

# ***SAINT JOSEPH CHURCH***

*A ROMAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY IN DANBURY*

**EIGHT ROBINSON AVENUE**

**DANBURY, CONNECTICUT 06810-5517**

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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 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

**Monday, January 7**

7:00 AM Vincent Keilty—SJ Respect Life Group  
 12:05 PM MaryBeth Adamson-Strauss—Gibsons

**Tuesday, January 8**

7:00 AM Jim LiVolsi—Dean Family  
 12:05 PM Anne Macauley—Doyle Family

**Wednesday, January 9**

7:00 AM Special Intentions  
 12:05 PM Adrien Goudreau—Family

**Thursday, January 10**

7:00 AM Marie O'Reilly—Bernadette Doran  
 12:05 PM Kathleen & Jim Spearman—C. Valente

**Friday, January 11**

7:00 AM George Brey—Mr. & Mrs. Don Ragatz  
 12:05 PM Barbara Colley—McDevitt Family

**Saturday, January 12**

8:00 AM Bridget Duff—Mary b& 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

Dear parishioners and friends of St. Joseph Parish,

Father Dennis Billy, C.S.S.R, in his book, Under the Starry Night, writes, "Ours is one of the first generations for whom the stars have lost their strange, transcendent appeal. No longer do they relate to us the eternal stories of embattled gods; no longer do they elicit from us the inspired dreams of journeying kings; no longer do they move us to our knees in gratitude for the power we have to behold them."

He continues: "We have analyzed [the stars] to so great an extent that they have become surprisingly irrelevant in our lives . . . We watch them through our telescopes but have forgotten to ponder them with our hearts."

Father Billy's sense of loss – the loss of the sacred in today's world -- can be a catalyst to ponder the stars anew on a clear night and be led to an experience of wonder and awe. May the Holy Spirit recreate us as we celebrate the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord this weekend.

Epiphany is actually the celebration of the manifestation of Christ to all. The Star of Bethlehem drew the Magi to the new-born King of the Jews, the Savior of the World. The Star continues to call all people to Christ. The mystery of the Incarnation, the mystery of God made visible, calls forth from us a response of gratitude and more.

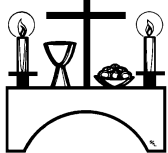
St. Leo the Great in a sermon wrote: "The obedience of the star calls us to imitate its humble service: to be servants, as best we can, of the grace that invites all men to find Christ." May our lives be an invitation, then, to all people to draw closer to Christ to adore Him and to appreciate that through the Holy Spirit a Christian becomes a New Creation in Christ Jesus, our Lord. Happy New Year!

Devotedly in Christ,

*Rev. Samuel V. Scott*

Pastor

	<u>Mass</u>	<u>Presider</u>
Saturday, Jan. 12	4:00 PM	Fr. Scott
Sunday, Jan. 13	7:30 AM	Fr. Scherba
	9:00 AM	Fr. Scott
	10:30 AM	Fr. Franklin
	12:00 PM	Fr. Franklin
	5:00 PM	Fr. Scherba

**Sanctuary Candles**

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

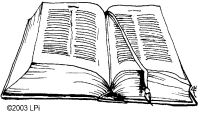
**Please Pray For The Repose Of The Soul Of:**

*Robert G. Schirmer*

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



**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](mailto:colleenslaiby@yahoo.com).



**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](mailto: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](http://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*.

**PRAYER FOR THE UNBORN**

Heavenly Father,  
You created us in Your own image, and You desire that not even the least among us should perish.  
In Your love for us,  
You entrusted Your only Son to the holy Virgin Mary.  
Now, in Your love,  
protect against the wickedness of the devil,  
those little ones to whom You have given the gift of life. Amen

**Order of Mass**

**Epiphany of the Lord**

**Cycle B**

**ENTRANCE**

*St. Michael Hymnal # 780* - "The First Nowell"

**KYRIE**

"Lord Have Mercy" - Heritage Mass (Alstott)

**FIRST READING**

*Missal pg. 43* - Isaiah 60: 1-6

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

*Missal pg. 44*

**SECOND READING**

*Missal pg. 44* - Ephesians 3: 2-3a, 5-6

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*Missal pg. 45*

**GOSPEL**

*Missal pg. 45* - 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**

*St. Michael Hymnal # 742* - "See, Amid the Winter's Snow"

**CLOSING HYMN**

*St. Michael Hymnal # 435* - "As with Gladness nMen of Old"

**St. Joseph Church Men's Group**

The Men's Group at St. Joseph Parish provides an opportunity (aided by a study guide) to ponder, freely discuss in small groups, and learn from the Sunday Scriptures. This deeper spiritual formation influences the participants' daily lives, improves their personal well-being, and heightens their appreciation of the homily, the liturgy, and the teachings of the Catholic Church. Meetings will be held on Saturdays from 7 to 8 AM in the Carmen Buck Religious Education Building. All men are welcome. For information, call Mark at (203) 947-4012 or email him at [indeedchristian@yahoo.com](mailto:indeedchristian@yahoo.com).

**St. Joseph School News**

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

Visit our website [www.sjsdanbury.org](http://www.sjsdanbury.org) for information on upcoming events.

## EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

### Parish Support

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

December 22 - December 23, 2018	\$8,691.00
December 29 - December 30, 2018	\$6,800.00
Christmas	\$32,994.00

**Many thanks for your generous stewardship!**



Carmen Buck  
Religious  
Education Building  
203-778-1920

**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 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.*

#### Respect Life Group - Spiritual Adoption Prayer Ministry begins January 13th!



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!

#### Food Drive



The Knights of Columbus Council #29 has been working to collect food for Catholic Charities here in Danbury. On the Third Sunday of each month (**January 20th**) we will be placing bins at each entrance at the Church for donations of non-perishable foods. These donations are hand delivered by the Knights to Catholic Charities. These donations are then given out too many needed families in the greater Danbury area. Your donations are greatly appreciated.

#### 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 6 - No Youth Group**

**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](mailto:tyler@stjosephyg.com).

#### Coffee Hour

There will be a Coffee Hour following the 7:30 AM Mass next **Sunday, January 13th**. Please come join us for some food and fellowship.

**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.

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

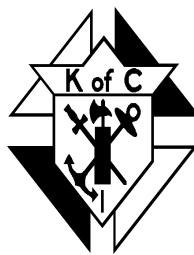
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Fr. Sam Scott

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](mailto:KofC29@gmail.com) or (203) 744-9562.

*To sign-up for online giving, go to [www.stjosephchurchdanbury.org](http://www.stjosephchurchdanbury.org) and click on the Online Giving logo and create an account.*

**Daily Mass Readings:**

**Monday, Jan. 7: Christmas Weekday, [St. Raymond of Penafort, Priest]**

1 John 3: 22-4: 6  
 Responsorial Psalm 2  
 Gospel: Mark 4: 12-17, 23-35

**Tuesday, Jan. 8: Christmas Weekday**

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

**Wednesday, Jan. 9: Christmas Weekday**

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

**Thursday, Jan. 10: Christmas Weekday**

1 John 4: 19-5: 4  
 Responsorial Psalm 72  
 Gospel: John 1: 29-34

**Friday, Jan. 11: Christmas Weekday**

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

**Saturday, Jan. 12: Christmas Weekday**

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

## EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

### Saint Joseph Parish

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**Adult Choir:** Mr. David Baranowski - 203-778-1920  
**Children's Choir:** Mrs. Jennifer Doherty, 203-748-6615  
**Youth Ministry:** Mr. Tyler Moore, 203-826-4038  
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**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

**Director of Religious Education :** Mrs. Lynn Smierciak,  
(203) 778-1920  
**Secretary:** Mrs. Claire Anderson, 203-778-1920  
**R.C.I.A.:** Mrs. Margaret Curran, 203-792-1132  
**Adult Education Lectures:** Dr. Joan Kelly, 203-227-8928

### Parish Contacts

**Bereavement Ministry:** Deacon Donald & Mrs. Stephania Naiman, 203-748-8177  
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**Carmelites:** Mrs. Joan Ledoux, 203-743-7813  
**Coffee Hour:** Mrs. Anne Savino, 203-744-5567  
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**Finance Committee Chairman:** Mr. Gerald Palanzo, Jr.,  
203-733-0124  
**Knights of Columbus:** Mr. Tom Mahalik  
203-744-9562  
**Men's Group:** Mr. Mark Azzara, 203-947-4012  
**Parish Corporation Trustees:**  
Mr. George Godfrey, III, M.B.A.  
Mrs. Constance LaGratta, M.A.  
**Parish Council:** Mr. John Fisher, 203-792-5447  
**Respect Life Group:** Mrs. Anne Leclercq, 203-790-6074  
**Scouts (Boy):** Dr. Gerald Gibson, 203-797-1788

### THEOLOGY ON TAP

Join us Thursday, January 17th, at 7:30 PM at the Irish Cultural Center, 6 Lake Ave in Danbury. Adults (21+) are invited to this casual, free forum where friends gather to discuss topics relevant to them from a faith perspective. The topic this month is "The Beatitudes."

For more information, contact Fr. Sean Kulacz at [frsean@smcr.org](mailto:frsean@smcr.org) or find us on Facebook, Theology on Tap – Danbury, CT.

**Retrouvaille of Connecticut:** If your marriage has become troubled or stressed, unloving or uncaring; even if you are separated or divorced, but you want to try again, the Retrouvaille program can help. For information, call confidentially 1-800-470-2230.

### Saint Joseph School

**Mrs. Kathryn Petrone, Principal**  
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Website: [www.sjsdanbury.org](http://www.sjsdanbury.org)  
**Home School Association:** Mrs. Kate Gibowicz,  
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**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: \_\_\_\_\_