

The background of the entire page is a close-up, slightly blurred image of the American flag, showing the stars and stripes in a wavy pattern. The colors are vibrant, with a deep blue field for the stars and bright red and white stripes.

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH  
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PATRIOT  
DAY

★ ★ ★ SEPTEMBER 11 ★ ★ ★



## Mass Intentions for the Week

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH TWENTY-FOURTH  
SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**9:00 AM** Deceased Members of  
The Orintas Family  
By Bob Orintas

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH TWENTY-  
FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**9:00 AM** Living & Deceased Members of  
The Sabalauskas Family  
By Bob Orintas



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



**SAINT  
CORNELIUS  
BISHOP  
AND  
MARTYR**

**SEPTEMBER 16**

The Roman Ruler at the time of St Cornelius' election as Pope was Decius who persecuted Christians; he offering them the choice of martyrdom or

giving up their faith and making sacrifices to Roman gods.

Pope Fabian, St Cornelius' predecessor, was martyred by Decius who then prevented the election of a new Pope. However, while Decius was at war, an election was organized and they appointed St Cornelius.

Although Decius was killed in battle, a new Emperor was appointed and he initiated another period of Christian persecution. St Cornelius was exiled and martyred either as a result of the hardship imposed on him or by beheading. St Cornelius was Pope for less than three years.

St Cornelius (Died 253) is remembered for warmly receiving those who were forced by Decius to stop practicing their faith back into the Church without recrimination. His Feast Day is the 16th September.

### **Pope St Cornelius:**

*Pray with us for those who feel they have left the Church but want to return and be welcomed.*

Glory be to the...

## 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: [officeolmcwbtby@aol.com](mailto:officeolmcwbtby@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!

## CHURCH OFFERTORY

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

### TO BE POSTED NEXT WEEK

Thank you for your generosity. *Fr. Aniello*

## Prayer for Peace

*I think we all remember where we were on 9/11. We saw the tower fall and we saw the selfless first responders run toward the falling towers and debris without concern for their well-being, but for that of the fallen men and women. This is the model of patriotism, and why we now celebrate Patriot Day. Let us pray...*

*O God of selfless love,  
we are a blest people to have a god like you.  
You instill your love for us  
into the hearts of your human creatures.*

*Even if those human creatures do not  
acknowledge you,  
your love for us still shines through.  
We ask your blessing upon all first responders  
today and ask you to protect them and their  
families.*

*Help us love people of all nations, races, and  
creeds, which will bring about the end to wars  
and terrorism.*

*We ask all this in your peace. Amen.*



### The Seven Sorrows of Mary:

1. The Prophecy of Simeon (Luke 2:34-35)
2. The Flight into Egypt (Matthew 2:13-21)
3. The Loss of Jesus for Three Days (Luke 2:41-50)
4. The Carrying of the Cross (John 19:17)
5. The Crucifixion of Jesus (John 19:18-30)
6. Jesus Taken Down from the Cross (John 19:39-40)
7. Jesus Laid in the Tomb (John 19:39-42)

## Marriage Anniversary Mass

ARCHDIOCESE OF HARTFORD  
MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARY MASS

Sunday, October 16 at 2:00 PM

Cathedral of Saint Joseph | Hartford, CT

All those in the Archdiocese of Hartford who are observing 25th, 50th, 60th and other special wedding anniversaries in 2022 are invited to join Archbishop Blair for this special anniversary Mass.

Couples can register to attend online at [archdioceseofhartford.org/marriagemass](http://archdioceseofhartford.org/marriagemass).

### GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

September 11, 2022


24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Since God created human beings, we have struggled to keep our focus on God. We wrestle with the question of “who is God” and foolishly believe some of God’s job description can be better completed by us. We wander in different directions, lose our way, think that happiness can be found elsewhere and even construct golden calves to worship. Are we simply too independent or just blatantly stubborn? It’s a good question to ask. Even with all of our silliness and distractions, God compassionately and patiently waits. He lets us assert our wills and knows that perhaps one day we will actually wake up and realize how lost we are.

“Since happiness is nothing other than the enjoyment of the highest good and since the highest good is above, no one can be made happy unless he rises above himself, not by an ascent of the body but of the heart. But we cannot rise above ourselves unless a higher power lifts us up ... Divine aid is available to those who seek it from their hearts, humbly and devoutly; and this means to sigh for it in this valley of tears, through fervent prayer (St. Bonaventure).” One of the biggest human struggles is discerning what, exactly, is the highest good. We are ordered to achieve it but if we pursue it with clouded vision, we will never truly find it.

One of the greatest obstacles to God’s power and love is a stubborn, closed heart of stone. When we are fiercely determined to set our sights elsewhere for happiness or simply ride the popular currents of the day, we will never satisfy the deep ache and longing within. We know that ache well. It is precisely why we scurry all over the place, attempting to find the next best thing to take away its pain. Nothing in the created world ever can or will. We continue our journey. One day, people may wake up and realize that they are grazing in the wrong pasture and putting themselves in harm’s way. When this awakening occurs, it will be a most joyous day as we will see God’s wide-open arms waiting to receive us. “Lead me, Lord, in your path, and I will enter in your truth. Let my heart rejoice that it may fear your name (St. Bonaventure).”

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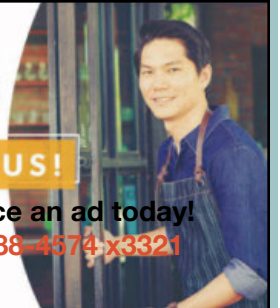
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