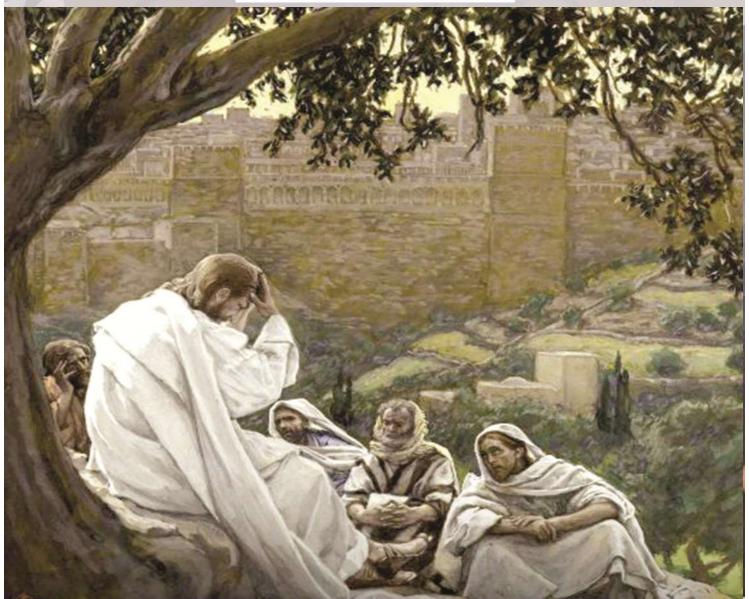
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MASS SCHEDULE

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

Mon 17	7:45 AM 8:30 AM 12:00 PM 6:00 PM	Mass Morning Prayer Respect for Life Meeting Confirmation Rehearsal
Tues 18	7:45 AM 8:30 AM 7:00 PM 7:00 PM 7:15 PM	Mass Morning Prayer Confession & Adoration Knights of Columbus WRAP Advent Sturdy
Wed 19	7:45 AM 8:30 AM	Mass Morning Prayer
Thurs 20	7:45 AM 8:30 AM 6:00 PM	Mass Morning Prayer Confirmation
21	7:45 AM 8:15 AM 6:00 PM 6:30PM	Mass Eucharistic Adoration for Life Children's Choir Practice Knights/Ignite Bowling Fundraiser
Sat 22	8:00 AM 4:00 PM 4:30 PM 5:00 PM	Mass Confession Rosary for Persecuted Catholics Mass
Sun	7:30 AM	Mass

PRAYING FOR PEACE AND REPARATION

9:00 AM Mass

11:00 AM Mass

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. Áugustine Missal.



Brookfield, CT



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

Sunday, Nov 16, 2025

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Here's some good news

If you pay attention to the news, it wouldn't be too much to think the world is going to you-know-where in a handbasket. Violence, crime, corruption, illness, poverty, ignorance, and plain old selfcenteredness seem to rule the day. In Jesus' time some said those kinds of things were signs of the end of the world. Christ himself knew the list: "powerful earthquakes, famines, and plagues from place to place." But he also urged caution: "When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified . . . it will not immediately be the end." In other words, whatever is going on in the world, we are not to be afraid. We can trust in God and do what we can for the cause of goodness.

Malachi 3:19-20a; 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12; Luke 21:5-19 (159). "For you who fear my name, there will arise the sun of justice with its healing rays."

Monday, Nov 17, 2025 MEMORIAL OF ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY, RELIGIOUS The royal treatment at its best

Not too many princesses looked beyond the walls of their palaces to notice the poor—the people who more than likely made up most of their realm. But Elizabeth of Hungary did. Married in 1221 to Louis of Thuringia, a pious husband, she lived simply and devoted herself to works of mercy even though she was the wife of a ruler. After the death of her husband in battle, she left court, arranged for the care of her three children, and associated herself with the Franciscans. She established a hospital and cared for the sick until her early death at the age of 24. The symbols of her sainthood include bread and a pitcher. May Elizabeth inspire us to provide a royal welcome to those in need with abundant charity.

1 Maccabees 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Luke 18:35-43 (497). "A blind man was sitting by the roadside begging He shouted, 'Jesus, Son of David, have pity on me!"

Tuesday, Nov 18, 2025

No need to go out on a limb

Zacchaeus the tax collector is the only person in the gospels who has their height mentioned. But in the end, it is not for his smallness that Zacchaeus is remembered but the bigness, the boldness, and the determination of his desire to see Jesus and turn his life around. Doubtless Mr. Z.'s antics in climbing a tree got Jesus' attention, but what was really impressive was that desire for faith, so stunning that Jesus invites himself to the tax collector's house for dinner, bringing salvation along with him rather than a bottle of wine for the host. To get closer to Jesus we don't need to climb a tree but open the door from within to find Jesus eager to enter. 2 Maccabees 6:18-31; Luke 19:1-10 (498). "Today salvation has come to this house.

Wednesday, Nov 19, 2025

Frailty, thy name is not woman

Womanly is a word that too often has been used by our culture to suggest weakness or inadequacy. Worse, these negative connotations can sometimes lead to derision and oppression. Phrases such as "throws like a girl," though harmless-sounding, reflect this negativity. Yet when we look at the women around us, in the Bible, and in our Catholic tradition, we find women who exhibit a womanliness that is synonymous with courage, strength, boldness, and savvy. They have led countries, built schools and hospitals, led people to God, and sacrificed their lives for what they believed in. Indeed, Venerable Bishop Fulton Sheen said, "The history of

civilization could actually be written in terms of the level of its women." Time to survey our own language to make sure it accurately reflects the nature and gifts of women.

2 Maccabees 7:1, 20-31; Luke 19:11-28 (499). "Most admirable and worthy of everlasting remembrance was the mother."

Thursday, Nov 20, 2025

Make a fast retreat

Gone on a retreat lately? Most areas have places to make retreats, often run by religious orders or dioceses. Retreats come in all shapes and sizes: individual or group, programmed or unstructured, a day or a week. You can use them to get back in touch with what's most important spiritually or just to get some rest. Going on a retreat, though, doesn't have to mean blocking out time, making a reservation, and hitting the road. One retreat you can always make is in the silence of your heart. "For God alone my soul waits in silence, for my hope is from him," says Psalm 62:5. Wherever you are, you can take a few minutes each day to stop what you're doing, clear your mind, and place yourself in the silence of God. 1 Maccabees 2:15-29; Luke 19:41-44 (500). "Many who sought to live according to righteousness and religious custom went out into the desert to settle there."

Friday, Nov 21, 2025

MEMORIAL OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE BL. VIRGIN MARY Shout out to Mary

While not recorded in the Bible, this day celebrates God's choice of Mary to play a role in salvation history and her presentation at the Temple as a child to be offered to God. Francis of Assisi celebrated Mary with his "Salutation of the Virgin," which includes these lovely acclamations of Mary: "Hail, O Lady, Holy Queen, God's Holy Mother Mary! You have been made the Virgin Church and chosen by the most Holy Father in heaven./ You has he consecrated with His most holy beloved Son and the Holy Spirit the Paraclete./ In You there has been, and is, all fullness of Grace, and all that is good." Honor Mary today by striving to live in the joy and fullness of God's good graces.

1 Maccabees 4:36-37, 52-59; Luke 19:45-48 (501). "There was great joy among the people."

Saturday, Nov 22, 2025

MEMORIÁL OF CECILIA, MARTYR

Angels in our midst

Legend has it that Saint Cecilia (d. 117) wanted to dedicate her life to Christ as a virgin, but her parents married her to a Roman nobleman. She eventually converted her husband, Valerian, and his brother to Christianity by her belief in angels. "There is an angel who watches over me," she is said to have told her husband. When he asked to see the angel, Cecilia replied that he must be baptized first. Once baptized, Valerian witnessed an angel holding crowns of roses and lilies while Cecilia prayed. When Valerian's brother inquired about the flowers, he, too, desired to be baptized, and the brothers and Cecilia ministered to martyred Christians until their own martyrdom. Do you believe in angels? If so, you're not alone. According to a Baylor University study, 55 percent of respondents answered yes to the statement: "I was protected from harm by a guardian angel.'

1 Maccabees 6:1-13; Luke 20:27-40 (502). "They can no longer die, for they are like angels."

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What did the horse say after it tripped? Help! I've fallen and I can't giddy-up!

What would bears be without bees? Ears.

What do you call a pile of cats? A meow-tain.

RIP, boiling water You will be mist.





Peace be with you!

This weekend's readings turn our attention to the end of the church year and the beginning of Advent in 2 weeks. The close of the year refocuses our thoughts to the end times and to preparing ourselves spiritually for our own rebirth into eternal life. For some, it is a dark time, but for others with a strong faith, it is a reminder to continue fulfilling our divine mandate in life.

I would like to address two topics for the weekend. First is simply a reminder of our **Annual Parishioner Appreciation Brunch** being held again this year at the lovely Candlewood Inn this **Sunday from noon until 2:00 p.m**. You are invited to share in an excellent buffet-style meal with custom omelets, bagels and cream cheese, large dessert tables, an ice cream bar, mimosas, and much more. Come and enjoy as we celebrate the many people who work so hard to make our church our warm and welcoming spiritual home.

There will also be a speaker after Communion at all Sunday Masses this weekend introducing a new program to St. Joseph Church called the Seven Sisters Apostolate. The speaker will be parishioner Liz Franzella, who will be introducing the program and will be in the narthex after Masses to answer questions and recruit volunteers for this ministry. Thank you in advance to Liz for administering this new endeavor. (http://sevensistersapostolate.org)





You're Invited to the "Thanks a Brunch" St. Joseph Parish Appreciation Event November 16, 2025

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 16, 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.





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Operation Turkey Drop

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EDJE NEWS



The Sacrament of Confirmation will take place on Thursday, November 20th for those children who completed their final year of our EDJE Program. Please keep these children in your prayers as they prepare to receive the final Sacrament of Initiation of the Catholic Church.



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

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

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Warm Winter Wear Donations Kicks off November 1 and ends January 6 to support the working poor and homeless in our community.

We need: New hats, gloves, scarves, and coats for kids ages 10-18. Gently used coats and outerwear will also be accepted.

Donation receptacles, decorated by our Ignite Youth, will be located in the vestibule for donation drop off.

EDJE ONLINE WORK DUE NOVEMBER 16 My Catholic Faith Delivered Grade 1 Lesson 10: The Savior is Born & Assessment Grade 2 Chapter 10: Preparing for Our Savior & Assessment Grade 3 Lesson 10: The Lord's Day & Assessment Grade 4 Lesson 9: God Saves His People & Assessment Grade 5 Lesson 9: The Forming of the People of God & Assessment Grade 6 Lesson 9: Citizenship - Rights and Duties & Assessment

EDJE STUDENT GOOD DEEDS

- "I cleaned up after my sister spilled cat food all over the kitchen floor." Submitted by Matylda.
- "I washed some of the dishes." Submitted by Lian
- "I helped my Mom pick up my sister's toys without being asked." Submitted by Grace
- "I helped my Mom bring in the groceries from the car." Submitted by Oakley





Monday, November 17 - St. Elizabeth of Hungary

7:45 AM - James Legere, req. by Marty & Flip LoGiurato Tuesday, November 18 - St. Rose Philippine Duchesne

7:45 AM - Intentions of All Our Parishioners

Wednesday, November 19

7:45 AM - Barbara & Patrick O'Leary Jr., reg. by Betty Stahl

Thursday, November 20

7:45 AM - Vince Lupo, req. by family

Friday, November 21- Presentation of the Bl. Virgin Mary

7:45 AM - Eileen Schmidt, req. by Dan & JoAnn Melillo

Saturday, November 22 - St. Cecilia

8:00 AM - Clara Dunn, req. by the Montalto Family

5:00 PM - Kurt Kelly, reg. by family

Sunday, November 23 - Our Lord, Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

7:30 AM - Kathleen Yomazzo, req. by Ron Kroha & Kevin Rose

9:00 AM - Catherine O'Neill, req. by family

11:00 AM - Maria Chomiak, reg. by the Collins 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, Teresa Von Thaden



Liturgy

SANCTUARY LAMP INTENTIONS

Our Sanctuary Lamp burns this week In Memory of Kay Yomazzo, at the request of the Tharrington Family



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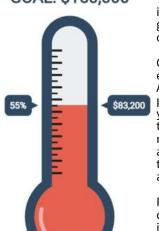
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SAINT JOSEPH CHURCH ANNUAL APPEAL

GOAL: \$150,000



The Saint Joseph Annual Collection is underway. Over the years your generous financial support has been one of our greatest blessings.

Our Finance & 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.

Please take a moment to prayerfully consider your support of this project. Thank you for your continued faith, love, and generosity.

Give Now by scanning the code and going to the St. Joseph Parish Annual Collection tile.



*Bereavement*iMinist<u>r</u>y

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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