

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.

**Saturday, December 29**

8:00 AM James Deakin—Family
 4:00 PM Sullivan Family—Mary & Frank Sullivan

Sunday, December 30

7:30 AM Mary Mikucki—Family
 9:00 AM Gabe Bardo—Emma
 10:30 AM Anne Macauley—Bill & Roe Fasano
 12:00 PM Bernadette Comer—Husband, Jim
 5:00 PM Ralph Burdick—Eileen Burdick

Monday, December 31

7:00 AM Dr. Francis J. Grandieri—Wife, Mary
 4:00 PM Betty & Jack McCarthy—Family

Tuesday, January 1

8:00 AM Dr. Francis J. Grandieri—Wife, Mary
 10:00 AM Ann Lashinger—Mr. & Mrs. F. Sullivan
 12:05 PM William & Katherine Eyth—Family

Wednesday, January 2

7:00 AM Arzeria Richardson—Son, Nathan
 12:05 PM Guiseppe Ferraro—Wife

Thursday, January 3

7:00 AM Helen & Thomas Wichers
 12:05 PM Intentions of Don Basso—Gibson Family

Friday, January 4

7:00 AM Robbie Torcaso—Aunt Dee
 12:05 PM Maria Larraguibel—Katherine Hansen

Saturday, January 5

8:00 AM Jim LiVolsi—LaGratta Family
 4:00 PM Joseph & Joe Valente—C. Valente

Sunday, January 6

7:30 AM Lucia Maria Amente—Doyle Family
 9:00 AM Joseph Paul Chila—Vieux Family
 10:30 AM Janette Ragatz—M/M Don Ragatz
 12:00 PM Felice Scalzo—Family
 5:00 PM Intentions of Parishioners

	<u>Mass</u>	<u>Presider</u>
Saturday, Jan. 5	4:00 PM	Fr. Scherba
Sunday, Jan. 6	7:30 AM	Fr. Franklin
	9:00 AM	Fr. Franklin
	10:30 AM	Fr. Scott
	12:00 PM	Fr. Scherba
	5:00 PM	Fr. Scott

Sanctuary Candles

The Sanctuary Candles will burn this week in memory of Joseph & Joe Valente requested by his Catherine Valente.

Please Pray For The Repose Of The Soul Of:

Saveria DiCiacco

The Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Today's readings reflect on the necessity of a family pattern. Every family is called to be a mirror of the divine love because the root of every love is God; family members are to relate lovingly to each other. The presence of children in a family signals the continuation of life and manifests the newness of God's love.

In the Gospel, Jesus remained in Jerusalem and Joseph and Mary did not know. In faith, they had to accept this mystery of why Jesus stayed in his "Father's house," which is the special, personal relationship between Jesus and the Father, which only becomes clear in light of Easter.

At Christmas, we celebrate the Incarnation, the reality that in Christ Jesus, God shares our human condition; this teaching is a mystery that we are challenged to accept in faith, as Mary did.

Prayer for the Feast of the Holy Family

Dear Lord, bless our family. Be so kind as to give us the unity, peace, and mutual love that You found in Your own family in the little town of Nazareth.

Saint Joseph, bless the head of our family. Obtain for him the strength, the wisdom, and the prudence he needs to support and direct those under his care.

Mother Mary, bless the heart of our family. Help her to be pure and kind, gentle and self-sacrificing. For the more she resembles you, the better will our family be.

Lord Jesus, bless the children of our family. Help them to be obedient and devoted to their parents.

Make them more and more like You. Let them grow, as You did, in wisdom and age and grace before God and man.

Holy Family of Nazareth, make our family and home more and more like Yours, until we are all one family, happy and at peace in our true home with You.

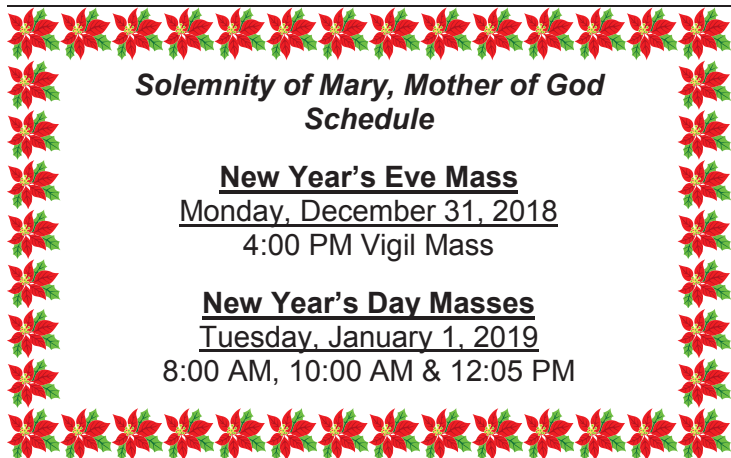
Amen.

Have a happy, holy, and healthy New Year!

Fr. Scott

Fr. Franklin

Fr. Scherba



**Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
Schedule**

New Year's Eve Mass
Monday, December 31, 2018
4:00 PM Vigil Mass

New Year's Day Masses
Tuesday, January 1, 2019
8:00 AM, 10:00 AM & 12:05 PM

Dear Parishioners,

We wish to extend a huge and heartfelt THANK YOU to the Saint Joseph family for your extraordinary stewardship and generosity of cards, prayers, gifts, and goodies during the Christmas Season. We are truly blessed to serve you. May God continue to bless you, each and all, during the New Year!

**Fr. Scott, Fr. Franklin,
& Fr. Scherba**

Eucharistic

**Eucharistic Adoration: Friday,
January 5th**



Adoration

Saint Joseph Church has Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on the First Friday of every month, starting at 7:30 AM and concluding with Benediction at 11:45 AM in the Church.



Walking with Purpose
**A Women's Catholic
Bible Study**

Do you desire to grow in your Catholic faith? Would you like to connect with other women in our Parish community? Are you searching for purpose? You are invited to consider joining *Walking With Purpose* at St. Joseph Church. Walking with Purpose transforms the hearts and lives of women by providing Bible studies that enable women to know Christ through scripture and the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church. We will do a six-week study of God the Father entitled *Living in the Father's Love*. This study reveals how deeply relevant the Gospels are to our relationships, both with God and those we love. No previous Bible study experience is necessary. Come as you are! Six meetings will take place on Thursdays from 7:00-8:30 PM in the Parish Center beginning **January 10, 2019**. For questions or to RSVP, contact Colleen Slaiby: colleenslaiby@yahoo.com.

Order of Mass

Holy Family

Cycle B

ENTRANCE

St. Michael Hymnal # 702 - "Once in Royal David's City"

KYRIE

"Lord Have Mercy" - Heritage Mass (Alstott)

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. 41

GOSPEL

Missal pg. 41 - Luke 2: 41-52

HOMILY

OFFERTORY

St. Michael Hymnal # 568 - "How Great Our Joy"

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 # 668 - "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

CLOSING HYMN

St. Michael Hymnal # 544 - "Good Christian Men Rejoice"



St. Joseph Music Ministry

Many thanks to all the volunteers in our musical ministries for donating their time and talents to make Christmas a musical celebration here at St. Joseph Parish. The Children's Choir and the Adult Choir work hard all year to present beautiful liturgical music each and every week, and this is truly a wonderful blessing. Please consider joining one of our ministries in the coming year. We always need new volunteers!

Please call David Baranowski directly at (914) 217-9234 or email baranowski73@yahoo.com for more information.

Thank you to all who participated in and helped with Sunday's concert. It was a very special afternoon filled with the sacred Christmas music of Bach and Handel. The choir and orchestra sounded great and we had a wonderful audience. Thanks again for all of your hard work!

HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH



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

*As we go to print, the Advent IV and Christmas
collections are still being counted.*

2018 Special Parish Annual Collection

Goal: \$40,000.00

Amount raised thus far: \$25,309.00

Many thanks for your generous stewardship!

Dear Friends in Christ,

We offer profound thanks to all who are helping with the unfinished work that is necessary for the preservation of our physical plant. The Phase One repaving of the asphalt parking lot is meant to help us make a start on a big project, and we are grateful for all who have contributed thus far to the Special Parish Annual Collection.

If you have not done so, please prayerfully consider making a contribution before the end of the year. Please simply designate your gift for the "Special Parish Annual Collection."

You may be wondering about the impact of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA) passed in December 2017 on your charitable contributions. Please be advised that you can still save capital-gain taxes! When you make a charitable gift using assets owned more than a year, you still receive a charitable deduction for the market value and you are not taxed on the capital gain. Because of this double benefit, giving an appreciated asset can greatly reduce the net cost of the gift.

Please be as generous as your means will allow.

Devotedly in Christ,

Rev. Samuel V. Scott

Pastor

"The Lord anointed us in Christ with the oil of gladness, and this anointing invites us to accept and appreciate this great gift: the gladness, the joy of being a priest. Priestly joy is a priceless treasure, not only for the priest himself but for the entire faithful people of God: that faithful people from which he is called to be anointed and which he, in turn, is sent to anoint."

– Pope Francis, *Chrism Mass Homily 2014*

Do you know a young man discerning priesthood? Encourage him, pray for him, offer him your support! Consider introducing him to Fr. John Connaughton at St. Thomas More Parish in Darien. Please visit www.bridgeportvocations.org for more information.



Carmen Buck
Religious
Education Building
203-778-1920

Happy New Year from the Religious Education Office!

Wednesday classes for Grades 1-6 will resume on January 2nd. **Tuesday students in Grades 1-6** will meet again on January 8th.

January Sunday Levels I and II classes will be held on January 6th, 13th, and 27th. **Wednesday Levels I and II classes** will meet on January 2nd, 9th, 23rd, and 30th.

Attention All Level II and SJS 8th Grade students and parents - A mandatory meeting with Dr. Joan Kelly will be held in the Church on Thursday, January 17th (snow date is January 24th) at 7:00 p.m. All students who will be confirmed in March 2019 and at least one parent of each student must attend this meeting.

All Level I and SJS 7th Grade Students must attend the 9:00 a.m. Commitment Mass on Sunday, January 13th. Students will sit with their classes and teachers.

Attention All Level II Students - January Rehearsals for Living Stations of the Cross will be held on Monday, January 14th and 28th from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the Church. Attendance is required.

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.



St. Joseph Youth Ministry

The St. Joseph High School Youth Group meets Sunday nights from 5 to 8 PM and is open to all teens of our Parish in grades 9 through 12. Our mission is to provide every teen with a unique and personal opportunity to grow closer to Christ by providing them with a safe and engaging environment. Teens that come to our Sunday meetings will encounter Christ's love through the celebration of Mass, our Life Nights, social outings, their fellow classmates, and our Adult Core of volunteers. Our teens will also be challenged to grow deeper in relationship with Christ through participation in the Sacraments, prayer meetings, retreats, and community outreach. Our December schedule is as follows:

December 30 - Youth Idea Night: What are you wanting to get out of Youth Group? Bring a friend, and let's have an open discussion.

For any questions, or more information, please reach out to Tyler Moore, Youth Minister, at (203) 826-4038 or at saintjosephyg@gmail.com.

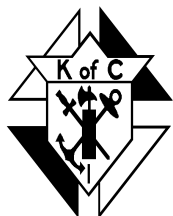
St. Joseph Reading Group

The St. Joseph reading group will gather in the Rosasco Room of the Carmen Buck Religious Education Building at 6:00 PM on Sunday, December 30th. We are discussing "*The Book of Her Life*" (St. Teresa Avila). The book is available at your local library, Catholic book websites or Amazon books. A free download of the book can be found at: www.carmelitemonks.org/Vocation/teresa_life.pdf. You are invited to join in the discussion of this Spanish nun, religious woman, noted mystic and a doctor of the Catholic Church.

All Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers

SAVE THE DATE!

Please be advised that the Leadership Institute of the Diocese of Bridgeport will be offering a presentation for all current **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (Eucharistic Ministers) and Readers (Lectors)**. All those who are currently serving in either one of these liturgical ministries are asked kindly to attend. More information to follow for all liturgical ministries (including Music Ministers), but all Eucharistic Ministers and Readers are asked at this time please to mark your calendar for a meeting on **Monday, January 14, 2019 at 7 PM**. The location is **St. Gregory the Great Parish, 85 Great Plain Road, Danbury**. The topic is the **Revised Norms Governing Liturgical Ministries**. This meeting is the closest and most convenient in terms of accessibility. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.



Come join us for a celebration of motherhood!

The Knights of Columbus are hosting an event for all mothers on Saturday, February 23, 2019 at St. Joseph Church during the week of the Feast of St. Margaret of Cortona, the patron saint of single mothers. The event will begin with a 30 minute prayer service including the traditional blessing of candles, followed by food and information on support services in Danbury. If desired, childcare will be provided at St. Joseph School so mothers can attend the event without disruption. We encourage everyone to sponsor a candle and / or accompany the mother to the event where the candles will be distributed. A donation is not required. If you would like to make a donation, a check can be made out to Knights of Columbus #29. RSVP by January 31, 2019 using the self-addressed envelope provided, place in the collection basket or return to the rectory. For more information contact the Knights of Columbus McGivney Council 29 KofC29@gmail.com or (203) 744-9562.

The Knights of Columbus Basketball Free Throw Contest comes to St. Joseph School on Sunday January 6, 2019. Everyone aged 9-14 (date of birth 2004 through 2009) is welcome. Registration is open from noon to 1 PM, as the contest begins at 1:00 PM. Winners in each boys' and girls' age bracket will advance to a regional contest.

Birthright needs volunteers!

Birthright is an emergency pregnancy service offering free pregnancy tests, friendship counseling, and practical support. Our guiding principle: It is the right of every pregnant woman to give birth and the right of every child to be born. Birthright has served in Connecticut since 1972 and has ten locations. We help any pregnant girl or woman who calls us. If you would like to help, please call 1-800-550-4900 for the Birthright nearest you. Training is provided! Thank you. A special call to Spanish speaking volunteers. Thank you.

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

Daily Mass Readings:

Monday, Dec. 31: Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord, [St. Sylvester I, Pope]

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

Tuesday, Jan. 1: Solemnity of Mary

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

Wednesday, Jan. 2: Sts. Basil the Great, & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctors of the Church

1 John 2: 22-28
 Responsorial Psalm 98
 Gospel: John 1: 19-28

Thursday, Jan. 3: Christmas Weekday, [The Most Holy Name of Jesus]

1 John 2: 29-3: 6
 Responsorial Psalm 98
 Gospel: John 1: 29-34

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

1 John 3: 7-10
 Responsorial Psalm 98
 Gospel: John 1: 35-42

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

1 John 3: 11-21
 Responsorial Psalm 100
 Gospel: John 1: 43-51

HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

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New Diocesan Website: The Diocese has created a new website that outlines how the Diocese of Bridgeport is transparent and fully accountable in its policies, programs, and response to the sexual abuse of minors. The website can be found at <https://www.bridgeportdioceses.org/pledge/welcome/>. The Diocese has also published its **Diocesan Financial Accountability Report** that outlines a full financial report of settlement amounts for past claims of clergy sexual abuse of minors from the establishment of the Diocese to date. The report includes the sources from where the money was obtained to settle those claims and can be found on the diocesan website.

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Please remember the sick of our Parish in your prayers: Barbara Baker, Kelli Barrett, Max Cassano, Tyrone Freitas, Anne Gallagher, Robert & Alberta Greeley, Leslie Johnson, Gavin King, Teresa O’Connor, Phillip Palanzo, Jr., Ethel Pancotti, 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: _____
First Name(s): _____
Address: _____
City, State, ZIP: _____
Home Tel: _____
Buss Tel: _____
E-mail: _____
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: _____