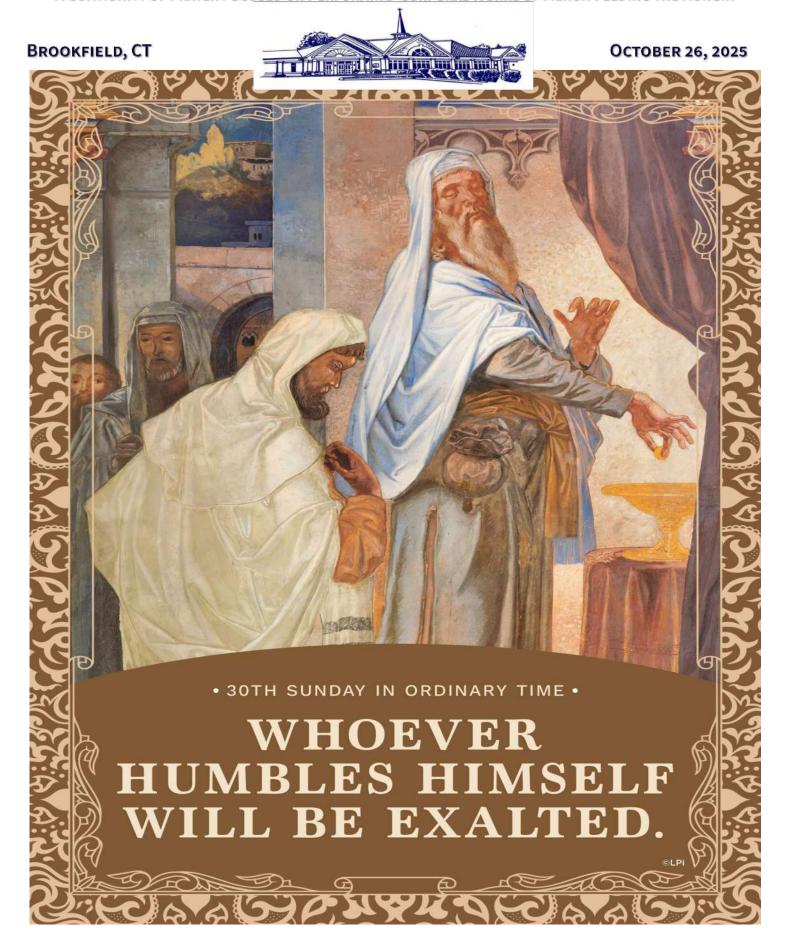
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CONFESSIONS

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

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Mon

7:45 AM

8:30 AM Morning Prayer

7:45 AM Mass 8:30 AM

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

7:15 PM

Whispers of Mary (WRAP)

7:45 AM Mass 8:30 AM

Morning Prayer

7:45 AM Mass 8:30 AM

Morning Prayer

7:45 AM 8:15 AM

Mass

Eucharistic Adoration for Life

8:00 AM 8:30 AM

Mass Respect for Life Rosary All Saints Celebration

2:00 PM 4:00 PM Confession

4:30 PM Rosary for Persecuted Catholics

5:00 PM Mass

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



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

Sunday, Oct 26, 2025

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Be who you are

"Do you know who I am?" That's the question maître d's, hotel clerks, even arresting officers occasionally receive from the celebrated and powerful among us whose sense of privilege and entitlement gets the best of them. Contrast that with the question Jesus asks his disciples about the word on the street, "Who do they say I am?" When they answer, "The Messiah," Jesus swears them to silence. In the words of the 20th-century monk Thomas Merton: "Pride makes us artificial and humility makes us real." Strive each day to be who you really are: "The salt of the earth" (Matt. 13-14). Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18; Luke 18:9-14 (150). 'Jesus addressed this parable to those who were convinced of their own righteousness."

Monday, Oct 27, 2025

How to keep it all straight

The synagogue leaders, upon seeing Jesus raise up a woman bent in two by years of infirmity, were indignant that Jesus had done this astonishing, good thing on the Sabbath, a day when it was forbidden to work. It seems that those who choose external compliance over compassion are more bent over—bent in upon themselves—than the woman whom Jesus bids, "Stand up." Being a stand-up person sometimes means going against convention, expectation, and even laws. Choose a loving response even if it means bending the rules.

Romans 8:12-17; Luke 13:10-17 (479). "Ought she not to have been set free on the sabbath day?"

Tuesday, Oct 28, 2025

FEAST OF SIMON AND JUDE, APOSTLES

Fight the good fight

The Zealots, of which the apostle Simon was a member, were the radical and militant resistance to the Roman military occupation of Palestine in the first century. Today we would call them insurgents. Though Jude likely did not belong to the Zealots, the devotion that bears his name today is one of the most zealously fervent in the church. Both Simon and Jude, then, join with us in fighting against the oppression that would take away our hope. To that end we are invited to join our resources with organizations like the National Shrine of St. Jude and the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital to help carry on the fight.

Ephesians 2:19-22; Luke 6:12-16 (666). "He called his disciples to himself, and from them he chose.'

Wednesday, Oct 29, 2025

Narrow your focus

Jesus speaks of entering salvation through the "narrow door." Other translations refer to it as the "narrow gate." Walled portions of Jerusalem contained some gates that were so narrow it was said a person would have trouble passing through them carrying much with them. Perhaps this image can help us consider why the path to salvation involves a narrow passage—we can't carry anything with us to the other side; it's only us, shorn of our props and possessions, and God. "We must detach ourselves from all," says Saint John of God, "for the all who is Jesus Christ, and we must trust him alone." It might be a good idea to begin detaching from those possessions now.

Romans 8:26-30; Luke 13:22-30 (481). "Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter."

Thursday, Oct 30, 2025

Everything leads back to the divine

For those times when God seems distant or absent, when people move through their day and don't see signs of God anywhere, it's easy to forget that God is behind it all. Yet even a world that feels more haunted rather than filled with God's presence is still beloved creation—the expression of God's overflowing love. A number of spiritual masters have suggested the practice of seeing God in all things. After all, if God really did create everything, it must be possible to find a string in every moment that leads back to the divine. Saint Paul, for one, was sure nothing in the universe could separate people from God. And why not? It all comes from the one who made

Romans 8:31b-39; Luke 13:31-35 (482). "What will separate us from the love of Christ?"

Friday, Oct 31, 2025

Keep the conversation going

Despite his differences with the Pharisees, Jesus never stopped interacting with them, even going so far as to dine with them. And if they were not particularly open to his message, they at least were impressed enough to share a meal with him and hear him out. In an age where public differences of opinion, played out in front of the ever-present media, seem to descend to the level of insult and demonization, consider breaking bread with someone with whom you disagree. Though you will not settle all your differences, you may strengthen the things you have in common and allow for the lines of communication to remain open.

Romans 9:1-5; Luke 14:1-6 (483). "On a sabbath Jesus went to dine at the home of one of the leading Pharisees."

Saturday, Nov 01, 2025 SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

Shiny, happy people

Saints come from everywhere—small towns and big cities, local neighborhoods and faraway lands. They are men and women, old and young, laborers and professionals, humble folk and royalty. They wear medical uniforms, bishop miters, religious habits, worker shirts, farmer overalls, and beggar rags. They are the blessed of the gospel Beatitudes, a word from the old Latin that means "happy." One of them could be reading this page right now. It all depends on how blessedly happy you choose to be.

Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14; 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12a (667). "Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.

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Peace be with you!

Thank you to everyone who was inconvenienced last week because of the priests' convocation I attended with the rest of my brother priests from the diocese. I attended begrudgingly, only to be surprised by joy (and **hope**), which was the focal point of Msgr. Thomas Caserta's talks for the three days. His opening salvo was Romans 5:5: "...and hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us." And then he brought us back to the scene in *The Lion King* where a despondent Simba stares into the lake water and sees the image of his deceased father, Mufasa, who says to him, "Simba, remember who you are." He then turned those words on us and lovingly built his case.

I say "surprised by joy" because how often do we dread a looming circumstance in life, only to realize that the noise in our heads was too loud for the signal of the reality experienced? That was the case last week, and I truly enjoyed having the time away with my brother priests and hearing Msgr. Tom's call for all priests to be a sign of hope for our faithful. Then he quoted 1 Corinthians 14:8, where St. Paul, using a military analogy, says, "...if the trumpeter blows an uncertain note, who will follow?" I promise to always endeavor to be a sign of hope for you all.

Now, to the practical—I am writing this on Tuesday evening, and progress is being made on the tile in the narthex (vestibule) and the center aisle down to the altar stairs. I am hopeful and *pray that you'll be reading this after having celebrated Sunday Mass in the church and not the school gym. I will also have a better idea of the carpet installation schedule for announcements this weekend.

God bless you, and again, thank you for your patience. (*Prayers answered... this was last week's Pastor's Note that didn't make it into the bulletin. :))

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Respect For Life Holiday Fundraiser Oct. 25 & 26, Nov. 1 & 2

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We have kicked off the Saint Joseph Annual Collection. Over the years your generous financial support has been one of our greatest blessings.

Our Finance and Parish Councils have earmarked the proceeds of this 2025 Annual Collection for a particular project, the cost of which, as in past years, exceeds what can be funded through the regular weekly offertory. This year, our plan is to replace all the flooring in the church, both the seating area and the sanctuary, as well as the narthex and hallways. (The Adoration Chapel recently was recarpeted and is not included in this current project.) Our objective is to install the most attractive, longest-lasting, most durable flooring at the lowest possible cost.

With this as background, please take a moment to prayerfully consider your support of this project. Donations may be placed in the offertory basket at Sunday Mass, mailed to the parish office, or made online through our website, www.stjosephbrookfield.com.

Thank you for your continued faith, love, and generosity. Through the intercession of Saint Joseph, our patron, may Christ's peace be with you and your loved ones always.





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EDJE STUDENT GOOD DEEDS

"I helped my little sister eat her food." Submitted by David

"I watered my Mom's flowers and put away the hose. " Submitted by Oakley

"I supported my friend when he was mad." Submitted by Chase

"I helped a kid find where he should go during dismissal." Submitted by Lian



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

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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?

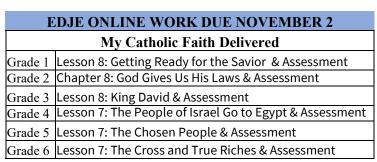
We make about 150 sandwiches per month and buy all of our sandwich fixin's at Big Y.

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
- o 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.

Thank you for your consideration.



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Monday, October 27

7:45 AM - Claire Batchler, req. by family

Tuesday, October 28 - Sts. Simon & Jude

7:45 AM - Mae Bailey, req. by family

Wednesday, October 29

7:45 AM - Louis Scotti, reg. by Anna Verlezza

Thursday, October 30

7:45 AM - Frank Ferrante, req. by the McGorty Family

Friday, October 31

7:45 AM - Intentions of All Our Parishioners

Saturday, November 1 - All Saints Day

8:00 AM - Nora & Patrick O'Leary Sr., req. by Betty Stahl

5:00 PM - Frank Greco, req. by the Greco Family

Sunday, November 2 - All Souls Day

7:30 AM - Sister Teresa Mary Henry, req. by the Vitetta Family

9:00 AM - Lucille Levanti, req. by Elizabeth Blanchfield

11:00 AM - Msgr. Andrew Varga, req. by Rita & Gene Golaszewski

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



Liturgy

SANCTUARY LAMP INTENTIONS

Our Sanctuary Lamp burns this week In Memory of Timothy McCloskey, at the request of his family



Mass of Remembrance Friday, November 7th 7:00pm

This Mass is intended to provide a special way to honor family members who have died in the past year. If you wish to have someone remembered at the Mass please contact Rita in the parish office at 203-775-1035.

Invitations were sent to the families of loved ones whose funerals or memorial services were held at St. Joseph this past year.

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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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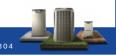






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