

SAINT JOSEPH CHURCH

A ROMAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY IN DANBURY

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On behalf of the St. Joseph Task Force to Re-Open and our entire staff, we are delighted to inform you that we are open for Sunday Masses, Saturday Vigil, and daily Mass. We have taken every conceivable measure to ensure that St. Joseph Church is the safest place not only in Danbury but in the United States for you, your families, our staff, and the entire Parish community. To show you how we are transcending COVID-19, please see the homepage of our Parish website at www.stjosephchurchdanbury.org for more information and regular updates. We cannot wait to welcome you to your spiritual home.

We are offering Mass at the Saturday Vigil at 4:00 PM, the Sunday 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 and 5 PM

Masses, and the daily Mass at 12:05 PM and Saturday at 8 AM. Please call the Office, 203-748-8177, Monday through Friday, to register in order to attend these public Masses. We are practicing physical distancing and all must wear a mask. Please do not attend if you are feeling ill or are at-risk.

The Rectory Office will be closed for walk-in service during this time, but you may call 203-748-8177, Monday through Friday, from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM, for pastoral emergencies, Parish business, or for any other inquiries.

We are currently live streaming these Masses: 12:05 PM daily Masses, 4:00 PM Vigil Mass on Saturday, and 9:30 AM Sunday Mass so you may watch online.



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 2**

8:00 AM In Memory of the Unborn Child
 4:00 PM Dec. of the Winters Family—Family

Sunday, January 3

7:30 AM Peter Seiler—Family
 9:30 AM Joseph & Joe Valente—C. Valente
 10:30 AM Intentions of Parishioners
 11:30 AM Susan Casasola—Henn Family
 5:00 PM Guiseppe Ferraro—Wife

Monday, January 4

7:00 AM Father Rossitto—LaGratta Family
 12:05 PM Susan Bradly—Paul Duncan

Tuesday, January 5

7:00 AM Jeanette Ragatz—Family
 12:05 PM Rosalba Rizzo—Family

Wednesday, January 6

7:00 AM Bridget Duff—Mary & Frank Sullivan
 12:05 PM Edward McGuire—Brestovansky Family

Thursday, January 7

7:00 AM Anne Fratello—Father Scott
 12:05 PM Maddalena DelMonte—Donna Palmer

Friday, January 8

7:00 AM Int. of Gary Arconti—Ziegler Family
 12:05 PM Gilda Bostock—Husband

Saturday, January 9

8:00 AM Jim Scovotti—Deacon Vaughn
 4:00 PM Lucia Passamonti—Rosa Fanelli

Sunday, January 10

7:30 AM Rose Kruse—Father Scott
 9:30 AM Deceased Parishioners
 10:30 AM Gilda Bostock—Husband
 11:30 AM Walter J. Straiton, III—Family
 5:00 PM Intentions of Parishioners

Procedure for Public Mass

St. Joseph Church is offering Public Masses with a congregation. Please see the Parish's website, www.stjosephchurchdanbury.org for more information.

We are offering the **Saturday, 8:00 AM, and 4:00 PM Vigil Mass and the Sunday, 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 AM, and 5:00 PM Masses as well as the 12:05 PM Daily Mass.** Please call the Rectory, 203-748-8177, Monday through Friday between 9 AM and 4 PM, in order to register to attend any public Masses. Thank you.

In case of inclement weather, when schools and our office is closed, our 12:05 PM daily Mass will be said privately for the safety of all our parishioners.

From the Rectory desk...

Last week, the week before Christmas, I celebrated a wedding in Newtown of a beautiful young couple. It was an occasion of great joy and bride and bridegroom were truly radiant. In my sermon I came clean to the newlyweds that I had prayed for snow. I was hoping for a white wedding and so it came to pass. But it was not just the aesthetic beauty of the wintry landscape that was behind my desire for snow. It dawned on me that the very Earth had decked herself in a bridal veil and turned up to celebrate their nuptials. It was as if all Creation rejoiced to see the day – and in many ways, this is precisely true.

You see, you and I give voice to God's Creation. We are the spokesmen and women for all that God has made. The flora and fauna reflect God's glory and offer praise in their own way, but we – as members of the Human Race – have the power to hear God speak to us and to speak to Him in return. This is a God-given power. He made us in His image in order for us to have this dominion over Creation – a dominion that is God-like: not tyrannical power, but rather, humble custodianship.

If the Cosmos could thank us for one thing, it would be this: our fruitful and active participation at Holy Mass. I am very serious. At Holy Mass "Heaven is wedded to Earth" in the words of the *Exultet*. All things are reconciled to God the Father by the Son in the power of the Spirit. That reconciliation happens at the Cross – where you and I gather not to gawp, but rather to be united in that one, sacrificial offering of Son to Father.

Sounds too much?

Did you not know that you are required to offer a sacrifice at Mass (cf. Romans 12.1)?

Attending Holy Mass is not about custom, or habit – it's not even about remembering all the good things God does for us. It's much more involved than that. To be passive spectators watching Father do strange things at the Altar is not participating in the mysteries. It's not truly engaging with your Baptismal vocation. If you are the Body of Christ, then that Body is offered to the Father and thus you are too.

How have you sacrificed for Christ recently?

How have you offered your sufferings through Him for the Redemption of the world?

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“For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now” (Romans 8:22)

Just as the Cosmos put on its finest for the wedding last week, so too the Earth implores us to participate fully at the Wedding Feast of the Lamb – every time we attend Holy Mass. One day this Earth will pass away and you and I will see a *new* Heaven and a *new* Earth, with ourselves as citizens of the New Jerusalem *“prepared as a bride adorned for her husband”* (Revelation 21:2). I do not know when this will be, but I know how to prepare for it. You and I, because we are baptized, are a new Creation – we were the last to be created in the old Heaven and Earth (cf. Genesis 1:27) but we are the first of the new order. At Holy Mass then – every time we participate – we hasten on that day when God will be all in all (cf. 1 Corinthians 15:28).

Fr. Michael J. V. Clark
Parochial Vicar

We Welcome You!

Saint Joseph Parish warmly welcomes this newly registered family:

Mr. & Mrs. Joey Agojo



St. Joseph Parish Social Media Launch

Parishioners will be able to keep in touch with what's going on in the parish by checking out our three new social media feeds! Using the handle @sjdanbury for all three, you will be able to find us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. Of the three, Facebook is probably the most user-friendly for parishioners, but Instagram will include photos and videos of parish life. Please like us and follow us, so that we might better keep in touch.

<https://www.facebook.com/sjdanbury/>

<https://www.instagram.com/sjdanbury/>

<https://twitter.com/sjdanbury>

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”

11:30 AM Mass:

St. Michael Hymnal # 438 - “At the Name of Jesus”

KYRIE

“Lord Have Mercy” - Heritage Mass (Alstott)

GLORIA

#192 - “Gloria,” Heritage Mass (Alstott)

FIRST READING

Isaiah 60: 1-6

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

“Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.”

SECOND READING

Ephesians 3: 2-3a, 5-6

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

“We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.”

GOSPEL

Matthew 2: 1-12

HOMILY

OFFERTORY

St. Michael Hymnal # 822 - “We Three Kings”

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 ANTIPHON

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

COMMUNION

St. Michael Hymnal # 435 - “As with Gladness Men of Old”

MARIAN ANTIPHON

St. Michael Hymnal # 428 - “Alma Redemptoris Mater”

Please Pray For The Repose Of The Souls Of:

Anne Fratello
John Novella, Sr.

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Parish Support

Stewardship of Time, Talent, and Treasure Worship Offerings

December 19-December 20, 2020 \$4,903.00
Flowers \$2,101.00

We Stand With Christ

Amount Pledged: \$1,461,180.79

Amount collected to date: \$700,565.49

*During this time of uncertainty due to the coronavirus,
please mail your regular offertory envelopes to St.
Joseph Rectory or give Online.*

*We truly depend on your help and assistance for
paying our staff, the upkeep of our church operations,
and to advance the mission of the Church in
Danbury.*

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

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



Carmen Buck Religious
Education Building
203-778-1920

Happy New Year from the Religious Education Office!

We begin the new year with independent work for
Tuesday Grades 1-5 on January 5th.

The Wednesday Zoom classes for Grades 1-6 and
Levels I & II resume on January 6th.

Sunday Zoom classes for Levels I & II begin on
January 10th.

Please follow the preliminary calendar until the end of
January. A new calendar will be sent to all families by
email at the end of the month.

Prayer for those Living Alone

*I live alone, dear Lord, stay by my side.
In my daily life, be always my guide.*

*Grant me good health, for this I pray,
so I may live to the fullest every day.*

*Help me stay positive in thought
and in deed,
as I strive to be kind and help my
neighbor in need.*

*Protect me from threats such as theft
and fire;
shield me from hatred and others' ire.*

*If an illness or accident should befall me,
then humbly I pray, Lord,
that you hear my call.*

*And when I am feeling low or in despair,
lift up my heart and help me in my prayer.*

*I live alone, dear Lord, yet I have no fear,
because I feel your presence ever near.*

Amen.

Many live alone and are socially isolated from others.
As the New Year begins, this prayer has and can
bring solace in the knowledge God's presence is al-
ways with us and we can be His presence to others.
May you have a year of many blessings including
good health and wonderful memories.

Deacon Don Naiman



Saint Joseph Music Notes

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 just 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."

In Christ,
Zacchaeus Lock
Music Director

Leadership Institute of The Diocese of Bridgeport

Sunday Family Rosary

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

Votive Candles

We have re-opened the votive candles on the St. Jo-
seph side of the altar. Please feel free to light can-
dles for your loved ones once again.

RESPECT LIFE NOVENA



Join thousands of Catholics nationwide in the annual **Respect Life Novena, 9 Days for Life**, starting Thursday, January 21 and ending Friday, January 29, 2021. This novena, simple yet profound, includes daily intentions, brief reflections and ideas for small, loving acts of penance or sacrifice. Our Lady's message at Fatima was that prayer can change world outcomes. Together we can make a difference!

Please sign up at <https://www.respectlife.org/9-days-for-life>

Here is a sample of the 9 Days for Life Novena:

9 DAYS FOR LIFE NOVENA: Summary of Day One - January 21st

Intercession: May the tragic practice of abortion end.
Prayer: Our Father, 3 Hail Marys, Glory Be

Reflection: At every stage and in every circumstance, we are held in existence by God's love. The presence of an illness, disability, or other challenging situation never diminishes the value of a human life. God does not call us to perfection of appearance or abilities, but to perfection in love. May our culture experience the power of God's transforming love, that all eyes may be opened to the incredible beauty of every human life.

Acts of Reparation: Take a break from TV or movies today. Consider spending some of that time praying over today's reflection.



Calendars

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

BETHANY MASS

Next Sunday, January 10th, at the 9:30 AM Bethany Mass, we will remember our deceased parishioners: Rosalba Rizzo, John Seri, Anthon DeLeon, and Richard Moore. 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.


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!

St. Joseph School News

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

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

Daily Mass Readings:

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

1 John 3: 22-14: 6
Responsorial Psalm 2
Gospel: Matthew 4: 12-17, 23-25

Tuesday, Jan. 5: Christmas Weekday

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

Wednesday, Jan. 6: Christmas Weekday

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

Thursday, Jan. 7: Christmas Weekday

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

Friday, Jan. 8: Christmas Weekday

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

Saturday, Jan. 9: Christmas Weekday

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

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Please remember the sick of our Parish in your prayers: Gary Arconti, Barbara Baker, Kelli Barrett, Max Cassano, Irene Clark, Sheryl Fanelli, Loralyn Gaughran, Anand Gokhale, Gavin King, Christine Krumholz, Kaia Lauro, Patricia Leggiadro, Carol Matzinger, Marjorie Nodine, Teresa O'Connor, 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: _____

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:

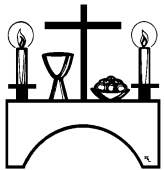
Adults

Children

Adult Religious Education

Liturgy Attended: _____

Sanctuary Candles



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

**HAVE YOU
PRAYED TODAY?**



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