

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, March 14

8:00 AM Jane Ann Dempsey—M/M Bill Gorman
 4:00 PM Mr. Andrea Cefaloni—Wife

Sunday, March 15

7:30 AM Pasquale Perry—Son, John
 9:00 AM Mildred McInerney—Rectory
 10:30 AM Eleanor & Frank Angelillo—C. Milano
 12:00 PM Deceased Parishioners
 5:00 PM Intentions of Parishioners

Monday, March 16

7:00 AM Jay Albano—Wife
 12:05 PM Mary C. Smith—Mary & Frank Sullivan

Tuesday, March 17

7:00 AM Jeremiah Dennehy—Gore Family
 12:05 PM Mary Lou Vaughn—M/M Ned Moore
 7:30 PM Novena to the Miraculous Medal

Wednesday, March 18

7:00 AM John Cuff, Jr.—Wife, MaryLou
 12:05 PM Grant Sheehan—Maria Sheehan

Thursday, March 19

7:00 AM Guiseppe Ferraro—Wife
 12:05 PM Ann Marie Gremler—M/M Frank Sullivan
 7:30 PM Solemnity of St. Joseph

Friday, March 20

7:00 AM Int. of Catherine Valente—Sisters
 12:05 PM Charles Francomano—M/M Corso
 7:30 PM Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 21

8:00 AM Thomas A. Smith—M/M F. Sullivan
 4:00 PM Carmen Lucia Buck—Fr. Scott

Sunday, March 22

7:30 AM Nicola Sperduto—M/M Joe Bromley
 9:00 AM Int. of those impacted by Coronavirus
 10:30 AM William Mahoney—Family
 12:00 PM Gerald Curran—Family
 5:00 PM Intentions of Parishioners

	<u>Mass</u>	<u>Presider</u>
Saturday, March 21	4:00 PM	Fr. Franklin
Sunday, March 22	7:30 AM	Fr. Scott
	9:00 AM	Fr. Scott
	10:30 AM	Fr. Franklin
	12:00 PM	Fr. Franklin
	5:00 PM	Fr. Scott

Sanctuary Candles

The Sanctuary Candles will burn this week for the intentions of Joanne Targett requested by her family.

Dear parishioners and friends of St. Joseph Parish,

Congratulations to all of the newly confirmed and their families. The Confirmation Mass last Saturday was, indeed, a spiritually profound and powerful experience of the Holy Spirit. We thank Bishop Frank Caggiano, Bishop of Bridgeport, for his presence in the Parish as the Minister of Confirmation and for his inspiring homily.

We extend, as well, a sincere thank you to Mrs. Lynn Smierciak, the Director of Religious Education; Mr. Louis Howe, Jr., the Principal of St. Joseph School; the catechists, teachers, and parents of our newly confirmed. We are so grateful for their "smart work," dedication, patience, and commitment to our young parishioners.

We wish the newly confirmed all of God's blessings in the life of discipleship. We were privileged to be a part of your growth in the Catholic Faith we share.

Congratulations to our students who received the Sacrament of Confirmation!

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| Aidan Angelus Alonso | Matthew Patrick Guertin |
| Ava Maria Amatulli | Joseph Sebastian Gunzy |
| Katelyn Maria Ambrose | Aidan Patrick Henn |
| Robert Anthony Anton | Selina Mary Latty |
| Leah Anne Aponte | Chynna Pedro Layese |
| Sophia Christina Applegreen | Ronald Stephen Lazo |
| Rosalie Michael Badinelli | Jeremy Roch Lopez |
| Catherine Margaret Baptiste | Carly Germaine MacKinnon |
| Alexandria Cecilia Barton | Dylan Patrick Maravilla |
| Isaiah Malachy Batista | Erin Clare Messuri |
| Rebecca Madeleine Bittner | Daniel Andrew Murphy |
| Matthew Joseph Bowling | Patrick Richard Murphy |
| Madeline Anne Bringman | Ava Elizabeth Noonan |
| Walker Christopher Butts | Isabella Monica Oliveira |
| Michael Sebastian Camm | Eduardo Peter Oliveira |
| Patrick Anthony Camm | Lauren Frances Philbin |
| Ava Julia Carlino | Joshua Giovanni Poulin |
| Ashley Anne Carvalho | Nicole Carmela Radliff |
| Erick Benedict Chrostowski | Robert Anthony Riego de Dios |
| Christopher John Coelho | Melanie Gianna Riggs |
| Ryan Sebastian Colwell | Jhordyn George Rodriguez |
| Jesse William DeFonce | Emma Elizabeth Schonfeld |
| Ethan Matthew Denning | Ryan Anthony Scirbona |
| Isabella Maria De Souza | Caroline Maria Stanton |
| Leanna AsellaDeSousa | Gabriella Teresa Storms |
| Camila Teresa Dominguez | William Francis Stramiello |
| David Sebastian Fernandez | Briseis Maria Taylor |
| Madison Elizabeth Ferreira | Mia Elizabeth Thatcher |
| Christian Andre Fournier | Matthew Damien Waldron |
| Cameron Philomena Froehlich | Brian Paul Walsh |
| Emelia Mary Gibowicz | Rylee Eve Webb |

Devotedly in Christ,
Rev. Samuel V. Scott
 Pastor

MARCH 15, 2020

Dear parishioners and friends of St. Joseph Parish,

Thank You

This past Sunday, March 8th, we were honored to host Maestro David J. Hughes and the *Viri Galilaei*, the men's chant choir, which offered Solemn Vespers, followed by a *Missa Cantata*, a High Latin Mass in the Extraordinary Form, at 5 p.m. We offer our profound thanks to Zacchaeus Lock, our organist and choir director, who is a member of the *Viri Galilaei*, for being the catalyst for the Choir's presence at St. Joseph Parish.

We thank all of these musicians for contributing to our liturgical life and offering the beauty of chant worthy of the sacred mysteries of the Catholic faith. Gregorian chant is uniquely suited to the Catholic liturgy. The documents of the Council of Trent, the First Vatican Council, and Vatican Council II, affirm this point. Hearing Gregorian chant on Sunday sung so well – with such longing for the Infinite – has been a turning point in my life as a priest. The experience of such sublime beauty elevated my mind and heart as I was offering the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, as if for the first time.

In addition to the musicians, I wish also to thank Mr. William Riccio, my Master of Ceremonies, for the countless times he has travelled here to coach me. I began my studies for the Latin Mass in the Extraordinary Form in a special certificate program at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, Overbrook, in 2008. Those academic studies were not enough, so and I am profoundly grateful for the teaching practicums that Mr. Riccio offered along with his optimistic determination and humility which helped bring my efforts to fruition.

In addition, Mr. Edwin Gonzalez was the Second Master of Ceremonies, and Edwin's graceful presence was tremendously helpful in directing me and the many altar boys who assisted at Mass. Father David Franklin also assisted at the distribution of Holy Communion and for this I am so grateful, given the large number in attendance.

We extend our gratitude, as well, to Mr. Francis and Mrs. Mary Sullivan, as well as Mrs. Nancy McKenney for the generous reception which followed in the Church Hall. It was a special treat to greet those who joined in this reception, including parishioners from my first assignment as a newly ordained priest at St. Luke Church, Westport. A special thanks, as well, to Jim and Fran Morlino for washing and ironing the new altar server cassocks and surplices which were used for the first time at that Mass. Jim and Fran are a source of inspiration in offering Mass with veneration and awe, and I thank Jim also for filming the Mass with his great gift for film production.

Devotedly in Christ,
Rev. Samuel V. Scott
Pastor

**Order of Mass for the Lord's Day
Third Sunday of Lent
Cycle A**

ENTRANCE

St. Michael Hymnal # 452 - "Be Thou My Vision"

KYRIE

"Lord Have Mercy" - Heritage Mass (Alstott)
10:30 & 12 Noon Mass: Mass XVI, page 100 and
following the Kyrie for the Latin Mass parts

FIRST READING

Missal p. 72 – Exodus 17: 3-7

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Missal p. 72

SECOND READING

Missal p. 73 - Romans 5: 1-2, 5-8

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Missal p. 73

GOSPEL

Missal p.73 - John 4: 5-42

HOMILY

OFFERTORY

St. Michael Hymnal # 547 - "Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer"

SANCTUS

"Holy" - Heritage Mass (Alstott)
12 Noon: Mass XVIII page 101

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

"Save Us Savior of the World"- Heritage Mass (Alstott)

AGNUS DEI

"Lamb of God"- Heritage Mass (Alstott)
12 Noon: Mass XVIII page 104

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

"Qui biberit aquam quam ego dabo ei, dicit Dominus, fiet in eo fons aquae salientis in vitam aeternam."

"Whosoever drinks the water that I shall offer, said the Lord to the Samaritan, shall have within him a spring of water welling up unto eternal life."

COMMUNION

St. Michael Hymnal # 655 -"O Food of Exiles Lowly"

CLOSING HYMN

St. Michael Hymnal # 529 - "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"

Newly Baptized

Please keep in your prayers this newly baptized and his family:

Nicholas Gerard Blanco

Live Lent books are still available for \$10. Please see your mass celebrant at the conclusion of mass if you are interested in buying one while our supply lasts.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Parish Support

Stewardship of Time, Talent, and Treasure Worship Offerings

March 7-March 8, 2020

\$7,423.00

Many thanks for your generous stewardship!



Carmen Buck Religious
Education Building
203-778-1920

March Sunday Level I classes will meet on March 22nd. The last class for the year will be on April 5th.

March Wednesday Level I classes will be held on March 25th. April classes will meet on April 1st and 8th.

Attention All Level I Students - You are required to attend the Feast of St. Joseph Mass on Thursday, March 19th at 7:30 PM in the Church. Please sign the book in the back of the Church following Mass.

Lenten Sharing Collection - During Masses on Saturday, March 21st and Sunday, March 22nd and in classes on Tuesday, March 24th and Wednesday, March 25th, we will hold our annual Lenten Sharing Collection to benefit the needy in Danbury. We are collecting ground coffee, boxed or bagged granulated sugar, liquid laundry detergent, and liquid dishwashing soap. This project will be coordinated by Mrs. Maura Gibson's Wednesday Level I class.

Important Event for all SJS and RE 2nd Grade Students - The First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion Workshop will be held on Saturday, April 4th from 9:00 AM - 12:15 PM. More information will be sent to you in the mail.



The **Solemnity of St. Joseph**, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary and patron of the Universal Church, will be celebrated on Thursday, March 19th, 2020. There will be a special Mass at 7:30 PM here on **Thursday, March 19th**, to celebrate our Patronal Feast Day; a reception in the Parish Hall with traditional St. Joseph cakes will follow.

Irish Soda Bread

The Council of Catholic Women will be selling Irish Soda Bread at all Masses this weekend, March 14th and 15th. Please plan to buy a loaf or two!



"Do you want to fast this lent?"

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and have trust in God.
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness and fill your heart with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate.
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

- Pope Francis

Fasting takes on a whole new meaning after reading the list of ways we can "give up" things, the result of which is actually doing something good for ourselves and for others.



Novena to the Miraculous Medal

On Tuesday nights during Lent at **7:30 PM** we will have a Novena to the Miraculous Medal, Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. All are encouraged to attend.



St. Joseph Reading Group

The Saint Joseph Contemplative book group will meet at **6 PM Sunday, March 29th** in the Rosasco Room of the Carmen L. Buck Religious Education Building to discuss **PART ONE** of the book *The World's First Love, Mary, Mother of God* by Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen (1895-1979). Archbishop Sheen presents a moving portrayal of the Blessed Virgin Mary that combines deep spirituality with history, philosophy and theology. All the major aspects of Mary's life are lovingly presented in this word portrait ranging from the Immaculate Conception to the Assumption to the miracle of Our Lady of Fatima. Archbishop Sheen was due to be beatified on December 21, 2019. The beatification has been delayed, so that more time can be given to examine his life. The book is available at your local library, bookstore or Amazon. **PART TWO** of this book will be discussed at the book group gathering on **April 26th**.

MARCH 15, 2020

St. Joseph Council of Catholic Women

The St. Joseph Council of Catholic Women will hold our regular meeting on Monday, **March 16th at 1:00 PM** in the Carmen Buck Religious Education Building. All women of the Parish are invited to attend. We look forward to seeing you there!

CCCW Lenten Giving Program

The CCW will be sponsoring a Lenten Giving Program throughout the season of Lent. The proceeds will go towards the CCW scholarship Fund, St. Joseph Rosary Makers, and Birthright. Your donations may be dropped in the mite box at the left of the pulpit. God bless you for your kindness.



Saint Joseph Music Notes

Please join the Adult Choir for our rehearsals at **7:30 PM on Thursdays**. Singers of all abilities are welcome.

MUSIC NOTES

Today's Communion antiphon mirrors the gospel of the Samaritan woman at the well: "The Lord said to the Samaritan woman: Whoever drinks the water that I shall offer shall have within himself a spring of water welling up unto eternal life." This text is mirrored in the Communion hymn, particularly in the second verse, but built upon other metaphors and holy symbols, as well. Nothing in the Faith arises from a vacuum; all is connected.

When Christ promised the Samaritan woman the water of life, she may not have known that at His death water would flow from his pierced side along with blood. Nevertheless, despite her sinful way of life, she recognized Him as the source from whom come all great gifts, whether it be the water of life, the water of our baptism and our cleansing, or the Holy Eucharist, His own Body and Blood, the same that was offered upon the Cross and was there pierced.

In Christ,
Zacchaeus Lock

Jubilee Mass of Wedding Anniversaries: The Diocese of Bridgeport will celebrate a Mass commemorating significant wedding anniversaries at Saint Theresa Church, Trumbull, on Sunday, April 26th, at 3:00 PM. Bishop Caggiano will be the Principal Celebrant at this special Mass which will include the renewal of marriage vows and presentation of commemorative certificates.

Couples who have or will be celebrating an anniversary ending in "0" or "5" beginning with 10 years, or anyone celebrating 50 PLUS years are invited to register at <https://ee.bridgeportdiocese.org/categoryevents/wedding-jubilee-mass-concert-2020/>.

LOAVES AND FISHES

We have the Loaves and Fishes envelopes and our entrances to be used throughout Lent. The proceeds from this Lenten program are donated to Catholic Charities to help clothe and feed the poor throughout Fairfield County.

Prayer to protect against Coronavirus

Our Father, we trustingly pray to you, asking that the Wuhan Coronavirus may do no more harm, that the epidemic may be swiftly gotten under control, and that you restore the health of those affected and peace to the places where the virus has arrived.

Welcome into your kingdom

the people who have died from this illness, and comfort their families.

Sustain and protect the healthcare personnel who are fighting it,

and inspire and bless those working to control it.

Lord Jesus, doctor of our bodies and souls, we feel impotent

in the face of this international health emergency, but we trust in You.

Give us peace and health.

Mother Mary, protect us and continue to take care of us, and lead us through your love to your Son, Jesus.

Amen.

Daily Mass Readings:

Monday, March 16: Lenten Weekday

2 Kings 5: 1-15b

Responsorial Psalm 42

Gospel: Luke 4: 24-30

Tuesday, March 17: Lenten Weekday, [St. Patrick, Bishop]

Daniel 3: 25, 34-43

Responsorial Psalm 25

Gospel: Matthew 18: 21-35

Wednesday, March 18: Lenten Weekday, [St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop & Doctor of the Church]

Deuteronomy 4: 1, 5-9

Responsorial Psalm 147

Gospel: Matthew 5: 17-19

Thursday, March 19: Solemnity of St. Joseph

2 Samuel 7: 4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Romans 4: 13, 16-18, 22

Responsorial Psalm 89

Gospel: Matthew 6: 16, 18-21, 24a

Friday, March 20: Lenten Weekday

Hosea 14: 2-10

Responsorial Psalm 81

Gospel: Mark 12: 28-34

Saturday, March 21: Lenten Weekday

Hosea 6: 1-6

Responsorial Psalm 51

Gospel: Luke 18: 9-14



Stations of the Cross

During Lent, Stations of the Cross will be prayed every **Friday at 7:30 PM** in the Church.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Saint Joseph Parish

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203-733-0465
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Bethany Mass

This Sunday, March 15th, at the 12:00 PM Mass we will remember our deceased parishioners: Emanuele Luigia, Robert Melvin, John Lucchesi, James Hanley, and Eurico Oliva. 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.

Knights of Columbus McGivney Council #29 is the K of C chapter for much of Danbury; St. Joseph is its home Parish. Men (18+) are welcome to join. For information, please pick up the flyer in the pamphlet holder in the back of the church, or visit the Knights' web sites KoC29.org and facebook.com/kofc29.

Saint Joseph School

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Please remember the sick of our Parish in your prayers: Barbara Baker, Kelli Barrett, Max Cassano, Sheryl Fanelli, Anne Gallagher, Loralyn Gaughran, Robert & Alberta Greeley, Gavin King, Kaia Lauro, Patricia Leggiadro, Teresa O'Connor, Ethel Pancotti, Molly Riley, 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: _____