



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 Thursday 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
Mary Armour, Parish Secretary

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

Please contact the Rectory Office of
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BINGO—On Thursdays at 7:00pm at OLMC School hall. Doors open 5:30pm.

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Mass Intentions for the Week

SUNDAY, JULY 17TH SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 AM Thomas F. Conway Sr.
By Wife Irene

SUNDAY, JULY 24TH SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 AM Robert Bartkus
By Family



The Tabernacle Lamp will burn this week in loving memory of the Deceased Parishioners of St. Joseph Parish.

Beauty Tips

*For attractive lips, speak words of kindness.
For lovely eyes, seek out the good in people.
For a slim figure, share your food with the hungry.
For beautiful hair, let a child run his/her fingers through it once a day.
For poise, walk with the knowledge that you never walk alone.
People, even more than things, have to be restored, renewed, revived, reclaimed, and redeemed; never throw out anyone.
Remember, if you ever need a helping hand, you will find one at the end of each of your arms.
As you grow older, you will discover that you have two hands; one for helping yourself, and the other for helping others.*

Being Kind Says a Lot

*When you're kind, it says a lot
Without uttering a single sound;
A smile, a friendly nod, an unexpected gift
Shows goodness in the heart abounds.
An encouraging note, going the extra mile,
A card of good wishes, and a caring touch
Makes life seem so sunny and worthwhile
As other, too, feel loved so very much.
Happiness shines when we're reaching out
To others in deep need;
It lifts our spirit, heart, and soul
When we plant a kindness seed!
If we offer a helping hand along life's way,
It can paint a rainbow in a sky of stormy blue;
Just maybe we'll see another proper
Because of a simple deed that we could do!*

—Linda C. Grazulis

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, Bob Benson, Mary Helie, Ada Solomita & Family, Judge McKenna, Georgette Adomaitis, Danute Kuras, Cynthia Solomita and Janice Rosselot, Baby Sawyer, Dolores Harris, Dolores Darin, Denise Boucher, Armand Solomita, Daniel Pierelli, Bob Steponaitis

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.

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!

RESPECT LIFE—Jesus not only spoke of justice, mercy and compassion, He was a living witness to the words He spoke. Our Lord not only felt pity for the poor, the lowly and oppressed, He was moved by pity to act on their behalf. Those of us who have been touched by the love of Christ are often touched by the plight of society's marginalized and vulnerable, but recognizing injustice is never enough. We must also act. We must seek justice and protection for the unborn child whose life is at risk in our culture today.

Although our organist Joe Faryniarz is away for the summer, we at St Joseph are not without organ music (via CD) and a choir to lead us in sacred music at Mass each Sunday. Many thanks go out to **Marian Pelletier, Linas Balsys, Peter Verseckas**, and especially to **Frank Melvin** (who selects the songs and operates the CD player) for their faithful attendance and for using their voices

CHURCH OFFERTORY

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

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16th Sunday in Ordinary Time***Abraham and Sarah show hospitality to messengers of the LORD (Genesis 18:1-10a).***

In this strange yet evocative story of what the Fathers of the Church consider to be a pre-incarnational manifestation of the Lord, he appears to Abraham in the form of “three men,” two of whom are later referred to in chapter 19 as “angels.” There are many mysteries in this scene. The narrator calls these three figures “the LORD,” which is indicative of the name Yahweh, and yet Abraham, while being very solicitous toward them in the manner required by the manners of the desert, refers to the three in the singular, “My lord,” indicating not the divine name but a polite form of human address.

These three have come on a dual errand. First, they announce the birth of Isaac to Abraham and Sarah in a year’s time, and then two of the three go off in chapter 19 to bring destruction to Sodom and Gomorrah for its immorality. The only survivors will be Lot and his family. The common element in the two very different errands is the gracious hospitality shown the heavenly visitors by Abraham and his nephew Lot. Both men, although masters of very large households with many servants (Genesis 13), wait upon these visitors as though they were servants themselves, and in each case this is the mark of their righteousness, the hospitality they show. This reminds us that courtesy is more than just good manners; it is a common hallmark of holiness.

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Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. Mary has chosen the better part (Luke 10:38-42).

Although it’s not uncommon to see interpreters of this passage portray Martha as the “bad guy” in this Gospel scene, many others suggest that Martha and Mary taken together—and not just Mary alone—represent a composite of what the Christian life ought to look like. Martha, like Abraham in the first reading from Genesis, is the picture of love acting in hospitality, while Mary is the picture of pure contemplative love, gazing upon the Lord. Many religious orders since the Middle Ages, like the Franciscans, Dominicans, and Jesuits, have striven to be both active and contemplative in their approach to the service of Christ.

But in keeping with the Lord’s clear declaration that “one thing is needful” (RSV), the Church has always stressed that prayer itself is the lifeblood of service. Without that foundation, service, however extensive, becomes formal and stale because it won’t be fed by love. And we must recall that the simple contemplative gaze is also a representation of our heavenly goal, the beatific vision, when we shall see God as he is in himself. Contemplation is, we could say, heaven practice, where the one needful thing will be the one object of our constant attention and joy. With no offense meant to the Marthas among us (and within all of us), our lives as Christians should rightly express a growing simplicity of focus and less troubling of ourselves about the “many things” of life. And it is only prayer that will enable us to serve without anxiety and to care for others without getting lost in the complexities of life.

Saint Bonaventure's Story July 15

Born in Bagnoregio in 1221, Saint Bonaventure was baptized John, but received the name Bonaventure when he became a Franciscan at the age of 22. His parents were Giovanni di Fidanza and Maria Ritell. It seems that his father was a physician and a man of means. While Saint Francis died about five years after the saint’s birth, he is credited with healing Bonaventure as a boy of a serious illness.

Saint Bonaventure’s teaching career at the University of Paris came to a halt when the Friars elected him to serve as their General Minister. His 17 years of service were not easy as the Order was embroiled in conflicts over the interpretation of poverty. Some friars even ended up in heresy saying that Saint Francis and his community were inaugurating the era of the Holy Spirit which was to replace Jesus, the Church, and Scripture. But because he was a man of prayer and a good administrator, Saint Bonaventure managed to structure the Order through effective legislation. But more importantly, he offered the Friars an organized spirituality based on the vision and insights of Saint Francis. But more importantly, he captured their hearts through his Franciscan love for Jesus and the Church. Like his model, Saint Francis, Jesus was the center of everything—his teaching, his administration, his writing, and his life. So much so, that he was given the title “Seraphic Doctor.” Pope Gregory X created him a Cardinal and appointed him bishop of Albano. While participating in the Second Council of Lyon, Saint Bonaventure died suddenly on July 15, 1274.

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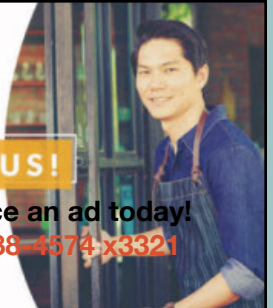
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