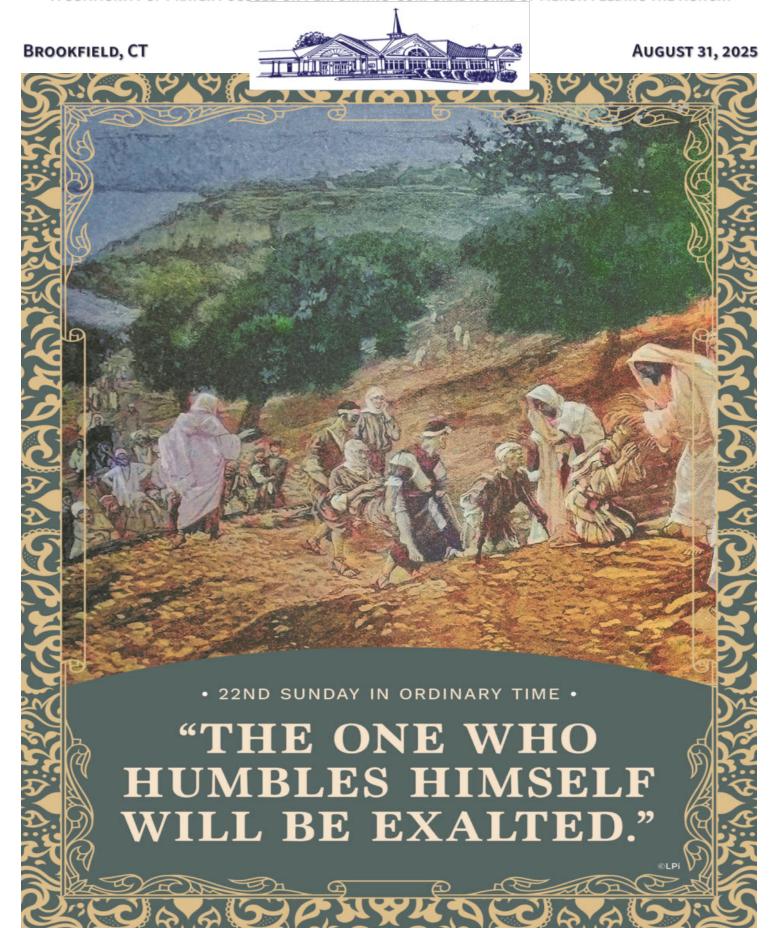
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Saturday - 8:00 AM Saturday Vigil – 5:00 PM Sunday - 7:30, 9:00 and 11:00 AM Monday-Friday - 7:45 AM

All Masses live-streamed on the Parish Website

#### CONFESSIONS

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

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#### THIS WEEK @ ST. JOSEPH

Mon

7:45 AM Mass

8:30 AM Morning Prayer

7:45 AM 8:30 AM 6:30 PM

Mass Morning Prayer

Picnic Meeting 7:00 PM Confession & Adoration

7:45 AM 8:30 AM

Mass

Morning Prayer

Thurs

7:45 AM Mass 8:30 AM

Morning Prayer

7:45 AM 8:15 AM

Eucharistic Adoration for Life

8:00 AM 9:00 AM 9:00 AM

Mass Parish Council Meeting Confirmation Retreat (Gym)

4:00 PM 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 31, 2025

## TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Gifts that keep on giving "Love one another." "Forgive everyone." "Give to those who cannot repay you." These sayings of Jesus seem like a lot of hard work with little reward. But nothing could be further from the truth. Have you ever left a large tip for a tired waitress or waiter? Or smiled at a store clerk who was having a difficult day? Such gestures generate feelings of gratitude and well-being that do not come any other way. If we spent only a few minutes every day thinking of a small gift we could give to someone, just imagine how our world would change! Try it today—then do it again tomorrow. Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a; Luke 14:1, 7-14 (126). "Blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you."

#### Monday, Sep 01, 2025

#### Prophetic advice

When Jesus returned to Nazareth and spoke prophetically, his hometown people rejected him. That foreshadowed the reception he would receive from his own people in general. It is a pattern repeated many times in history, from the time of the Jewish prophets who suffered repudiation right through to our own era, when right-to-life and immigrant-rights activists encounter stiff resistance to their prophetic message. It does us well to give folks a second hearing if we find ourselves made uncomfortable by their message. It may be the one we need to hear most. Pope Francis called each of us to be a prophet, who "shows Jesus to others, witnesses him, and helps live today and build tomorrow according to Jesus' design.'

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Luke 4:16-30 (431). "When the people in the synagogue heard this, they were all filled with fury.

#### Tuesday, Sep 02, 2025

#### Our small efforts make a splash

What does encouragement look like? A smile, a pat on the back, a kind word, an affirmation of effort or accomplishment. Encouragement is not hard physical labor. Yet at times we find it difficult to overcome our anger or disappointment in how little impact we've had. But Servant of God Dorothy Day says, "No one has a right to sit down and feel hopeless. There's too much work to do." Her words of encouragement can help us encourage others. "What is the sense of our small effort?" Day asks. "A pebble cast into a pond causes ripples that spread in all directions. Each one of our thoughts, words, and deeds is like that.

1 Thessalonians 5:1-6, 9-11; Luke 4:31-37 (432). "Therefore, encourage one another and build one another up."

#### Wednesday, Sep 03, 2025

#### The cure for what ails you

"I will not fear, for you are ever with me, and you will never leave me to face my perils alone." This hopeful prayer of Thomas Merton is one to draw on in difficult times. Hope is exactly what we need when we are in pain or despair. It is the foundation of all healing. Our bodies, minds, and hearts are made for healing. That healing may come quickly and completely, or it may be long, painful, and only partially realized. And for each of us, once in a lifetime, healing ends in death. Yet as Christians, we remain hopeful because we have been promised the forgiveness of sins and eternal life in God's love. So draw on hope—and let the healing begin. Colossians 1:1-8; Luke 4:38-44 (433). "He laid his hands on each of

them and cured them."

who struggle to find—or to be heard in—their own voice.

#### Thursday, Sep 04, 2025

#### Our happiness is God's

The biblical scholar Father Jerome Neyrey, S.J. wonders of the Early Church: "What it must have been like to be catechized into the gospel of Jesus, told that in Baptism we die with him and rise with him." It was a radically new message—yet it remains so. What does it mean to find new life in death? Why do we and how can we feel the presence of the risen Christ? These questions continue to astound and fascinate us. Not to worry if we cannot fathom the depths of the mystery. As Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne says, "We may not understand His Will for us in time, but in eternity the veil will be drawn and we shall see that He acted only for our happi-

Colossians 1:9-14: Luke 5:1-11 (434). "They left everything and followed him."

#### Friday, Sep 05, 2025

#### Celebrate good times

From the moment you hit the reception hall until the happy couple drives away, tin cans rattling and tissue-paper flowers fluttering, it's party time. Hors d'oeuvres piled high on plates make the rounds, and sparkling beverages are liberally poured. The food never stops coming, from the first salad to the final slice of much-decorated cake. Music fills the hall and dancers demonstrate how each generation once cut the rug. Cameras capture the joy of the hour with each flash. That is what celebration looks like. Jesus says every hour is worth celebrating, for those who believe. It's time to party! Colossians 1:15-20; Luke 5:33-39 (435). "Can you make the wedding guests fast while the bridegroom is with them?"

#### Saturday, Sep 06, 2025

#### Some rules are meant to be broken

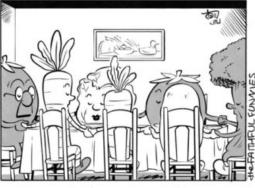
Jesus condemns strict observance of the sabbath when it comes at the expense of life and well-being. Who wouldn't want to recover an animal that fell down a well on the sabbath or gather grain to feed one's family? In today's terms, you'd search for your lost pet on a Sunday or go grocery shopping if you were out of food. Jesus loves the law and understands its value, but he wants to make a larger point about how God's love comes ahead of strict observances. Simply put, in the words of Saint Thérèse of Lisieux, "Without love, deeds, even the most brilliant, count as nothing." Show some kindness ahead of everything else, and you'll make a sabbath of your life each day.

Colossians 1:21-23; Luke 6:1-5 (436). "The Son of Man is lord of the sabbath."

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#### "What did the vegetables say before they started praying?"



"Lettuce pray."



Praying together is a beautiful part of Christian life. We can pray to thank God for His blessings, ask for His guidance in our lives, or just to spend time with Him.

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Peace be with you!

Our readings this weekend, and especially the Gospel readings from Luke, speak to the virtue of humility. In fact, Jesus instructs us that whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted. What a perfect reflection as we say farewell to Fr. Reagan, as he prepares to leave for Rome on Sunday to continue his studies for his doctorate in Mariology. Both the Father and the beautiful focus of his doctoral studies, Mother Mary, are excellent examples of Jesus' Gospel guidance. Both are examples of humility, and both simply point to Jesus as the source of all faith and peace.

Fr. Reagan has been a blessing to me and to our parish and will truly be missed. We are hoping that he will return to us next year, but administrative issues and visa parameters may hinder this. We hope and pray we can assist him in overcoming these obstacles and he can return to us next year for his final summer before receiving his doctorate.

If you would like to say goodbye to Father he will be in the pavilion for *Coffee and* after the 9am Mass and we will be having cake for him at our regular *Hot Dogs and Chips* gathering after the 11am Mass.

If you would like to contact Father, his address is: Fr. Reagan Fernandes
Via Vallelata 26/A
04011 Aprilia
Latina, Italia

Ciao ciao, Fr. Reagan. We will miss you, and Godspeed!









Dear Friends,

As I come to the close of my time here at St. Joseph's, I feel truly blessed. These two months of ministry have been a gift from God, filled with grace, kindness and unforgettable moments. Today my heart is full of gratitude for all that I have experienced among you.

First and above all, I give thanks to God for bringing me to this wonderful community once again this summer. St. Joseph's is more than just a parish; it is a family of faith, where prayer is lived out in action and where love and generosity shine in every corner. To be welcomed into such a vibrant and faith-filled parish has been an immense joy and privilege.

I am especially thankful to Fr. George F. O'Neill, whose kindness and hospitality have once again touched me deeply. Just as last year, he welcomed me with a brotherly heart and spirit. His support, encouragement and gentle guidance have been a source of strength for me throughout my stay. I am inspired by his tireless dedication and I will remain grateful for his example of priestly service.

I offer my heartfelt appreciation to the deacons, the parish staff, the choir, altar servers, and all who serve in the many ministries of this parish. Each of you, through your time and talents, make this parish a place of warmth and vitality. Your quiet acts of service, often unseen, have made my ministry here both fruitful and joyful.

And to you, dear parishioners, I owe a special debt of gratitude. From the very first day, you welcomed me with open hearts. From giving me a ride, to sharing meals, introducing me to new places, lending me a car and helping me in other generous ways, you showed me what true Christian family looks like. Because of your kindness, my time here has been far more than a ministry placement; it has felt like home, filled with precious memories I will always cherish.

As I get ready to depart this afternoon, I take with me a heart full of cherished memories and deep gratitude for each of you. Be assured of my prayers for all of you and for your families and I kindly ask that you keep me in yours as well. May our Blessed Mother Mary, together with St. Joseph, our patron, watch over this community, and may the Lord continue to pour out His abundant blessings upon you now and always.

Thank you and God bless you all!

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One Truth. One Youth.



**EDJE NEWS - Blessing of the Backpacks** 



Fr. O'Neill will be blessing the backpacks of our 1st, 2nd and 3rd graders at the 9:00 a.m. EDJE Mass on Sunday, September 7th, and again on Sunday, September 14th for our 4th, 5th and 6th graders. If you would like to receive this blessing bring your child's backpack to their scheduled Mass. Please be sure to have your child's name somewhere on their backpack so it can be easily identified. Thank you!

#### **REMINDER**

The **mandatory** Confirmation retreat for those 6th graders who completed our EDJE Program in May and are moving up to 7th grade will take place on Saturday, September 6th from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the school gym.



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Monday, September 1

7:45 AM - Marie Byrnes, req. by her friends

Tuesday, September 2

**7:45 AM - Intentions of All Our Parishioners** 

Wednesday, September 3 - St. Gregory the Great

7:45 AM - Joe, Fern, & Peter Rajcula, req. by family

Thursday, September 4

7:45 AM - Ray Sack, req. by Peg & Norm Ellis

Friday, September 5

7:45 AM - Hanna & August Stahl, req. by Betty Stahl

Saturday, September 6

8:00 AM - Emily & Jim Tharrington, req. by the Tharrington Family

**5:00 PM** - Joseph Ovicher, req. by Danielle & Xavier LeRoux

Sunday, September 7 - 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

**7:30 AM** - John C. Pasquariello, req. by Beth & Nick Castellano

9:00 AM - Michael Dore, req. by the Dore Family

11:00 AM - James Patrick Billings, req. by Betty Billings

#### THOSE FOR WHOM WE PRAY

**FOR THOSE IN NEED OF GOD'S HEALING, STRENGTH, AND COMFORT:** Baby Albert Docktor, Johnathan Iamartino, Wendy Ricard, Fr. Joseph Pettit



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This group meets the 2nd Saturday of each month, at 10:00 AM in the Parish Center. The sessions are led by Mary Shaughnessy and Patricia Tharrington.

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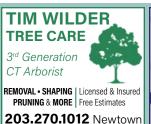
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