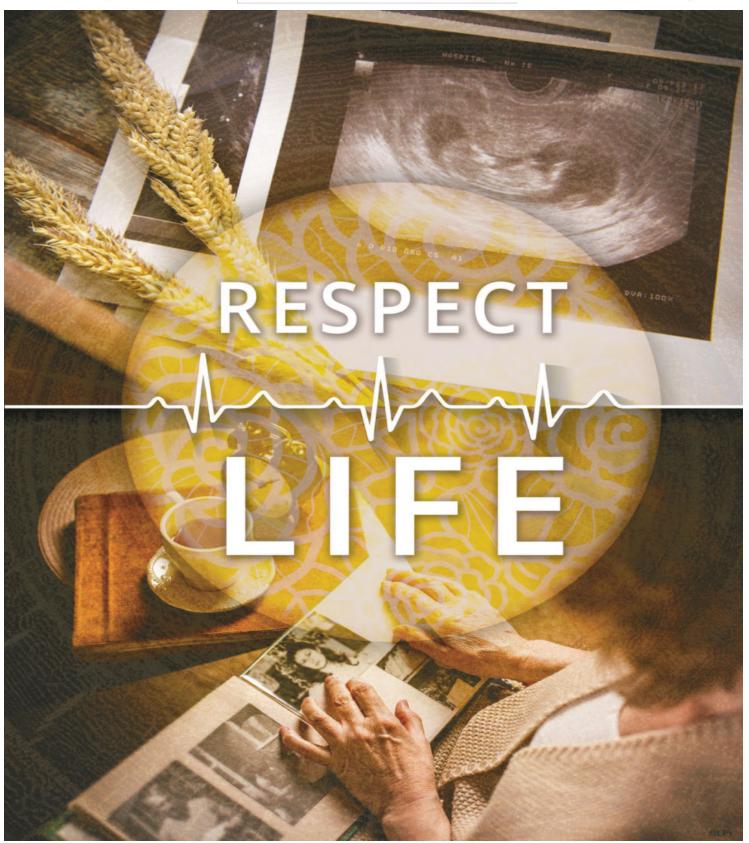
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**OCTOBER 01, 2023** 



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# MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday – 8:00 AM Saturday Vigil – 5:00 PM Sunday - 7:30, 9:00 and 11:00 AM Monday-Friday - 7:45 AM

All Masses live-streamed on the Parish Website

# CONFESSIONS

Tuesday: 7:00-8:00 PM (With Eucharistic Adoration) Saturday: 4:00-4:45 PM

Interested in becoming a Catholic? We'd love to have you! Call the Parish Office to learn about our R.C.I.A. Program.

\*To add parish events, to the calendar, contact Bulletin@stjosephbrookfield.com

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MON	7:45am	Mass
02	8:30am	Morning Prayer
TUES 03	7:45am 8:30am 7:00pm	Mass Morning Prayer Confession & Adoration
WED	7:45am	Mass
04	8:30am	Morning Prayer
THUR	7:45am	Mass
05	8:30am	Morning Prayer
FRI	7:45am	Mass
06	8:15am	Eucharistic Adoration for Life
SAT 07	8:00am 8:45am 9:00am 4:00pm 5:00pm	Mass Rosary for Life Confirmation Retreat @ St. Joe Gym Confession Mass
SUN 08	7:30am 9:00am 11:00am	Mass Mass - EDJE Grades 4-6 Mass

This Week @ St. Joseph\*

# **THOSE FOR WHOM WE PRAY**

FOR THOSE IN NEED OF GOD'S HEALING, STRENGTH, AND COMFORT: Patricia Ricco, Roseline Nwachukwu, Maureen Lane, Edward Niesobecki, Paul Corsak, Thaddeus Kromelis ,Greg Waldmiller, Baby Albert Docktor, Lucy Miscia, Theresa Fuller, Jeff Moxham, Bill Font, Patty Breuer, Marcia Riordan, Katherine Font, Theresa Van Thaden, Marty Doris, William Morrison, Mike Doré, Waynne Tomascak, Peter Tomascak, Mary Beth Smith, John Rooney and Alberta Gregus

FOR THE PROTECTION AND SAFE RETURN OF THOSE SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES: James Dillon, Joshua Hanley, Joshua Jugler, Michael Ayala Lopez, Kurt Mann and Michael Moreira.

## **PRAYING FOR PEACE AND REPARATION**

We invite you to stay at the end of Sunday Mass – following the closing hymn – and join us in praying three "Hail Mary's" for Peace: in our World, in our Families and in our Hearts. We also pray the Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel, for healing and reparation in our Church.

## **SACRAMENTS**

**Baptism** – The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on Sundays at 12:30 PM. A Pre-Baptism class is required for both parents prior to the Baptism of their first child. Register for the next available class with the Parish Office: 203.775.1035.

**Marriage** – Getting married in the Catholic Church takes time and preparation. Before setting a date, please contact the parish office to ask if your preparation will be with a local priest or deacon, at your parish, or through the Institute for Catholic Formation. Please note that formation should begin six months before your big day. Waiting too long to begin formation might delay your wedding.

Weddings generally are celebrated on Friday evening or Saturday afternoons and must be scheduled at least six months in advance. Please do not make final arrangements for your reception prior to contacting the Parish Office.

#### Sunday, Oct 01, 2023

#### Seamless unity

We work best when we work together. A society pulling in opposite directions tears itself apart. The final prayer Jesus offers at the Last Supper is for unity among his friends. Saint Paul likewise implores his communities to be of one heart. Today, on Respect Life Sunday, we soberly confess that we can't both honor the sacred gift of life and allow poverty, injustice, exclusion, and indifference to remain unchallenged. Coincidentally, it's the International Day of Older Persons, in a world where people over 60 outnumber children under 5. Make this world a welcome place for everyone.

TODAY'S READINGS: Ezekiel 18:25-28; Philippians 2:1-11; Matthew 21:28-32 (136). "Complete my joy by being of the same mind, with the same love, united in heart, thinking one thing."

#### Monday, Oct 02, 2023

#### MEMORIAL OF THE HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS Watching over us

What exactly does the church teach about angels? "The existence of the spiritual, non-corporeal beings that Sacred Scripture usually calls 'angels' is a truth of faith," says the Catechism of the Catholic Church. The church venerates angels as servants and messengers of God. And one is particularly looking out for you. But, as Pope Fran-cis says, not just to protect but to prod: "The angels help us; they push us to continue on the journey [of life]." These pure spirits who are in communication with God encourage us to "be not afraid" and take risks. Join the church in welcoming these—and your—special guardians

TODAY'S READINGS: Zechariah 8:1-8 (455); Matthew 18:1-5, 10 (650). "I say to you that their angels in heaven always look upon the face of my heavenly Father."

#### Tuesday, Oct 03, 2023

#### The Lord loves justice

Mother Theodore Guerin, whose feast is today, was a missionary to the United States who established schools, a pharmacy, and orphanages. But her love of Christ made her denounce injustices, too. She described a slave auction: "These Americans, so proud of their liberty, thus make game of the liberty of others. Poor negroes! I would have wished to buy them all that I might say to them, 'Go! Bless Providence. You are free!'" Her mission continues today with her Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, who strive for peace and justice, particularly in the area of racial equality and equity, criminal justice reform, human trafficking, and immigration. Take to heart Mother Guerin's words as you work to transform the world: "Above all things; justice, justice. If any preference may be shown let it be to the poorest or most abandoned."

TODAY'S READINGS: Zechariah 8:20-23; Luke 9:51-56 (456). "Every nationality, speaking different tongues, shall . . . say, 'Let' us go with you, for we have heard that God is with you.'"

#### Wednesday, Oct 04, 2023

#### MEMORIAL OF FRANCIS OF ASSISI Make mercy your song to all creation

The feast of Saint Francis of Assisi is a great date to reflect on one's care for creation, as we are often wont to think all that matters in the spiritual life is our connection to God and other humans. The great Franciscan founder showed us by his life, including preaching to the creatures of the air and the field, that all of creation is listening to hear what we have to say. Is our message that of compassion and prudence, or rather convenience and the "throwaway culture"? Perhaps God himself is choosing to lend an ear by means of all God's creatures, great and small.

TODAY'S READINGS: Nehemiah 2:1-8; Luke 9:57-62 (457). "Foxes have dens and birds of the sky have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to rest his head."

# Thursday, Oct 05, 2023 MEMORIAL OF FAUSTINA KOWALSKA, RELIGIOUS Mercy prevails

Saint Faustina Kowalska is one of a long list of saints who held low status but whose intense relationship with God fueled a power that gained attention. A peasant who became a nun assigned low-level jobs, Faustina's mystical visions of Jesus—at first doubted by church authorities-eventually were embraced widely. They are the foundation of Divine Mercy Sunday, characterized by an image of Jesus with rays of mercy emanating from his heart. Faustina's focus on God's mercy is a message that helped her native Poland through harrowing years of war and repressive government, and it continues to inspire. Commit yourself to an act of mercy today.

TODAY'S READINGS: Nehemiah 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Luke 10:1-12 (458). "Into whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this household."

# Friday, Oct 06, 2023 MEMORIALS OF BRUNO, PRIEST; BLESSED MARIE ROSE DUROCHER, RELIGIOUS

#### Leading indicators

The stories of the founders of religious institutes most often begin with reluctant souls who feel unworthy to accept such an important task. But, luckily for the church and all blessed by their service and legacy, they eventually take up the mantle of leadership. The decision is not without its benefits, according to Saint Bruno, founder of the Carthusians: "God gives his athletes the reward they desire: a peace that the world does not know and joy in the Holy Spirit." And, for Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, founder of the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary, prayer is key to finding the answers you seek when unsure of next steps: "I suggest that you pray to Our Lord that He assist you and give you the direction you need." Gain strength from the witness of these two great leaders

TODAY'S READINGS: Baruch 1:15-22; Luke 10:13-16 (459). "Whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me."

#### Saturday, Oct 07, 2023

#### MEMORIAL OF OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY By any name

Today's celebration has seen a lot of changes over the centuries. It started out as the Feast of Our Lady of Victory to commemorate the Christian defeat of the Turkish army on this date in 1571. A few years later Pope Gregory XIII changed the name to the Feast of the Holy Rosary. Pope Clement XI in 1716 changed the date to August 5. Pius X changed it back to October 7. John XXIII changed the name to the Feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary of the Rosary. Then Paul VI changed the name to Our Lady of the Rosary. However you name it, today's Joyful Mysteries invite you to celebrate Christ in your life. TÓDAY'S READINGS: Baruch 4:5-12, 27-29; Luke 10:17-24 (460). "I have given you the power 'to tread upon serpents' and scorpions and upon the full force of the enemy and nothing will harm you."

# **Jack Macksey & Dick Elston** Memorial Golf Tournament

Hosted by Brookfield's Candlewood Lake Council Knights of Columbus

Wednesday, October 11 **Richter Park Golf Course** 

\$190 per player, includes: Greens Fee, Cart, Lunch, Dinner, 2 Drink Tickets & Prizes Schedule: 11:00 am - Registration/Lunch 12:00 pm - Shotgun/Scramble Format 5:30 pm - Cocktails & hors d'oeuvres 6:00 pm - Dinner at Golf Course **On Course Contests:** Hole-in-One Cash Prize Longest Drive, and Closest to the Pin

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October 1, 2023

# Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ez 18:25-28 | Phil 2:1-11 | Mt 21:28-32

#### GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

I used to be something of a sugar fiend. So much so that one birthday, my then boyfriend (now husband) decided to forego flowers and bought me a jumbo-sized bag of Smarties candies instead. While I loved sugar, I eventually decided I didn't love how it made me feel. Now older and wiser, I reach for vegetables more often. It's not that I crave carrots, but I feel better eating healthy foods. It's what God intends for my body. Similarly, God intends for our souls to follow the laws he has ordained. But some times life gets tough and we suffer terrible wrongs or are grieving, and we feel like the Israelites in today's first reading, calling out, "The Lord's way is not fair!" Well, thank God for that! How lost would we be, if God treated us "fairly." Instead, he treats us with love and mercy; with justice. "He humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross," for us. If there is any encouragement in Christ, as Paul says, and we know there is, then being of the same mind and heart - attitude - of Christ, gets us through those moments of "unfair!" And we can follow Christ's commands, knowing he loves us more than anyone else could love us, and more than we can ever love him.

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#### GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

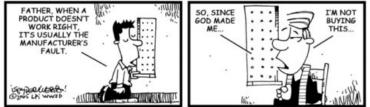
It's easy to talk a good game as Christians. We can all agree that it is right to feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, clothe the naked, visit the sick and imprisoned and bury the dead, as the Corporal Works of Mercy instruct us. But when it comes to actually doing those things – "humbly regard[ing] others as more important than [ourselves], each looking out not for his own interests, but also for those of others" – we can find all sorts of reasons not to. Maybe our days are too busy or maybe we feel just the tiniest bit resentful at the idea of sharing something we've worked hard to earn. However, our words don't mean much without action. Jesus says as much in today's Gospel. If we are like the son who says yes but then does not go to work in the vineyard, we are not doing our Father's will. We are like the chief priests who are being bypassed on the way to heaven by "tax collectors and prostitutes" who heard the word of God and believed.

**PRAY** This week, let us look for ways to live out our faith. Rather than pray only with our words, let us pray with our actions. If you aren't sure where to start, pay special consideration to the verses from the second reading, highlighted above: "Do nothing out of selfishness or out of vainglory; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves, each looking out not for his own interests, but also for those of others."



Have you heard the rumor about butter? *Never mind, I shouldn't be spreading it.* 

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



# Blessing of the Animals

#### THIS WEEKEND!! SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1 @ 12:30PM

Parishioners are welcome to bring their family pet(s) to receive a blessing. This annual event will take place outside, near the tent.



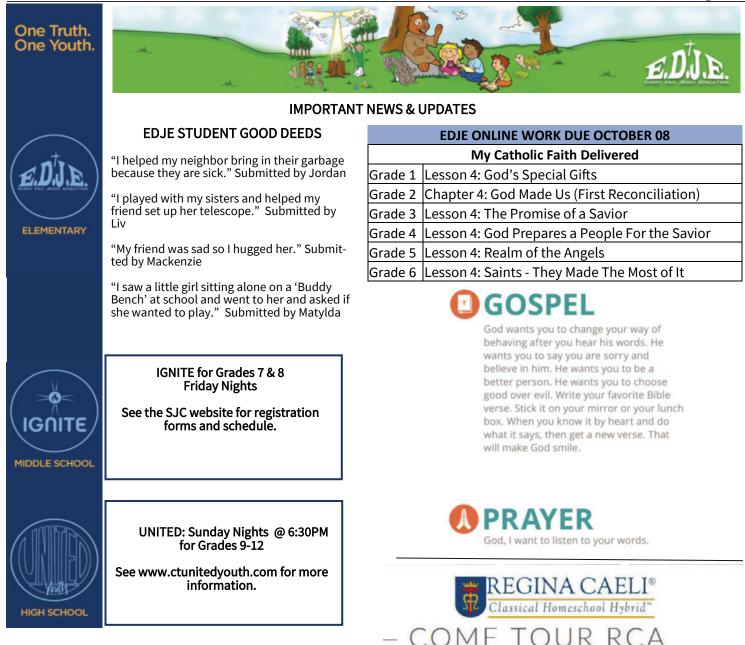
Let us pray for and thank our Deacons on this Blessed Deacon Sunday. Here is a prayer you can offer up for your Deacons.

#### St. Stephen's prayer for Deacons

Come to my assistance my Lord and my God, that I may do for You all that you ask. Strengthen me in adversity and do not let me succumb to my feelings of worthlessness. Help me to feel in my heart all that You speak to me, and help me to understand. May I be to others what they need: a body to work when others cannot; a heart to love those who are forgotten; a shoulder to console those whose soul is in need; a smile to brighten the most somber of Your children; a mouth to proclaim Your love. Let me be to You, as a brush is to a painter, worthless without You, but capable of transforming the human heart by the power of Your mercy. Send me, my Lord if you need me, to touch others as You would touch them, to hold them as You would, to love them as only You can. Make my heart like Yours, that I may forgive everything and love beyond my own human frailty. Come live within me, that I may die to myself so You may fill my very being. Let me serve others as You would serve them, that in doing so I may serve You. Do not let me fail, oh Lord, or lead Your people astray.

Allow me to live in Your presence today, that tomorrow I may die in Your hands and may You raise me one day that I may touch your face and live in Your glory.

# 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time



# A Prayer for Respect Life Sunday

Heavenly Father, the beauty and dignity of human life was the crowning of your creation. You further ennobled that life when your Son became one with us in his incarnation.

Help us to realize the sacredness of human life and to respect it from the moment of conception until the last moment at death.

Give us courage to speak with truth and love and with conviction in defense of life.

Help us to extend the gentle hand of mercy and forgiveness to those who do not reverence your gift of life.

To all, grant pardon for the times we have failed to be grateful for your precious gift of life or to respect it in others.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord, Amen. *www.catholic.org* 

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Monday, October 02 - The Holy Guardian Angels 7:45 AM - John Stahl, req. by Betty Stahl Tuesday, October 03 7:45 AM - Intentions of All Our Parishioners Wednesday, October 04 - St. Francis of Assisi 7:45 AM - Souls in Purgatory, req. by Vilma Illescas Thursday, October 05 - St. Faustina Kowalska, Virgin 7:45 AM - Patricia Courtney, req. by the Lupo Family Friday, October 06 - St. Bruno, Blessed Marie Rose Durocher 7:45 AM - Manuel De Melo Vidal, req. by Jeanne, Bill, & Brooke Vitetta Saturday, October 07 - Our Lady of the Rosary 8:00 AM - Betty Isaac, req. by George & Agnes Stutsky 5:00 PM - Frank Greco, req. by his family Sunday, October 08 - 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time 7:30 AM - Richard Dandanell, req. by Matt & Maureen Farrell 9:00 AM - Clare Murphy, req. by her daughters 11:00 AM - Jeanette Fennell, req. by Louise Laragh



### **SANCTUARY LAMP INTENTIONS**

*Our Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for a Special Intention requested by Jack & Phyllis O'Keefe* 



Sunday Offertory: \$11,826.00 Includes \$4,212.00 in Online Giving

#### **Everyday Stewardship**

Remember a time when jealousy or envy reared its ugly head and you wished you had something that someone else owned? Maybe it was a house, a car, a bank account, or even that luscious green lawn. All humans have had that feeling before and some of us more often than others. After the emotion hit you, hopefully you considered all the good gifts you did have in your life and gave thanks for them. Let's pray that you are still not hanging onto those feelings. Unfortunately, we do live in a world that seems to fuel those desires and push us toward wanting more and more.

But let's level the field here. Did you ever hear of someone who died and was able to take any of those things into the afterlife? The reality is that nothing we have in this life truly belongs to us. We come into this world with nothing and as time goes by more gifts are entrusted to us but we never truly own them. So whom do they belong to anyway?

Of course, you know the answer. All that we have has been entrusted to us by God; to be cherished, cultivated, and then given back to him for his glory. God doesn't need any of these things, and we only need them short-term. All that we need long-term is God. If he is all we need in the end, I bet our lives would be more fruitful and happier if we focused on that now instead of later.

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# **Clergy Hospital Visitations**

If you need to spend time in the Danbury or New Milford Hospital, there is a procedure in place for you to alert us here at St Joseph Church. Once notified, we can arrange for a sacramental visit.

If it is determined that you will be staying at the hospital, you will be asked during your admissions if you would like your parish to be notified.

If you would, please inform them that your parish is St Joseph Church and <u>make sure to specify Brookfield</u>. We will be notified and will endeavor to visit you during your stay.

We also are very blessed to have several St Joseph Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist who make communion visitations to those in Danbury Hospital during the week.

We offer thanks in humble gratitude to our hospital ministers!

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