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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 PM

Sunday – 7:30, 9:30, 11:00 AM and 5:00 PM

Daily Weekday – 12:05 PM

Saturday – 8:00 AM

[Masses times in green are also live-streamed]

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 11:00 AM - 12:00 Noon

3:00 PM - 3:45 PM

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptisms are held monthly on Sunday at 12:30 PM. Please call the Rectory for available dates and to register for required pre-baptismal class. Classes are held on the first Sunday of each month. Please call the office to schedule.

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 should contact the hospital's Spiritual Care Office to request a Hospital Chaplain visit during your stay. If you need to request a home visit for a loved one, please call the Rectory Office at 203-748-8177.



Saint Joseph Church is wheelchair accessible. Parking for the physically challenged is located at the side of church.



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 11

8:00 AM John Masi—Mr. & Mrs. George Godfrey
 4:00 PM Int. of Melissa Tibben
 —Szurawski Family

Sunday, January 12

7:30 AM Gregg Curtin—Theresa & Joe Bromley
 9:30 AM Frances Jazinski-Ruppell—Daughter,
 Brenda
 11:00 AM Bethany Mass
 5:00 PM Intentions of Parishioners—Fr. Scott

Monday, January 13

12:05 PM John Masi—Antonia Slalzer

Tuesday, January 14

12:05 PM Catherine Valente--M/M Frank Sullivan

Wednesday, January 15

12:05 PM Jean Sprince—M/M Frank Sullivan

Thursday, January 16

12:05 PM Int. of Annette Boggess—Rosary Makers

Friday, January 17

12:05 PM Marion Borrelli—Family

Saturday, January 18

8:00 AM Marijune (Gigi) Palencia-Ampeloquio
 Family
 4:00 PM Int. of Cindy Iorfino—Latty Family

Sunday, January 19

7:30 AM Fiore & Talarico Potenziani—Teresa
 Potenziani
 9:30 AM Claire Milano—M/M J. DiDomenico
 11:00 AM Intentions of Parishioners—Fr. Scott
 5:00 PM Myda Cook—Parkis Family

The mission of St. Joseph Parish is “To Make Christ Known”.

To: All

From: Fr. Sam Scott

I invite you to welcome Fr. Eric Silva as my successor at St. Joseph Parish on February 1, 2025. Fr. Silva, a priest of the Diocese of Bridgeport, has provided a biographical sketch of his life and priestly ministry. I am confident that you will find him to be a “true shepherd,” a caring servant leader, and a holy priest who will hit the ground running and quickly get to know and love the St. Joseph Parish community of faith.

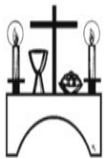
Dear parishioners and friends of St. Joseph Parish,

I was born on Long Island, N.Y., but my family moved when I was four years old to Trumbull, where I grew up going to public elementary and middle school before attending St. Joseph High School. I grew up playing soccer and going to New York Jets games with my father and two brothers. I still have very fond memories of arriving early and staying late tailgating, just to avoid traffic back home.

The beauty and the wonder of the Catholic faith was introduced to me during my high school years, and it was there that the seeds of my vocation to the priesthood were planted. After graduating from St. Joseph’s High School in 2008, I attended Saint Anselm College in Manchester, N.H., to study psychology. It was while I was away at college that I encountered the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass in a much deeper and lasting way as well as a community of Benedictine priests and brothers living out holiness in a way that was very attractive to me.

After a period of serious prayer, I left St. Anselm’s in the spring semester of my junior year of college to enter Saint John Fisher Seminary Residence in Stamford, CT. After a year and a half, I finished minor seminary and received a B.A. in Philosophy from Sacred Heart University in Fairfield, CT. I was sent to Mount St. Mary’s Seminary in Emmitsburg, MD for four more years of formation, studying theology; after my seminary formation in Maryland, I received a Master’s Degree of Divinity as well as a M.A. in Systematic Theology. After six years of seminary formation, I was ordained to the Priesthood of Jesus Christ on June 25, 2016, for the Diocese of Bridgeport.

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Sanctuary Candles

The Sanctuary Candles will burn this week in memory of Catherine Valente, requested by Mr. & Mrs. Frank Sullivan.

BETHANY MASS

This Sunday at the 11:00 AM Bethany Mass, we remember our deceased parishioners, especially those recently deceased: Michael Comer, Margaret Leonard, Jean Markewycz and Eustaquio (Tony) Rodriguez. Please continue to pray for all deceased parishioners, their families and friends.

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My first assignment and my first two years of priesthood were spent serving the good people at Saint Joseph's Parish in Brookfield, CT. In the spring of 2018, the Bishop assigned me to be the Chaplain of St. Joseph High School in Trumbull for five years and the last year and a half was spent serving as parochial vicar of Saint Rose of Lima Church in Newtown.

Today, I enjoy spending time with my family, most of which, live in Newtown. I also enjoy varying forms of exercising but mostly by hiking and backpacking through the trails of Connecticut. I could not be more grateful and excited to begin serving the people and the community of Saint Joseph's Church in Danbury. Please do keep me in your prayers and be assured that I have been and will continue to pray for all of you. God bless!

Devotedly in Christ,

Fr. Eric Silva

"The parish is where the Church lives. Parishes are communities of faith, of action, and of hope. They are where the Gospel is proclaimed and celebrated, where believers are formed and sent to renew the earth. Parishes are the home of the Christian community; they are the heart of our Church. Parishes are the place where God's people meet Jesus in word and sacrament and come in touch with the source of the Church's life."

-Communities of Salt and Light

Monthly Coffee Hour

Please join us this **Sunday, January 12**, at our **monthly Coffee Hour** following the 7:30 AM Mass in the Church Hall. All are invited to attend.

School Mass & Coffee Hour

On **Sunday, January 19**, St. Joseph School students will participate in the **9:30 AM Sunday Mass**, and the school community will host a coffee hour in the church hall immediately following Mass. All are invited.

CCW

Saint Joseph Council of Catholic Women will hold their next monthly meeting on **Monday, January 20 at 1:00 PM** in the Carmen L. Buck Religious Education Building. All women of the parish are invited.

**Order of Mass for the Lord's Day
The Baptism of the Lord**

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PROCESSIONAL HYMN

#482—"Come Down, O Love Divine"

KYRIE #191—"Lord Have Mercy"

FIRST READING

Today's Missal pg. 46 —Isaiah 40:1-5

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Today's Missal pg. 47 —Psalm 104:1b-2

SECOND READING

Today's Missal pg. 48 —Titus 2:11

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Today's Missal pg. 48 —Luke 3:16

GOSPEL

Today's Missal pg. 48 —Luke 3:15-16

HOMILY

GLORIA #192—"Holy, Holy, Holy"

OFFERTORY HYMN

#582—"In the Bleak Midwinter"

SANCTUS #193—"Holy, Holy, Holy"

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

#194—"We Proclaim Your Death, O Lord"

GREAT AMEN #197—"Amen"

AGNUS DEI #198—"Lamb of God"

COMMUNION HYMN

#506—"Deck Thyself, My Soul, with Gladness"

RECESSIONAL HYMN

#601—"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

St. Michael Hymnal / Heritage Mass



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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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December 14-15, 2024	\$ 9,362.00
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Christmas Collection	\$23,275.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 2,597.00
December 28-29, 2024	\$ 8,108.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 3,223.00
January 4-5, 2025	\$ 8,685.00
Monthly Collection	\$ 5,241.00

May God reward your generosity!

ANNUAL PARISH COLLECTION

To Date: \$14,569.00 (73%) of our goal of \$20,000
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Our pledge campaign company will begin to issue monthly statements in mid-end of January, to donors who have made pledges.



Please keep the recently baptized and their families in your prayers:

Lainey Belle DeJesus
Noah Brian DeJesus



WEEKDAY MASS DURING WINTER STORMS

Please note that, when school is closed due to a substantial winter storm, for everyone's safety, the Church will be closed and Mass will be offered privately.

Parish Office hours will be evaluated and changed as needed, based on weather conditions.

Presented by St. Joseph Respect Life Group:

Catholic Q & A

What do Pregnancy Resource Centers actually do?

Across the United States, approximately 2,750 pregnancy help centers offer life-affirming support to pregnant and parenting women. Our country's network of pregnancy care centers and maternity homes work to ensure that no woman is left alone in her own hour of need. These centers provide a spectrum of resources including baby clothes and diapers, childcare and career services, referrals to homes where pregnant and parenting moms can live for free, and many other forms of housing, food, and financial assistance. Many pregnancy care centers also provide some medical services, including ultrasounds, prenatal and postnatal care, and referrals to hospitals for free or low-cost childbirth. Their loving service and profound accompaniment continues far beyond the birth of the child, with mothers reporting that their pregnancy care center 'never let them go.' We commend pregnancy help centers for their faithful love of Christ in serving vulnerable mothers.

~ from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops website (www.usccb.org)

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Director's Note: This Sunday, we celebrate the baptism of our Lord, Jesus Christ! To honor this special day, I share with you an abstract from *Sunday Connection*: Every family has a unique identity that is influenced by the family history of the parents, and each family's expression of this history is unique. In today's Gospel, we learn that Jesus' behavior, attitudes, and expectations were governed by his identity as God's beloved Son. In our Baptism, we were made children of this same heavenly Father. This identity as members of the family of God, and as brothers and sisters of Jesus, also shapes our family's daily life. "How does this identity as a member of the family of God govern and shape your family life? What are some of the things that make your family life unique?" Celebrate these unique things about your family life, and let's think about how we can remain faithful to this baptismal identity as children of God and as brothers or sisters of Jesus.

Reminder for Confirmation Families:
Parent meeting with Bishop Caggiano on January 15, 2025, at St. Mary Parish in Bethel.

Class Schedule— Our classes continue to meet on Tuesdays, January 14, 21, and 28, and on Wednesdays, January 15, 22, and 29.

Faith Formation Office Hours — Monday to Wednesday from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm and Thursdays from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon. The office is closed on Fridays.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as priests, deacons, and consecrated persons.

Send your Holy Spirit to help others to respond generously and courageously to your call. May our community of faith support vocations of sacrificial love in our youth and young adults.

*Through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.
Amen*

LIVE STREAMING MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-Friday Daily Mass: 12:05 PM
Saturday: 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM Vigil Mass
Sunday Mass: 9:30 AM

To view, please go to our website:
www.stjosephdanbury.org and click on *StreamSpot* live streaming icon.



Then click on the icon  in the bottom right hand corner to view 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 that you would like to view.

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DAILY MASS READINGS:

Monday, Jan. 13: Weekday

Hebrews 1:1-6
Responsorial Psalm: 97: 1 & 2b
Gospel: Mark 1:14-20

Tuesday, Jan. 14: Weekday

Hebrews 2:5-12
Responsorial Psalm: 8:2ab
Gospel: Mark 1:21-28

Wednesday, Jan. 15: Weekday

Hebrews 2:14-18
Responsorial Psalm: 105:1-2
Gospel: Mark 1:29-39

Thursday, Jan. 16: Weekday

Hebrews 3:7-14
Responsorial Psalm: 95:6-7c
Gospel: Mark 1:40-45

Friday, Jan. 17: St. Anthony, Abbott

Hebrews 4:1-5
Responsorial Psalm: 92 (91):13-14
Gospel: Mark 2:1-12

Saturday, Jan. 18: Weekday

Hebrews: 4:12-16
Responsorial Psalm: 19:8
Gospel: Mark 2:13-17

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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in your prayers

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Saint Joseph School

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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, please register 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 or you may also register on our website: www.stjosephdanbury.org. Please be sure to introduce yourself to one of our Parish clergy.

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