT, M.DIV., M.A., PASTOR DEACON DONALD J. NAIMAN, M.S., D. ED.

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).

<u>Masses</u>

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 prebaptismal 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.

<u>SICK CALLS, COMMUNION CALLS,</u> <u>ANOINTING OF THE SICK,</u> 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.





Saturday, January 15 8:00 AM David Lahoud-Wife 4:00 PM Holy Souls in Purgatory—C. Valente Sunday, January 16 Fiore & Talarico Families-T. Potenziani 7:30 AM 9:30 AM **Deceased Parishioners** 11:00 AM Int. of Alanna Rose—Grammaji, P. Targett 5:00 PM Marion Borrelli—Family Monday, January 17 12:05 PM Ronald Matzinger—Family **Tuesday, January 18** 12:05 PM Katherine Eyth—Family Wednesday, January 19 12:05 PM Mary Lou Cuff—M/M Henry Stalzer Thursday, January 20 12:05 PM Int. of Josephine Randazzo—Dottie Friday, January 21 12:05 PM Gene O'Reilly—Bernadette & Family Saturday, January 22 8:00 AM Edward Share—Wife & Family 4:00 PM In Memory of the Unborn Children Sunday, January 23 7:30 AM Vincent Connor—Bernadette & Family 9:30 AM Jude Wheeler—Jim & Judy Wheeler 11:00 AM William L. Broggy, Sr.—Family Intentions of Parishioners 5:00 PM

<u>Please be advised:</u>

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 Phyllis & John Mastracchio requested by the Mastracchio family.

Parish Registration

To verify your membership— if you have a question-please call the Rectory at 203-748-8177, Monday-Friday, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. To register please fill out the form in our Parish Bulletin and drop it in the collection box or mail to 8 Robinson Avenue, Danbury, CT. 06810. Membership is necessary to receive Sponsor Certificates or participate in our Religious Education Program. Dear parishioners and friends of St. Joseph Parish,

I am writing to inform you of significant parish staff transitions as we begin the new year. First, Mrs. Kathee Meerman will be departing from our team after 15 years of devoted service to our community of faith.

Kathee will be focusing full-time on her family, especially now that she is a grandmother. She will remain an active parishioner with her husband Robert, and her departure has been an empathetic and relational process.

I stand in a debt of gratitude for Kathee's loyal service to me as pastor, her knowledge and love of our Parish, and her tact and discretion in addressing pastoral matters. She was a friendly presence in our Office and the welcoming voice of our pastoral staff on the phone. She will be greatly missed, and a celebration of her ministry of service is being planned. Please contact the Rectory Office if you would like to volunteer your time and culinary skills to help with this celebration.

In the words of the psalmist, God watches our going out and our coming in, so we ask God's blessings upon Kathee.

In terms of our new beginnings, we welcome this week Mrs. Anne Leclercq to our pastoral team as our Parish Life Coordinator. This new position is intended to help us to grow in healthy and constructive ways as a vibrant Catholic parish emerging from a challenging two years in which we were all impacted by the pandemic.

Anne has been an active member of St. Joseph Parish for 30 years. She serves in many parish ministries and is currently the Volunteer Coordinator and the Respect Life Group Coordinator. She is also a member of the Finance Council and facilitates the Parish Council.

Anne worked for many years at PepsiCo, managing Treasury operations and supporting the beverage division operations. She is a graduate of Bryant University and received the MBA degree from Fordham University. She is currently completing the Villanova University Master of Science in Church Management.

Please join in warmly welcoming Anne to our pastoral team as we ask God's blessings upon this new beginning for Anne and our community. Anne's Godgiven gifts and talents are a distinct asset to our Parish, and we are humbled that she has answered the call to be of service at St. Joseph Parish.

Those who have attended Mass during the Christmas season may have seen Mr. Brendan Gleeson who graciously served at numerous Christmas liturgies. Brendan offered to help us during the period

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of transition in our pastoral staff while he is home from Bucknell University for vacation. We are most grateful for his thoughtfulness and generosity. He is a selfstarter, and his love for the Roman Catholic Church is clearly at the heart of his mission.

Brendan was born in Danbury and lives in Ridgefield with his parents. He attended Ridgefield High School and was awarded a scholarship for Army ROTC in 2018. In the following two years he obtained an Associate's degree and was commissioned as an Army officer in the Pennsylvania National Guard at the age of 20. He is a junior at Bucknell and is finishing his Bachelor's degree in Political Science.

We are truly blessed as a Parish with the presence of each of these faithful Catholics in our lives and in service to God and neighbor. Please keep them in your prayers are we make this transition on our pastoral staff. The Holy Spirit is clearly at work and God's blessings are upon us.

A healthy, holy, and prosperous new year to you and your families!

> Devotedly in Christ, Rev. Samuel V. Scott Pastor

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Day of Brayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

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As individuals, we are called to observe this day through the penitential practices of prayer, fastŵ ing and/or giving alms.

Please Pray For The Repose Of The Souls Of: Carol Beliveau Ann Mescall

Order of Mass for the Lord's Day

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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ENTRANCE St. Michael Hymnal # 721 - "Praise To the Lord"

> **KYRIE ICEL Mass**

GLORIA **ICEL Mass**

FIRST READING Missal pg. 48– Isaiah 62: 1-5

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Missal pg. 48

SECOND READING Missal pg. 49 - 1 Corinthians 12: 4-11

> **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** Missal pg. 49

GOSPEL Missal pg. 49 - John 2: 1-11

HOMILY

OFFERTORY St. Michael Hymnal # 601 - "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

> SANCTUS **ICEL Mass**

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

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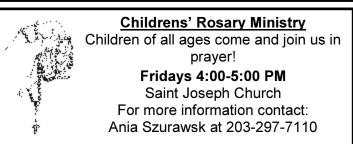
COMMUNION

St. Michael Hymnal # 826 - "What Shall I Render to the Lord"

The Lord said: "Fill the jars with water and bring some to the master of the feast." When the master of the feast tasted the water, which had now become wine, he declared to the bridegroom: "You have kept the good wine until now." This was the first sign which Jesus accomplished before his disciples.

CLOSING HYMN

St. Michael Hymnal # 659 - "Oh God Beyond All Praising"





Stewardship of Time, Talent, and Treasure **Worship Offerings**

Jan. 8– Jan.9, 2022

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2021 Special Parish Annual Collection

Goal: \$40,000.00 Amount raised thus far: \$25,862.00

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

St. Joseph Council of Catholic Women

The St. Joseph Council of Catholic Women will hold our regular meeting on Monday, January 17th at **1:00 PM** in the Carmen Buck Religious Education Building. All women of the Parish are invited to attend. We look forward to seeing you there!

BETHANY MASS

This Sunday, January 16th, at the 9:30 AM Bethany Mass, we will remember our deceased parishioners: Nancy Tuite, Dawn Dinho, Andrew Blom and Frank Bielaczyz, Jr. 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, their families, and their friends.



Saint Joseph Music Notes

Today's Gospel reading, reflected in the text of the Communion antiphon, recalls another stage of Christ's MUSIC **NOTES** Epiphany, His self-proclamation in the world to all His people. Having celebrated Christ's first Epiphany to the Magi, then His Baptism, wherein the Lord's voice from Heaven proclaimed Him as His beloved Son, we now celebrate Christ's first public miracle, wherein His power and glory was first manifested to all humanity. Christ's public miracles still occur today; the Eucharist, the gift of His own Body and Blood on the altar, is an even greater miracle than the changing of water into wine at Cana. Therefore, in the words of today's Communion hymn, let us raise "Salvation's cup of blessing" in this Eucharist, in praise of the Lord Who has given such great benefits to us all.

Zacchaeus Lock Music Director



Carmen Lucia Buck **Religious Education Building** 203-778-1920

For the safety and well-being of all students and staff, we needed to suspend in-person classes during the past two weeks due to the rise in Covid cases. We plan to resume in-person classes for the last few weeks of January. Pending inclement weather or other causes for cancellations, **Tuesday classes** will meet on January 18th and 25th; Wednesday classes will meet on January 19th and 26th; and Sunday Level II classes will meet on January 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.



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Respect Life Corner

Culture of Life - Reflection

The Catechism of the Catholic Church Abortion

As we begin a new year and continue our efforts to end abortion, let us reflect on the what our Catechism says about the issue and the overall protection of the dignity and rights of all human beings.

Paragraph #2270 Clearly states: "Human life must be respected and protected absolutely from the moment of conception, from the first moment of his existence a human being must be recognized as having the rights of a person - among which is the inviolable right of every innocent being to life."

'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you.'

Paragraph #2271 states: "Since the first century the Church has affirmed the moral evil of every procured abortion. This teaching has not changed and remains unchangeable. Direct abortion, that is to say, abortion willed either as an end or a means, is gravely contrary to the moral law."

'You shall not kill the embryo by abortion and shall not cause the newborn to perish.

God, the Lord of life, has entrusted to men the noble mission of safeguarding life, and men must carry it out in a manner worthy of themselves. Life must be protected with the utmost care from the moment of conception: abortion and infanticide are abominable crimes.'

Please pray this week for our public servants and elected officials: *May God grant them the humility, wisdom, and courage to defend all human life.*

The **St. Joseph Respect Life Group** meets the first Sunday of each month **at 1:00** PM in the Carmen Buck Religious Education Building. All are welcome to attend.

Please contact Anne at 203-790-6074 for more information.



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.

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.

Now available on smartphones and tablets!

Daily Mass Readings:

Monday, Jan 17: St. Anthony, Abbott

1 Samuel 15: 16-23 Responsorial Psalm 50 Gospel: Mark 2: 18-22

<u>Tuesday, Jan. 18: Weekday</u>

1 Samuel 16: 1-13 Responsorial Psalm 89 Gospel: Mark 2: 23-28

Wednesday, Jan. 19: Weekday

1 Samuel 17: 32-33, 37, 40-51 Responsorial Psalm 144 Gospel: Mark 3: 1-6

<u>Thursday, Jan. 20: Weekday, [St. Fabian, Pope &</u> Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr]

1 Samuel 18: 6-9, 19: 1-7 Responsorial Psalm 56 Gospel: Mark 3: 7-12

Friday, Jan. 21: St. Agnes, Virgin & Martyr 1 Samuel 24: 3-21 Responsorial Psalm 57 Gospel: Mark 3: 13-19

Saturday, Jan. 22: Day of Prayer for the Legal protection of Unborn Children 2 Samuel 1: 1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27 Responsorial Psalm 80 Gospel: Mark 3: 20-21

Saint Joseph Parish

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Organist & Choir Director: Mr. Zacchaeus Lock 203-778-1920 Adult Choir: Mr. Zacchaeus Lock, 203-778-1920 Children's Choir: Mr. Zacchaeus Lock, 203-778-1920 Altar Servers: Mrs. Kathee Meerman, 203-748-8177 Eucharistic Ministers: Kathee Meerman, 203-748-8177 Lectors: Mrs. Kathee Meerman, 203-748-8177 Ushers: Mr. George Ziegler, 203-743-1634

Saint Joseph Religious Education

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Mrs. Maria Merino-Schweitzer, 203-778-1920 Secretary: Mrs. Claire Anderson, 203-778-1920 R.C.I.A.: Mrs. Margaret Curran, 203-792-1132

Parish Contacts

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203-790-6074

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 <u>https://</u> formationreimagined.org/marriage-prep-reimagined/.

Saint Joseph School

Dr. Louis Howe, Jr., Principal Office 203-748-6615—Fax 203-748-6508

Website: www.sjsdanbury.org

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 Traccolla, 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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Mr Mrs Ms Mr & Mrs (circle one) Last Name:	
First Name(s):	
Address:	
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Primary Language Spoken:	
Children (names, gender, & birthdates):	

I am interested in: (circle) Becoming a member of St. Joseph Parish First Communion / Baptism / Confirmation Youth Programs (8th – 12th Grade) Choirs:

Adults Children Adult Religious Education Liturgy Attended:



