



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
Our Lady of Mount Carmel at 203-756-8981

TRUSTEES

John Ambrozaitis
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BINGO—On Thursdays at 7:00pm at OLMC School hall. Doors open 5:30pm.

Church Location: 46 Congress Avenue
Waterbury, CT 06708

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All Calls Received at OLMC Rectory:
203•756•8981 Facsimile: 203•756•2074

Mass Intentions for the Week

SUNDAY, JULY 31ST EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 AM Ed Paige
By Tony Goncalves

SUNDAY, AUGUST 7TH NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 AM Paul Kuras
By Wife Danute Kuras



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

Gospel Differences

Question:

Why do the Gospels differ in their details? I was surprised to learn that not all of the Gospels tell the same stories, for example, the Nativity. Doesn't this take away from their credibility?

Answer:

Take any event that happens, from family trips to national politics and ask two or three different people to explain what happened. You will get a different version of the same story. People tend to tell the story from their perspective, and past experience shades what we recall and how we recall it. Our choice of words and what details we leave in or out is also influenced by the audience who is listening to our tales.

The Gospel writers are no different. Each one tells the story of Jesus from their own perspective. Versions differ in some details, not because one is true and the other is not, but because each Gospel writer, or Evangelist, has a different theological point to communicate as well as a different audience for whom he is writing. He picks and chooses the details of his Gospel based on what message he is preaching, what his audience may already know, and what message they need to hear. The various details of the Gospels point more to their authenticity as a record of the church's experience and understanding of Jesus. In a good study Bible, the background notes for each Gospel contain a lot of information that helps us better understand each Evangelist and his message.

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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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...Priesthood? ...Married Life?
... Single Life?

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I love You, O my infinitely lovable God, and I would rather die loving You, than live without loving You. I love You, Lord and the only grace I ask is to love You eternally... My God, if my tongue cannot say in every moment that I love You, I want my heart to repeat it to You as often as I draw breath.

GOSPEL MEDITATION

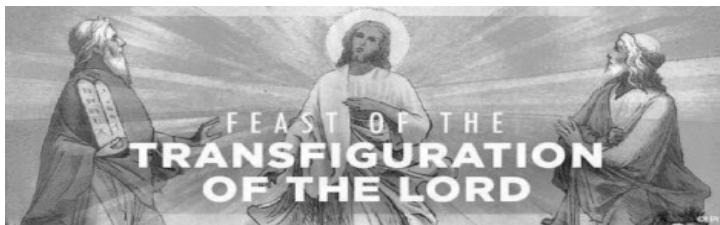
July 31, 2022—18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

What makes us feel secure? Many people look to tangible forms of security that will safeguard their livelihood and prepare for their future. We tend to associate security with things: the accumulation of goods and possessions, retirement funds, savings accounts, and substantial incomes. While acquiring these promises a life with less anxiety and worry, we actually find ourselves more preoccupied and consumed with their growth and preservation. We worry more! We can easily become quasi-hoarders, consumed with obtaining more tangible crutches. Our minds and hearts are always restless, and we never seem to be at peace.

Why do we so easily give our self-worth, value, and sense of security over to things? God certainly does not deny us the pursuit of a productive and enjoyable life but where do we draw the line? A sense of well-being and happiness can easily get deferred to sometime "in the future" while we continue to wrestle with the toils of today. There is no guarantee that there will be an earthly tomorrow and all of the frenzy we bring to securing our state in life will be for naught. When we are called from this world, will we even know where to begin to look for the tranquility and repose our souls so desperately need?

We cannot be hoarders, pursuers of vanity, or greedy. They just don't work as they are too dependent on things that can fall apart. Rather than always feeling the need for more, we need to learn how to be grateful for what we have. By learning to look inward we can learn how to live lives of faithful service to others. "Happiness can only be achieved by looking inward and learning to enjoy whatever life has, and this requires transforming greed into gratitude (St. John Chrysostom)." We all need to be good stewards of what has been entrusted to our care. Grateful hearts recognize the true source of what we have and realize that our true treasure lies not in what matters to us but to God.

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FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

August 6

O God, who in the glorious Transfiguration of your Only Begotten Son confirmed the mysteries of faith by the witness of the Fathers and wonderfully prefigured our full adoption to sonship, grant, we pray, to your servants, that, listening to the voice of your beloved Son, we may merit to become co-heirs with him. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

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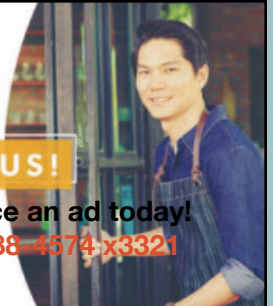
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