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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
7:45am

NOVEMBER 15, 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., NOV. 16: Sts. Margaret & Gertrude

7:45am Adrienne & Jim Belmont, req. by Robert Frangella

TUES., NOV. 17: St. Elizabeth

7:45am Intentions of All Our Parishioners

WED., NOV. 18: St. Rose Philippine Duchesne

7:45am Vince Lupo, req. by the Lupo Family
Willet & Ethel Bowen, req. by their family

THURS., NOV. 19

7:45am Barbara & Patrick O'Leary, req. by Betty Stahl

FRI., NOV. 20

7:45am James Legere, req. by Kathy Legere

SAT., NOV. 21: Presentation of the Bl. Virgin Mary

8:00am Emanuele LaPorte, req. by Michele Castagna
Nicholas Pham, req. by Mary Hoang

5:00pm Kurt Kelly, req. by family

SUN., NOV. 22: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

7:30am Rev. Lawrence Carew, req. by Suzanne & Paul Holko

9:00am Anthony Gomes, req. by Doreen & Adrian Lobo

11:00am Eugene Golaszewski, req. by Kathy Bailo

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.

PASTOR NOTE

This past week on November 11th, we remembered our veterans, living and deceased, who have served in our country's military to keep us safe and protect our homeland. We owe these brave and selfless men and women our gratitude for the time they took from their lives to serve our nation, and we offer a humble prayer for their service.

God of the ages, we thank You for all who have served in the Armed Forces, for the freedom their sacrifice has earned, and we ask You to bless living veterans and their families. Comfort the grieving, strengthen the wounded, and support their caregivers. Move us to reach out to our veteran community and those currently serving. We pray for a future of peace and ask for the help to be peacemakers today. In Jesus' name, Amen.

In our Gospel reading this week, Jesus tells the parable of the master who divides talents among his servants, giving each an amount commensurate with their abilities before going away on a journey. Upon his return, he expected a profit from the investments he made in his servants. Two of the servants were industrious and fruitful, whereas the third was not, due to a fear of failure. This last servant was a disappointment to the master.

We, too, have all been gifted with certain talents. What matters is not how much we have been given, but how we choose to use those gifts. May we not allow fear to hold us back, but instead use our talents to serve God and others. Let us strive to be faithful stewards of all that God has entrusted to us.

Father George O'Neill

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STEWARDSHIP UPDATE
WEEKEND OF NOV 7 - NOV 8

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Weekly Total	$11,243.50
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May God bless you now and always.



WEEKLY READINGS

Sunday, Nov 15, 2026
THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
God's gifts are meant to be regifted
Any gift from God is an occasion for our greatest praise. Christ, however, often reminds us that praise merely begins our acceptance of God's grace. What follows is responsibility. The act of giving not only displays God's love, but also God's trust. Booker T. Washington touched upon the complex nature of this gift when he said, "Few things can help an individual more than to place responsibility on him, and to let him know that you trust him." By taking responsibility for the gifts God has given us, we confirm both our faith in God and God's faith in us. Look at the particular gifts you have been given and how you can use them to move the world toward God.
Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6; Matthew 25:14-30 (157). "'Master, you gave me five talents. See, I have made five more.'"

Monday, Nov 16, 2026
How well do you know yourself?
"Know thyself" is an ancient philosophical and spiritual imperative. If Jesus were to ask you, "What do you want me to do for you?", would you know what you needed to be made whole? How honest are you with yourself about the things that bring you joy or cause you shame? How well do you understand your motivations? Daily prayer and examination of conscience are practices spiritual masters use to attain self-knowledge. As you prepare for Advent, get to know yourself better by including these spiritual exercises in your daily routine: prayer of thanksgiving; petition for the grace to see faults and the will to cast them out; inspection of daily actions; request for forgiveness for sins; commitment to change unworthy behavior.
Revelation 1:1-4; 2:1-5; Luke 18:35-43 (497). "Jesus asked him, 'What do you want me to do for you?'"

Tuesday, Nov 17, 2026
MEMORIAL OF ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY, RELIGIOUS
No rest for the weary
"She died of exhaustion," the biographies say. At the age of 23, Elizabeth of Hungary (1207-31) had already accomplished much. When her royal husband perished on crusade in 1227, Elizabeth found herself and her three children barred from the courts by relatives who did not care for her generous ways with the poor. Selling her jewelry and clothes, she opened a hospital and continued her good works as a Third Order Franciscan. She remains the patron saint of bakers—and an inspiration to those who work tirelessly for what they believe in. Honor Elizabeth today by sharing with someone in need.
Revelation 3:1-6, 14-22; Luke 19:1-10 (498). "Behold, half of my possessions, Lord, I shall give to the poor."

Wednesday, Nov 18, 2026
It's the little things
To be a saint, you have to do something big and dramatic, right? Not necessarily. Just look at what the great Saint Thérèse of Lisieux, a doctor of the church, said: "That shall be my life . . . to miss no opportunity of making some small sacrifice . . . always doing the tiniest things right, and doing it for love." She wasn't talking about perfectionism—trying never to make a mistake. Rather, she is telling us that everything, even the littlest things—cooking and cleaning, commuting, working, dealing with people in person or virtually—are worth doing well and with devotion and love. Remember this as you go through your day: If you do something with care and a spirit of sacrifice, you do it for God.
Revelation 4:1-11; Luke 19:11-28 (499). "'Well done, good servant! You have been faithful in this very small matter; take charge of ten cities.'"

Thursday, Nov 19, 2026
A numbers game
Seven is considered a "lucky" number to those who roll the dice for their fortune. Christians rely on grace, not luck, of course. Yet for early Christians the number seven represented perfection. It's composed of two other significant numbers, four and three. Four is traditionally the number of completeness or fullness, as in the totality of four directions. Three is the Christian designation for divinity: Think Trinity. Seven, then, suggests perfect goodness, as with the Lamb of Revelation or the Spirit's seven gifts. It's also the source of "perfect" evil, as with the Seven Deadly (or Capital) Sins. Though the circumstances of our lives often seem like a game of chance, we do have agency to make wise choices that lead to love. Choose your sevens wisely!
Revelation 5:1-10; Luke 19:41-44 (500). "He had seven horns and seven eyes; these are the seven spirits of God sent out into the whole world."

Friday, Nov 20, 2026
Take a fresh look at your finances
What impact does your faith have on your personal finances? For many believers, faith may only have a minimal effect on their budgets—perhaps a few dollars dropped into the collection basket on Sunday and an occasional charitable donation. A Money magazine report found, however, that for about 15 percent of the population who are "devout practitioners," their faith has a much greater influence on their spending choices. Everything from food purchases to tithes come into play. Interested in knowing what you value most? Sit down with your bank statements and a calculator and see where your money goes.
Revelation 10:8-11; Luke 19:45-48 (501). "My house shall be a house of prayer, but you have made it a den of thieves."

Saturday, Nov 21, 2026
MEMORIAL OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
For those who pray
Today Catholics around the world are encouraged to remember the thousands of men and women who choose to live their vowed religious life as cloistered contemplatives. Like the Blessed Virgin Mary, these men and women consecrate their lives in service to God; yet for contemplatives, their special offering to the church is separated, silent lives of prayer. In dedicating this Pro Orantibus ("For those who pray") Day in 1997, Pope John Paul II called cloistered contemplatives the church's vanguard who "serve as a leaven of renewal and of the presence of the spirit of Christ in the world." In honor of Mary and those who pray, say the Rosary, visit a monastery, or send a greeting to your favorite contemplative today. Learn more at cloisteredlife.com.
Revelation 11:4-12; Luke 20:27-40 (502). "He is not God of the dead, but of the living."

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & YOUTH NEWS

EDJE ONLINE WORK DUE THIS WEEK

Grade 1	Ch. 9: Mary Hears Some Wonderful News & Assessment
Grade 2	Ch. 9: I Choose to Love God & Assessment
Grade 3	Ch. 9: Loving God Most of All & Assessment
Grade 4	Ch. 8: The People of God Suffer in Egypt & Assessment
Grade 5	Ch. 8: Moses Leads the People of God & Assessment
Grade 6	Ch. 8: In the Heart of the Family & Assessment



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





CHURCH & DIOCESAN NEWS & EVENTS



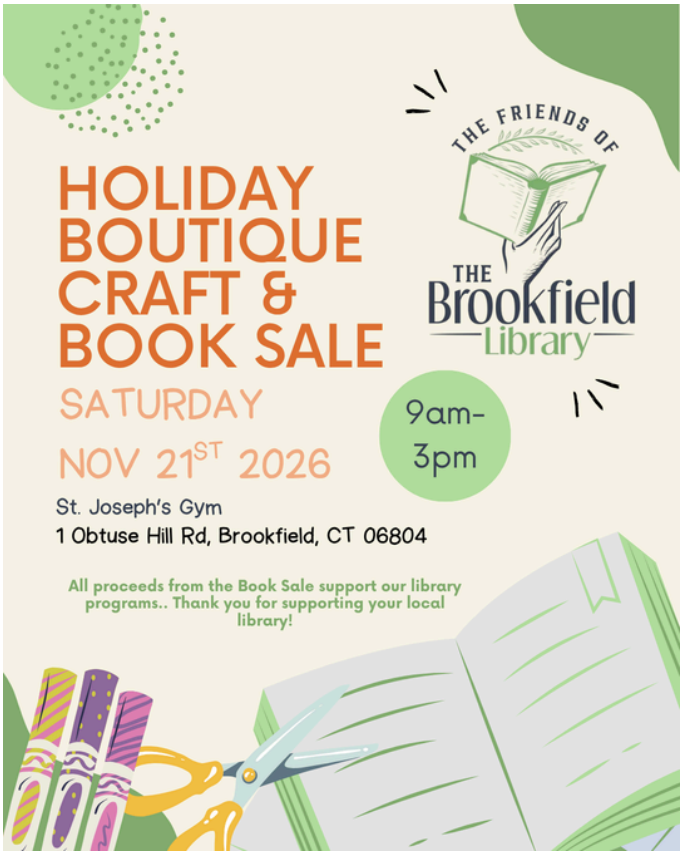
ST. JOSEPH PARISH APPRECIATION BRUNCH

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 22, 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.



THIS WEEK @ ST. JOSEPH

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

UPCOMING PRE-BAPTISMAL CLASS

St. Joseph is having a Pre-Baptismal Class on 11/15 @ 12:30pm for new parents before they baptize their first child. Call the office at 203.775.1035 to sign up or for more details. The class meets in the Rectory Room.

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. JOSEPH Garden
MEMORIAL GARDEN & COLUMBARIUM
St. Joseph, Pray for Us!

A PLACE FOR PRAYER & REMEMBRANCE

St. Joseph Church is developing plans for a Catholic Memorial Garden and Columbarium on parish grounds, near the church. This special space would provide our parish families with a dignified, sacred place for prayer, remembrance, and the inurnment of cremated remains.

We invite you to learn more about this new opportunity for St. Joseph families. Representatives will be available after Masses to answer questions, share information about the project, show renderings of the proposed layout and design, and provide a nonbinding household interest form.

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