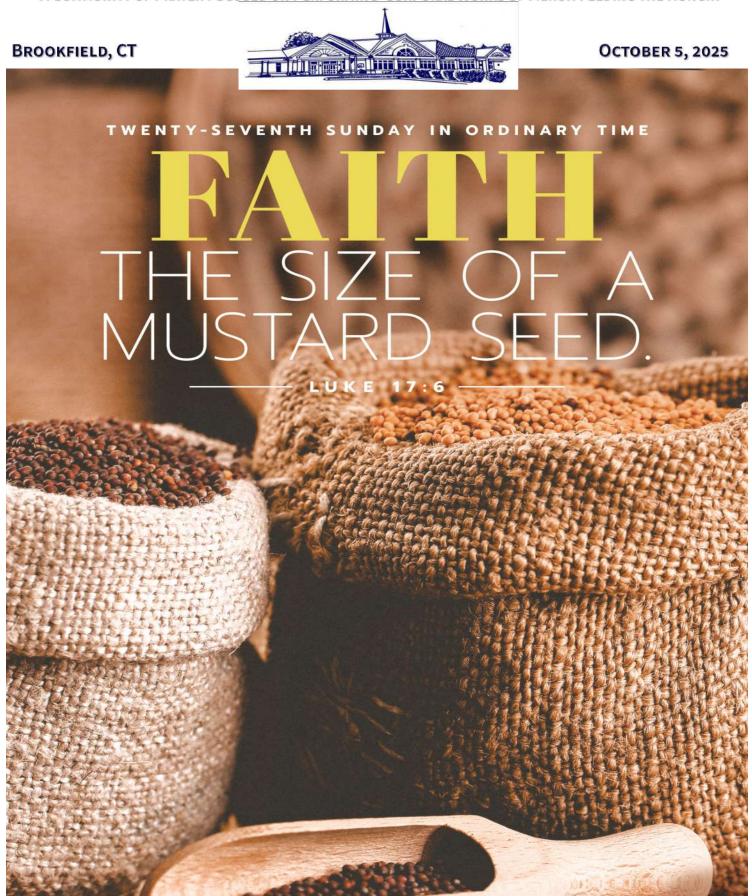
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Saturday – 8:00 AM Saturday Vigil – 5:00 PM Sunday - 7:30, 9:00 and 11:00 AM Monday-Friday - 7:45 AM

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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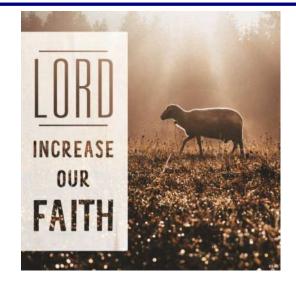
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11	4:00 PM	Confession
	4:30 PM	Rosary for Persecuted Catholics
	5:00 PM	Mass
Sun	7:30 AM	Mass
	9:00 AM	Mass
	11:00 AM	Mass

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, Oct 05, 2025

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Time is on your side

Time is one of the great mysteries of the human experience. It has many qualities and dimensions. There is the inexorable, relentless public time of clocks and calendars, schedules, and appointments. Then there is private time, the internal time of our thoughts and experiences. This kind of time is unique to each individual and, like a bird, alternates between flight and perching. When we are doing something we love or spending time with someone we care about, the minutes slow down and we experience something akin to God's time, the eternal now. In this dimension there is no pain or suffering, worry or anxiety; no fear of the future or regret for the past—all is well and on time. Spend a few moments in God's time today. Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4; 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14; Luke 17:5-10 (141). "If it delays, wait for it, it will surely come, it will not be late."

Monday, Oct 06, 2025

Get ready for your close-up

Who is my neighbor? A man learned in Israelite law posed this question to Jesus. He asked neither what a neighbor was, nor how to treat a neighbor. The law had taught him that much. Rather he sought to know whom he needed to love. "Love thy neighbor" is a rule easy to understand and accept intellectually. Yet when we are face to face with other people, we are much more prone to excuse ourselves from this obligation. Thus, the Russian novelist Fyodor Dostoevsky wrote: "It's possible to love one's neighbor abstractly, and even occasionally from a distance, but hardly ever close up. Try to see your neighbors in those faces most difficult to love. Jonah 1:1-2:2, 11; Luke 10:25-37 (461). "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart . . . and your neighbor as yourself."

Tuesday, Oct 07, 2025

Choose the better part

We all know the gospel story of Martha and her sister Mary of Bethany. During a visit from their friend Jesus, Martha got a little steamed because she was stuck with the cooking and serving while Mary got to sit at the Master's feet and listen to his words. Like many an aggrieved sibling before and since, she took her gripe to a higher authority, in this case Christ himself: "Tell her to help me." But note: Jesus responded with neither condemnation nor praise. He merely said that Mary had "chosen the better part"—in other words, Mary realized the importance of taking time out of the busyness of everyday life for hearing the words and teachings of the Lord. You can, too.

Jonah 3:1-10; Luke 10:38-42 (462). "There is need of only one thing."

Wednesday, Oct 08, 2025

More than words

Think about the Lord's Prayer: It sounds as if it's mostly about what God does, but it's just as much-maybe more-about what we are to do. "Hallowed by your name, your kingdom come" is not only praise of God but also a prayer for God's name to be known and God's kingdom to be fulfilled on Earth—both of which involve our cooperation. "Forgive us our sins as we forgive those indebted to us" reminds us of the uncomfortable truth that scripture proclaims loud and clear: God will forgive us to the extent we forgive one another. Next time you pray the Our Father, don't only say the words: Resolve to fulfill them.

Jonah 4:1-11; Luke 11:1-4 (463). "Lord, teach us to pray."

Thursday, Oct 09, 2025

A perfect example

Most of us who have children and all of us who were once children carry some regrets about the whole parenting process. Even the most devoted parents fall short. The good news is that love covers a multitude of flaws. When children know they are truly loved, they can forgive much. As Saint John Chrysostom advises, "If from the beginning we teach children to love true wisdom, they will have greater wealth and glory than riches can provide." Parenting will never be perfect, but love, humility, and a desire to lead children toward wisdom can go a long way. And for all our shortcomings, we can always look to the greatest parent of all, God, for guidance and

Malachi 3:13-20b: Luke 11:5-13 (464). "How much more will the Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?"

Friday, Oct 10, 2025

Cast your demons out

Demons can make for great supernatural thrillers in the entertainment world, but they can also wreak havoc on our lives. We bump into them all the time—an unkind word, a sense of entitlement, a disparaging attitude toward ourselves or others. Our demons may not be the apocalyptic creatures of The Walking Dead or the latest "survival horror" video game, but they are very real and very deadly nonetheless. They can rob us of our conscience, of our God-given capacity to move toward the good, foster right relationships, and seek God always. What demons are you tangling with and how might you, in the words of the Catechism of the Catholic Church (no. 385), be vigilant in shifting your focus to God and trusting in the "superabundance" of God's grace?

Joel 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Luke 11:15-26 (465). "Every kingdom divided"

against itself will be laid waste and house will fall against house."

Saturday, Oct 11, 2025

MEMORIAL OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY Blessed are those who share the Good News

One day a female follower of Jesus, apparently touched by his words, was moved to shout out a blessing on him: "Blessed is the womb that carried you and the breasts at which you nursed," perhaps wishing that she herself should have such a son. Yet Jesus demurs and turns the blessing back upon her and all like her. While Jesus' mother and her womb are indeed blessed as we pray in the "Hail Mary," Jesus takes even greater delight in those of either gender who allow his words to take root in their hearts, their inmost being—those who keep that word alive by nourishing it and sharing it with others. Jesus blesses us for laboring and bringing the Good News to birth today.

Joel 4:12-21; Luke 11:27-28 (466). "Blessed are those who hear the word of God and observe it.

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"What do you call a gourd's family?"



"Pump-kin."



Not only is October the month of the Rosary, but it's also Respect Life Month, a great time to share love, support, and prayers for those in your family and beyond.



Peace be with you!

"Lord, increase our faith!" the apostles said to Jesus. How often have you made that prayer or a similar one such as "Lord, I believe, help my unbelief"? Jesus tells us in the Gospel that if we had the tiniest amount of true faith, the road to peace in this life becomes a simple act of the will to love Him beyond and before all else. In the end, it really is an act of the will for peace in this life and eternal happiness in the next, all along employing those short prayer requests or ones like them.

Saturday, October 4, is the Feast of St. Francis, and we will have the traditional Blessing of the Animals on Sunday at 1 p.m. on the lawn in front of the Blessed Mother Garden.

VERY IMPORTANT INFORMATION

First of all, the Diocese has planned our next Diocesan Priests' Convocation, which will take place Monday through Wednesday, October 13-15. During those days, there will be no daily Masses or any other liturgical events scheduled. Priests from the Jesuit community at Fairfield University and other religious order priests will attend to any emergencies as they occur. All priests are required to attend the Convocation.

Secondly, that same week we are planning to begin the installation of the new flooring for the church. This project is targeted to begin Thursday, October 16, and end by Saturday, October 25. During the installation time all Masses will be held in the school gym. We hope to have the golf cart available to shuttle the faithful from the parking lot to the gym, and the side door to the gym going down the hill will also be available for use. Our plan is to reoccupy the church for the 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass on Saturday, October 25 (if not sooner).

We apologize for the interruption and inconvenience, but it is the only way to undertake such a project. We're excited about how this carpet and tile will enhance our already beautiful church. Tuesday night Holy Hour and Confessions will be canceled. The Adoration Chapel will remain open but only accessed through the school side door—restrooms will also be unavailable.

Thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation.



On September 30 Msgr. Weiss celebrated his 80th Birthday! Ad multos annoys!





ST. MARGUERITE FALL FESTIVAL - VENDORS/CRAFTERS

Vendor/Crafter applications are being accepted for St. Marguerite's 33rd Annual Fall Festival being held on Saturday, November 8th, 9 am-4 pm. St. Marguerite Bourgeoys Parish is located at 138 Candlewood Lake Road in Brookfield. For information or an application, email fallfestival@stmarguerite.org



PRAYER FOR THE SEVENTH CONVOCATION OF PRIESTS 2025

Gracious God and Father, we thank you for the ministry of our priests who strive to serve us faithfully and selflessly in your name

We ask your blessing upon them as they gather for their Convocation from October 12 to 15. May their time together in prayer and fraternity strengthen them and encourage them so that they may return rekindled in the faith and renewed in holiness.

We also ask you to pour out the Holy Spirit upon all of us in the Diocese of Bridgeport so that we may all grow together in holiness:

- Sustain and strengthen our Bishop Frank, as our good and faithful shepherd;
- Keep our priests faithful to your Son Jesus, the High Priest; inspire them to be brothers of one heart and mind, especially as they preach the Gospel and celebrate the sacraments;
- Preserve our deacons in their ministry to your word and in charity to those who are in need;
- Let our religious be compelling examples of the joy we can find in leaving behind all things to follow your Son:
- Make every household be a home where Christ-like love abounds and holiness is nurtured:
- Open the hearts of our young people to hear your Son's call and offer their lives in service to your Church, especially as priests, deacons and religious.

May the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of all Christians and Mother of the Clergy, pray for us and lead us to a deeper love for her Son and our Savior, in whose name we pray, Jesus Christ, who is Lord for ever and ever. Amen

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One Truth. One Youth.



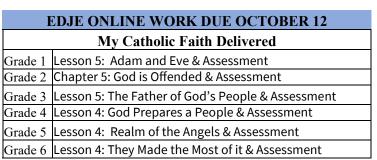
EDJE STUDENT GOOD DEEDS

"I sat next to someone sitting alone on the bus so he wasn't lonely." Submitted by Grayson

"I helped my Mom make food for the Church picnic." Submitted by Brooke

"I folded the laundry." Submitted by Lian

"I helped my Grandpa build new furniture." Submitted by Brody





ELEMENTARY

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

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

www.stjosephbrookfield.com/igniteyouth-ministry



If Friday Nights don't work for you but Sunday nights do, please check out

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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.





St. Joseph Children's Christmas Choir

Sign up now open, for children in 2^{nd} grade and up

Rehearsals will take place at the church on Friday evenings, 5-6 PM, beginning October 17. The children will sing at the 4 PM Christmas Eve Mass.

For more information, or to sign your child up, please see Arianna Hanley after Mass.

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Monday, October 6 - St. Bruno, Bl. Marie Rose Durocher

7:45 AM - Vincent Nelson, req. by family

Tuesday, October 7 - Our Lady of the Rosary

7:45 AM - Intentions of All Our Parishioners

Wednesday, October 8

7:45 AM - Elizabeth Nolan, req. by family

Thursday, October 9 - St. Denis & Companions; St. John Leonardi

7:45 AM - Joe, Fern, & Peter Rajcula, req. by family

Friday, October 10

7:45 AM - Noreen Kennedy, req. by Betty Stahl

Saturday, October 11 - St. John XXIII

8:00 AM - William O'Keefe, req. by family

5:00 PM - George Fusco, req. by family

Sunday, October 12 - 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM - Thomas Sheehan, req. by Matt & Maureen Farrell **9:00 AM** - Amelia Oliveto, req. by Kathy & Bob Kacmarsky **11:00 AM** - Josephine Hennessey, req. by Judy & Larry Kish

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



SANCTUARY LAMP INTENTIONS

Our Sanctuary Lamp burns this week In Memory Of William O'Keefe, at the request of his family

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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:

- Place it in the Offertory basket
 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.

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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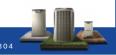






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