

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, January 12**

8:00 AM Bridget Duff—Mary & Frank Sullivan
 4:00 PM Dec. members of the Winter Family

Sunday, January 13

7:30 AM Fiore & Talarico Families-T. Potenziani
 9:00 AM Walter J. Straiton, III—Family
 10:30 AM Deceased Parishioners
 12:00 PM Nathan Betesh—Family
 5:00 PM Intentions of Parishioners

Monday, January 14

7:00 AM Mario Tomanio—Friend
 12:05 PM Ann Lashinger—Louise McDevitt

Tuesday, January 15

7:00 AM Jose Matias—Wife
 12:05 PM Leonard Van Wassenhove—Family

Wednesday, January 16

7:00 AM Sergio Loveras—Sister
 12:05 PM Marion Borrelli—Family

Thursday, January 17

7:00 AM Bruce Eisenberger—Wife
 12:05 PM Katherine Eyth—Family

Friday, January 18

7:00 AM Clarence J. Venne—Stillson Family
 12:05 PM Int. of Josephine Randazzo—Dottie


Saturday, January 19

8:00 AM In Memory of the Unborn Child
 4:00 PM David Lahoud—Wife & Family

Sunday, January 20

7:30 AM Margaret Hoyer—M/M Joe Bromley
 9:00 AM Christopher Wilcox—M/M D. Macauley
 10:30 AM Philip DiDomenico—M/M A. Mastracchio
 12:00 PM Kimberly Ann Sabene—Adelia Alves
 5:00 PM Intentions of Parishioners

	<u>Mass</u>	<u>Presider</u>
Saturday, Jan. 19	4:00 PM	Fr. Franklin
Sunday, Jan. 20	7:30 AM	Fr. Scott
	9:00 AM	Fr. Scherba
	10:30 AM	Fr. Scott
	12:00 PM	Fr. Scherba
	5:00 PM	Fr. Franklin



Sanctuary Candles

The Sanctuary Candles will burn this week in memory of Jim LiVolsi requested by his family.

Please Pray For The Repose Of The Soul Of:
Harold Gantnier

**BAPTISM**

Dear parishioners and friends of St. Joseph Parish,

This weekend, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. This feast is a wonderful time to reflect on the Sacrament of Baptism, and its effects in our lives.

Every Christian, at baptism, is washed in water as the outward sign of being cleansed from sin and born to new life in Christ. The symbolism of water is clear: it washes clean and supports life.

From earliest times, water has been blessed and used by the Church as a symbol in blessings, dedications, funerals and in ceremonial sprinkling as a reminder of Baptism. In Ezekiel 36:25 we read:

"I shall pour clean water over you and you will be cleansed; I shall cleanse you of all your defilement... I shall give you a new heart, and put a new spirit in you."

In most churches there is a font of Holy Water near the door. Christians may dip the fingers of the right hand in the water and make the sign of the Cross. On entering, we apply Holy Water as a reminder that through the waters of Baptism we entered into membership of Christ's Body the Church.

On going out, we apply Holy Water as a reminder that at Baptism we were signed with the Cross and must not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified.

Do you know someone who is unbaptized and seeking to enter the Church? Please direct them to our RCIA Director, Margaret Curran, at Tel. 203-792-1132. Let us work together to evangelize and grow our Parish family. Let us pray...

God our Father, your gift of water brings life and freshness to the earth; it washes away our sins and brings us eternal life. Renew the living spring of your life within us and protect us in spirit and body that we may be free from sin and receive your gift of salvation. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Devotedly in Christ,
Rev. Samuel V. Scott
 Pastor

We Welcome You!
Saint Joseph Parish warmly welcomes these newly registered families:

*Ms. Carol Bartelemucci
 Mr. & Mrs. Frank Parrotta*

St. Joseph Parish will be offering the opportunity to view, reflect upon, and share faith with a special edition film on important contemporary themes in parish life. These themes include welcoming visitors, compassionate outreach, and feeding the hungry.

Scenes from a Parish was produced by **RENEW International** which brought us **ARISE Together in Christ**. This documentary offers a rare and compelling glimpse into one parish's experience of today's changing and diverse culture.

Please join the ARISE Core Team for viewing this film, faith sharing, and prayer at **3:00 PM on Sunday, January 13, 2019 in the Carmen Lucia Buck Religious Education Building**. We look forward to continuing to grow as a parish community through this opportunity.

-- *Father Scott* for the Core Team

March for Life Pilgrimage



Join the Office of Respect Life Ministry on the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Washington D.C. for the March for Life on Friday, January 18, 2019. For more information email officeoffaithformation@diobpt.org or call 203-416-1670.

Busses:

5:00 AM departing from the Cathedral Parish in Bridgeport

5:30 AM departing from St. Thomas Apostle Parish in Norwalk

6:00 AM departing from Basilica of St. John the Evangelist Parish in Stamford

The cost per person is \$75.00. Register at www.bridgeportdiocese.org/faith-formation by Friday, January 11, 2019.

Checks are made payable to: *Office for Pastoral Services* and can be mailed to: *Diocese of Bridgeport, Respect Life Ministry Office, 238 Jewett Ave., Bridgeport, CT 06606*.

Bethany Mass

This Sunday, January 13th, at the 10:30 AM Mass we will remember our deceased parishioners: Saveria DiCiaccio, Delores Yacuzzi, Marilyn Brassard, Antoinette Carlo, Ann Lashinger, Tina Townsend, William Bocaccio, Mario Tomaino, and John Patrick Waupotic. 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 and their families and friends.

Order of Mass

Baptism of the Lord

Cycle B

ENTRANCE

St. Michael Hymnal # 757 - "Songs of Thankfulness and Praise"

KYRIE

"Lord Have Mercy" - Heritage Mass (Alstott)

FIRST READING

Missal pg. 46 - Isaiah 40: 1-5, 9-11

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Missal pg. 46

SECOND READING

Missal pg. 47 - Titus 2: 11-14, 3: 4-7

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Missal pg. 47

GOSPEL

Missal pg. 48 - Luke 3: 15-16, 21-22

HOMILY

OFFERTORY

St. Michael Hymnal # 482 - "Come Down, O Love Divine"

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 # 510 - "Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether"

CLOSING HYMN

St. Michael Hymnal # 645 - "O Bless the Lord, My Soul"

All Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers

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.

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Parish Support

Stewardship of Time, Talent, and Treasure Worship Offerings

January 5 - January 6, 2019	\$7,014.00
Monthly	\$3,916.00
Online Giving	\$11,010.50

Many thanks for your generous stewardship!

Spiritual Adoption Prayer Ministry



Please join the St. Joseph Respect Life Group Spiritual Adoption Prayer Ministry and pray daily for an unborn baby. The program will begin the weekend of January 13th, and run through October 2019. Spiritually adopting an unknown unborn baby, who is in danger of abortion, is easy and requires just a few moments of your time each day:

1. Start by choosing to spiritually adopt one unborn baby somewhere in the world that is in danger of being aborted.
2. Name the unborn child, giving this baby the humanity he or she deserves.
3. Pick up a wallet prayer card at the church entrances. The card has a simple prayer written out for you to pray daily for a period of nine months for baby, and parents.
4. Write your adopted baby's name on the spiritual adoption board which will be located in the side entrance of the Church.
5. Follow your adopted baby's monthly development in our St. Joseph Church bulletin.

You can adopt more than one baby, and can join any time during January.
The power of prayer is great and can change the course of people's lives. Thank you!

St. Joseph Music Ministry



MUSIC NOTES

The choir will sing "Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether," the beautiful choral anthem composed by 20th Century composer and native New Yorker, Harold Friedell. Born in Jamaica, Queens, in 1905, Friedell became an accomplished organist and choirmaster, taught at the Union Theological Seminary and the Juilliard School, and became a prominent member of the American Guild of Organists. His most illustrious job as an organist and choirmaster was at the famous St. Bartholomew's Church on Park Avenue in New York City from 1946 until his death in 1958. It was during his years at "St. Bart's" that he composed some of his most famous works, including "Draw Us In the Spirit's Tether," which we sing for you today.



Carmen Buck
Religious
Education Building
203-778-1920

January Sunday Levels I and II classes will be held on January 13th, and 27th. Wednesday Levels I and II classes will meet on January 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 PM. 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 PM 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

St. Joseph Church High School Youth Group meets Sundays from 5PM to 8PM and is open to all teens of our parish in grades 9 through 12. Each week begins with attending the 5pm Youth Mass on Sundays as a youth community, as taking part in Mass and serving at Mass is just one step in building together in faith. After Mass, we meet in the Youth Room for fellowship activities, faith lessons, and service projects from 6pm to 8pm. Our mission is to provide every teen with a unique and personal opportunity to grow closer to Christ in a new way every single day by providing them with a safe and engaging environment. Please join us for our upcoming events:

January 13 - Game Night: Start the new year off right with fun and fellowship. Bring a friend as well as your favorite game and have some fun.

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

Stop In... AND HAVE A CUP OF COFFEE



Coffee Hour

There will be a Coffee Hour following the 10:30 AM Mass on **Sunday, January 20th**, sponsored by the St. Joseph Reading Group. Please come join us.

St. Joseph Council of Catholic Women

The St. Joseph Council of Catholic Women want to wish all of our parishioners a Happy and Healthy New Year and extend our thanks for your support throughout the year. We will hold our next meeting on Monday, **January 21st at 1:00 PM** in the Carmen Buck Religious Education Building. This will be our annual Birthright Baby Shower. All women of the Parish are invited to attend. We look forward to seeing you there!

St. Joseph School News

It is an exciting time at St. Joseph School this January! We are now in the second half of Basketball season. Our next home games will be held on January 16th; both Varsity and JV Girls' teams will compete. Students are looking forward to Catholic Schools' Week 1/27-2/2. The theme of this week will be: *Learn, Serve, Lead, and Succeed*. Our winter Open House will be February 3rd from 10 AM-Noon.

Visit our website www.sjsdanbury.org for information on upcoming events.

**Domestic Church Evangelization Retreat
March 28th-31st at the Blue Army Shrine in
Asbury, NJ**

A retreat for Sacramentally married couples that provides them with an opportunity to begin their spiritual journey together (or deepen it if it already exists) as well as an introduction to Domestic Church for those interested in beginning formation in a Domestic Church circle. Register at: <https://nolacatholicfla.regfox.com/domestic-church-evangelization-retreat-march-28-31-2019-blue-army-shrine>.

Domestic Church is the family branch of the Light-Life Movement, founded in Poland by Servant of God, Fr. Franciszek Blachnicki with the guidance, support, and influence of his bishop, Karol Wojtyla (Pope Saint John Paul II). Domestic Church (DC) provides lifelong formation for sacramentally married couples. DC couples and families strive to fulfill 7 "promises". The first four promises are daily individual prayer, daily study of scripture, daily couple prayer, and daily family prayer. The last three are a commitment to a monthly couple dialogue, the formation of a rule of life, and a yearly Domestic Church retreat. In addition, each month 4-7 couples gather together with their circle priest to enjoy a meal together while sharing their joys and sorrows of the month, pray together, and work through the formational materials. The circle is a support for the couples as well as a way to further their understanding of the 7 "promises."

Local Contact

Harry and Bridget Bethray

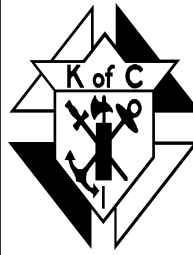
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Fr. Sam Scott

St. Joseph's Church, Danbury

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**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.

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, Jan. 14: Weekday

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

Tuesday, Jan. 15: Weekday

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

Wednesday, Jan. 16: Weekday

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

Thursday, Jan. 17: St. Anthony, Abbot

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

Friday, Jan. 18: Weekday

Hebrews 4: 1-5, 11
Responsorial Psalm 78
Gospel: Mark 2: 1-12

Saturday, Jan. 19: Weekday

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

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Saint Joseph Parish

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Parish Contacts

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Walking with Purpose
A Women’s Catholic Bible Study

You are invited to join *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. Meetings will take place on Thursdays (1/17, 1/24, 1/31, 2/7, 2/14) from 7:00-8:30 PM in the Buck Religious Education Building. For questions contact Colleen Slaiby: colleenslaiby@yahoo.com.

Saint Joseph School

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203-748-6615
Advisory Board President: Dr. John Pitrelli
203-748-6615



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: _____