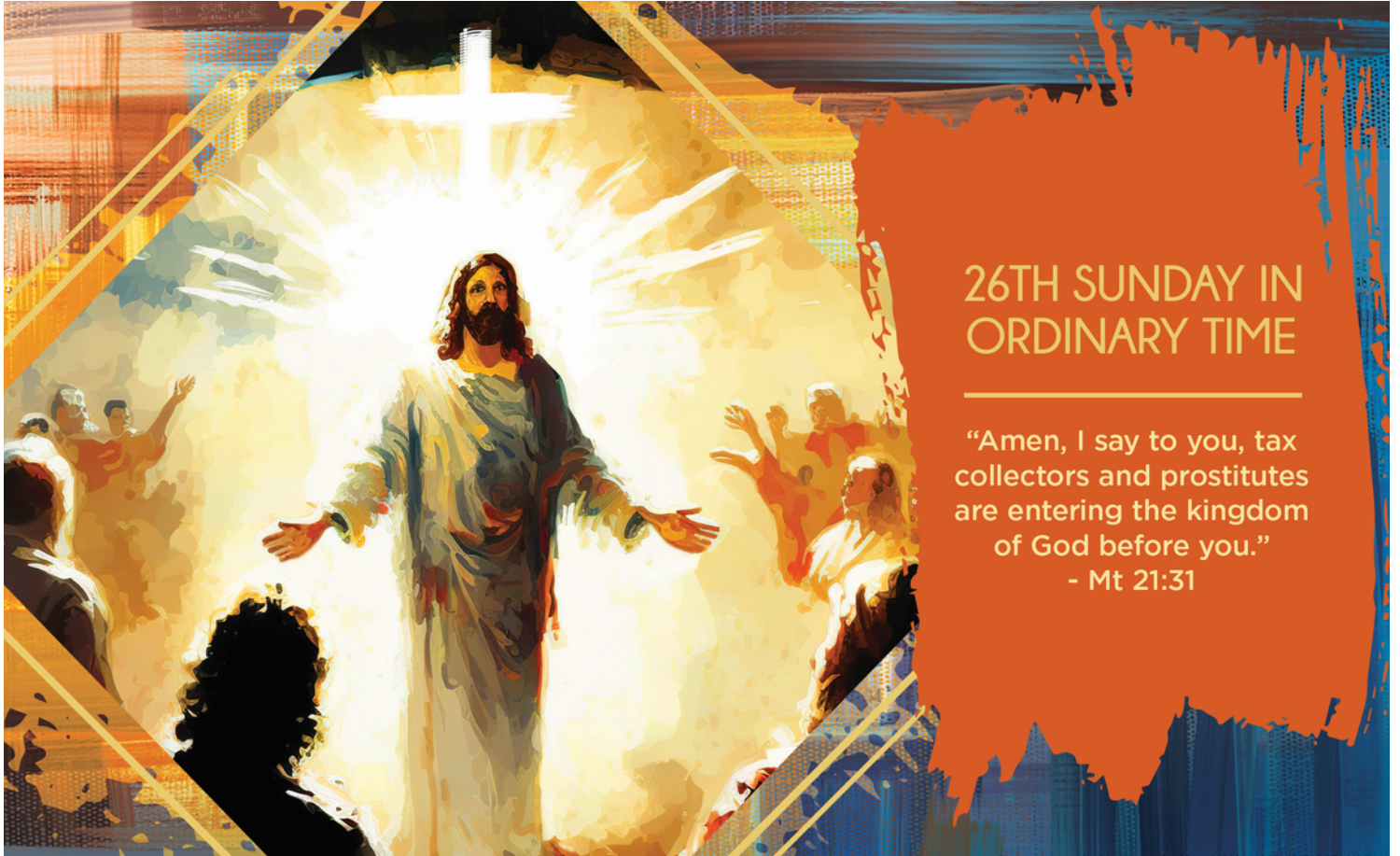


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26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Amen, I say to you, tax
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are entering the kingdom
of God before you."
- Mt 21:31

MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKEND

Saturday

8:00am, 5:00pm

Sunday

7:30am, 9:00am, 11:00am

CONFESSION

Tuesday

7:00-8:00pm

Saturday

4:00-4:45pm

WEEKDAY

Monday

7:45am

Tuesday

7:45am

Wednesday

7:45am

Thursday

7:45am

Friday

07:45am

SEPTEMBER 27, 2026

WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH!

We're so glad you're here!

Whether you are joining us for the first time or are part of our parish family, we pray that you feel welcomed and encouraged as we pray together.

May you experience God's presence, find encouragement in His Word, and leave renewed in faith and hope.

WELCOME!



MASS INTENTIONS

MON., SEPT. 28 - Sts. Wenceslaus & Lorenzo Ruiz + Companions

7:45am Intentions of All our Parishioners

TUES., SEPT. 29 - Sts. Michael, Gabriel, & Raphael

7:45am Mario & Mechita Figueroa, req. by Manuel & Mercedes Arce

WED., SEPT. 30 - St. Jerome

7:45am Charles Collett, req. by the McVey Family

THURS., OCT. 1 - St. Therese of the Child Jesus

7:45am Alma Cherubim O'Connell, req. by the Sanchez-Uribe Family

FRI., OCT. 2 - Holy Guardian Angels

7:45am Manuel Arce Trias, req. by Manuel & Mercedes Arce

SAT., OCT. 3

8:00am Gertrude Sander, req. by Art Kerley

5:00pm Rocco DiSavino, req. by Judy & Nick DiSavino

SUN., OCT. 4 - 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am Mary Chute Blackman M.D., req. by Matt & Maureen Farrell

9:00am Helen Stratoudakis, req. by Suzanne & Paul Holko & Family

11:00am Eugene Golaszewski, req. by Diane Voyentzie

PASTOR'S LETTER

Well, our long 17-year streak of wonderful picnic weather came to an end last Sunday when we had to cancel the Family Picnic due to rain. And it sure did rain! Luckily, we saw the stormy forecast in time to cancel the tents, chairs, food, and other items before being charged. So, we look forward to next year while keeping our short-term focus on the Parish Appreciation Luncheon, tentatively scheduled for November 15th at the Candlewood Inn.

More definitive information will follow next week. Thank you to Mike Carneglia and the picnic committee for all your efforts again this year!

Our Gospel reading this week is about doing the Father's will. Most of the time that causes no friction in our lives because we always strive to do the right thing. But there are circumstances when our will conflicts with God's will, and neither is necessarily "wrong" in and of themselves. It all comes down to learning to do the right thing, especially when it conflicts with our wants and desires. Jesus showed us the way on Calvary when He said to His Father, "Not my will, but Your will be done." Live and learn.

This weekend after the Masses, George Ahwad will be in the pavilion selling religious items from the Holy Land. Make sure to stop over and see him after Mass. Coffee and donuts will also be in the pavilion weekend after the 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM Masses.

Father O'Neill

Note: : In coordination with the Wedding Jubilee Mass taking place next Saturday in the Diocese, we will offer a blessing for married couples at all Masses next weekend.

THOSE FOR WHOM WE PRAY



For those in need of God's healing, strength, and comfort. Please scan the QR code to share a prayer intention or pray for those in need.

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WEEKLY READINGS

SUNDAY, SEP 27, 2026

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Love indeed

Saint Ignatius of Loyola (1491-1556) advised his followers: "Love consists in sharing what one has and what one is with those one loves." Who are the people you love? Family, friends, God? Do you share what you have and who you are (warts and all) with these people? Do you make yourself vulnerable and available to others? Observe a cross section of the apparent sinners and saints you run across each day. Who is showing their love for others in deeds rather than words? They are the true disciples of Christ. Emulate them.
Ezekiel 18:25-28; Philippians 2:1-11 or Philippians 2:1-5; Matthew 21:28-32 (136). "The man came to the other son and gave the same order. He said in reply, 'Yes, sir,' but did not go."

MONDAY, SEP 28, 2026

MEMORIAL OF LAWRENCE RUIZ AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

If I had a thousand lives ...

Saint Lawrence Ruiz, patron saint of the Philippines and the first canonized Filipino martyr, died in 1637 and was elevated to sainthood in 1987. A Dominican-educated altar boy who grew up to become a clerk, marry, and have children, he was falsely accused of murder and fled on a ship to Japan in the company of missionaries. Once there, he was arrested and tortured for being a Christian, but he refused to recant his faith and was executed, saying, "Had I a thousand lives, all these to Him shall I offer." What sacrifices are you willing to make for your faith?
Job 1:6-22; Luke 9:46-50 (455). "Whoever receives me receives the one who sent me."

TUESDAY, SEP 29, 2026

FEAST OF MICHAEL, GABRIEL, & RAPHAEL, ARCHANGELS

What angels do

According to Saint Augustine, the word angel is not a description of the creature, it's a description of the job these spirits do—that is, serve as messengers of God's purposes. They are reliable messengers, says Jesus, because they "always behold the face of my father in heaven." We can trust such messengers because they do not lose sight of God. Today we celebrate the feast of three archangels—Michael, who spoke regularly to the prophets; Gabriel, who announced the births of John the Baptist and Jesus; and Raphael, whose name means "God has healed." Let's learn from them to keep our eyes on God.
Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; John 1:47-51 (647). "You will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."

WEDNESDAY, SEP 30, 2026

Spiritual family first

Jesus didn't exactly embrace the concept of the traditional family. Rather he preferred to call "family" those who followed him and spread his gospel—in other words, his disciples. For example, when a would-be disciple said he had to first perform the sacred duty of burying his deceased father, Jesus replied, "Let the dead bury their own dead, but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." Harsh words, but it was his way of saying that those who did not completely respond to his call were dead—not physically like the father, but spiritually. In honor of Saint Jerome, renowned translator of scripture whose feast we celebrate today, spend time with the good book and understand more about your spiritual heritage.
Job 9:1-12, 14-16; Luke 9:57-62 (457). "I will follow you wherever you go."

THURSDAY, OCT 01, 2026

Find your match

When we hear the word vocation, especially in church, we tend to think of people interested in priesthood and religious life, of which we hear, rightly, there are too few. But vocation begins further back than that. It is, in the words of author John Neafsey, not only "what makes me happy" or "what I am good at." It is "what the world needs from us, what kind of contribution we might be able to make for the betterment and redemption of this troubled world we live in." The world—the church included—needs the best leaders it can get. Whatever you do, look for the match between your gifts and the needs of the community.
Job 19:21-27; Luke 10:1-12 (458). "The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest."

FRIDAY, OCT 02, 2026

MEMORIAL OF THE HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS

Someone to watch over us

"See, I am sending an angel before you, to guard you on the way and bring you to the place I have prepared" (Exodus 33:20). Is there a more comforting thought than that each of us has an angel whose job it is to guard us on our way? This long-cherished truth has been largely dismissed in our literal, scientific society. Nevertheless, it is a scientific fact that whatever we turn our attention toward, we notice. The shirt you're wearing right now, for instance, or the bird outside your window. Today let's be aware of the subtle guidance, that gentle nudging toward the good—and follow it. Could that be our angel?
Job 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5; Matthew 18:1-5, 10 (459/650). "Do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that their angels in heaven always look upon the face of my heavenly Father."

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & YOUTH NEWS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Sacrament of Confirmation, for those students who completed their preparation for this Sacrament in May, will take place on Friday, October 2nd. We ask you to keep them in your prayers as they receive the last of the Sacraments of Initiation.



ONLINE WORK DUE THIS WEEK

Grade 1	Ch. 2: Heaven is Our Home & Assessment
Grade 2	Ch. 2: The Blessed Trinity & Assessment
Grade 3	Ch. 2: God Created the World & Assessment
Grade 4	Ch. 1: The Fall of Man & Assessment
Grade 5	Ch. 1: I Believe & Assessment
Grade 6	Ch. 1: God Gives Us the Law & Assessment



IGNITE YOUTH GROUP

GRADES 7-12, FRIDAY EVENINGS

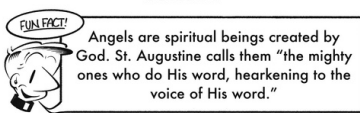
For more information, as well as the full Ignite calendar, please go to: www.stjosephbrookfield.com/ignite-youth-ministry



"How do angels greet each other?"



"Halo!"



"A joyful heart is good medicine..."
Proverbs 17:22

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Prayer Campaign:
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Adoration Chapel: Year 2 Stats to Date

1,316 visitors	667 hours of prayer
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The Adoration Chapel is open daily from 5:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

CHURCH & DIOCESAN EVENTS

GOLF TOURNAMENT & RAFFLE

The **Macksey-Elston Memorial Golf Tournament** will be held on Wednesday, October 7 at Richter Park in Danbury. Proceeds benefit the needy. Don't golf? Join us for dinner—\$40/person. To pay online for sponsorships and/or golf registration, visit macksey-elstongolf.square.site. Raffle tickets will be sold next weekend after Masses.

RELICS OF PADRE PIO OF PIETRELCINA

Relics of St Pio of Pietrelcina will travel to nine parishes across Fairfield County, **September 23 - October 1**. Relics included are his glove, a lock of his hair, and a piece of his mantle.

Visit bridgeportdiocese.org/st-pio-novena/ for details including the dates and times of the visits at the nine parishes.



THIS WEEKEND!

George and Katherine Awwad, representatives of **The Good Shepherds of Bethlehem** are visiting our parish this weekend, September 26th and 27th.

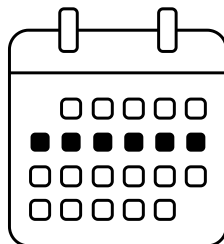
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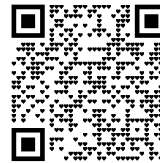
Please take a moment after Mass to visit their display and consider purchasing a hand-crafted item for yourself or as a meaningful gift.

Your support makes a real difference in the lives of our brothers and sisters in Christ in The Holy Land.

THIS WEEK @ ST. JOSEPH



Scan the QR code to go to our online calendar of events.



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4 @ 1:00PM



SJC 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.

ST. MARGUERITE FALL FESTIVAL

St. Marguerite is hosting their 34th annual Fall Festival on Saturday November 7, 9am-4pm. There will be vendors and crafts, food, baked goods, and a variety of holiday gifts. Entry is free.

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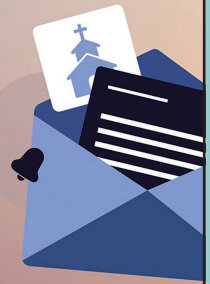
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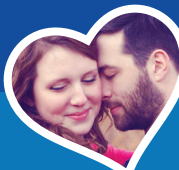
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