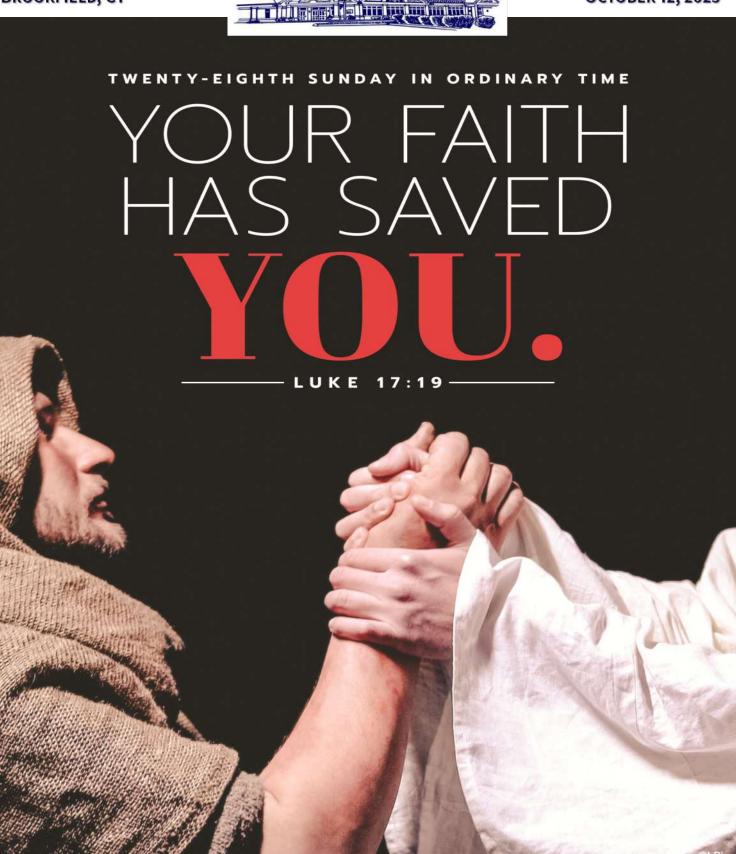
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MASS SCHEDULE

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.

TO SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

YOU BELONG HERE

THIS WEEK @ ST. JOSEPH

Mon

7:45 AM Mass 8:30 AM

Morning Prayer

Tues

7:45 AM Mass

8:30 AM Morning Prayer 7:00 PM Confession & Adoration 7:00 PM Knights of Columbus

7:15 PM

Whispers of Mary (WRAP)

Wed

7:45 AM Mass

8:30 AM Morning Prayer

Thurs

7:45 AM 8:30 AM

Mass

Morning Prayer

7:45 AM 8:15 AM

Mass Eucharistic Adoration for Life

8:00 AM 4:00 PM

Mass Confession

4:30 PM Rosary for Persecuted Catholics

5:00 PM

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.



Prayer Campaign: Sanctity of Human Life



Join Us as We Pray for the Unborn and their Futures







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Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time.

Sunday, Oct 12, 2025

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Faith brings a wellspring of healing

Whether Jesus was speaking to a woman who had anointed him in a Pharisee's house, another woman whom he had cured of a hemorrhage, or a leper whom he'd cleansed, his closing words were much the same: "Your faith has saved you." Believing in Jesus' power to heal had opened the door to healing. Some versions of the Bible, though, translate this phrase a little differently: "Your faith has made you well." To be "saved," then, can mean to be made well, to be made whole, not only in one's own person but in relationships with others, too. In yourself and in your relationships with God and others, what needs healing?

2 Kings 5:14-17; 2 Timothy 2:8-13; Luke 17:11-19 (144). "Stand up and go; your faith has saved you."

Monday, Oct 13, 2025

Don't say no to this invitation

When in Luke's gospel Jesus uses the phrase the "sign of Jonah," most of us would think of the whale. But Jesus has something else in mind. Jonah had been a prophet sent by God to convert the pagan city of Nineveh—a job Jonah didn't want. But when he finally buckled down and did what God asked, the people—much to Jonah's astonishment—converted! So for Jesus the "sign of Jonah" recalls the Ninevites' acceptance of God's word through God's prophet. At the judgment, Jesus says, those Ninevites will shame his own generation because they were humble enough and smart enough to accept God's invitation. We, who have been given the gospel and are surrounded by so many signs of God's love, have even less justification for not hearing the word of God and keeping it.

Romans 1:1-7; Luke 11:29-32 (467). "This generation ... seeks a sign, but no sign will be given it, except the sign of Jonah."

Tuesday, Oct 14, 2025

Be slow to judge

The Pharisees may have gotten a bit of a bum rap in the New Testament because of events that occurred after Jesus' death. The passages of the New Testament that are most hostile to the Pharisees were compiled at a time when it had become clear that most Jews did not consider Jesus to be the Messiah. The Pharisees may have served as a convenient scapegoat for that rejection. The Pharisaic tradition was in fact more flexible on many questions than it was portrayed to be. It does us well to look and listen carefully and judge slowly when it comes to those who follow a different drummer.

Romans 1:16-25; Luke 11:37-41 (468). "You Pharisees . . . inside you are filled with plunder and evil."

Wednesday, Oct 15, 2025

MEMORIAL OF TERESA OF JESUS, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH A one-step program

Ever wonder whether you are in good spiritual health? It's easy to assess: If love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control come easily to you, you're in good shape. If hatred, rivalry, jealousy, outbursts of fury, acts of selfishness, and envy are your frequent reactions to events, you're in need of a spiritual workout. Let Saint Teresa of Ávila (1515-82), reformer and church doctor, be your spiritual trainer. Step one: Recite this Teresian prayer daily: "Let nothing disturb you; Let nothing dismay you; All things pass: God never changes. Patience attains all that it strives for. He who has God lacks for nothing: God alone suffices." Step two: There is no need for a step two if you

master step one.

Romans 2:1-11; Luke 11:42-46 (469). "There will be glory, honor, and peace for everyone who does good."

Thursday, Oct 16, 2025

We are already blessed

It helps to know things will work out before you get started on them. Paying bills is easy when you know the money is there. Getting something fixed is a less anxious experience when you have confidence in the repair person. So it is with the spiritual life. In all the apparent struggle to believe, live a holy life, and do the right thing, we can forget how much God has already done for us. And Saint Paul makes this point many times. We are already blessed. We already have redemption in Christ. God has revealed a plan for us. All we have to do is to stay close to God and follow the way. Saint Vincent de Paul understood this truth well when he asked, "Why should your soul not be filled with confidence since, by the mercy of Our Lord, you are his beloved child?" God has given us so much and promises to lead us to glory. Knowing that might make the journey a bit easier.

Romans 3:21-30; Luke 11:47-54 (470). "The righteousness of God has been manifested ... through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe."

Friday, Oct 17, 2025

MEMÓRIAL OF IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH, BISHOP, MARTYR A loving embrace

Ignatius of Antioch (c. 35-110) is one of the apostolic fathers of the church, a small group of Christian authors who lived close to the time of Jesus and had personal contact with some of the 12 apostles. It is said that Saint Peter himself appointed Ignatius to be bishop of Antioch. Tradition also has it that as a young child Ignatius had been one of the children Jesus took in his arms and blessed (Matthew 19:13-15). Whether or not historically true, this story signals something each of us can make our own—the image of being held in the loving arms of our Savior. That is a tradition that remains unbroken, from the time of Jesus down to the present. Romans 4:1-8; Luke 12:1-7 (471). "Are not five sparrows sold for two small coins? Yet not one of them has escaped the notice of God."

Saturday, Oct 18, 2025

FEAST OF LUKE, EVANGELIST Care to share with the class?

Today we celebrate Saint Luke, author of the Acts of the Apostles as well as the gospel that bears his name. Thanks to Luke we have an original, compelling portrait of Jesus, our Messiah, the master who emphasized the importance of prayer and who cared deeply for women and the poor, the outcast, the ill, and the lowly. Luke is the only one of the four evangelists whose stated purpose in writing his gospel is so that others would be assured of the truth of what they've already learned. He writes in the prologue to his gospel: "I too have decided, after investigating everything accurately anew, to write it down in an orderly sequence for you, . . . so that you may realize the certainty of the teachings you have received." Let us be grateful to parents, teachers, mentors, and others who, like Luke, freely share what they have learned for the benefit of others. 2 Timothy 4:10-17b; Luke 10:1-9 (661). "The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few."

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Ave Maria YOUNG ADULTS GROUP Next Meeting: October 17 @ 6:30 PM

All Young Adults ages 21-35 are welcome to attend. The group meets each month, every 3rd Friday.

Location: The Notre Dame Center (the convent).

Oct 17 will be an Oktoberfest Celebration: making pretzels with refreshments.

Check it out on Instagram @avemaria1882



Peace be with you!

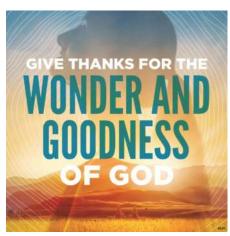
Earlier this year, I visited the Divine Mercy Shrine in Stockbridge, Massachusetts. While I was there, I went to confession during the holy hour. It's offered daily, by the way. After my confession, the priest offered, as my penance, to go back into the chapel and list 10 things in my life for which I am most grateful to God. Well, the priest could not see me because of the screen, but to be honest, I kind of rolled my eyes at his offering. I was hoping for something a little more, well, structured. This seemed rather... squishy.

So, after praying the Act of Contrition and Father offering absolution, I returned to my pew to perform my penance. I thought, where do I start? I guess right here is as good a place as any. Okay, I am thankful for the Divine Mercy Shrine and the convenience to enjoy this sacrament daily; I thank God for my truck that allowed me to make the journey on a snowy day; for the short confession line because of the weather; for the beautiful shrine chapel and its magnificent stained-glass windows. Before I knew it, I was at 10, and my thoughts still hadn't left the chapel. I still had to consider family, health, my priesthood, friends, and St. Joseph's Church and on and on and on. On my way home I realized I was surprised by how a seemingly simple penance request opened my eyes to the many blessings that I take for granted in my life. I was truly humbled and thankful to God.

In the Gospel reading today, the reading we will hear again next month on Thanksgiving, we are reminded also, that like my penance, we can certainly be like the other 9 who did not return to Jesus to give thanks. This week you should have received a letter from me kicking off the 2025 Annual Collection. Please take a moment to read the letter and consider the need expressed and pray over your ability to participate this year. Our goal is again \$150,000 to replace the floor covering in the whole church and sanctuary, excluding the children's room and the Adoration Chapel which we did earlier this year. We also may need to replace the (2) projectors for the EDJE program, as well, which have been showing signs of wear. They are about 13 years old and one is not functioning and may not be repairable.

Speaking of gratitude, whatever you can do to contribute to the success of this campaign would be greatly appreciated.







PRAYER FOR THE SEVENTH CONVOCATION OF PRIESTS 2025

Gracious God and Father, we thank you for the ministry of our priests who strive to serve us faithfully and selflessly in your name.

We ask your blessing upon them as they gather for their Convocation from October 12 to 15. May their time together in prayer and fraternity strengthen them and encourage them so that they may return rekindled in the faith and renewed in holiness.

We also ask you to pour out the Holy Spirit upon all of us in the Diocese of Bridgeport so that we may all grow together in holiness:

- Sustain and strengthen our Bishop Frank, as our good and faithful shepherd;
- Keep our priests faithful to your Son Jesus, the High Priest; inspire them to be brothers of one heart and mind, especially as they preach the Gospel and celebrate the sacraments;
- Preserve our deacons in their ministry to your word and in charity to those who are in need;
- Let our religious be compelling examples of the joy we can find in leaving behind all things to follow your Son:
- Make every household be a home where Christ-like love abounds and holiness is nurtured:
- Open the hearts of our young people to hear your Son's call and offer their lives in service to your Church, especially as priests, deacons and religious.

May the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of all Christians and Mother of the Clergy, pray for us and lead us to a deeper love for her Son and our Savior, in whose name we pray, Jesus Christ, who is Lord for ever and ever. Amen



"Where does St. Thérèse tuck her roses at night?"



"Into a **flower bed**."



St. Thérèse loved flowers. She once stated hat every person's mission is like a flower in God's garden, and that flowers both grand and humble were all beautiful to Him!

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ELEMENTARY

EDJE STUDENT GOOD DEEDS

"I helped my Dad get my baby sister in her car seat." Submitted by Aria

"Someone dropped money on the ground and I returned it to them." Submitted by Brayden

"I held the door for someone." Submitted by Chase

"I helped take care of my pet chickens." Submitted by Noelle



IGNITE for Grades 7 –12 Friday Nights during the school year

For more information, registration, and calendar, go to:

www.stjosephbrookfield.com/igniteyouth-ministry



If Friday Nights don't work for you but Sunday nights do, please check out

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HELP US FEED THE HOMELESS

Twice a month our Food to the Rescue Sandwich Ministry program makes sandwiches to feed the homeless, in support of The Dorothy Day House in Danbury, CT.

We make good, hearty sandwiches since it may be the guest's only meal for the day. Each one costs about \$3 to make and our next sandwich drop is next week.

How Can You Help?

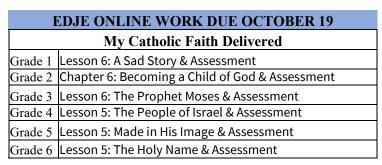
We make about 150 sandwiches per month and buy all of our sandwich fixin's at Big Y.

Please consider donating a Big Y gift card to help us offset the cost of this very important ministry.

To drop off your Big Y gift card donation:

- o Place it in the Offertory basket
- Bring it to the Parish Office
- Place it in the Big Y sandwich gift card box near the candle rack in the back of the church

Thank you for your support.



THE LAMBS PROGRAM NEEDS YOUR HELP



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, please reach out to Father Chip who can put you in contact with me.



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Monday, October 13

7:45 AM - N/A Priest Convocation Tuesday, October 14 - St. Callistus I

7:45 AM - N/A Priest Convocation

Wednesday, October 15 - St. Teresa of Jesus

7:45 AM - N/A Priest Convocation

Thursday, October 16 - St. Hedwig, St. Margaret Mary Alacoque

7:45 AM - Ted Layton & Jay Wanat, req. by Mike & Cathy Sullivan

Friday, October 17 - St. Ignatius of Antioch

7:45 AM - Clare Murphy, req. by family

Saturday, October 18 - St. Luke

8:00 AM - William Moore, req. by his friends

5:00 PM - Michelangelo & Rosalba Rizzo, req. by Maria Rizzo

Sunday, October 19 - 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM - Roseline Nwachukwu, req. by Shirley Nwachukwu

9:00 AM - Douglas Smith, req. by Pat Smith 11:00 AM - Claire Batchler, req. by family

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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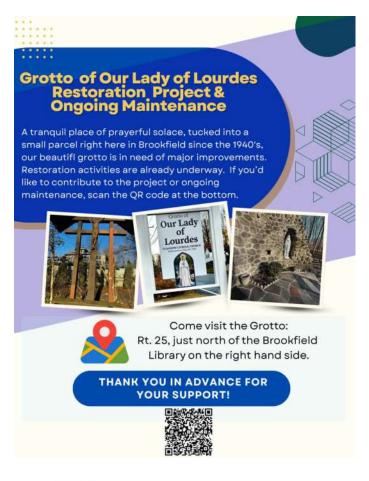


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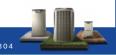






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