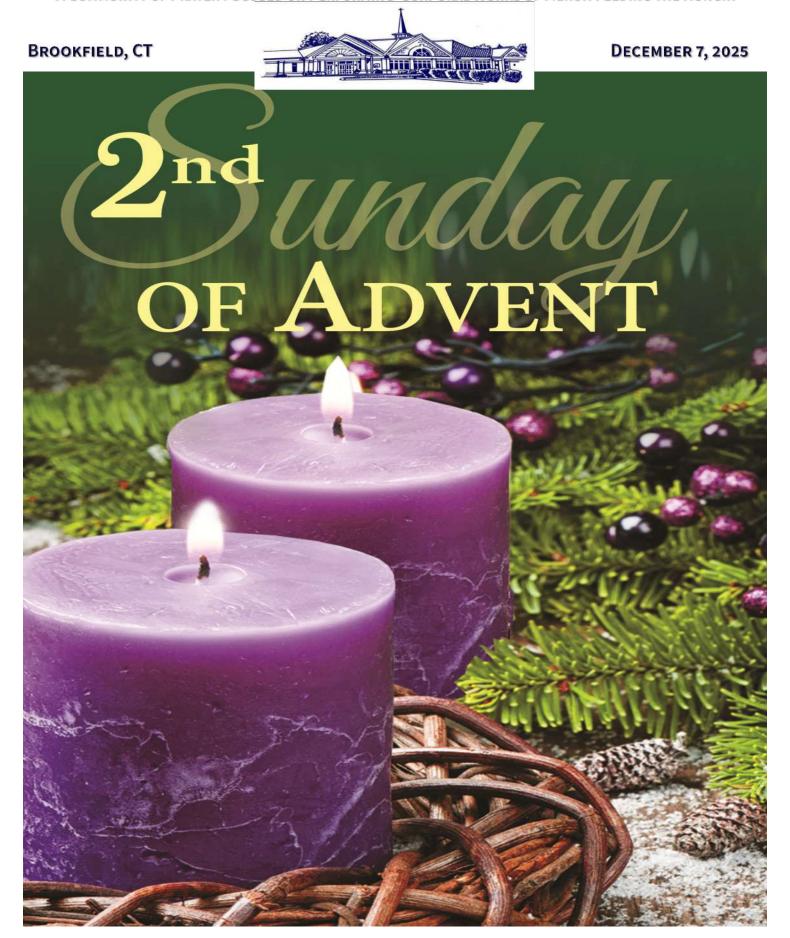
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Mon

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION Mass - Feast of Immaculate Conception 7:45 AM

8:30 AM Morning Prayer 7:00 PM

Mass - Feast of Immaculate Conception

Tues

7:45 AM Mass

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

7:15 PM WRAP Advent Study

Wed

7:45 AM Mass

8:30 AM Morning Prayer

Thurs

7:45 AM Mass

8:30 AM Morning Prayer

7:45 AM Mass

8:15 AM Eucharistic Adoration for Life

8:00 AM Mass

8:30 AM Respect for Life Rosary

4:00 PM Confession

4:30 PM Rosary for Persecuted Catholics

5:00 PM Mass

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.



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

Sunday, Dec 07, 2025

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT Put aside your to-do list

Advent can seem like a wintery Lent—purple decor, sober worship, scripture about the end times. While it is about focusing on our inner life, it's not from the perspective of repentance but a passionate desire for God. Unfortunately, a quiet time like Advent is easily shouted down by the madness of a jump-started Christmas. Advent is not a to-do list; it's a gift tied in purple velvet ribbon. Unwrap it—it's "just what you always wanted!" Confront your use and abuse of time. Create and jealously guard little pockets of quiet. Go for a walk in the crisp air. Sit with your address book; picture, pray for, and bless each person you cherish. Turn off the TV, listen to the first part of Handel's Messiah and bask in its beauty. Be still. Know God. Ísaiah 11:1-10; Romans 15:4-9; Matthew 3:1-12 (4). "The earth shall be filled with knowledge of the LORD."

Monday, Dec 08, 2025

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIR-**GIN MARY**

Have a grace-full day

What is grace? One way to think of it is anything that comes from God. We can think of it in terms of what we give to God: prayer and worship, service to others, doing God's will. Or what God sends to us: the gift of creation, love, inspiration, consolation, help, and much more. Mary had grace in abundance—both what she gave and received. Make today a day of prayer to her to intercede for us and inspire us to give and receive God's grace. Here is a simple prayer from Saint Teresa of Calcutta to get you started: "Mary, give me your Heart: so beautiful, so pure, so immaculate; your Heart so full of love and humility that I may be able to receive Jesus in the Bread of Life and love Him as you love Him and serve Him in the distressing guise of the poor.

Genesis 3:9-15, 20; Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12; Luke 1:26-38 (689). "The angel Gabriel was sent ... And coming to her, he said, 'Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you."

Tuesday, Dec 09, 2025

MEMORIAL OF JUAN DIEGO CUAUHTLATOATZIN Patron of new beginnings

When Juan Diego (1474-1548) was canonized in 2002, he became the first indigenous saint from the Americas. The farmer and mat weaver was in his 40s when Hernán Cortés led the conquest of Spain in 1521, and within three years the first wave of Franciscan monks arrived near Juan's village. Juan and his wife were among the first of the indigenous residents to accept Baptism. Despite their age, the couple opened their hearts to a new beginning and readily uprooted themselves to move closer to the missionaries in Mexico City. Pray to Juan Diego, patron of immigrants and indigenous people, to inspire each of us to redouble our efforts to stand with those seeking a better life in a new land.

Isaiah 40:1-11; Matthew 18:12-14 (182). "Comfort, give comfort to my people, says your God.'

Wednesday, Dec 10, 2025

A song to lift your heart

Asked what liturgical song most fostered and nourished their spiritual life, the majority of respondents in any given online poll will cite "On Eagle's Wings" by Father Michael Joncas. The song, inspired by Isaiah's prophecy and Psalm 91, contains the beautifully crafted refrain: "And He will raise you up on eagle's wings, Bear you on the breath of dawn, Make you to shine like the sun, And hold you in the palm of His Hand." Remember those words of solace

whenever your burden feels too great.

Isaiah 40:25-31; Matthew 11:28-30 (183). "They that hope in the LORD will . . . soar as with eagles' wings."

Thursday, Dec 11, 2025

MEMORIAL OF DAMASUS I, POPE

Found in translation

The pontificate of Damasus (366-384) occurred during a tumultuous period in the Early Church, with schisms and heresies on all sides. Perhaps Damasus' greatest contribution was his insight that a standardized version of the Bible was desperately needed. In 382 he commissioned a highly respected scholar named Jerome to revise the Bible into a more accurate and updated Latin version, working directly from the original Greek (New Testament) and Hebrew (Old Testament) versions. Saint Jerome's monumental effort came to be known as the Vulgate, meaning "translated into a native language." Even though Latin long ago stopped being a language of everyday use, the Vulgate still holds an honored position in the church. Take time for a little scripture reading today.

Isaiah 41:13-20; Matthew 11:11-15 (184). "I, the LORD, will answer them; . . . That all may see and know."

Friday, Dec 12, 2025

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE A labor of love

Artist J. Michael Walker produced his Virgin of Guadalupe series of paintings and sketches from 1995-2020. One of the most memorable portraits in the series is Ironing, Thinking, where we see Mary with a slightly careworn expression on her face as she irons her famous cloak of stars while balancing her crown on her head with simple dignity. In trying to capture the spirit of Mexico on canvas, Walker said, "It is only natural that I should have fallen under the spell—along with millions of other devotees—of the Virgin of Guadalupe, whom I portray as a real Mexican woman of Indian descent, going about the myriad tasks by which women hold the world together." Let the Virgin of Guadalupe inspire us to support the dignity of all who labor.

Zechariah 2:14-17 or Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Luke 1:26-38 (690A). "A great sign appeared in the sky, a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars."

Saturday, Dec 13, 2025

MEMORIAL OF LUCY, MARTYR Adjust your vision of Christmas

One quality that many saints share is the capacity to look beyond the sometimes horrific circumstances of their lives and see the presence of God. They see with their hearts. Saint Lucy is certainly among those saints with this ability. Tradition tells us that she was raped then tortured and murdered for being a Christian, but she remained steadfast in her faith until the end. Her feast day comes at a good time. Now, midway through Advent, we might be feeling the pressure to conjure up the "perfect Christmas." Today take a moment to pause, adjust your spiritual lenses, and focus on the love that came into the world and continues to sustain us all through the darkest moments into the light.

Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11; Matthew 17:9a, 10-13 (186). "Blessed is he who shall have seen you."

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2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT







Peace be with you!

We are now one week into our four-week season of Advent as we prepare for the birth of our Lord at Christmas. It is a time of preparation and reflection on the three comings of Christ: the Nativity (Christmas), the Second Coming at the end of time, and our own personal encounter with Him at the moment of our death, when we are born into eternal life.

John the Baptist and Jesus both instruct us to be prepared always through repentance and prayer. As I mentioned in my homily last weekend, in the story about satan instructing his apprentice devils, he said: "Make the enemy (us) believe they have all the time in the world. If you do that," he said, "you will deceive many." Be prepared.

I want to thank Kathy Olivieri for so beautifully decorating the outside of the church for Christmas with lovely wreaths and flower pots. Kathy always keeps us in season!

Also, thank you to Rita Golaszewski for preparing and decorating our altar area and Advent wreath again this year; and to Christine Errichiello for setting up the Giving Tree, decorating it with gift-card requests, and for updating our Vocations Awareness bulletin board in the narthex for the season.

On November 21, the Knights of Columbus hosted a bowling and pizza fundraiser at Strikers Bowling Alley to benefit their Coats for Kids initiative as well as the Ignite Youth Group's Operation Stuff a Box project. There were over 25 "Igniters" in attendance who raised funds, along with many adults who contributed and bowled. A great time was had by all! Thank you, Knights, for your kindness in supporting our kids and community!

Phase three of the flooring project is in the works. Our architect, Paul Checco, is putting together the final plans for our consideration. If all goes well, we plan to start in the beginning of January and be finished by Ash Wednesday, February 18. More information will follow in the coming weeks.

God bless you and be well!



HELP WANTEDDorothy Day House Clothing Distribution

We are seeking a person or group of people to sort and display clothing as our long-time volunteer, Lynn Taborsak, prepares to step down from this task. If you have good retail or organizational skills and can offer 10–12 hours a week to sort and display donated clothing, we'd love to hear from you. Training will be provided.

Our guests deeply appreciate having clean, well-organized clothing available, and maintaining a good selection—sorted by size—helps them quickly find what they need. Lynn has done an outstanding job developing this program, and we are looking for individuals or a small team to carry it forward.

If you're interested, please contact Lynn at ltaborsak@gmail.com.







What Is the Immaculate Conception?

Join Drs Tim Gray and John Sehorn as they examine Mary under her title of the Immaculate Conception. This dogma of the Catholic faith, promulgated in 1854 by Pope Pius IX, speaks of Mary's conception and what it means to the Church.

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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.



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Monday, December 8 - Immaculate Conception of Bl. Virign Mary

7:45 AM - Harrie Humphreys, reg. by family

7:00 PM - Kevin Collins, req. by Bill, Pat & Keith Font

Tuesday, December 9 - St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin

7:45 AM - William Howley Jr., req. by family

Wednesday, December 10 - Our Lady of Loreto

7:45 AM - Stanley Ganski, req. by friends

Thursday, December 11 - St. Damasus I

7:45 AM - Frank DeRosa, req. by Jim & Ann Russo

Friday, December 12 - Our Lady of Guadalupe

7:45 AM - Intentions of All Our Parishioners

Saturday, December 13 - St. Lucy

8:00 AM - Artur & Adelia Soares, reg. by Maria Fernandes

5:00 PM - Chloe Boyle, req. by Maria Rizzo

Sunday, December 14 - 3rd Sunday of Advent

7:30 AM - Carol Bray, req. by Alan Bray

9:00 AM - Jean Claude Szurdak, reg. by Danielle & Xavier LeRoux

11:00 AM - Tomasina Buzzeo, req. by Mia Buzzeo

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GOAL: \$150,000



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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.

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