

Feast of the **Guardian Angels**

FOR HE WILL ORDER HIS ANGELS
TO PROTECT YOU WHEREVER YOU GO.



PSALM 91:11

ST. JOSEPH PARISH/PARROQUIA SAN JOSÉ

33 Queen Street, Bristol, Connecticut 06010

(860) 583-1369

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil..... 4:00 PM

Sunday Masses 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, & 12 Noon Spanish



ST. JOSEPH PARISH/PARROQUIA SAN JOSÉ

Mission Statement/Misión Parroquial

St. Joseph Parish is a welcoming Catholic community called to live, proclaim and foster God's steadfast love in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

La Parroquia de San José es una comunidad Católica acogedora llamada a vivir, proclamar y fomentar la misericordia de Dios en el nombre del Padre, y del Hijo, y del Espíritu Santo.



Parish Finances

September 19/20, 2020

Envelopes	2,060
Loose Cash	275
Mail	1,586
Online	2,309
Total	\$ 6,230

Today's collection: HOPES COLLECTION

Thank you for supporting Catholic Elementary Schools. We receive 25% of what is collected.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Upcoming Collections:

- 10/4 Meals for the Needy
- 10/18 Monthly Collection
- Mission Sunday



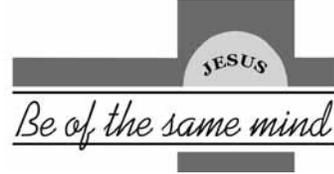
Try it! Simple & consistent!



"To Learn and Love without Distinction."



TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SEPTEMBER 27, 2020



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2020

4 :00PM LIVING & DECEASED MEMBERS OF ST. JOSEPH PARISH

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2020

8:00AM SOULS IN PURGATORY REQ BY MARIA SANCHEZ

10:00AM DENISE MARY GERVAIS CIQUERA REQ BY AUDREY GERVAIS

12 NOON GUADALUPE SANMARTIN REQ BY FAMILY

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2020

9:00AM NO MASS INTENTION

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2020 – SAINTS MICHAEL, GABRIEL & RAPHAEL, ARCHANGELS

9:00AM SPECIAL INTENTION REQ BY KATHERINE YOUNG

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2020 – ST. JEROME, PRIEST & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

9:00AM CLAIRE MINO - BENEFACTOR

7:00PM SPECIAL INTENTION FOR THE SAFETY OF JOSHUA PEREZ-OCHOA REQ BY MARTHA OCHOA

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2020 – ST. THÉRÈSE OF THE CHILD JESUS, VIRGIN & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

9:00AM SPECIAL INTENTION –

REGANNE YOUNG (BIRTHDAY) REQ BY GRAMMA

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2020 – THE HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS

9:00AM NO MASS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2020

4 :00PM MERCEDES DOMINQUE, LUIS CALLE & CECILIA SALTAMA REQ BY ANGEL CALLE & FAMILY

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2020 – RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY

8:00AM LIVING & DECEASED MEMBERS OF ST. JOSEPH PARISH

10:00AM DENISE MARY GERVAIS CIQUERA REQ BY THE YOST FAMILY

12 NOON MARIA COLON & JOSE SANTIAGO REQ BY SISTER

WEEKEND MASSES LIVE STREAMED ON FACEBOOK ~
ALSO ON YouTube*

Please note revised Mass Schedule

PRAYER LINE

To activate or to join St. Joseph Prayer Line, please call the numbers below/ Para activar llame a los siguientes números:

Days/Días: Sandi ~ 860-585-1028

Anytime/ En Cualquier Momento:

Pat: 860-589-3444

Carmen: 860-329-7295 - Elizabeth: 860-597-1193



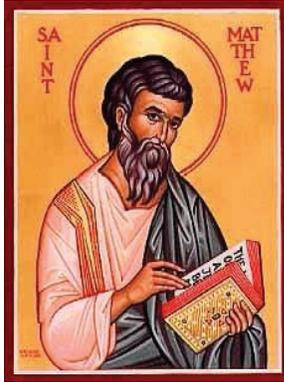
REFLECTION ON TODAY'S READINGS

The context for today's Gospel is the mounting tension between Jesus and the Jewish religious leaders. Jesus has entered Jerusalem and overturned the money changers' tables in the Temple. Jesus has caught the attention of the religious authorities; the chief priests and elders question Jesus about the source of his authority. Jesus refuses to name for these religious leaders the source of his authority. Instead, he questions the priests and elders through the parable we hear in today's Gospel. The answer given by the religious leaders is correct, but it convicts them for their failure to heed the call of John the Baptist and for their inability to recognize the Kingdom of God.

The situation Jesus poses is rather straightforward. Given the same task by their father, one son asserts his disobedience in words, but then obeys in his actions; the second son obeys with his words, but disobeys in his actions. The question that Jesus poses is pointed and direct: Which son did what the father wanted? All would agree that "actions speak louder than words" and that even if his words were disobedient, the son who did the work as ordered did the father's will.

Jesus' conclusion is also direct. The chief priests and elders, the ones who speak most often about God, did not act accordingly. They did not respond to the message of repentance announced by John the Baptist with a change of heart. Instead, John's message was heeded by those one would not expect to repent—tax collectors, prostitutes, and other sinners. Because of their actions, these sinners will enter the Kingdom of God ahead of the religious leaders.

Jesus could ask us the same question. Do our words indicate our obedience to God? If not our words, do our actions? God desires a full conversion of heart, that our actions (and our words as well) will give evidence of our love for God.



REFLEXIÓN DE LAS LECTURAS DE HOY

El contexto del Evangelio de hoy se trata de la creciente tensión entre Jesús y los líderes religiosos judíos. Jesús ha entrado a Jerusalén y ha volcado las mesas de los intercambiadores de dinero en el Templo. Jesús ha llamado la atención de las autoridades religiosas; los sumos sacerdotes y los ancianos le preguntan a Jesús sobre el origen de su autoridad. Jesús se rehúsa a nombrar el origen de su autoridad ante estos líderes religiosos. En cambio, Él cuestiona a los sacerdotes y los ancianos a través de la parábola que escuchamos en el Evangelio de hoy. La

respuesta dada por los líderes religiosos es correcta, pero los condena por no hacer caso del llamado de Juan el Bautista y por su inhabilidad para reconocer el Reino de Dios.

La situación que propone Jesús es muy directa. Dada la misma tarea por su padre, un hijo demuestra su desobediencia con palabras, pero después obedece con sus acciones; el segundo hijo obedece con sus palabras, pero desobedece con sus acciones. La pregunta que Jesús propone es clara y directa: ¿Cuál de los hijos hizo lo que el padre quería? Todos estarían de acuerdo que "las acciones hablan más que las palabras" y que aunque sus palabras fueran desobedientes, el hijo que hizo el trabajo ordenado hizo la voluntad de su padre.

La conclusión de Jesús también es directa. Los sumos sacerdotes y los ancianos, los que más hablan acerca de Dios, no actuaron de acuerdo con sus palabras. Ellos no respondieron al mensaje de arrepentimiento anunciado por Juan el Bautista con un cambio de corazón. Al contrario, el mensaje de Juan fue escuchado por aquellos que nadie esperaría que se arrepintieran – recaudadores de impuestos, prostitutas, y otros pecadores. Por sus acciones, estos pecadores entrarán al Reino de Dios antes que los líderes religiosos.

Jesús pudiera hacernos la misma pregunta. ¿Indican nuestras palabras obediencia a Dios? ¿Si no nuestras palabras, qué tal nuestras acciones? Dios desea una conversión de corazón completa, para que nuestras acciones (y nuestras palabras también) den evidencia de nuestro amor a Dios.

Revised Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil - 4PM

**Sunday Masses at 8am, 10am and
12N Spanish**

**Confessions: 2:30PM - Saturday
or Monday and Tuesday between 10-12Noon
by appointment only.**

We will still follow the Covid-19 protocol for weekend Masses.

Masks are required at all times, Use of hand sanitizer, No gathering for conversation before or after Masses, Social Distancing of 6 feet – there are markers in the Church, Maximum of 60 people for each Mas.

St. Joseph Church

**12-Hour Day of Adoration and
Mass for Pro-Life**

**Wednesday, October 14
Adoration 7:00AM – 7:00AM
Mass 9:00AM**



Please try to dedicate an hour of your time for those most vulnerable, our unborn and elderly. We will also participate in the **Vigil in Hartford at the Abortion Clinic from 6am-6pm on Saturday, October 17th.**

Signup sheets are on a table at the entrance of the church, in addition to prayer cards and information to take home.

A Prayer to Combat the Coronavirus Pandemic

Most Merciful and Triune God, we come to You in our weakness.

We come to You in our fear.

We come to You with trust.

For You alone are our hope.

We place before You the disease present in our world.

We turn to You in our time of need.

Bring wisdom to doctors.

Give understanding to scientists.

Endow caregivers with compassion and generosity.

Bring healing to those who are ill.

Stabilize our communities.

Unite us in our compassion.

Remove all fear from our hearts.

Fill us with confidence in Your care.

Jesus, I trust in You.

Amen.



open wide our hearts

the enduring call to love *a pastoral letter against racism*

In the November 2018 Pastoral Letter Against Racism, *Open Wide Our Hearts*, the Catholic bishops of the United States urge all Catholics to acknowledge "the scourge of racism" that still exists in our hearts, words, actions, and institutions. Racism can be individual, when persons fail to recognize certain groups as created in the image of God and equal in dignity, or it can be systemic, where practices or policies treat certain groups of people unjustly. One area of systemic racism is lack of access to quality education for persons of color.

As children of God, all persons have a God-given right to flourish and develop their potential, so that they may lead lives of dignity and contribute to the common good. The right to education has been cited in Papal encyclicals for over a century.

-US bishops, Open Wide our Hearts



Reflection on Vocations

The Gospel is a challenge to examine the integrity of discipleship. It is also a challenge to examine what it means to follow the Father's will. Will an examination of these challenges result in your considering a call to priesthood or religious life?

Call **Fr. Michael Casey**, Director of Vocations, Archdiocesan Pastoral Center, (860) 761-7456, email vocations@aohct.org, or visit the web at www.hartfordpriest.com.



Life Line Screening

Let's Be Healthy Together!
Saint Joseph Church on October 15, 2020

A woman's risk of breaking a hip is equal to her risk of developing breast cancer, uterine and ovarian cancer *combined*, according to the National Osteoporosis Foundation website.

Saint Joseph Parish is hosting Life Line Screening, on Thursday, October 15. The screenings provided include an ultrasound of the heel, which is a first-rung osteoporosis risk test. Other screenings include tests to check for blocked carotid arteries, atrial fibrillation, high blood pressure, and hardening of the arteries in the legs.

The Wellness Package includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). Single tests cost around \$70.

Pre-Registration is Required
Call 1-888-653-6441 or visit

<http://lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle>

or text the word circle to 797979

Area Pro-Life Activities



Holy Hours for Pro Life

for the legal protection of unborn children.
Thursdays, October 1, 8 & 15 at 7:00 pm

Rosary for Life

Join Fr. Glen

Monday, October 5, at 6:00 pm

All will be held @

St. Gregory the Great Church

235 Maltby Street, Bristol

OUR LADY OF FATIMA PUBLIC ROSARY RALLY

Saturday, October 10 at 12:00 noon

Join along with 20,000 other rallies around the country praying the rosary for our country and world peace. If you wish to sit, please bring a lawn chair.

St. Anthony Church - 111 School Street

"The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults" (RCIA or RICA)

Who is RCIA for?

- Adults never baptized who might desire to become Catholic
- Adults baptized in another Christian Church who might desire to become a Catholic
- Adults baptized Catholic who have not received full reception into the church through the Sacraments of Eucharist or Confirmation

God's invitation for us to receive Sacraments is always present. St. Joseph Parish invites those interested in learning about or joining the Catholic faith, or adult Catholics who have not yet received the Sacrament of Confirmation, to join RCIA classes.

**Are you interested in becoming Catholic?
Do you know someone who is?**

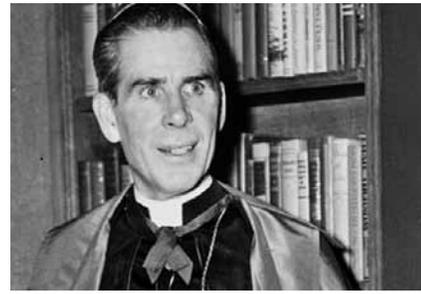
RCIA is the process for preparing adults for full communion with the Catholic Church.

For more information, please speak to Father Ivan or contact Kimberlee Donahue in the Office of Religious Education 860-582-2888 or email religiouseducation@stjosephbristol.org

Rito De Iniciación Cristiana Católica

- Si eres mayor de 18 años y aun no has recibido los sacramentos de Bautismo, Eucaristía y Confirmación te invitamos a que participes del programa RICA de nuestra parroquia. En este programa aprenderás de manera vivencial la doctrina de nuestra Iglesia Católica como instrumento para descubrir el llamado del Señor en la vida diaria.
- Aprovecha esta oportunidad para conocer mejor a Dios y experimentar sus bendiciones a través de su Iglesia

Para mayor información por favor contactar al Padre Ivan
860.589.1369



By Debbie Cowden

"Would thou betray America with a kiss?"

In the 1950s, Venerable Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen, in his famous TV show, "Life is Worth Living," warned viewers of the dangers of Communism. There is an urgent need to share the truth about the ideologies that threaten our God-given freedoms, particularly in America.

Tune in for more episodes of Venerable Fulton Sheen's timeless show, Life is Worth Living:

Sunday, Oct. 11 at 4 p.m. ET – "Communism and Truth" – Archbishop Sheen explains how in Communism, the final and absolute truth is the philosophy of Marx and Lenin

Sunday, Oct. 25 at 4 p.m. ET – "The Man Who Knew Communism Best" - Archbishop Sheen looks at the life of Russian Novelist Fyodor Dostoyevsky, suggesting that he understood communism so well because he saw it from the inside out.

By watching "Life is Worth Living," it's no surprise Venerable Fulton Sheen is on the path to sainthood. Let us continue to pray for his intercession, that we will be empowered by the Holy Spirit to promote and defend our God-given rights.

Respect Life Ministry Archdiocese of Hartford

40 Days For Life

From September 23 through November 1, you are invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You are also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside the Hartford GYN Center at 1 Main St. Hartford, CT 06106, and also to help spread the word about this important community outreach. If you would like more information – and especially if you would like to volunteer to help, please contact Anne Boers at (203) 745-7300 or visit: www.prolifeministry.org.



Respect Life Ministry Archdiocese of Hartford

Respect Life Mass

Sunday, October 18, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.
with Archbishop Leonard P. Blair
at St. Bridget of Sweden Parish
175 Main Street, Cheshire

Limited seating ~ 100 people.

Contact:
Pro-Life Ministry of the Archdiocese of Hartford
(203) 639-0833 or (203) 213-5079
sistersuzanne@prolifeministry.org
sisteramaris@prolifeministry.org
prolifeministry.org

123 North Street
Bristol, CT 06010



(860) 583-5309

FORMALLY CASEY - ENGLAND MONUMENT CO. - SCOTT & STEPHANIE ENGLAND

DUPONT FUNERAL HOME INC.
Active Parishioners
of St. Joseph Church
Conveniently Located Near St.
Joseph Church at 25 Bellevue Ave.
Bob & Diane Du Pont Lic. Dir's.
582-8129



Mondovi Dental®
860.584.5240 • mondovidental.com/bristol

SCHEDULE WITH DR. LATVIS TODAY!

Dunn
FUNERAL HOME
TRADITIONAL FUNERALS AND
CREMATION SERVICE
Jeffrey F. Meyer, Owner
860-583-9219
Dunnfh.com
Dunnfuneralhome@att.net
191 WEST STREET • BRISTOL, CT 06010



CatholicMatch
Connecticut
CatholicMatch.com/CTsingles

*Please Continue
To Pray For*



World Peace

Eye Exams & Contact Lenses by Appt.
your eyes
LICENSED OPTICIANS
Donat Jultras, Craig Pearce
Licensed Opticians 589-6475
927 Farmington Ave. • Bristol

Thurs 10-8pm
HOURS: Tues, Wed, Fri 10-6pm
Sat. 10-4pm

HEALTHCARE & ESSENTIAL WORKERS
We Humbly & Gratefully 
THANK YOU!

Serving All Faiths Since 1865



FUNK FUNERAL HOME
Christopher J. Duhaime, SJS Parent
Ronald F. Duhaime
Emilie P. Duhaime
Monique Hertzler
Elizabeth Cole
35 Bellevue Ave. 860-583-4107
www.FunkFuneralHome.com

BRISTOL MEMORIAL WORKS
See Our Work At St. Joseph Cemetery
Since 1898 **860-583-1654**
www.foxbecker.com

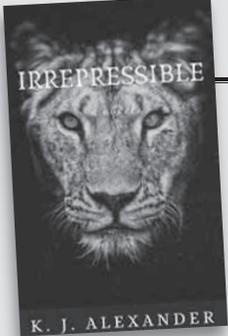
PHONE (860) 589-8872 FAX (860) 589-6468



Bristol PEDIATRIC Center
THOMAS G. WARD, M.D.
A. E. HERTZLER KNOX, M.D.
DroHealth PHYSICIANS
MEGAN SOSENSKY, APRN
160 WOLCOTT STREET • BRISTOL, CT 06010

O'Brien
FUNERAL HOME
24 Lincoln Avenue • Forestville
583-7116
www.obrien-funeralhome.com

IRREPRESSIBLE
K.J. Alexander



To her, she's just another foster kid.
To them, she's the queen
who will save them all.

AVAILABLE NOW!
Scan Here or Visit
<https://amzn.to/322DlqT>



GOD BLESS AMERICA

KRIS SQUIRES
Print & Promotional Products, llc
Embroidering • Silkscreening
Imprinted Clothing • Banners • Pens • Mugs
Business Cards • Forms • Envelopes • Checks
and so much more!
860.582.0782 • www.krissquires.com

LET'S GROW TOGETHER.

Please support the local businesses in our community.

For local savings and coupons, just scan this code with your mobile phone:



or visit:
www.TheCommunityCoupon.com

Take care of one another.





ROGER D.
Michele
Barber / Styling • Real Estate
Sun. 8am-3pm • Tues.-Fri. 7am-6pm • Sat. 7am-5pm
582-5087 Senior & Child Discounts **582-6838**

ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL
335 Center Street • Bristol, CT 06010
Now accepting new student registration for the 2019-2020 School Year.

- Space in our Pre-K3 and Pre-K4 Half and All Day programs
- Full Day Kindergarten program and select openings available in Grades 1-8

For more information, please call our school office (860) 582-8696 or visit the school.

You can also visit our web site: www.stjosephbristol.org
(Click on link to the school site from there.)

ST. JOSEPH CEMETERY
522 TERRYVILLE AVENUE
BRISTOL, CT 06010

- OFFERING **PRE-NEED** AND **AT-NEED** ARRANGEMENTS
- COME AND SEE OUR NEWLY DEVELOPED SECTION
- VISIT OUR WEBSITE UNDER <http://cemetery.stjosephbristol.org>
(Click on link to cemetery under other)

For more information call (860) 589-2105