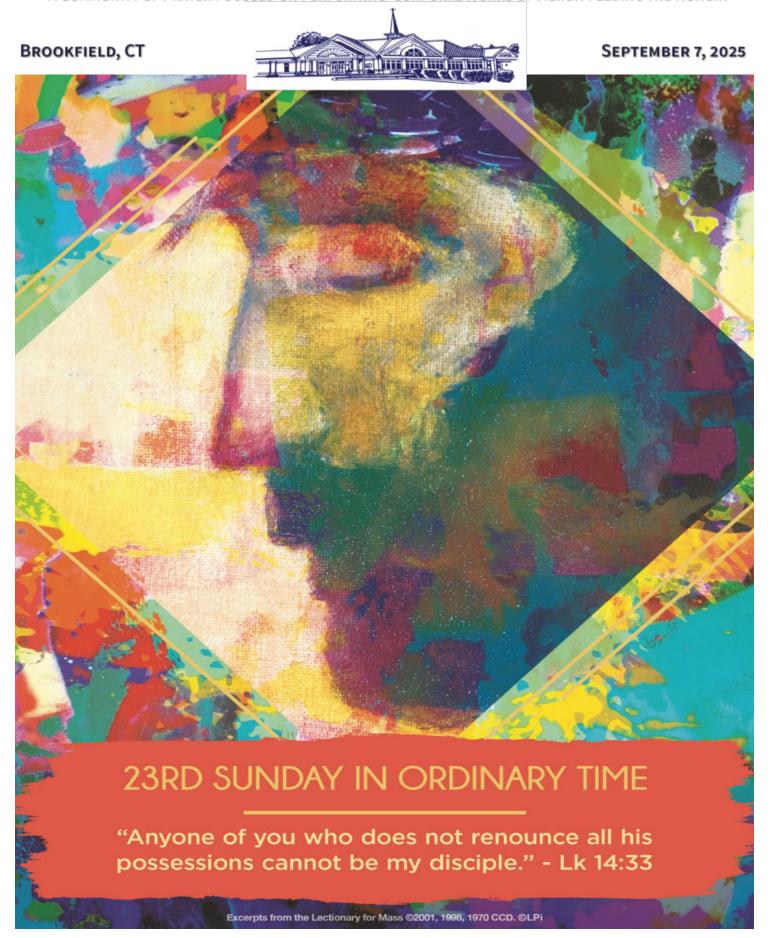
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All Masses live-streamed on the Parish Website

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

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08	8:30 AM	Morning Prayer
Tues	7:45 AM	Mass
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09	7:00 PM	Confession & Adoration
	7:00 PM	Knights of Columbus
Wed	7:45 AM	Mass
10	8:30 AM	Morning Prayer
Thurs	7:45 AM	Mass
-	8:30 AM	Morning Prayer
11	6:30 PM	VIRTUS Training
Fri	7:45 AM	Mass
12	8:15 AM	Eucharistic Adoration for Life
	8:00 AM	Mass
Sat	9:00 AM	Fathers Ministry Meeting
	9:00 AM	Bereavement Meeting
13	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, Sep 07, 2025 TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Don't hold back

Do we recognize the Jesus who says, "If anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, he cannot be my disciple"? The words seem harsh in comparison to the soothing invitation of the Good Shepherd. Not to worry—Jesus is not insisting we abandon family or become homeless in order to follow him. But Jesus is saying, without doubt, that nothing—no thing and no one—can become so central in life that it interferes with doing God's will to love God and love your neighbor as yourself by being just, showing mercy, and walking with God. Jesus' call is "do as I do. Love as I love, hold nothing back. Do this in remembrance of

Wisdom 9:13-18b; Philemon 9-10, 12-17; Luke 14:25-33 (129). "Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple."

Monday, Sep 08, 2025 FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY Set your sights on love

Disappointments come in all varieties: in finance, romance, parenting, and professional fulfillment. Some of us dream big dreams only to reap what seem humble returns. Should we set our sights lower, then, to keep disappointment at bay? For his part Saint Paul does recommend an attitude adjustment: Aim for love. Those who orient their actions and intentions toward love of God will not be disappointed because God is glad to employ all things, successes and failures together, to fulfill divine purposes. Just ask Saints Joachim and Anne, aged parents of a late-arriving child soon to be called "full of grace."

Micah 5:1-4a or Romans 8:28-30; Matthew 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23 (636). "We know that all things work for good for those who love God."

Tuesday, Sep 09, 2025

MEMORIAL OF PETER CLAVER, PRIEST The secret lives of Christians

The Spanish Jesuit priest Saint Peter Claver spent 40 years ministering to African slaves arriving in the port of Cartegena, in what is now Colombia. Many thought he was wasting his time and even opposed his work with people whose welfare was almost entirely neglected. In the last few years of his life, Peter himself was nearly forgotten, having become ill and confined to his room. Yet his death in 1654 prodded the city into the realization they had lost a saint. Even if your efforts to help others go unnoticed or unappreciated the beneficiaries of your goodwill will know you through your works as will God.

Colossians 2:6-15; Luke 6:12-19 (438). "He brought you to life along with him.

Wednesday, Sep 10, 2025

Take a good hard look

What's not to love about the Beatitudes? Each is a source of hope in the midst of the joys and sorrows of everyday life. But then there's that curious part that follows that begins with those fateful words, "Woe to you," and that's about the time we decide God is taking on all those "evildoers" out there. It's difficult to hear these words of admonishment addressed to us, yet we must take them to heart and see them as calling us to life. Joan of Arc offers a good prayer for these moments of uncertainty: "If I am in God's grace, may he keep me there. If I am not, may he put me there.' Colossians 3:1-11; Luke 6:20-26 (439). "You have taken off the old

self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed.

Thursday, Sep 11, 2025

You are what you wear

Clothing has a dual purpose: to protect the body from harsh weather and to adorn and identify ourselves: the business suit of an executive, the jeans of a teenager, the uniform of a soldier. In that respect, it makes sense that Saint Paul says we should "put on" virtue; we should wear compassion, kindness, patience, gentleness as colorfully and obviously as we wear our outfits. Paul wants us to wear our allegiance to Christ "on our sleeves" if you will. The Christian display is not meant as a boast like a Gucci or Prada logo, but as a simple, humble sign that the wearer belongs to Christ, and is thus cloaked in love.

Colossians 3:12-17; Luke 6:27-38 (440). "Over all these put on love."

Friday, Sep 12, 2025

Set a good example

Remember that moment when you first realized: "Oh, my gosh, I'm becoming my mother!"—or your father or whoever it was staring back at you from the mirror of your life? We do tend to grow up to become like our elders in many ways, whether we like it or not. Indeed, we put a lot of time and effort into trying to mold young people. Yet, if the above is true, we ought to spend more energy molding and shaping ourselves to be worthy of emulation. That way, when the student becomes like the teacher, we will have made some progress. Remember, says Pope Benedict XVI, "a witness of Christ does not merely transmit information but, through the coherency of his own life, becomes a dependable reference point." 1 Timothy 1:1-2, 12-14; Luke 6:39-42 (441). "No disciple is superior to the teacher; but when fully trained, every disciple will be like his teacher.'

Saturday, Sep 13, 2025 MEMORIAL OF JOHN CHRYSOSTOM, BISHOP, DR OF THE CHURCH Simple words of wisdom

A gifted preacher gains a great following. Take the Early Church Father John Chrysostom (347-407) for example. Because of his eloquence, he was given the surname chrysostomos, meaning "golden mouthed," and his sermons are still studied and quoted today. What gave his words such power? It is said he avoided flowery language and complex images; instead, he spoke simply and plainly and applied biblical lessons to everyday life. Here's one sweet example: "The bee is more honored than other animals, not because she labors, but because she labors for others." Gifted preaching changes hearts and lives. The next time you hear such preaching, let the one who delivered it know you appreciate the effort that went into preparing it.

1 Timothy 1:15-17; Luke 6:43-49 (442). "I will show you what someone is like who comes to me, listens to my words, and acts on

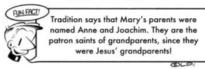
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"What smells the best at Grandma's house for dinner?"



"Your nose!"





Peace be with you!

"Hyperbole" is defined as: 1. Obvious and intentional exaggeration. 2. An extravagant statement or figure of speech not intended to be taken literally. Jesus uses this literary tool in today's Gospel when he speaks of hating family members or even one's very life as criteria for following him. His use of hyperbole is intended to get the reader's attention and to make us think.

However, I am not using hyperbole when I say that we are all going to miss Fr. Reagan, and this was quite evident from the showing of love and support for him last weekend after all the Masses and at his reception in the pavilion after the 11:00 Mass. His line of well-wishers was quite long, and he will be missed. Hopefully, we will be able to arrange for him to return next summer.

I wish to thank the usual suspect when it comes to providing refreshments and decor for us at St. Joe's: Pat Font, who worked so very hard to pull off this reception for Father. Pat never lets us down—thank you, Pat. And she always has helpers to provide support—this time they were Christine Errichiello, John and Ellen Nardone, Hot Dog Ministry volunteers Bobby Elston, Steve Cioffi, and Antonio Villanueva. You did well!

Lastly, I would like to thank Stuart and Louise Klapprott, who were most kind and incredibly generous to allow Fr. Reagan the use of their car for two months. You gave him a freedom that made his time with us more enjoyable. Thank you, Stuart and Louise.

We are truly blessed here at St Joseph Church. Thank you all!





God of mercy, in your word of Scripture, you instruct us to "Do to others as you would have them do to you."

Give us today the courage to assist those around us who may need our assistance.
Give us patience when we become impatient.

Remind us to pray for all those who perished on United Airlines 93, American Airlines 11, United Airlines 175, American Airlines 77, and those in the Twin Towers and Pentagon.

Give us a heart thankful for those who gave their lives as first responders, as did the men and women who ran into danger to be of aid.

We ask all this in the name of the One who first responded to our need for a savior, Jesus the Christ.

Amen.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Where's the Sacrifice?

"It's not that I want you to do it. It's that I want you to want to do it."

If you're married or in a relationship, your partner has probably either said something like this to you or you have said it to them. If one of you hasn't said it, you have probably wanted to, and it's likely that a big argument or two was had where you dance around the sentiment, these exact words flashing in your mind like an old-time movie marquee.

The "it" never really matters much. Taking out the trash, painting the bedroom, traveling to your in-laws' for Christmas — whatever the subject matter of the disagreement is, it's all just so much set dressing. The heart of the matter is the sacrifice and desire. That's what it all hangs on. *Am I with a person who will sacrifice for me?*

When Paul writes to Philemon that he is sending Onesimus to him, he says exactly this. He tells Philemon that he would prefer to keep Onesimus with him, but that he does not want to deprive Philemon both of Onesimus and the opportunity to make a sacrifice worthy in the sight of the Lord.

The point is not who gets to hang out with Onesimus. The point is, as it says in the Gospel, who is willing to carry his cross? Who is willing to renounce his possessions? Who is willing to do the good deed for the sake of the other?

God doesn't care that much about what we have to offer. He cares much more that we have the strength to offer whatever we have.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS
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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!



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7:45 AM - Luis Zambrano, req. by Vilma Illescas

Tuesday, September 9 - St. Peter Claver

7:45 AM - Elizabeth Nolan, req. by family

Wednesday, September 10

7:45 AM - Intentions of All Our Parishioners

Thursday, September 11

7:45 AM - Intentions of All Impacted by 9/11

Friday, September 12 - Most Holy Name of Mary

7:45 AM - George Illescas, req. by Vilma Illescas

Saturday, September 13 - St. John Chrysostom

8:00 AM - Thomas Smith Jr., req. by Lisa, Justin & Casey Amendola

5:00 PM - Ray Sack, req. by the Tharrington Family

Sunday, September 14 - Exaltation of the Holy Cross

7:30 AM - Walter Hagley Jr., req. by Matt & Maureen Farrell

9:00 AM - Remo P. Rigazio, req. by Gina Porto

11:00 AM - Jeanette & Pat Fennell, reg. by the Laragh Family

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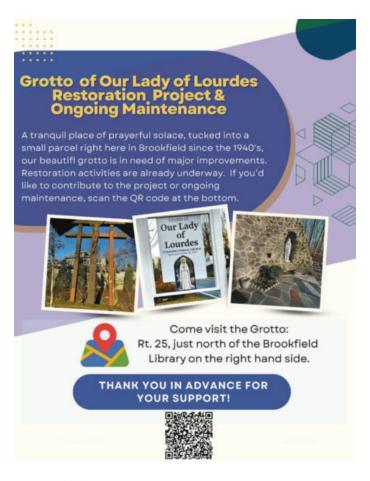


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