



# 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  
Mark Greene

### PARISH COUNCIL

Deacon Mark Stevens  
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Frank Melvin  
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### FINANCE COUNCIL

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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, AUGUST 7TH NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**9:00 AM** Paul Kuras  
By Wife Danute Kuras

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 14TH TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**9:00 AM** Elizabeth Maglio  
By Frances Maisto



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



## Month of August Dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

### Novena to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

O Most Blessed Mother, heart of love, heart of mercy, ever listening, caring, consoling, hear our prayer. As your children, we implore your intercession with Jesus your Son. Receive with understanding and compassion the petitions we place before you today, especially... *(special intention)*.

We are comforted in knowing your heart is ever open to those who ask for your prayer. We trust to your gentle care and intercession, those whom we love and who are sick or lonely or hurting. Help all of us, Holy Mother, to bear our burdens in this life until we may share eternal life and peace with God forever. Amen.

## 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](mailto: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.

**WEEKLY 7/31/22—\$699**

Thank you for your generosity. *Fr. Aniello*

## CAUGHT IN THE RISING ACTION

Think of some of your favorite iconic movies. I'm not talking about the feel-good comedies or the offbeat coming-of-age flicks. I'm talking about the movies that you found had a profound impact on you or made you go "Hmmm."

I'm willing to bet that the plot of this film features some tough moments and difficult scenarios. However happy the ending, at some point, the situation for the protagonist might look awfully hopeless. The script speaks some truth to you about what it is to be human in difficult circumstances. What it means to persevere.

We're attracted to the tension that exists when the hero is besieged. We're captivated by the decisions he makes in the darkest hour of the night when it seems like the dawn will never

come. Why? Because we know that feeling so well. This is the essence of our human life on earth: waiting, hoping, doubting — and enduring.

We know the ending to our story, but we don't know when it's coming. We live our whole lives in the rising action of the narrative. Sure, it gets old. Tiresome, even dull. We may start to despair that the climactic scene is coming at all.

But faith is the realization of things hoped for, and evidence of things not seen. We feel it watching a great movie, because we recognize it intuitively: it is faith which earns the happy ending. No one is drawn to the story when the hero gives up or gets tired of waiting for the payoff. Everyday stewardship is the collection of choices we make while we're waiting, because we are called to action, not idleness, even in our perpetual state of expectation.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

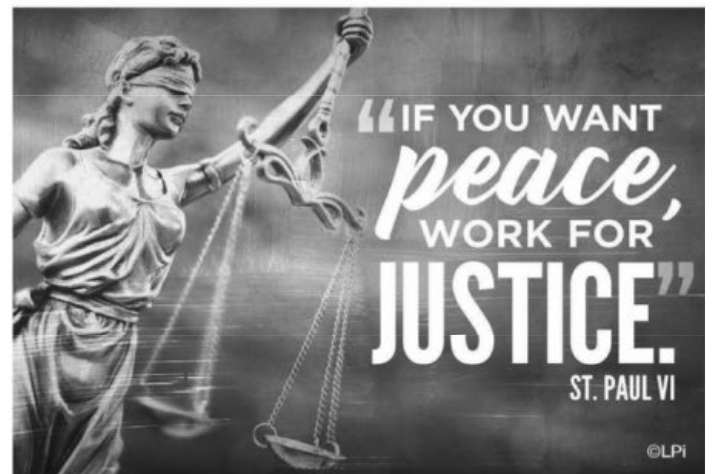
## ON AUGUST 10 WE CELEBRATE THE FEAST OF ST. LAWRENCE. CAN YOU TELL US A BIT ABOUT HIM?

Little is known about Lawrence other than he was a deacon during the reign of Emperor Valerian from 253–259. In 258, Valerian began a persecution of the Roman Church. Lawrence was in charge of the purse for the Church of Rome. Roman officials demanded that the riches of the church be handed over to them. Lawrence asked for a few days to gather them.

Lawrence took the money he had charge over and distributed it to the poor of Rome. Then he gathered all the homeless and poor together. When the officials came again demanding the riches of the church, Lawrence pointed to the destitute and homeless, saying that these were the true riches of the church. For this he was imprisoned and tortured, and put to death by burning on a gridiron. It is said that as he was dying, he told his executioners to turn him over

because he was done on one side and needed to be fully cooked for the Lord.

Lawrence continues to be a model for us today. The church needs continual reminders that its riches are the people. The primary purpose and mission of the church is to be continually sensitive to the needs of all God's people, most especially the least of our brothers and sisters.



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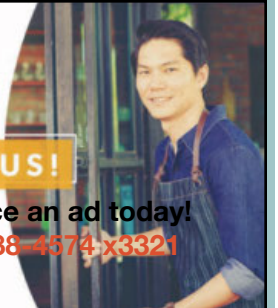
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