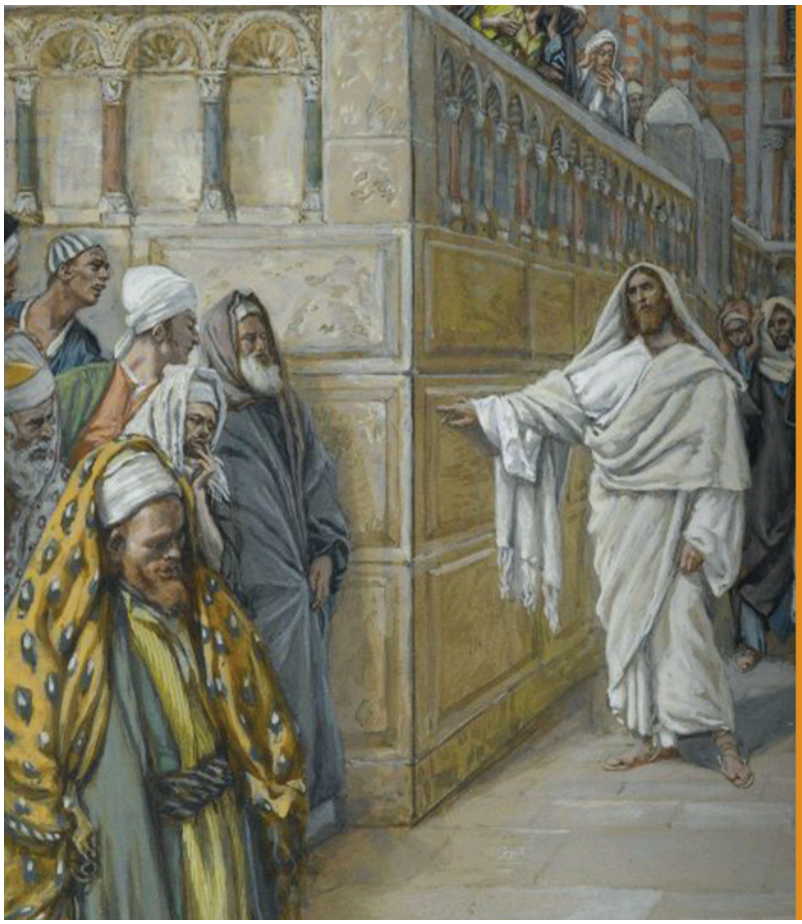
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27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone."
- Mt 21:42ab

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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

OCTOBER 4, 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.

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WELCOME!



MASS INTENTIONS

MON., OCT. 5: St. Faustina Kowalska

7:45am Philomena Capanna, req. by the Capanna Family

TUES., OCT. 6: St. Bruno; Bl. Marie Rose Durocher

7:45am Intentions of All Our Parishioners

WED., OCT. 7: Our Lady of the Rosary

7:45am Susan LaPorte, req. by Michele Castagna

THURS., OCT. 8

7:45am Margaret Morgan, req. by the Conlon Family
Gabriella Gracia, req. by Paul & Julie Corsak

FRI., OCT. 9: St. Denis & Companions; St. John Leonardi

7:45am Mary & Peter Terzano, req. by Liz Terzano

SAT., OCT. 10

8:00am Richard Parker req. by Christinas Stauble & Family

5:00pm George & Anna Fusco, req. by family

SUN., OCT. 11 - 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am Natlie DiBella, req. by Matt & Maureen Farrell

9:00am Eileen Turlay req. by Carol Hicks

11:00am Nicholas Gosselin, req. by the Religious Ed. Staff

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.

REFLECTION

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS
Gifts Given to Share

My oldest two children took piano lessons when then were younger. In fact, it was because my oldest wanted to learn to play so badly that we purchased a piano. He would use it for practice during his few years of lessons, and then my daughter took up the instrument. After a few years of lessons for each, restlessness set in and a type of indifference took over. The lessons and the practicing came to an end.

My youngest had not expressed much interest in piano when he was younger. Then when he was a teenager, he asked for lessons. He began to play and now he plays even for fun and to relax. When his siblings try to play, they are stuck with the truth that those days are gone and since they gave it up years ago, they can no longer really play. In many ways, they were given a gift, but since they did not use and cultivate it, they lost it.

God gives us gifts every day and we too often act like those gifts will simply always be there. The truth is, unlike God Himself, many of those gifts are not eternal. If we fail to acknowledge them and put them to use, we risk losing them in the end. What a shame. What gifts might be slowly slipping away from each of us due to our lack of interest and indifference? They might not be there if and when we change our minds.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS, ©LPi

SANCTUARY LAMP INTENTIONS



Our Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in memory of Maryann McCloskey, at the request of the McCloskey Family.

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

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WEEKLY READINGS

SUNDAY, OCT 04, 2026

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

They'll know us by our respect

We know Christians are to love others. Whether it's Jesus telling people to love God with all their souls, hearts, and minds and their neighbor as themselves or Saint John saying God is love, it is clear love is at the center of living one's faith. Love for all is not the intimate love we share with family, spouses, and close friends. No one can love everybody in that way. No, the essence of Christian love is respect for the life and dignity of all human beings. Christians are often ridiculed for such respect, particularly when it concerns vulnerable or marginalized lives, such as babies in the womb; disabled, elderly, and poor people; undocumented workers; prisoners; addicts; or even our sworn enemies. But our love for even the least of our brothers and sisters is what sets Christians apart. Show that love today on Respect Life Sunday, and every day.

Isaiah 5:1-7; Philippians 4:6-9; Matthew 21:33-43 (139). "By the Lord has this been done, and it is wonderful in our eyes."

MONDAY, OCT 05, 2026

Don't fence love in

"Hear, O Israel," says a famous Jewish prayer, taken from the Book of Deuteronomy, "... you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might." Sound familiar? How about this, from the Book of Leviticus: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." As you can see, the Christian teaching to love God with all your being and to love your neighbor as yourself was not new. What was new was the messenger: Jesus. And right before the "love your neighbor" quote, the Old Testament says, "You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people." Christ, however, made it clear that love wasn't meant only for your own people. "Your neighbor" is everyone.

Galatians 1:6-12; Luke 10:25-37 (461). "Because he wished to justify himself, he said to Jesus, 'And who is my neighbor?'"

TUESDAY, OCT 06, 2026

The better part?

There's probably no other gospel story that infuriates women quite as much as the one we read today about Martha and her sister Mary. Invariably, the argument goes something like this: If everyone—including Jesus—would have helped out in the kitchen, both Mary and Martha could have sat and listened to what Jesus had to say. Still, no matter how much we might like to rewrite the story, for 2,000 years Martha has cooked and served while her sister sits at Jesus' feet. What can we learn from this maddening story? How about acceptance? Of tension. Of the unsolvable. Of all that is unresolved in our lives. It's worth contemplating.

Galatians 1:13-24; Luke 10:38-42 (462). "A woman whose name was Martha welcomed him. She had a sister named Mary who sat beside the Lord at his feet listening to him speak."

WEDNESDAY, OCT 07, 2026

Our Lady of the Rosary, pray for us

The Rosary has been a favored Catholic form of prayer for centuries. It invites us to pray a set order of Our Fathers, Hail Marys, and Glory Be's along a string of beads while meditating on gospel stories from Mary's and Jesus' lives. This spiritual practice has helped generations of Catholics ask for Mary's intercession and God's direction. In October 1571, Catholic soldiers prayed the Rosary to prepare for battle with Turkish soldiers in the Gulf of Corinth. When they won that battle, Pope Pius V claimed that October 7 would be known as the Feast of Our Lady of Victory. Two years later, his successor, Gregory XIII, changed the name to the Our Lady of the Rosary. As our world faces many challenges, we continue to turn to prayer and ask for Mary's intercession as we seek God's guidance.

Galatians 2:1-2, 7-14; Luke 11:1-4 (463). "Jesus was praying in a certain place."

THURSDAY, OCT 08, 2026

Keep your mind and heart open

In biblical times, hospitality was not so much a question of courtesy or manners but of moral obligation. The harsh, nomadic conditions of desert life meant that welcoming the traveler was often a matter of survival. Not only friends were to be welcomed but strangers as well, because, for the Israelites, they, too, had once been "strangers in a strange land." In our age of proliferating gated communities, alarm systems, checkpoints, and border walls, it's easy to lose sight of the fact that the door to our heart must always remain open to weary travelers and strangers we meet on life's journey.

Galatians 3:1-5; Luke 11:5-13 (464). "Knock and the door will be opened to you."

FRIDAY, OCT 09, 2026

What it takes to be Christian

So, which comes first, believing or doing? Over the centuries Christians have argued and fought and divided over this question, slinging theological doctrines and scripture verses at one another like rocks. Didn't Saint Paul say, "We know that a person is justified not by the works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ"? But didn't Saint James say, "Faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead"? We're only now figuring out that faith and works go hand in hand. Truly good works are grounded in faith, while true faith is expressed in charitable action. You can't have one without the other. What can you do today to strengthen these key ingredients to true discipleship?

Galatians 3:7-14; Luke 11:15-26 (465). "The law does not depend on faith; rather, the one who does these things will live by them."

SATURDAY, OCT 10, 2026

MEMORIAL OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Who are the blessed?

You'd think Jesus wouldn't have missed an opportunity to accept a compliment about his mother. But instead, he uses the moment when someone calls her blessed for being his mother to make it clear that true blessedness comes from hearing and living according to the word of God, and that blessedness is available to all. Being someone's mother, spouse, child, or friend isn't enough to make us holy; we must each choose to follow Jesus ourselves. Undoubtedly, Mary is blessed because she is the first disciple to hear the word of God and keep it. We, too, will find ourselves blessed when we put our lives at the service of the Lord and faithfully follow his word.

Galatians 3:22-29; Luke 11:27-28 (466). "He replied, "Rather, blessed are those who hear the word of God and observe it."

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & YOUTH NEWS



ONLINE WORK DUE THIS WEEK

Grade 1	Ch. 3: God Watches Over Everything & Assessment
Grade 2	Ch. 3: God the Creator & Assessment
Grade 3	Ch. 3: Learning About God & Assessment
Grade 4	Ch. 2: The First Murder & Assessment
Grade 5	Ch. 2: The Trinity & Assessment
Grade 6	Ch. 2: The First Commandment in Our Own Day & Assessment



IGNITE YOUTH GROUP

GRADES 7-12, FRIDAY EVENINGS

Youth Group is where faith meets real life! Students in grades 7–12 take what they've learned in Religious Education and put it into practice through games, service, conversations, challenges, and community. It's a place to build friendships, ask questions, grow in faith, and discover what it looks like to live out what we believe.

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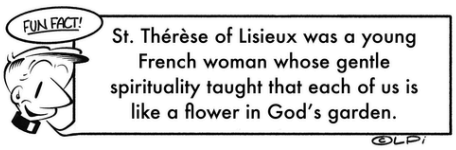




"A joyful heart is good medicine..."
Proverbs 17:22

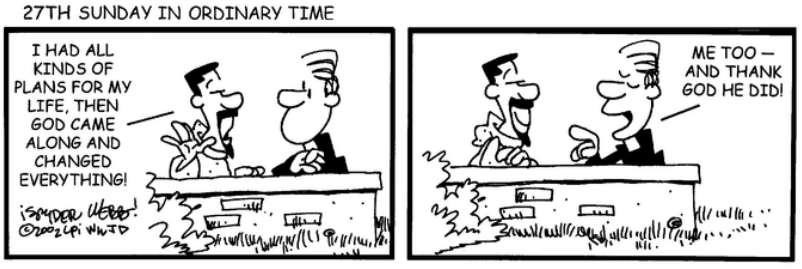


Life's better when you stop to smell the roses.



Why is October the best month to play a joke on a leaf?
Because they fall for anything.

What's the best type of joke to tell to an oak tree in October?
Acorn-y joke.



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.

THIS WEEK @ ST. JOSEPH

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



ST. JOSEPH PARISH APPRECIATION BRUNCH

Why? It's a way for us to celebrate and thank all of our wonderful parishioners and their families for all you do to support St. Joseph Church throughout the year.

When and where? Sunday, November 15, 12:00-2:00pm at the Candlewood Inn, 506 Candlewood Lake Road, Brookfield.

Who's invited? Our spiritual family. All St. Joseph parishioners and their immediate family/household members.

What else? There is no charge for the brunch. Reservations are not necessary; drop in any time between 12:00pm and 2:00pm.

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 vareity of holiday gifts. Entry is free.

WEDDING JUBILEE MASS

We joyfully celebrate these St. Joseph couples as they mark their wedding anniversaries at the Diocesan Wedding Jubilee Mass this weekend!
Congratulations and blessings to all of our jubilarians!

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Annis – 50 years
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