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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.

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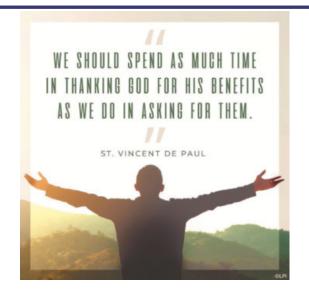
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THIS WEEK @ ST. JOSEPH

Mon 22	7:45 AM 8:30 AM	Mass Morning Prayer
Tues 23	7:45 AM 8:30 AM 7:00 PM 7:00 PM	Mass Morning Prayer Confession & Adoration Knights of Columbus
Wed 24	7:45 AM 8:30 AM	Mass Morning Prayer
Thurs 25	7:45 AM 8:30 AM	Mass Morning Prayer
26	7:45 AM 8:15 AM	Mass Eucharistic Adoration for Life
27	8:00 AM 4:00 PM 4:30 PM 5:00 PM	Mass Confession Rosary for Persecuted Catholics Mass
28	7:30 AM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM	Mass Mass 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 21, 2025

TWENTÝ-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Set an intention

Most of us know intuitively what prayer is, but how do we pray at all times and "in every place," as scripture says? One way is to set an intention for each task before us. For example, we might pray: "May this report I am writing be a sign of gratitude for my job." Or: "May these dishes I am washing be a sign of my love for my family." Or: "May this cover letter and résumé be a sign of my hope for the future." By setting an intention for each part of our day, we become more fully aware of our relationship to God. Our actions become steeped with meaning and therefore more loving, peaceful, and compassionate. And isn't that what prayer is for?

Amos 8:4-7; 1 Timothy 2:1-8; Luke 16:1-13 or Luke 16:10-13 (135). "I ask that supplications, prayers, petitions, and thanksgivings be offered for everyone."

Monday, Sep 22, 2025

Shine your quantum light

In her Revelations of Divine Love, 14th-century mystic Julian of Norwich describes how she came to understand that God is light, "our endless Day." Seven centuries later, physicist Bernard Haisch came to the same understanding: "The solid, stable world of matter appears to be sustained at every instant by an underlying sea of quantum light," which Haisch concludes gives "Let there be light" profound meaning and a clue to the nature of God and the mysteries of the universe. The light that shines within you is God. Let others see that light in everything you do.

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Ezra 1:1-6; Luke 8:16-18 (449). "No one who lights a lamp conceals it with a vessel or sets it under a bed; rather, he places it on a lampstand."

Tuesday, Sep 23, 2025

MEMORIAL OF PIUS OF PIETRELCINA, PRIEST

Suffering through the eyes of love

Pope John Paul II canonized Padre Pio of Pietrelcina on June 16, 2002. More than 300,000 people braved excessive heat to fill St. Peter's Square and nearby streets for the ceremony. They heard the Holy Father praise the new saint for his prayer and charity and for Padre Pio's witness to the power of suffering. If accepted with love, the pope stressed, such suffering can lead to "a privileged path of sanctity." There is meaning in the suffering in your own life. Search for it with a loving gaze.

Ezra 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Luke 8:19-21 (450). "My mother and my brothers are those who hear the word of God and act on it."

Wednesday, Sep 24, 2025

Help freedom reign

The church has not always been on the right side of history when it comes to slavery. In fact, for centuries the "right side" meant justifying slavery because it was an accepted social institution. The ancient Israelites were enslaved people, and the early Christians—and lots of Christians afterwards—took it for granted. Judaism, however, believed the law of God protected enslaved people from mistreatment, and early Christianity thought the differences between enslavers and the enslaved evaporated in the kingdom of God. While just about all people of faith today reject slavery outright, it is still very much alive in forms like human trafficking. A number of Catholic women's religious communities are involved in the fight against trafficking. Learn more about what you can do to bring freedom and justice to enslaved people.

Ezra 9:5-9; Luke 9:1-6 (451). "For slaves we are, but in our servitude our God has not abandoned us."

Thursday, Sep 25, 2025

Gains and losses redefined

The people of Israel, it seems, had more important things to do than rebuild the temple of the Lord—there was wealth to be made, food and drink and fine clothes to enjoy, and comfortable homes to build. Recent economic history echoes this pattern: Vast fortunes have been amassed, often at the expense of basic moral and ethical principles. In both prosperity and hardship, the divine call to justice, mercy, and love remains unchanged. If you seek lasting joy, disregard the shifting trends of society, and follow the eternal values God sets before us. As Saint Theresa of Ávila reminds us: "Our greatest gain is to lose the wealth that is of such brief duration and, by comparison with eternal things, of such little worth." Haggai 1:1-8; Luke 9:7-9 (452). "You have sown much, but have brought in little."

Friday, Sep 26, 2025

Treasure the word

Considering the enormous flow of words we can encounter with nothing more than the movement of a finger on a computer screen, it is difficult to imagine the ordeal required for a library in the Middle Ages to acquire even a single new book. Monks would often spend their entire careers traveling between monasteries and at each stop transcribing by hand whatever text their home library was in want of. The English monk Saint Ceolfrith (642-716) was renowned in his time for his tortuous travels and prolific transcribing efforts. His protégé, the famous Saint Bede, writes that Ceolfrith alone doubled the holdings of their monastery's library, which was already considered sizeable. Draw on the wisdom of ancient monks as you contemplate how can you expand the treasury of God's word today.

Haggai 2:1-9; Luke 9:18-22 (453). "Take courage, all you people of the land, says the LORD, and work! For I am with you."

Saturday, Sep 27, 2025

Improve your attention span

The early 20th-century French philosopher and mystic Simone Weil had much to say about the value of attention. "Attention is the highest and purest form of generosity," she said. "Prayer is made of attention." "There is never a case when an effort of attention is lost. It will always be spiritually effective." Learning to pay attention—to focus and concentrate on what is at hand—is and has been a neglected practice. No doubt multitudes who lived at the time of Jesus rushed right by him as he preached in the synagogues and healed in the streets, too caught up in the day's affairs to see the savior right in front of them. How about you? If Jesus were to come again today, would you be too "crazy-busy" to pay attention? Zechariah 2:5-9, 14-15a; Luke 9:43b-45 (454). "Pay attention to what I am telling you."

1 Timothy 6:13-16; Luke 8:4-15 (448). "Some seed fell on good soil, and when it grew, it produced fruit a hundredfold."

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What is a tree's least favorite month? Sep-timber

What did the buffalo say when his son left for school? "Bison"

What animal is always at a baseball game? *A bat.*

Why is the calendar scared every August? *It's about to Fall!*

Why did the grill go to therapy? *It was feeling a little burned out.*



Peace be with you!

Most of us have taken the time to make the necessary arrangements to fund our individual I.R.A. accounts throughout our working years to make sure we have the financial resources we need in our retirement years. For most people, a lot of planning and discipline has gone into successfully creating a "nest egg" for the future. But what about your "E.R.A." account? Have you been as disciplined in funding that as you have been in funding your I.R.A.? Our Gospel reading today causes us to truly consider what we are willing to do to ensure that our E.R.A. is as well funded as our I.R.A., and Jesus uses the ingenuity of the dishonest steward to show how focused we should be as well.

Two housekeeping items of interest for you all:

First of all, the Diocese has planned our next **Diocesan Priests' Convocation**, which will take place **Monday through Wednesday**, **October 13-15**. During those days, there will be **no daily masses** or any other liturgical events scheduled. Priests from the Jesuit community at Fairfield University and other religious order priests will attend to any emergencies as they occur. All priests are required to attend the Convocation.

Secondly, that same week we will begin the installation of the new flooring for the church, so from Thursday, October 16, through Saturday, October 25, all Masses will be held in the school gym. We hope to have the golf cart available to shuttle the faithful from the parking lot to the gym, and the side door to the gym going down the hill will also be available for use. Our plan is to reoccupy the church for the 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass on Saturday, October 25 (if not sooner). We apologize for the interruption and inconvenience, but it is the only way to undertake such a project. We're excited about how this carpet and tile will enhance our already beautiful church. We are still discussing whether the Adoration Chapel will be able to remain open during this time. More on that next week. Tuesday night Holy Hour and Confessions will need to be canceled for those evenings.

Thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation.





Bishop Caggiano is asking for prayers as he and all the priests throughout the Diocese of Bridgeport prepare to gather at the Seventh Convocation of Priests from Sunday, October 12, through Wednesday, October 15. The Convocation once again will be held at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington, NY.

The theme of the Convocation is "The Priest as a Man of Hope in the Year of Hope," will be developed by our keynote speaker Monsignor Thomas Caserta. Monsignor Caserta, a priest of the Diocese of Brooklyn, has given retreats to priests, religious, seminarians, and lay faithful in over 30 diocese and religious communities in all parts of the United States and Europe. The purpose of the three-day meeting is to strengthen the fraternal bonds among the priests and to provide a time of spiritual renewal for them so they may return with an even greater commitment to service.

Please be aware that Masses will not be celebrated in parishes throughout the diocese from Monday, October 13 through Wednesday, October 15 however, members of the Jesuit Community at Fairfield University and religious order priests will be available for sacramental emergencies.

Thank you for your prayers and support toward this very important event in the lives of our priests and the Diocese.

THE LAMBS PROGRAM NEEDS YOUR



A note from Mikayla Taylor, a senior at New Milford High School and a lifelong parishioner of St. Joseph Church:

St. Joseph's has always been a special place for me. I grew up here, learning my faith and receiving my sacraments through the EDJE program, and later was blessed to be asked to co-teach the Lambs program.

The Lambs program allows those children who aren't yet old enough to be part of EDJE to have a place to learn about their faith in a manner that is more meaningful to their young minds. During the 9:00am Mass we help the children learn about Jesus and the Bible through age-appropriate readings, games, crafts, and of course, prayer. This not only gives them a place to learn but also helps prepare them to be future EDJE students.

Since the founder of our program stepped aside last year, I hope to keep this wonderful program thriving - and am **looking for someone to co-lead** with me this year and eventually take it over next season as I transition to the next phase of my education.

If you are interested or have any questions, I will be at the picnic this weekend and would be happy to talk with you. Otherwise, please reach out to Father Chip as he has my contact information as well.

Thank you for your consideration.







EDJE STUDENT GOOD DEEDS



"When my sister was sick, I let her have the princess plate we both wanted." Submitted by Maria

"I helped my teammate when he got hurt." Submitted by Chase

EDJE ONLINE WORK DUE SEPTEMBER 28				
My Catholic Faith Delivered				
Grade 1	Lesson 3: God Watches Over Everything & Assessment			
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Saturday, September 20 - Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gon & Paul Chong Ha-sang

8:00 AM - Patricia Accardo, req. by the Conlon Family

5:00 PM - James Legere, req. by Sue & George Herman

Sunday, September 21 - 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM - Eugene Cassavechia, req. by Matt & Maureen Farrell

9:00 AM - Lorraine Malone, reg. by Pat McKenney

11:00 AM - Jack O'Keefe, req. by Phil & Nancy Hynes & Family

Monday, September 22

7:45 AM - Orlando & Lena Franzese, req. by the McGorty Family

Tuesday, September 23 - St. Pius of Pietrelcina

7:45 AM - Intentions of All Our Parishioners

Wednesday, September 24

7:45 AM - Dale Stewart, reg. by Maria Fernandes

Thursday, September 25

7:45 AM - Ruth Conroy, req. by the Conroy Family

Friday, September 26 - Sts. Cosmas & Damian

7:45 AM - Vince Lupo, req. by the Lupo Family



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



SANCTUARY LAMP INTENTIONS

Our Sanctuary Lamp burns this week In Memory of Mildred DeKoskie, at the request of the DeKoskie Family



Interested in bringing Bingo back to St. Joseph's?

Email bulletin@stjosephbrookfield.com. In your note, include whether you'd like to play Bingo, volunteer to help out at Bingo, or both!

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Bereavement Ministry

Coping with the loss of a loved one can weigh us down physically, emotionally and spiritually, but it is not a journey we need to walk alone.

St. Joseph's 8th Station Bereavement Ministry offers comfort and help during the grieving process.

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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