



# SAINT JOSEPH CHURCH

## A PRAYER TO SAINT JOSEPH

Oh Saint Joseph, whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the throne of God, I place in you all my interests and desires. O Saint Joseph, do assist me by your powerful intercession and obtain for me from your divine son all spiritual blessings through Jesus Christ, our Lord; so that having engaged here below your heavenly power, I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most loving of Fathers. Oh Saint Joseph, I never weary contemplating you and Jesus asleep in your arms. I dare not approach while he reposes near your heart. Press Him in my name and kiss his fine head for me, and ask him to return the kiss when I draw my dying breath. Saint Joseph, patron of departing souls, pray for us. Amen.

**WELCOME**—We hope you will favor our parish with prayer, presence and talents. In good stewardship please pick up a Household Data Form (located in the Vestibule) and use our Offertory Envelope System. Our Church is handicapped accessible .

### LITURGY

Sunday 9:00 a.m.

### CONFESSION

At 3:00pm on Saturday at  
Our Lady of Mount Carmel  
785 Highland Avenue  
Waterbury, CT

**SACRAMENTS**— please contact the Rectory Office of Our Lady of Mount Carmel at 203-756-8981 to arrange for the Sacraments of Baptism or Matrimony.

**PRO-LIFE ROSARY**—is held on the 1st Sunday of each month at 8:30 a.m. Facilitator, Mark Greene

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** has joined with Our Lady of Mount Carmel Council #36. Meetings are on the third Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church hall.

**PASTORAL CARE**—please contact the Rectory Office of Our Lady of Mount Carmel at 203-756-8981 if someone is homebound, in the hospital or in a nursing home and is need of a pastoral visit or an anointing of the sick.

### PARISH STAFF

Reverend Frederick M. Aniello, Pastor  
Deacon Mark Stevens  
Joe Faryniarz, Organist  
Marie Upatoff, Parish Secretary

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS 8:00am to 2:00pm

Please contact the Rectory Office of  
Our Lady of Mount Carmel at 203-756-8981

### TRUSTEES

John Ambrozaitis  
Mark Greene

### PARISH COUNCIL

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**Mass Intentions  
for the Week**

**SUNDAY, JULY 11 FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME**

**John and Ann Ambrozaitis by their  
children**

**SUNDAY, JULY 18 SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME**

**9:00 A.M. Thomas F. Conway Sr. by wife, Irene**

**SUNDAY, JULY 25 SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME**

**Kestutis Augustaitis by his sister, Danute  
Kuras**

Maybe the work is best left to the professionals. That's how many people view the preaching of the Gospel. That's the stuff priests, religious, deacons, lay ministers, and other professional Church people do. It has little to do with me. Well, that's not really true. The fact of the matter is that preaching the Gospel has everything to do with you, with all of us who are baptized members of the Body of Christ. Well, there's a safe way, which many choose, to preach the Gospel — and the risky way. The safe way pretty much keeps the Gospel in church and around like-minded people. I say my prayers, go to Mass, contribute to the food pantry, tithe, and attend Bible Study. That pretty much covers the bases, right? Wrong.

The risky way is the more challenging way and for many, the "road less traveled." Imagine those first disciples going out and into people's homes. They must have had some amazing conversations with folks about God's kingdom, changing their hearts, forgiving sins, and looking at the world differently. They must have met people who were hurting, exiled from their communities, neglected, lost, or living self-insulated lives in a society that served the rich and neglected the poor. The Gospel, while being a message of joy and hope, is not always received well by those who are very comfortable keeping things as they are.

The risky way involves example and conversation. What kinds of conversations do we have with others? We interact with those closest to us, in our work, social circles, institutions, corporations, in politics, and beyond. If we are really interested in seeing God's vision for the world succeed, then we will talk about it. It will become a part of our everyday conversation and find its way into our interactions with others. How will we preserve the dignity of human life and encourage others to have a relationship with God? We must be the example, live value centered, virtuous lives, stand against injustice, combating racism, and learn ways to resolve conflicts without violence.



The Tabernacle Lamp will burn this week for Parishioners of St. Joseph

**WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES**

**Readings for the week of July 11, 2021**

Sunday: Am 7:12-15/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/  
Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10/Mk 6:7-13  
Monday: Ex 1:8-14, 22/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8 [8a]/  
Mt 10:34—11:1  
Tuesday: Ex 2:1-15a/Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34  
[cf. 33]/Mt 11:20-24  
Wednesday: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 6-7  
[8a]/Mt 11:25-27  
Thursday: Ex 3:13-20/Ps 105:1 and 5, 8-9, 24-25,  
26-27 [8a]/Mt 11:28-30  
Friday: Ex 11:10—12:14/Ps 116:12-13, 15 and  
16bc, 17-18 [13]/Mt 12:1-8  
Saturday: Ex 12:37-42/Ps 136:1 and 23-24, 10-12,  
13-15/Mt 12:14-21  
Next Sunday: Jer 23:1-6/Ps 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6 [1]/  
Eph 2:13-18/Mk 6:30-34

**Observances for the week of July 11, 2021**

Sunday: 1 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Monday:  
Tuesday: St. Henry  
Wednesday: St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin  
Thursday: St. Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the  
Church  
Friday: Our Lady of Mount Carmel  
Saturday: BVM  
Next Sunday: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**CHURCH OFFERTORY**  
WEEKLY 07/04/2021—NOT  
AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME

The sacrificial offering you provide to our Parish is your expression of loyalty, love and support. Thank you for your generosity.

*Fr. Aniello*

## Healing Prayer Requests

Jim Danauskas, Anna Pakalnis, Karen Maestas  
James Vaicaitis, Kristina Solmita, Megan Heath  
Lee Wyma, Charlotte Sepe, Sue Fitzgerald  
Sandra Cox, Douglas White, Annamay & Sam  
Sperazza, Elizabeth Brazis  
Mary Helie, Ada Solomita & Family,  
Judge McKenna,, Georgette Adomaitis and  
Danute Kuras, Cynthia Solomita, Bob Orintas

If there is a family member or friend that you would like to offer a healing prayer, please contact OLMC Rectory at 203-756-8981 or email the secretary at: [officeolmcwtby@aol.com](mailto:officeolmcwtby@aol.com).

Bl. Michael Sopocko (1888-1975)

Blessed Michael Sopocko is known as the Apostle of Mercy. In Vilnius he met St. Faustina and became her spiritual guide and confessor. He dedicated his entire life to the propagation of the message of Divine Mercy, and Vilnius became the city from which this message spread to the world. Sister Faustina, who was encouraged by Michael Sopocko, began recording her mystical experiences in a diary, which has become a well-known book throughout the world. Blessed Michael Sopocko was the one who inspired St. Faustina to share her visions and seek that the image of Divine Mercy be painted. Additionally, he established a new religious congregation, currently known as the Congregation of Sisters of Divine Mercy, and initiated the celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday. Michael Sopocko was born in Juszewszczyzna, in the county of Asmena (present-day Belarus). Vilnius is Blessed Michael Sopocko's town. According to his memoirs, he often visited churches in Vilnius with his parents, and he received the Sacrament of Confirmation at the Vilnius Cathedral. Later he was ordained a priest there. In Warsaw, he studied theology and education. In 1924, Fr. Sopocko received an invitation from the Archbishop of Vilnius, Blessed Jurgis Matulaitis, to return to Vilnius. He taught at the university and was actively involved in pastoral care of the academic community, seminary and the army. He also served as the confessor and spiritual director of the nuns. In 2008, Pope Benedict XVI beatified Fr. Sopocko.

## Church News

**PRO-LIFE ROSARY**—join us as we pray the Rosary on the first Sunday of each month at 8:30 prior to our 9:00 a.m. Mass. All are welcome!

### BULLETIN & PULPIT ANNOUNCEMENTS

please direct announcements by **Monday 12:00 Noon** to OLMC Rectory by calling 203-756-8981 or email secretary at: [officeolmcwtby@aol.com](mailto:officeolmcwtby@aol.com).

### Directives for Liturgies in Church:

As of Saturday, May 22, 2021, the general dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass in person on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation will no longer be in force. However, since the risk of infection though diminished, still remains, the following individuals may very legitimately decide not yet to attend church: those suffering from serious pre-existing conditions making them more susceptible to COVID-19; those who are ill or homebound or who are caregivers in close contact with someone who is; those who have tested positive for any contagious disease, including COVID-19; and those who are in quarantine due to exposure to any contagion or who reside with someone who is quarantined.

### A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

My Hope, My Strength, My Joy

He sends to me a rainbow to help my sorrows  
mend, when my body's sorely aching and my  
troubles know no end. He lifts me up and  
carries me high above the storm, that threatens  
to obscure my path when doubts and fear take  
form. His merciful love enfolds me as I face  
the raging tide that seeks to overturn the boat  
when mighty crests I ride. His guidance helps  
me stay afloat till I reach the distant shore, then  
leads me the way to soothing rest beyond a  
friend's door.

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