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WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY



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Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil
Sunday Masses

4:00 PM
8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, & 12 Noon Spanish

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ST. JOSEPH PARISH/PARROQUIA SAN JOSÉ

Mission Statement/Misión Parroquial

St. Joseph Parish is a welcoming Catholic community called to live, proclaim and foster God's steadfast love in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

La Parroquia de San José es una comunidad católica acogedora llamada a vivir, proclamar y fomentar la misericordia de Dios en el nombre del Padre, y del Hijo, y del Espíritu Santo.

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Music Ministry Director.....Roberta H. De Fiore
Parish Office Manager.....Katherine A. Young



Parish Finances

July 20, 2025

Envelopes	\$ 4,422
Loose Cash	1,169
Mail	400
Online	<u>2,222</u>
Total	\$ 8,213

Collection this weekend: Monthly Collection

Upcoming Collection:

8/3 Meals for the Needy

2025 ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Parish Goal: \$55,000
Pledged to Date: \$59,091

*Thank you to the 176 parishioners
(17% of our registered parishioners) who have pledged to date.*



Weekday Masses Available

We have a number of 9am weekday Masses available for your intentions. These Masses can be said for the living, as well as, deceased loved ones. Special intentions can include health, best wishes on a special occasion, (i.e., new baby, anniversary, birthday, etc.). Even if you cannot attend the Mass, prayers will still be said for your intention. Please call the Parish Office to see what is open – 860-583-1369.

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 27, 2025



SATURDAY, JULY 26, 2025

3:00PM CONFESSIONS
4:00PM KIRK CASTONGUAY REQ BY
RICHARD & PAULINE SUSZCZYNSKI

SUNDAY, JULY 27, 2025

8:00AM FELINO & VERONICA MIRANDA REQ BY
OLIVIA CAMASURA & FAMILY
10:00AM LAWRENCE AMARA REQ BY DAVID AMARA
12:00PM LIVING & DECEASED MEMBERS OF
ST. JOSEPH PARISH

MONDAY, JULY 28, 2025

9:00AM CONSOLATION FOR ALL FAMILIES SUFFERING
LOSS FROM THE TEXAS FLOODS

TUESDAY, JULY 29, 2025 – STS. MARTHA, MARY AND LAZARUS

9:00AM SPECIAL INTENTION FOR THE HEALTH OF
PAUL, KEVIN, RICK & MEL REQ BY RITA BAYER

WEDNESDAY, JULY 30, 2025

9:00AM FR. JOHN ROHAN
6:00PM EUCHARISTIC ADORATION & CONFESSIONS
7:00PM HEMAN BUSTAMONTE &
SANDRA BUSTAMONTE HAYES REQ BY
MARIA BUSTAMONTE

THURSDAY, JULY 31, 2025 – ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA, PRIEST

9:00AM BISHOP CARLOS PRADA SANMIGUEL

FRIDAY, AUGUST 1, 2025

NO MASS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 2, 2025

3:00PM CONFESSIONS
4:00PM JOSEPH & ROLANDE CASTONGUAY REQ BY
RICHARD & PAULINE SUSZCZYNSKI

SUNDAY, AUGUST 3, 2025

8:00AM LIVING & DECEASED MEMBERS OF
ST. JOSEPH PARISH
10:00AM JACK DONAHUE REQ BY BEAUDOIN FAMILY
12:00PM LUIS & JUAN RODRIGUEZ REQ BY
RODRIGUEZ FAMILY



In Loving Memory

This week's Sanctuary candle will burn

In Loving Memory of

Jack Donahue

Requested by Kim & Daughters

July 27 – August 2, 2025

REFLECTION ON TODAY'S READINGS

In our Gospel reading from Luke, some disciples of Jesus ask our Lord to teach them how to pray. Jesus instantly offers them the beautiful prayer which we, of course, call the **Our Father**.

The Our Father is truly a steward's prayer. In it, we call upon God in an intimate way, as Father. We ask that His will be done (not ours!) and that His kingdom come (not ours!). In other words, we remember that He is our Creator, everything is His, and our focus in life should be on His priorities, not our own. Then we ask Him to supply our needs (to give our daily bread), forgive our sins, and protect us from evil. That is, we proclaim our complete trust in His provision for us and mercy towards us. We, too, commit to extending mercy ourselves (as we forgive those who sin against us).

As we pray the words of the Our Father, we recognize this basic truth about ourselves and God: **God is our Father, and we are beloved and infinitely blessed to be His children.** This is the basis of a stewardship way of life.

At the end of the Gospel passage, Jesus encourages us to pursue a relationship with the Father: Ask Him, seek Him, knock on His door!

He can hardly wait to bless us, His children. Remember that this week, then go, be a blessing to others! **Stewardship is just that simple.**

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REFLEXIÓN DE LAS LECTURAS DE HOY

En el Evangelio según san Lucas, algunos discípulos le piden a Jesús que les enseñe a orar. Jesús, sin demora, les ofrece la hermosa oración que nosotros llamamos el **Padre Nuestro**.

El Padre Nuestro es, en verdad, una oración del buen administrador. En ella, invocamos a Dios de una manera íntima, como Padre. Le pedimos que se haga su voluntad (¡no la nuestra!) y que venga su Reino (¡no el nuestro!). Es decir, recordamos que Él es nuestro Creador, que todo le pertenece, y que nuestro enfoque en la vida debe estar en sus prioridades, no en las nuestras. Luego le pedimos que supla nuestras necesidades (que nos dé el pan de cada día), que perdone nuestros pecados y que nos libre del mal. Es decir, proclamamos nuestra plena confianza en su providencia y en su misericordia. Y también nos comprometemos a extender esa misericordia (al perdonar a los que nos ofenden).

Al rezar el Padre Nuestro, reconocemos esta verdad fundamental sobre nosotros y sobre Dios: **Dios es nuestro Padre, y nosotros somos sus hijos amados e infinitamente bendecidos.** Esta es la base del estilo de vida del buen administrador cristiano.

Al final del pasaje evangélico, Jesús nos anima a buscar una relación con el Padre: ¡Pídele, búscalo, llama a su puerta!

Él está deseando bendecirnos, porque somos sus hijos. Recuerda eso esta semana... ¡y ve tú también a ser una bendición para los demás! **La corresponsabilidad es así de simple.**



Enrollment is Now Open!

Enroll in the **New England Catholic Biblical School** to study all 73 books of the Bible! Unlock the meaning and purpose of your life! In-person and online classes begin Sept. 6. For more information visit www.NewEnglandCatholicBiblicalSchool.com

Tentative locations for Fall classes:

New Class! Online (Virtual), Spanish, Monday 6:30-8:30pm

1. St. Thomas Seminary, Bloomfield, Monday 10-12 PM
2. Sacred Heart, Bloomfield Tuesday, 6:30-8:30pm
3. St. Aloysius, Plantsville, Monday 10-12 PM
4. Prince of Peace, (Hybrid) Woodbury Monday 10-12
5. O.L. of Fatima, Wallingford Tuesday 10-12
6. Online (Virtual), Thursday 6:30-8:30pm



STOP&SHOP



For every Bloomin' 4 Good Bouquet purchased at the Stop & Shop on Pine Street during the month of July, St. Joseph Meals for the Needy will receive \$1.

We recently received \$51 from Stop & Shop for bouquets purchased in the month of January!



St. Joseph Bereavement Ministry

The St. Joseph Bereavement Ministry is holding a support group for anyone experiencing the loss of a loved one. The next meeting will be **August 21st, 6:30-8:00PM** in the Parish Center. Please don't hesitate to reach out—there is compassion and healing when we allow ourselves to share in our grief.

Our Fall session of the New Day program will begin September 4 and run weekly until November 6. This Diocesan approved program supports anyone experiencing the loss of a loved one. It is a combination of prayer, journaling and sharing.

Please call or text 858-663-2794 for any questions, and/or to reserve your spot. This is a beautiful support program designed to walk with you as you journey through the grief process to the healing process.

Free Summer Concert at Holy Family No registration required

The grounds of Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center will again resonate with the sound of music this summer. Gather your family and friends, grab a blanket or low-profile beach chair, and make your way to our pavilion for this lively concert series. You are welcome to bring food and beverages to enjoy throughout the evening. Our grounds are magnificent, so come early to enjoy our walking paths or recenter yourself with a journey through our labyrinth.

**Wednesday, July 30
7:00 to 8:30 P.M.**

The Infinity Saxophone Quartet



This evening's showcase features a diverse mix of jazz standards, contemporary classical, big band, folk, and classic pop music. Featuring Justin Fontano (soprano/alto sax), Steve Moran (alto sax), Rich Szulczewski (tenor sax, manager), and Matt Schmidt (baritone sax).

**Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center
303 Tunxis Road, West Hartford**



St. Joseph Prayer Line

To activate or to join the St. Joseph Prayer Line please call any time: Pat: 860-503-5547
Danielle or Matthew: 860-276-7886

¡Únase a los Marianos en un día especialmente dedicado a los peregrinos latinos!

Encuentro Latino 2025

Sábado, 2 de agosto

SANTUARIO NACIONAL DE LA DIVINA MISERICORDIA
en Stockbridge, Massachusetts

Durante el Jubileo 2025, los fieles podrán obtener Indulgencias plenarias a través de la peregrinación del Encuentro Latino.

Celebrante Principal:
Padre José Siesquen Flores

Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe peregrina:
Vivian Mastey

Música:
Ministerio San Miguel Arcángel

Catequesis:
Benjamín Santiago

SANTUARIO NACIONAL DE LA DIVINA MISERICORDIA en Stockbridge, Massachusetts

- 9:45 am: Música, Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe peregrina**
- 10:10 am: Catequesis y testimonio – Renovación del pensamiento: Benjamín Santiago**
- 11:00 am: Santa Misa – Celebrante principal: Padre José Siesquen Flores**
- 3:00 pm: Hora de la Gran Misericordia y Coronilla a la Divina Misericordia, bendición con el Santísimo Sacramento, bendición de artículos religiosos y rifa de la imagen de la Divina Misericordia.**

Y muchas otras actividades religiosas para compartir en familia.

Para más información, registrar un autobús, o registrarse para ser voluntario, favor de llamar al

1-800-462-7426, Ext.3

o visítenos en

LaDivinaMisericordia.org/encuentrolatino
ShrineofDivineMercy.org/encuentro

PRO-LIFE CORNER

THERE IS HELP AND A FUTURE!

Tragically, 18% of abortion workers have attempted suicide. This is 30 TIMES greater than the national average of American adults who have made attempts on their own lives. The non-profit organization, ATTWN (and then there were none):

- Helps provide transitional financial assistance to a vetted worker who has left the abortion industry.
- Connects "Quitters" with legal representation as they seek to bring the truth to light about the abortion industry.
- Provides licensed therapy to Quitters as they heal from their participation in abortion.
- Ensures each Quitter is assigned to a Client Advocate who will walk alongside them every step of the way.

If you are interested in helping ATTWN reach even more workers with the message that *they can get out of the abortion industry*, and when they do, they can feel empowered to share the truth that today's media so conveniently ignores, contact the information below:

ATTWN: PO Box 2571, Round Rock, TX 78680
Abby Johnson/ProLove Ministries, abby@prolove.com

Are you a mom in need of diapers? We have diapers/wipes available from newborn to size 5 (limited supply). Contact the number below!!

St. Joseph Pro-Life Ministry: Questions? text/call 858-663-2794
or email jewel4one@gmail.com



A Little History of St. Joseph Church

from St. Joseph Church Archives – March 1981

(Continuing from last week's bulletin)

In the Main Part of the Church Looking from the Back

- The first five windows on the left starting from the back represent the Joyful mysteries of the rosary (the Annunciation, the Visitation, the Nativity, and Presentation, and the Finding;
- The sorrowful mysteries are represented by the sixth and fifth windows on the right-hand side (the Agony in the Garden, and the Scourging at the Pillar), the fifth and sixth windows on the left side (the Crowning with Thorns, and the Carrying of the Cross), and the picture window over the altar (the Crucifixion)—note there is no depiction of the Burial of Christ;



A Prayer for the World Day for Grandparents & the Elderly

Look with love on grandparents and the elderly the world over. Protect them! They are a source of enrichment for families and for all of society. Support them! As they grow older, may they continue to be for their families strong pillars of Gospel faith, guardians of noble domestic ideals, living treasuries of sound religious traditions.

Make them teachers of wisdom and courage, that they may pass on to future generations the fruits of their mature human and spiritual experience. Help families and society to value the presence and roles of grandparents and the elderly.

May they never be ignored or excluded, but always encounter respect and love. Help them to live serenely and to feel welcomed in all the years of life which you give them. Keep them constantly in your care, accompany them on their earthly pilgrimage, and by your prayers, grant that all families may one day be reunited in our heavenly homeland, where you await all humanity for the great embrace of life without end.

- Author Unknown

Adapted from <https://www.xavier.edu/jesuitresource/online-resources>



- The glorious mysteries are found in the first five windows on the right (the Resurrection, the Ascension, the Descent of the Holy Spirit upon Mary and the Apostles, the Assumption, and the Coronation of Mary as Queen of Angels and Saints;
- The last two main windows are the Marriage of Joseph and Mary, and the Baptism of the Lord;
- The high windows in the sanctuary: on the left the thorns with the nails and the veil of Veronica, and on the right the pillar of scourging with cross and crown of thorns;
- The upper windows over the main stained glass windows on the left have symbols of Mary (from back to front): "Sedis Sapientiae" or "Seat of Wisdom" with the censer of Prayer, the crown and the lily, the well and the fountain, and finally the sun and the heart pierced with a sword;
- The upper right windows (from back to front): the olive branch and the lily of the valley (peace and purity), the moon and the star, the tower of strength and the mirror of Justice, and finally the untouched garden and the ark of the covenant;
- The rose window, etc.: King David with harp is in the center, and below is the death of Joseph with Mary and Jesus present.

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