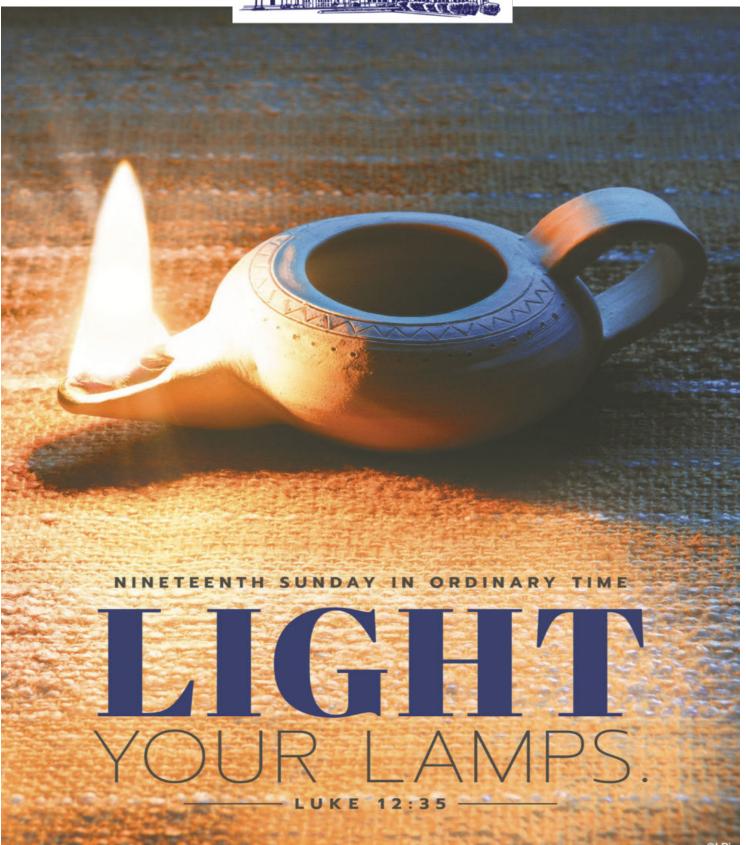
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MASS SCHEDULE

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) Saturdays: 4:00-4:45 PM

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

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

TO SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

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THIS WEEK @ ST. JOSEPH

Mon

7:45 AM Mass

8:30 AM Morning Prayer

7:45 AM Mass 8:30 AM

Morning Prayer

7:00 PM Confession & Adoration

7:45 AM Mass

8:30 AM Morning Prayer

7:45 AM Mass

8:30 AM Morning Prayer

7:45 AM

Eucharistic Adoration for Life 8:15 AM Movie Night: Cabrini 6:30 PM

Mass - Holy Day of Obligation 7:00 PM

8:00 AM 4:00 PM

Mass Confession

4:30 PM Rosary for Persecuted Catholics

5:00 PM Mass

Sun

7:30 AM Mass 9:00 AM Mass 11:00 AM Mass

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. The Prayer to St. Michael can be found on the back inside cover of the St. Augustine Missal.



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Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time.

Sunday, Aug 10, 2025

NINETÉÉNTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME A gift you can bank on

With so much emphasis on work and consumption in American culture, it is easy to fall into the trap of believing that "you are what you earn." This attitude creates a lot of anxiety, leaving us constantly worried about our financial worth and feeling devalued if our "earning power" drops or if we are not part of the wage economy. Jesus offers a different vision when he assures us that God is pleased to give us the Kingdom. There is nothing to earn here, nothing to be gained, nothing to be lost. Our self-worth is a freely given gift of our Creator. Bank on it!

Wisdom 18:6-9; Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12; Luke 12:32-48 or 12:35-40 (117). "Do not be afraid . . . for your Father is pleased to give you the kingdom."

Monday, Aug 11, 2025

MEMORÍAL OF CLARE Keep it simple

Isn't it amazing how much stuff we collect in our lives? You move into a house or an apartment with a few things and you think you've got plenty of room. But within a short period of time, you've got no place left to put all of it. Saint Clare didn't have that problem. Although from a wealthy family, she embraced a life of strict and total poverty, possessing absolutely nothing for the sake of the joy that comes with possessing only Christ. And joyful she was for nearly 40 years, so much so that she was declared a saint only two years after she died. "We become what we love and who we love shapes what we become," advises Clare. Striving toward holiness and sainthood? Start with a little simple living.

Deuteronomy 10:12-22; Matthew 17:22-27 (413). "He is your glory, he, your God."

Tuesday, Aug 12, 2025

MEMORÍAL OF JANE FRANCES DE CHANTAL, RELIGIOUS Live Jesus in good times and bad

Saint Jane Frances de Chantal, who founded the Visitation Sisters in France 400 years ago, suffered years of interior anguish and spiritual dryness. Her contemporary, Saint Francis de Sales, said of her struggles: "For all that suffering her face never lost its serenity, nor did she once relax in the fidelity God asked of her. And so I regard her as one of the holiest souls I have ever met on this earth." Her way of enduring through difficult times reflects the order's motto: "Live Jesus." Whatever your inner struggle, hold fast to your faith and your holiness will shine through.

Deuteronomy 31:1-8; Matthew 18:1-5, 10, 12-14 (414). "Whoever receives one child such as this in my name receives me."

Wednesday, Aug 13, 2025

MEMORIAL ÓF PÖNTÍAN, POPE, AND HIPPOLYTUS, PRIEST, MARTYRS

Forgiveness ever available

What may be one of the strangest reconciliations in church history occurred between Pontian and Hippolytus. Pontian became pope in 235 A.D.—just in time for the Roman persecution of Christians. He spent most of his reign as a slave in the mines of Sardinia. Hippolytus, who was at odds with the papacy, got the idea to have his followers name him pope. But he was swept up in the same persecution that netted Pontian. Now both in prison, Hippolytus repented to the true pope, Pontian, and Pontian reconciled him to the church. As today's two saints came to know, forgiveness is always possible, no matter the circumstances. For as Hippolytus notes: "Christ is easily found by those who live by faith and to those of

pure eye and holy heart, who desire to knock at the door, he opens immediately."

Deuteronomy 34:1-12; Matthew 18:15-20 (415). "Whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."

Thursday, Aug 14, 2025

MEMORIÁL OF MAXIMILIAN KOLBE, PRIEST, MARTYR When compromise is not an option

Maximilian Kolbe was a Franciscan friar who offered his life to save that of a stranger sentenced to die in the Auschwitz concentration camp. Canonized in 1982, he also was honored in 1998 as one of ten 20th-century Christian martyrs commemorated with statues over Westminster Abbey in London. The martyrs represent victims of religious persecution and oppression worldwide. "There has never been a time in Christian history when someone, somewhere, has not died rather than compromise with the powers of oppression, tyranny, and unbelief," said the Rev. Dr. Anthony Harvey, sub-dean of Westminster, when the statues were unveiled in 1998. They responded when their faith was tested. Can we do the same? *Joshua 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17; Matthew 18:21–19:1 (416). "How often must I forgive?"*

Friday, Aug 15, 2025

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BL. VIRGIN MARY Every body deserves respect

Assumption is a teaching about the Mother of God, but this dogma has much to say about all of us. It affirms the dignity of our bodies and how God is mindful of every hair on our heads. In an era when the idea of the human person is continually under assault—from the arena of public policy to the refugee camps and killing fields of war—Mary's Assumption is a divine response to our deepest fears as well as our greatest hopes about the fate of our bodies. "Mary is assumed into heaven: small and humble," said Pope Saint John Paul II. "She, a human creature, one of us, attains eternity in soul and body. And there she awaits us as a mother waits for her children to come home." Honor your body and the bodies of others in ways that would make your Mother Mary proud.

Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; 1 Corinthians 15:20-27; Luke 1:39-56 (622). "So too in Christ shall all be brought to life."

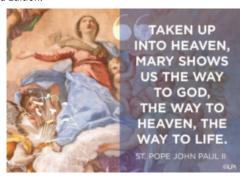
Saturday, Aug 16, 2025

MEMORIAL OF STEPHEN OF HUNGARY Practice patience on everyone

In the year 2000 Hungarians celebrated the 1,000th anniversary of the founding of their country by Saint Stephen, who not only created one nation out of numerous tribes but also made it Christian. Though Stephen had already been canonized by the Roman Church centuries before, to mark the millennium, the Eastern Orthodox Church also canonized him—an unprecedented gesture endorsed by Pope Saint John Paul II, who emphasized the need for Christians more than ever to work together. Stephen's admonitions to his son Emeric include the words: "Be merciful to all who are suffering violence... Be patient with everyone, not only with the powerful, but also with the weak." Spare a little more patience for the weakest and strongest in your own life.

Joshua 24:14-29; Matthew 19:13-15 (418). "Let the children come to me."

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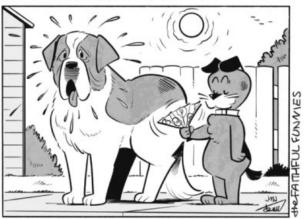
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"What do you call a St. Bernard standing outside in the summer?"



"A hot dog!"



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Bernard, an Italian monk who made a
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the hospice would rescue travelers from the
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Wedding Jubilee Mass

Most Reverend Frank J. Caggiano, Bishop of Bridgeport will celebrate the Annual Diocesan Wedding Jubilee Mass on Saturday, October 4th at 11:00 AM at the Cathedral of Saint Augustine in Bridgeport.

Couples celebrating their 25th, 40th, 45th, 50th and more years of marriage are eligible to attend. All couples who are recognized at the Mass will receive a commemorative certificate in recognition of this important milestone in their married life in addition to pictures with the Bishop.

Sharon Colihan is coordinating the registration process for the Mass and is available to answer whatever questions you may have. She can be reached at Sharon.Colihan@diobpt.org or (203) 416-1454 and she will provide instructions on how to register.



Summer Friday Movie Nights @ the HOLY FAMILY PAVILION 6:30 PM





CABRINI 2 HOURS, 25 MIN RATED PG-13



From the makers of Sound of Freedom, Cabrini tells the incredible true story of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, the first U.S. citizen to be canonized a saint. Against all odds and with unshakable faith, she overcomes prejudice, poverty, and political resistance to care for immigrants and orphans in 19th-century New York.

Cabrini is a powerful portrayal of courage, compassion, and the unwavering mission to serve Christ in the poor and forgotten. This moving film reminds us that holiness is bold, practical, and always rooted in love.



THE ADDAMS FAMILY

1 HOUR, 39 MIN RATED PG-13



They're creepy, they're kooky, and they love each other deeply. The Addams Family is a fun, spooky comedy that follows a quirky but tightknit family navigating the world in their own unconventional way.

Beneath the gothic humor and eccentric style lies a touching story about loyalty, family values, and staying true to who you are. The Addamses may be different—but their fierce love, hospitality, and unity remind us of the beauty of family in all its forms.

No fee, just come and enjoy!

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Monday, August 11 - St. Clare

7:45 AM - David Doyle, req. by family

Tuesday, August 12 - St. Jane Frances de Chantal

7:45 AM - Intentions of All Our Parishioners

Wednesday, August 13 - Sts. Pontian, Pope, & Hippolytus

7:45 AM - Rose & Elmer Burke, reg. by Cathi Sullivan

Thursday, August 14 - St. Maximilian Kolbe

7:45 AM - Rosa Uribe, req. by the Sanchez-Uribe Family

Friday, August 15 - Assumption of the Bl. Virgin Mary

7:45 AM - Nicholas Ramirez, req. by the Sanchez-Uribe Family

7:00 PM - Ray Sack, reg. by Rita & Gene Golaszewski

Saturday, August 16 - St. Stephen of Hungary

8:00 AM - Jennifer Powers, req. by the Montgomery Family

5:00 PM - William Howley Jr., req. by Mary Ann Howley

Sunday, August 10 - 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

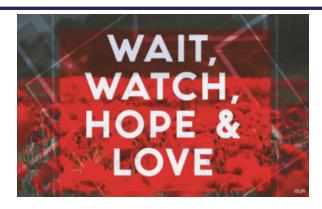
7:30 AM - Eugene & Helen Bonkowski, req. by Cathi & Pam Sullivan

9:00 AM - Virginia K. White, req. by the Quinn Family

11:00 AM - Gilberto Ferreira Filho & Gilvande Almeida Cruz, req. by Janice Leggett

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