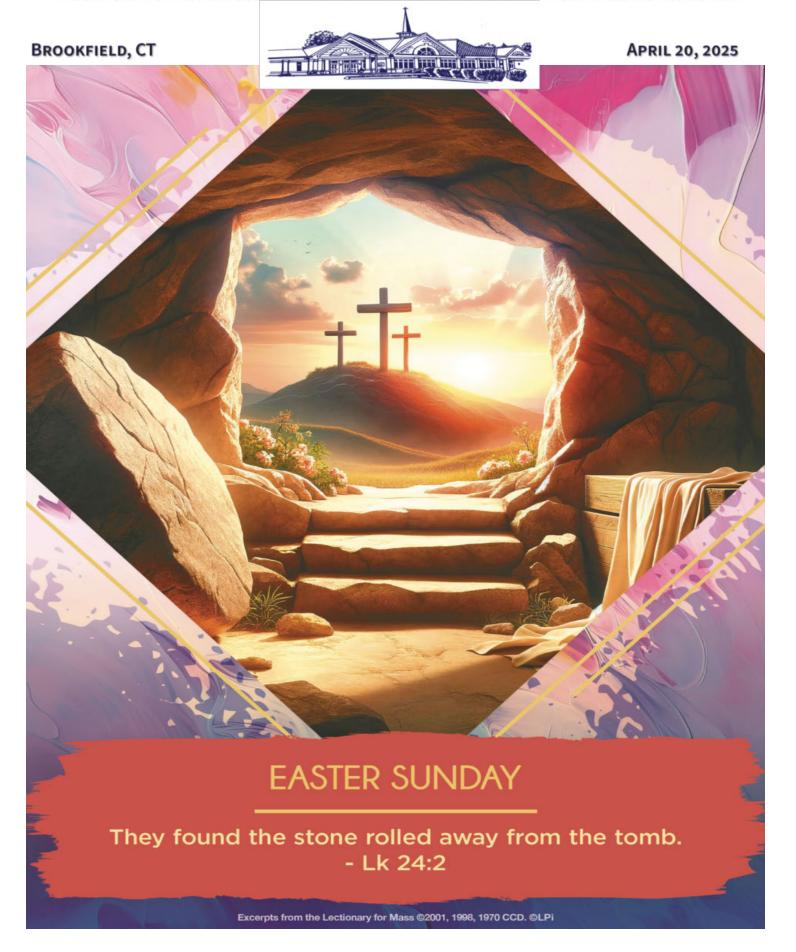
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Saturday – 8:00 AM Saturday Vigil – 5:00 PM Sunday - 7:30, 9:00 and 11:00 AM Monday-Friday - 7:45 AM

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CONFESSIONS

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

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*To add parish events, to the calendar, contact Bulletin@stjosephbrookfield.com

This Week @ St. Joseph*					
MON 21	7:45am 8:30am	Mass Morning Prayer			
TUES 22	7:45am 8:30am 7:00pm	Mass Morning Prayer Confession & Adoration			
WED 23	7:45am 8:30am	Mass Morning Prayer			
THUR 24	7:45am 8:30am 7:00pm	Mass Morning Prayer Men's Ministry Meeting (in the school)			
FRI 25	7:45am 8:15am 6:30pm	Mass Eucharistic Adoration for Life Ignite Youth Group—7th/8th graders			
SAT 26	8:00am 4:00pm 4:30pm 5:00pm 5:00pm	Mass Confession Rosary for persecuted Catholics Mass Mother & Son Game Night (Gym)			
SUN 27	7:30am 9:00am 11:00am 3:00pm	Mass Mass Mass Divine Mercy & Sundaes (Pavilion)			

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, Apr 20, 2025

SOLEMNITY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Every Sunday is Easter

"On this day, the first of days" is the opening line of a hymn to be sung on Sunday, the first day of the week. It's called the first day by Christians because, as the Catechism of the Catholic Church says, the Resurrection recalls the first creation. Even better than Sunday, we think of it as "The Lord's Day." Each Sunday is a "little Easter" when Christians worldwide celebrate the Paschal Mystery. And just as Christ's Resurrection makes him the first of many brothers and sisters, so also Resurrection Day was the first of countless Easters. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed and among us! And we will alleluia all the way home!

Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8; John 20:1-9 (42). "When Christ your life appears, then you too will appear with him in glory."

Monday, Apr 21, 2025

It's time to party

In the early centuries of Christianity, eight-day liturgical celebrations, such as the one we're in now, were common. The eighth day, or "octave," represented a kind of new beginning beyond the regular week of seven days. In the mid-20th century, Pope Pius XII reduced the number of octaves to the big three: Christmas, Easter, and Pentecost. This week, then, is the octave of Easter. It symbolizes the new creation that began with Jesus' Resurrection. It is a time to celebrate all the good things the Lord has done for us. Acts 2:14, 22-33; Matthew 28:8-15 (261). "God raised this Jesus; of this we are all witnesses."

Tuesday, Apr 22, 2025

Good News comes via mislabeled messengers

Even though Mary of Magdala, or Mary Magdalene, is considered a saint, over the centuries she came to be identified as a woman of ill repute. The church rejects this identification (made in the sixth century by a pope, among others), but it continues to be propagated in culture and the arts. Examples include Martin Scorsese's film adaptation of Nikos Kazantzakis' novel The Last Temptation of Christ, José Saramago's The Gospel According to Jesus Christ, Andrew Lloyd Webber's rock opera Jesus Christ Superstar, and Mel Gibson's The Passion of the Christ. The gospel offers a more faithful portrait. Mary Magdalene, honored as the apostle to the apostles, is the first to witness and proclaim the risen Lord. Ignore your own negative press and be a faithful herald of the Good News. Acts 2:36-41; John 20:11-18 (262). "Mary went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord,' and then reported what he had told her."

Wednesday, Apr 23, 2025

Bring truth to life

Jesus offered his disciples two forms of knowledge, one through his words and the other through his being. When walking the road to Emmaus two of his disciples shared with a stranger the story of Christ's Resurrection. These were two who had learned from the words of Christ. But not until they invited the stranger to dine with them did they recognize the person of Christ. We are told that he was "made known to them in the breaking of the bread." Every Mass has two parts: the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Together these parts make known to us the Word made flesh. It is then our mission to spread the Good News of Christ's saving words and deeds to others.

Acts 3:1-10; Luke 24:13-35 (263). "Then the two recounted what had taken place on the way and how he was made known to them in the breaking of the bread."

Thursday, Apr 24, 2025

A story for everyone

Stories of martyrdoms, conversions, healings, political power struggles, persecutions, and even miraculous prison escapes are gathered in the New Testament book called the Acts of the Apostles that we read through the Easter season. We discover the courage it took for these first followers of Jesus to continue his ministry despite fierce opposition from Jews, Greeks, and Romans alike. Their message of freedom and hope was considered countercultural and subversive. They faced numerous challenges and struggled with their mission. One of their biggest concerns was who to invite into the Christian community. In the end they chose to go big and bold and welcome everyone. Use Acts as your guide when you are questioning who is worthy of your acceptance.

Acts 3:11-26; Luke 24:35-38 (264). "Of this we are witnesses."

Friday, Apr 25, 2025

That's the Spirit

During a session on the sacrament of Confirmation, a candidate in the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults commented, "Although I would not have known what to call it, I do know that I have felt the Holy Spirit with me ever since I can remember. I have always felt 'watched over.' For me it's the security of knowing that everything is going to be all right. I never called it the Holy Spirit until recently." Throughout scripture the Holy Spirit is described as invisible, as breath or wind. It only becomes visible through the people it moves. It is the "life of our souls," says Saint Peter Damian. Have you ever felt inspired? Encouraged? Comforted? Had the right words to say at the right time? Thank the Holy Spirit. Acts 4:1-12; John 21:1-14 (265). "Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, answered them, ... 'There is no salvation through anyone else.'"

Saturday, Apr 26, 2025

Must hear news

Jimmy was about 4 or 5, and his parents had done their best to teach him to know and love Jesus. All seemed well until the Easter when Mom and Dad tried to explain the Resurrection. They hit a wall. Jimmy insisted, "Nope! When you're dead, you're dead." While they had no idea where their son had picked up his fatalism, they assured him that they themselves believed Jesus had returned from the dead. Slowly, it seemed to sink in. All of a sudden Jimmy jumped up and grabbed a phone. "Who are you calling?" they asked. "Grandpa!" he said. "He's gotta hear about this!" The first impulse for those who truly believe the Good News is to tell everyone. The joy is irrepressible. How could we not share it? Or as the hymn says, "How can we keep from singing?" Acts 4:13-21; Mark 16:9-15 (266). "It is impossible for us not to speak

about what we have seen and heard."

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PARKING/ATCHURCH





Page 3 Easter Sunday



Easter 2025

Peace be with you!

St. Joseph, guide and protect us!

This past week, as our Lenten observance came to a close, we walked the journey of the Passion of Jesus Christ to and through the Cross. On **Thursday** evening, we experienced the Last Supper of Jesus with His Apostles. On **Friday** afternoon, we observed his selfless and innocent suffering and death. Last evening, at the Easter Vigil, as the third day of His death unfolded before us in darkness, we came together along with His disciples to witness the incredible fact of forgiveness and salvation! Today, Easter Sunday, we continued the joyous chant of the last evening as we cry out, **Praise the Lord. He is Risen.**

We have journeyed together through the 40 days of Lent to be greeted this Easter Sunday by the Church Triumphant shouting from the mountaintops that *Jesus is Risen*, *He is truly Risen, Indeed!* and <u>that</u> has made all the difference.

But where will that leave us, my brothers and sisters? Will it simply be a fleeting joy, a momentary glimpse of a Sunday Truth which is quickly overshadowed by the reality of a Monday morning? Is it all sizzle and no steak? Will we feel the joy of the Resurrection or will it be just another day; it was nice, but has no tangible impact on the present reality of my life.

Owning a piano does not make one a pianist; spending time at a stadium does not make us a ball player. If a would-be ball player complains, "I attended some practices, and I am still no good", or if the would-be piano player says, "I bought the piano and I still can't play", how would we respond? Our answer to them is the same response we should have for ourselves as would-be Christians in the matters of faith.

Please try to find the time to participate with your family in faith this mysterious and joyous season. God will meet us half way. In fact, if we are sincere, He will take our hand. Let us pray that after we shout with the Church Triumphant that *Jesus is Truly Risen*, that for us, in our own faith lives, it too will have made all the difference... *INDEED!*

Happy Easter!

Father O'heill

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Leave It in the Tomb

Today, on the most important day of the liturgical year, the Apostle Paul is calling us out.

"I see you hiding in that tomb," he says. "I see you baking with that old, stale yeast, thinking no one will notice."

He says it a little more elegantly, I'll grant you. But the message is this: If you want to be raised with Christ, you'd better be ready to step out of the shadows. Seek what is above — not what is on earth.

I can feel myself responding almost reflexively, "Great idea, Paul — but I'm pretty comfy here." Because sometimes, it's just easier to stay in the tomb. It's easier to crouch in the shadows and look outward at everyone else, thinking of the changes they could make or the sins they could overcome.

Today we are called to embrace newness. New hearts, new lives, new futures, new chances. If there's anything keeping you from that, you need to leave it in the tomb. It's a little scary, sure — maybe Jesus thought so before he stepped into the light of that first Easter morning. But no loaf of bread worth eating was ever baked using stale yeast that wouldn't rise. No new life worth having was ever lived through the broken sins of yesterday. No Easter morning ever dawned without the tomb sitting empty.

Step into the light. He is waiting for you.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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EDJE NEWS & UPDATES

Fr. O'Neill and the Religious Ed team wish all our EDJE families a Blessed and Happy Easter!



EDJE ONLINE WORK DUE APRIL 27				
My Catholic Faith Delivered				
Grade 2	Chapter 33: Jesus is Always Present & Assessment			
Grade 3	Lesson 29: Mary, Our Mother and Queen & Assessment			
Grade 4	Lesson 29: Our Mother, Mary & Assessment			
Grade 5	Lesson 29: The Mother of God In Our Lives & Assessment			
Grade 6	Lesson 30: Heaven - Purgatory - Hell & Assessment			



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Q: What does the word "deacon" mean?

A: Servant, minister, and/or messenger.



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Monday, April 21

7:45 AM - Intentions of All Our Parishioners

Tuesday, April 22

7:45 AM - Eileen Jenkins, req. by friends

Wednesday, April 23

7:45 AM - Francis J. Holt, req. by the Montgomery Family

Thursday, April 24

7:45 AM - Joe & Marie Ostaszewski, req. by June Schutz

Friday, April 25

7:45 AM - Rita Guariglia, req. by Betty Stahl

Saturday, April 26

8:00 AM - John Stahl, req. by Betty Stahl

5:00 PM - Ann Collins, req. by the Russo Family

Sunday, April 27 - Divine Mercy Sunday

7:30 AM - James Morasco Sr., req. by Matt & Maureen Farrell

9:00 AM - August Kiefer, req. by George & Agnes Stutsky

11:00 AM - Marcia Riordan, req. by Barbara Rooney

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

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