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SEPTEMBER 24, 2023



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WILL BE LAST.” —MT 20:16

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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*CLOSED HOLIDAYS AND HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

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)

Saturday: 4:00-4:45 PM

Interested in becoming a Catholic? We'd love to have you! Call the Parish Office to learn about our R.C.I.A. Program.

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

This Week @ St. Joseph*

MON 25	7:45am 8:30am	Mass Morning Prayer
TUES 26	7:45am 8:30am 7:00pm	Mass Morning Prayer Confession & Adoration
WED 27	7:45am 8:30am	Mass Morning Prayer
THUR 28	7:45am 8:30am	Mass Morning Prayer
FRI 29	7:45am 8:15am 6:30pm	Mass Eucharistic Adoration for Life Ignite Fall Kick Off
SAT 30	8:00am 4:00pm 5:00pm	Mass Confession Mass
SUN 01	7:30am 9:00am 11:00am	Mass Mass - EDJE Grades 1-3 Mass

THOSE FOR WHOM WE PRAY

FOR THOSE IN NEED OF GOD'S HEALING, STRENGTH, AND COMFORT:

Patricia Ricco, Roseline Nwachukwu, Maureen Lane, Edward Niesobecki, Paul Corsak, Thaddeus Kromelis, Greg Waldmiller, Baby Albert Docktor, Lucy Miscia, Theresa Fuller, Jeff Moxham, Bill Font, Patty Breuer, Marcia Riordan, Katherine Font, Theresa Van Thaden, Marty Doris, William Morrison, Mike Doré, Wayne Tomascak, Peter Tomascak, Mary Beth Smith, John Rooney and Alberta Gregus

FOR THE PROTECTION AND SAFE RETURN OF THOSE SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES:

James Dillon, Joshua Hanley, Joshua Jugler, Michael Ayala Lopez, Kurt Mann and Michael Moreira.

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.

SACRAMENTS

Baptism – The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on Sundays at 12:30 PM. A Pre-Baptism class is required for both parents prior to the Baptism of their first child. Register for the next available class with the Parish Office: 203.775.1035.

Marriage – Getting married in the Catholic Church takes time and preparation. Before setting a date, please contact the parish office to ask if your preparation will be with a local priest or deacon, at your parish, or through the Institute for Catholic Formation. Please note that formation should begin six months before your big day. Waiting too long to begin formation might delay your wedding.

Weddings generally are celebrated on Friday evening or Saturday afternoons and must be scheduled at least six months in advance. **Please do not make final arrangements for your reception prior to contacting the Parish Office.**



Sunday, Sep 24, 2023

At home in the world

Free to leave, free to stay. Liberty of movement is a right most of us take for granted. Have you resided in more than one place? On this 109th World Day of Migrants and Refugees, Pope Francis asks us to imagine a world in which everyone has the option to stay or go as they please. It necessitates a world in which staying is safe: free from discrimination, violence, and dire poverty. All would have the protection of equal rights and respect, and could reach their potential in their present circumstances. Until that day, welcoming the stranger is our sacred obligation.

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 55:6-9; Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a; Matthew 20:1-16a (133). *"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord."*

Monday, Sep 25, 2023

Be creative for the sake of creation

The Season of Creation, an annual ecumenical celebration of prayer and action for our common home, began on September 1 (World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation) and ends on October 4 (the feast of Saint Francis of Assisi). There is still more than a week left for you, your family, your cohort of friends, your school, and your parish to renew your relationship with the Creator and with creation, through celebration, conversion, and commitment together. How? Pray. Read Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato si'*. Coordinate a cleanup project or other sustainability effort. Use your voice and advocate for climate justice. Best idea yet? Come up with one no one has thought of!

TODAY'S READINGS: Ezra 1:1-6; Luke 8:16-18 (449). *"No one who lights a lamp conceals it ... rather, he places it on a lampstand so that those who enter may see the light."*

Tuesday, Sep 26, 2023

MEMORIAL OF COSMAS AND DAMIAN, MARTYRS

Freely share the gifts you've been given

Cosmas and Damian were legendary. Many churches have been built in their honor, and their names make the short list of saints enshrined in Eucharistic Prayer I, used during the Mass. During the final years of Rome's brutal persecution of Christians, the twin physicians lived in Syria—then an eastern province of the Roman Empire. Not only were they gifted healers, but they refused to charge for their services. As they explained, "We treat the infirm by the power of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and take no payment for rendering aid to the sick, because our Lord commanded His disciples, 'Freely have you received, freely give.'" How have you been blessed by God, and how can you share that with others?

TODAY'S READINGS: Ezra 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Luke 8:19-21 (450). *"My mother and my brothers are those who hear the word of God and act on it."*

Wednesday, Sep 27, 2023

MEMORIAL OF VINCENT DE PAUL, PRIEST

Now on tour

Today is World Tourism Day. According to the United Nations, the tourism sector employs one in every 10 people on Earth, and millions more benefit economically from tourism, though the wealth generated isn't always shared equitably. For tourists, exploring new places and enjoying favorite ones can be exhilarating—but bad behavior can ruin a trip. Keeping an attitude of openness and gratitude, as well as respect for local people and customs while on vacation or a tour can transform the experience. Archbishop Rino Fisichella of the Vatican's Dicastery for Evangelization wrote in anticipation of today's observance, "A tourism that respects the person and the environment opens the way to perceiving the goodness of the Father who reaches out to everyone with his love." It's hard to imagine a better souvenir than that.

TODAY'S READINGS: Haggai 1:1-8; Luke 9:7-9 (452). *"Who then is this about whom I hear such things?"*

Thursday, Sep 28, 2023

MEMORIAL OF WENCESLAUS, MARTYR

Lighten the load

You may have heard the old English Christmas song about a Bohemian king who became Saint Wenceslaus, in part because of his great charity. The most famous tale from the charitable king's life was recorded in the carol "Good King Wenceslaus." The king helps a poor man keep from freezing by trodding a path in the snow for him, easing the man's journey to shelter. It ends with an admonishment to do likewise for anyone who suffers and "[you] shall yourselves find blessing." Do a favor for someone in need today, and like Wenceslaus, you will find blessing.

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Friday, Sep 29, 2023

FEAST OF MICHAEL, GABRIEL, AND RAPHAEL, ARCHANGELS

Entertaining angels

Care for strangers has always been a strong imperative in Christianity. Yet in today's highly politicized environment, it is challenging to reach out to strangers who some have deemed to be threats—people like refugees and other marginalized communities. Scripture is clear: "Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it." Angels? It's far easier to see angels from the safety of a holy card or a statue. But think for a moment and see if you have at some point encountered an angel through the presence of a stranger.

TODAY'S READINGS: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 or Revelation 12:7-12ab; John 1:47-51 (647). *"How do you know me?"*


Saturday, Sep 30, 2023

MEMORIAL OF JEROME, PRIEST, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Christianity, by the book


As early Christianity distanced itself from Judaism, Christians began to lose touch with their faith's deep Jewish roots. Saint Jerome (born around 340) helped to reestablish the link. He learned Hebrew from a Christian monk who had converted from Judaism. More unusual for the time, he studied with Jewish rabbis to gain a better understanding of Hebrew scripture. He then spent 15 years producing the foundational Latin translation of the Hebrew Bible, which we know as the Old Testament. He later said, "For if, as Paul says, Christ is the power of God and the wisdom of God, and if the man who does not know Scripture does not know the power and wisdom of God, then ignorance of Scriptures is ignorance of Christ." Crack open the Good Book today, in honor of a key figure who helped shape it.

TODAY'S READINGS: Zechariah 2:5-9, 14-15a; Luke 9:43b-45 (454). *"Jesus said to his disciples, 'Pay attention to what I am telling you.'"*



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September 24, 2023

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 55:6-9 | Phil 1:20c-24, 27a | Mt 20:1-16a

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GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

Today's readings should bring us great joy. They are a reminder that our Lord may have high standards, but he is also "generous in forgiving" and "near to all who call upon him." In the Gospel, we hear the parable of the laborers in the vineyard. Some work all day while others arrive at the last hour. However, all are paid the same. Similarly, we can all receive God's heavenly reward - whether we are faithful Catholics since birth or converts in our final hour. This parable may evoke mixed feelings for those who see themselves as the laborers who have toiled all day and wonder why their reward is not greater. But rather than making us jealous, this parable should make us rejoice: How wonderful that everyone has the opportunity for everlasting life with the Lord! And what great comfort to know that if we falter and lose our way, it is never too late to return to God.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Sometimes, knowing that we are the recipients of God's bountiful mercy, we can be tempted to lead a life focused mostly on worldly pleasures. To paraphrase St. Augustine: Make me holy Lord ... just not yet! Of course we know this isn't the right attitude or approach to life, but it's certainly tempting. Let's return to the message of the Gospel for a moment. Yes, the Lord is generous in giving all the workers the same wage. But perhaps equally as important is that we are called to be workers in the Lord's vineyard, and what an honor and privilege that is! Serving in the Lord's kingdom here on earth is not drudgery; it is life-giving and fills us with God's love and grace. Let us recall the words of St. Paul in today's Letter to the Philippians. Although he longs to "depart this life and be with Christ," he knows that staying here on earth means "fruitful labor for me." Let us also strive to keep our eyes on the Lord and labor in his field for as long as we are able.

PRAY The first reading from Isaiah reminds us that the Lord works in ways we can't understand: "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord." Let us ask God this week for the fortitude to reorient our thoughts and ways to his will, not ours, so as to "conduct [ourselves] in a way worthy of the gospel of Christ."

7 & 8
Oct

St. Joseph Ministry Fair

18
Nov

Fall Festival @ St. Marguerite

19
Nov

Annual Parish Appreciation Lunch @ Candlewood Inn

More information to follow



After church one Sunday, a young boy walked up to the pastor. "Father," he said, "I heard you say in church that our bodies came from the dust."

"That's right, son, I did."

"And didn't you say that when we die, our bodies go back to dust?"

"Yes, I'm glad you were listening," the pastor replied. "Why do you ask?"

"Well I think you better come over to our house right away and look under my bed," the boy said, "'cause there's someone either coming or going!"

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A little boy was sitting through the church service for the first time. As the usher passed an offering plate down his pew, the boy said, "Daddy, don't pay for me - I'm under five."

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ELEMENTARY



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IMPORTANT NEWS & UPDATES

EDJE STUDENT GOOD DEEDS

“This week I helped my dad set up my mom’s medicine so she can get stronger.” Submitted by Frankie

“I made sure to include all of my friends and new friends at the park.”

“I helped my little sister get her pajamas on and get ready for bed.” Submitted by Jax

“I helped Daddy and Frankie take care of Mommy.”

EDJE ONLINE WORK DUE OCTOBER 01

My Catholic Faith Delivered	
Grade 1	Lesson 3: God Watches Over Everything
Grade 2	Chapter 3: God The Creator (First Reconciliation)
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Grade 4	Lesson 3: Turning Away from God
Grade 5	Lesson 3: Creator of Heaven and Earth
Grade 6	Lesson 3: Prayer - Hidden Treasure

IGNITE for Grades 7 & 8
 Friday Nights
 Fall Kick-Off: September 29

See the SJC website for registration forms and schedule.

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Monday, September 25

7:45 AM - David Buczek, req. by his family

Tuesday, September 26 - Sts. Cosmas & Damian, Martyrs

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

Wednesday, September 27 - St. Vincent de Paul, Priest

7:45 AM - Hanna & August Stahl, req. by Betty Stahl

Thursday, September 28 - St. Wenceslaus, St. Lawrence Ruiz

7:45 AM - Kathleen Hofmann, req. by the Montalto Family

Friday, September 29 - Sts. Michael, Gabriel, & Raphael

7:45 AM - Allison Russo, req. by Jorge Blondett

Saturday, September 30 - St. Jerome, Priest & Dr. of the Church

8:00 AM - Gerard Hollwedel, req. by George & Agnes Stutsky

5:00 PM - Francesca Bonacci, req. by Jen & Pat Conlon

Sunday, October 01 - 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM - John McGrade, req. by Matt & Maureen Farrell

9:00 AM - Alma Cherubim O'Connell, req. by the Sanchez-Uribe Family

11:00 AM - David Doyle, req. by his nieces



Lord God, most holy,
we approach you in gratitude for your holy ordained priesthood.
You have called these men to be set apart
and to shepherd your people,
as you shepherd your entire church.
We pray for them in their daily work.
Grant to them an increase in spiritual gifts and grace,
so they may be prepared for the tasks at hand.
Lead them not into temptation
and protect them from the grasp of the evil one.
It is through the sacraments they confer
that we encounter the divine in a real and profound way.
May your church never lose sight of these,
your special sons, and may we, the body of Christ,
never fail to cherish the gift of their lives,
which they have freely given to you and your holy church.
We ask this in the name of Jesus, your Son.
Amen.



Clergy Hospital Visitations

If you need to spend time in the Danbury or New Milford Hospital, there is a procedure in place for you to alert us here at St Joseph Church. Once notified, we can arrange for a sacramental visit.

If it is determined that you will be staying at the hospital, you will be asked during your admissions if you would like your parish to be notified.

If you would, please inform them that your parish is St Joseph Church and make sure to specify Brookfield. We will be notified and will endeavor to visit you during your stay.

We also are very blessed to have several St Joseph Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist who make communion visitations to those in Danbury Hospital during the week.

We offer thanks in humble gratitude to our hospital ministers!



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Everyday Stewardship *Be Sure to Look the Part*

"I used to coach my oldest son in soccer when he was younger. As he got older, he would go to tryouts for select and high school teams. I was no longer the coach, but I always shared with him one piece of advice before any tryout: Be sure to look the part. I told him that if he showed up looking like a soccer player, there was an increased chance of him being seen as a soccer player. If he showed up looking like a kid that plays soccer in video games as opposed to the real thing, he might not be taken seriously. As he grew older, that same advice was then applied to getting a job. It's advice I have heeded myself all my life. You can even say it is like another common phrase: "Fake it till you make it."

As disciples of Jesus Christ, we certainly do not want to fake it, but we do need to look the part. The world looks at those of us who proclaim to be Christians to see if there is anything to this way of life. If they see us looking and acting like people transformed by Jesus Christ, they will be more likely to take Christianity seriously. If they look at us and see nothing different, then they can easily conclude that there is nothing different about Jesus Christ. He just becomes simply another religious figure of history. Can the world see the power of Christ in you? How well do you look the part?

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS
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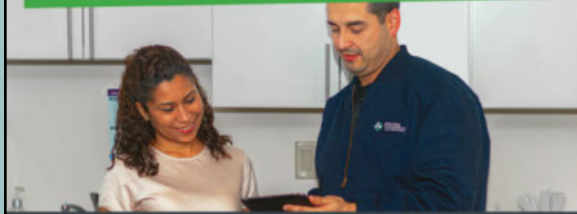


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