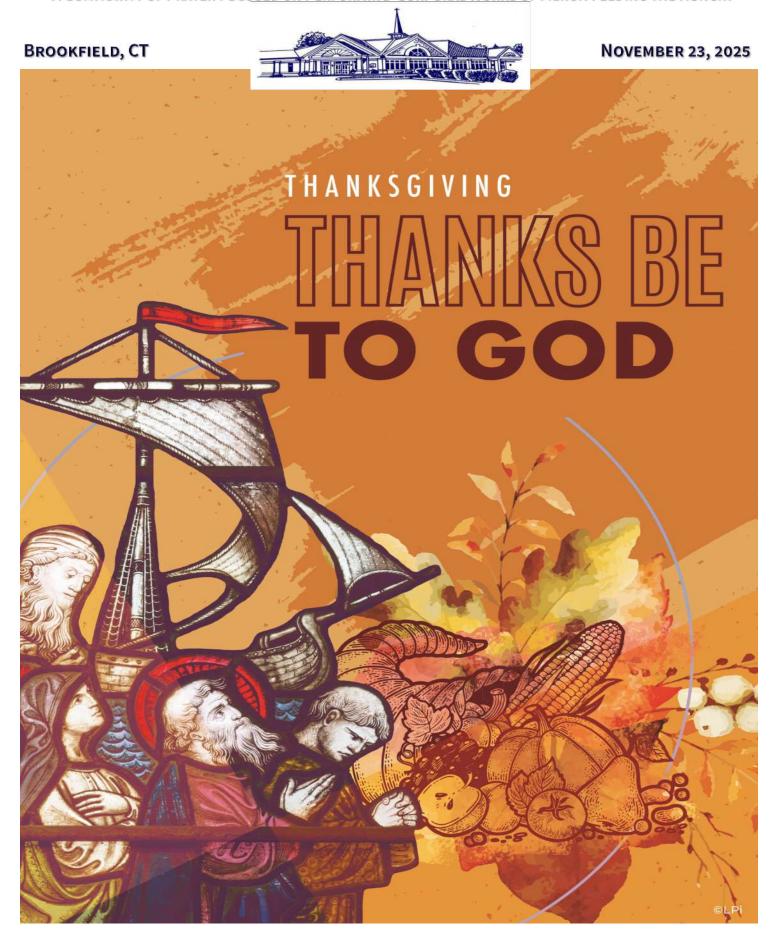
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Saturday – 8:00 AM Saturday Vigil – 5:00 PM Sunday - 7:30, 9:00 and 11:00 AM Monday-Friday - 7:45 AM

All Masses live-streamed on the Parish Website

### CONFESSIONS

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

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### THIS WEEK @ ST. JOSEPH

7:45 AM Mass

8:30 AM Morning Prayer

7:45 AM

Morning Prayer 8:30 AM 7:00 PM

Confession & Adoration 7:15 PM No WRAP Study this week

7:45 AM

Mass

8:30 AM Morning Prayer

Mass

7:45 AM 8:30 AM Morning Prayer

7:45 AM

Mass

8:15 AM Eucharistic Adoration for Life

8:00 AM Mass 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.



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### Sunday, Nov 23, 2025

## SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE A real power move

Power seems cool to possess—from a distance. You can do anything with enough of it: Order people around; get your way; make money, squander it, and get more. Those with worldly power are seemingly invincible—every comfort, security, and cure is theirs for the taking. That's why the crowds around the cross mock Jesus as a phony. If he really had juice, why is he hanging up there? What they failed to appreciate is the divine use of authority: not for self-preservation, but poured out for the sake of others. Think differently. Think love.

2 Samuel 5:1-3; Colossians 1:12-20; Luke 23:35-43 (162). "If you are King of the Jews, save yourself."

### Monday, Nov 24, 2025

### MEMORÍAL OF ANDREW DŬNG-LẠC, PRIEST, AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

### A model of endurance

Vietnam has had a thriving Catholic faith rooted there since the 17th century, a faith so strong that it produced 117 Vietnamese martyrs whom we remember today, all beatified and canonized between 1900 and 1951. In 1989 three American archbishops visited that country and said upon their return that in spite of the horrors of the war "the church in Vietnam is alive and vigorous . . . living out the gospel in a difficult and complex situation with remarkable persistence and strength." Holding to the faith in peaceful times is a challenge and is even more so during conflicts and persecutions. We may learn from Saint Andrew and his many companions what it means to live in patient endurance.

Daniel 1:1-6, 8-20; Luke 21:1-4 (503). "And so they entered the king's service."

### **Tuesday, Nov 25, 2025**

### Think less; love more

We're nearing the end of the liturgical year, so a fair number of lectionary scripture passages this month urge us to see with the eyes of faith. We are to look beyond what is right in front of us and know this: What we see with our eyes and hear with our ears is only part of reality—and not necessarily the most interesting or important part at that. Storms may come, but they are not what we should give our attention to. "The important thing," says Saint Teresa of Avila, "is not to think much but to love much; and so do that which best stirs you to love." Only then will we begin the work of creating heaven on Earth.

Daniel 2:31-45; Luke 21:5-11 (504). "Awesome sights and mighty signs will come."

### Wednesday, Nov 26, 2025

### Share and share alike

Numbered, weighed, and divided: That's how God intends to deal with the assets of the unjust in the day of judgment, according to the Book of Daniel. But you can ward off a similar fate by numbering, weighing, and dividing your own resources in the direction of the common good. Almsgiving isn't only for Lent but can be a useful way to keep your heart open to the disadvantaged every week of the year. "The person who shows love and compassion to those in any kind of affliction," says Saint Leo the Great, "is blessed, not only with the virtue of good will, but also with the gift of peace." And almsgiving isn't reserved for only those with means, as Saint Leo explains: "In the matter of almsgiving not only the rich and affluent but also those of average means and the poor are able to play their part. Those who are unequal in their capacity to give can

be equal in the love within their hearts." Now is the time to survey your resources and share a measured amount with those in need. *Daniel 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Luke 21:12-19 (505). "Give your presents to someone else."* 

### Thursday, Nov 27, 2025 THANKSGIVING DAY

### Table your differences

Despite the rosy-colored rendition in childhood schoolbooks, not all was peaceful among the first settlers of Plymouth Colony. The passengers aboard the Mayflower were divided into camps based on differences over religion. Knowing they would face a test of survival upon landing, the rival groups were able to patch things up well enough by signing the Mayflower Compact in 1620 and adopting a common identity as Pilgrims. A year later they gave thanks to God and the Wampanoag people for helping them survive. This holiday season look for a way to patch up whatever differences might divide you from others around the Thanksgiving table. Sirach 50:22-24; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Luke 17:11-19 (943-947). "May he grant you joy of heart and may peace abide among you."

### Friday, Nov 28, 2025

### What a wonderful world

Every age has its own particular mindset through which the people view their world. Our 21st-century perspective could be called "scientific." Whatever we can see with our eyes and measure with our instruments, we believe. Eight hundred years ago the prevailing attitude was "wonder." In the Middle Ages all of creation was viewed as a symbol. It was a book in which every living thing was a word charged with meaning. The faithful were called to look through the visible to the invisible and, by reading nature, read the thoughts of God. Our amazing and helpful advances in science sometimes come at the expense of wonder. Today, pray to the Holy Spirit for the gift of wonder and awe.

Daniel 7:2-14; Luke 21:29-33 (507). "Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away."

### **Saturday, Nov 29, 2025**

### Don't get caught by surprise

There's that part of the Mass during the "Our Father" when the priest says, "... As we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ." Does it ever occur to us that the "coming of our Savior" could mean the moment when we die? When our mortal lives end and our world passes away, all that will be left is the eternal, the ever-presence of God. If we live as though there is only this present life, then the Lord's coming will catch us by surprise and frighten us. But if we're waiting in joyful hope, the day of the Lord's coming is not a dreaded event and will mean divine fullness. As Saint John Paul II advises: "Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are the Easter people and hallelujah is our song." Keep hope alive.

Daniel 7:15-27; Luke 21:34-36 (508). "Be vigilant at all times." ©2025 TrueOuest Communications. All rights reserved.

### "What did the farmer wear to Thanksgiving dinner?"







Thanksgiving is a great day to praise God for His generosity towards each and every one of us. Happy Thanksgiving!



Peace be with you!

As we enter the holiday season - having celebrated our wonderful Parish Appreciation Brunch last Sunday and with Thanksgiving just days away next Thursday - we do well to pause and reflect once again on the many blessings we have received in our lives. It is often easier to dwell on life's trials and tribulations than to acknowledge the good things we too frequently take for granted.

A few weeks ago in my Pastor's Note, I shared a story about a visit last winter to the Divine Mercy Shrine in Stockbridge, Massachusetts. I had gone there for my monthly mini-retreat. As I mentioned in that earlier reflection, after my confession the priest gave me a unique penance - one that proved to be the most fruitful I have ever received or given. Father instructed me to go and think of ten things for which I am eternally grateful to God.

It seemed a fairly light penance at first, but I set about the task. Suffice it to say, it became one of the most powerful reflections I had experienced in a long time. Stopping at ten was impossible. I was deeply humbled and filled with gratitude for the countless gifts from our Heavenly Father that I had been overlooking.

So, as we enter this most beautiful season of family and faith, I invite you to take some quiet time - at home or here in church - to reflect on your own blessings and in a spirit of humility and gratitude, prayerfully give thanks to the One from whom all blessings flow.

Happy Thanksgiving!





This Thanksgiving, let us remember all the good things, and people, who have come into our lives. We focus on thanking each one who has helped us, and ultimately thank God for the good gifts of this world.

Let us pray...

God our Father,
Graciously accept from your humble people
a thankful heart and spirit.
Everything we have and are able to share with others
ultimately comes from your love of your creations.
Often we think that everything we have
is our own creation;
we ask you this day to create in us
a spirit of gratitude,
that we may always know
that all good gifts come from you.

We ask this through Christ our brother, in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.





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"I helped my Dad wash his truck." Submitted by Madelyn

"I gave a toy to a friend who needed one." Submitted by Brayden

"I helped set up the playroom." Submitted by

"I watched my baby brother while my Mom & Dad got some things done around the house." Submitted by Oakley



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

### **EDJE NEWS**

Congratulations to the following students at St. Joseph Parish who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on November 20th.

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Grade 1	Lesson 11: Three Wise Men Arrive & Assessment	
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Grade 3	Lesson 11: Obedience and Love & Assessment	
Grade 4	Lesson 10: Great Things Happen & Assessment	
Grade 5	Lesson 10: The Words of the Prophets & Assessment	
Grade 6	Lesson 10: Church Authority - Our Fathers in Faith &	





Monday, November 24 - St. Andrew Düng-Lac & Companions, Martyrs

**7:45 AM** - Maureen Milnar, req. by Liz Terzano

<u>Tuesday, November 25 - St. Catherine</u>

7:45 AM - Intentions of All Our Parishioners

Wednesday, November 26

**7:45 AM** - Hal Geiss, req. by Mikey Traugott

Thursday, November 27 - Thanksgiving

7:45 AM - Richard Power, req. by Peg & Norman Ellis

Friday, November 28

7:45 AM - Evelyn Fulton, req. by George & Agnes Stutsky

Saturday, November 29

8:00 AM - Christine Gallagher, req. by Bill, Pat, & Keith Font

5:00 PM - James Legere, req. by Allen & Pat Simmons

Sunday, November 30 - First Sunday of Advent

7:30 AM - Kay Yomazzo, req. by Steven Pisani & Andrew Sidoti

9:00 AM - Debrah Gayzur, req. by Ashley Schutte-Bell

11:00 AM - Patricia Callahan, req. by the Martin 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, Kevin Elston



### SANCTUARY LAMP INTENTIONS

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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.



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