

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 17, 2026

**BUT IF YOU SUFFER AS A
CHRISTIAN, DO NOT BE
ASHAMED, BUT GLORIFY
GOD THAT YOU BEAR THAT
NAME.**

- 1 PETER 4:16

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Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil 4:00 PM
Sunday Masses 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, & 12 Noon Spanish

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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.

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Parish Finances

May 10, 2026

Envelopes	\$ 4,895
Loose Cash	1,384
Mail	372
Online	<u>2,953</u>
Total	\$ 9,604

Collection this weekend: Catholic Communication

Upcoming Collections:

- 5/24 Monthly
- 6/7 Meals for the Needy



Catholic Communication Collection This Weekend

Today we take up the collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). Your support helps CCC fulfill its mission of love to share the gospel message of hope with people in the United States using the internet,

television, radio, and print media. *Half the funds we collect remain here in the Archdiocese of Hartford to support local efforts.* The other half support the communication activities of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and other projects across the United States and abroad. Be part of this campaign to spread the gospel message. Support the collection today! Learn more at www.usccb.org/cc.

Seventh Sunday of Easter May 17, 2026



I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours.
John 17:9

SATURDAY, MAY 16, 2026

- 3:00PM CONFESSIONS
- 4:00PM NANCY & EUGENE PROULX REQ BY MICHELE & PAUL ALBERT

SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2026

- 8:00AM THERESE LACHANCE REQ BY FAMILY
- 10:00AM LELIA & KENNETH CONLON REQ BY FAMILY
- 12:00PM LUIS & JUAN RODRIGUEZ REQ BY RODRIGUEZ FAMILY

MONDAY, MAY 18, 2026

- 9:00AM LIVING & DECEASED MEMBERS OF ST. JOSEPH PARISH

TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2026

- 9:00AM THOMAS CAPUTO REQ BY GIGI BARNARD

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 2026

- 9:00AM THOMAS E. WARD REQ BY TOM & CHRIS WARD
- 6:00PM EUCHARISTIC ADORATION & CONFESSIONS
- 7:00PM ANA MARIA AGUIRRE REQ BY PARENTS (SPANISH MASS)

THURSDAY, MAY 21, 2026

- 9:00AM NO MASS

FRIDAY, MAY 22, 2026

- 9:00AM NO MASS

SATURDAY, MAY 23, 2026

- 3:00PM CONFESSIONS
- 4:00PM FAITH PARENT REQ BY PAT & MURDO SMITH

SUNDAY, MAY 24, 2026 PENTECOST SUNDAY

- 8:00AM SISTER MARY DORMODY & LORETTA TEEVAN REQ BY ELEANOR WILSON
- 10:00AM CLAUDA LAVERTU REQ BY EDGAR LAVERTU
- 12:00PM ZOILA AREVALO REQ BY FAMILY



Guild Hall ~ 6:00PM ~ 17 al 23 de Mayo

REFLECTION ON TODAY'S READINGS

This Sunday places us in the time between the Ascension and Pentecost: Jesus has returned to the Father, and the Holy Spirit has not yet come upon the Church. It is a time of waiting.

The disciples in Acts show us how to wait—with prayer, unity, and trust. They gather in the upper room with Mary, devoting themselves to prayer as they await God's promise.

In the Gospel, Jesus prays for his disciples—and for us. Before his Passion, his concern is for our protection, unity, and faithfulness. Even now, the risen Lord continues to intercede for us.

St. Peter reminds us that following Christ may involve suffering, but that suffering can unite us more deeply to him.

These readings invite us to reflect: How do we wait for God to act in our lives? With impatience or trust? With fear or prayer?

As we prepare for Pentecost, may we stay close to the Lord in prayer, united as his Church, and open to the transforming power of the Holy Spirit.



REFLEXIÓN DE LAS LECTURAS DE HOY

Este domingo nos sitúa en el tiempo entre la Ascensión y Pentecostés: Jesús ha vuelto al Padre y el Espíritu Santo aún no ha descendido sobre la Iglesia. Es un tiempo de espera.

Los discípulos en los Hechos de los Apóstoles nos enseñan cómo esperar: con oración, unidad y confianza. Se reúnen en el cenáculo con María, perseverando en la oración mientras esperan la promesa de Dios.

En el Evangelio, Jesús ora por sus discípulos y también por nosotros. Antes de su Pasión, su preocupación es nuestra protección, unidad y fidelidad. Incluso ahora, el Señor resucitado sigue intercediendo por nosotros.

San Pedro nos recuerda que seguir a Cristo puede implicar sufrimiento, pero ese sufrimiento puede unirnos más profundamente a Él.

Estas lecturas nos invitan a reflexionar: ¿Cómo esperamos la acción de Dios en nuestra vida? ¿Con impaciencia o con confianza? ¿Con miedo o con oración?

Mientras nos preparamos para Pentecostés, que permanezcamos cerca del Señor en la oración, unidos como Iglesia y abiertos al poder transformador del Espíritu Santo.



Memorial Day Mass Monday, May 25

There will be no 9:00AM Mass on Memorial Day, but we will have a Memorial Day Mass at 11:00AM in the St. Joseph Cemetery Mausoleum. Please bring a lawn chair to sit on.



This week's Sanctuary candle could be *for your loved one*. Call the Parish Center for more Information 860-583-1369.

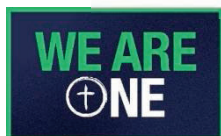


CCW
Council of Catholic Women

You are Invited! New Britain Council of Catholic Women Meeting

The New Britain Council of Catholic Women will hold their May meeting on May 21st at 1:00PM at St. Jerome Church, 1010 Slater Road, New Britain. The main event will be the recitation of the Holy Rosary. Please bring a friend.

2026 Archbishop's Annual Appeal



Goal for St. Joseph Parish: \$55,000

The Archbishop's Annual Appeal changes lives. In addition to assisting the underserved of our communities, your gift helps those discerning a vocation to the priesthood. Your gift to the Appeal is an investment in the future of our Church and our faith. Please continue to pray for an increase of vocations especially in the Archdiocese of Hartford.

Thank you to the parish families who have made a gift or pledge to the 2026 Archbishop's Annual Appeal. If you have not yet participated, please prayerfully consider a gift today. Be assured every dollar of your gift will have a positive impact in someone's life.



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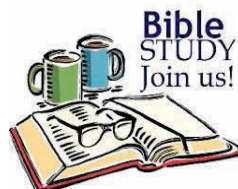
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**!Así amó Dios al mundo! Le dio al Hijo
Unico, para que quien cree en El no se
pierda, sino que tenga vida eterna.**

Juan 3; 16

**Para mas información
comunicarce con
Waddie Silva 860-203-213-3630**



**Ephesians: Your
Inheritance**
Begins June 15
6:30-8:30pm
in the Parish Center

Our second Bible study/enrichment class for 2026 is St Paul's Letter to the Ephesians. The study on Ephesians is produced by Ascension Press, the video presenters are Jeff Cavins and Thomas Smith.

Our 9 week study will begin on June 15th. Ephesians was one of the most widely circulated of St. Paul's writings because of its powerful, practical instructions for disciples of Christ. In fact, its six short chapters contain some of the most discussed passages in the New Testament.

Ephesians: Your Inheritance examines several much-discussed themes in today's Christian culture and society-the nature of marriage, the purpose and role of the Church, the preeminence of grace in God's plan, and the reality of spiritual warfare.

Presenter Jeff Cavins explores what Paul's letter to the Ephesians tells us about the nature of the Church-as a body, as a household, as a mystery, as a communion, as a bride, and as an army. Ephesians: Discover Your Inheritance shows the treasures that await us as adopted sons and daughters in the family of God.

We meet in the Parish Center, 149 Goodwin Ave. from 6:30 to 8:30. Our small group sharing will be based on the video, Scripture, study guide readings and homework questions. The cost of the study guide is \$29.50, which includes tax and shipping. Study Guides will only be available for participants who pre-register by June 5th.

"To fall in love with God is the greatest of all romances; to seek him, the greatest adventure." ~ St. Augustine of Hippo

Everyone is welcome. No prior knowledge of Scripture is necessary, just an open mind and heart desirous of knowing and loving God. If you have any questions or would like to register, please contact Linda Mickiewicz at: maryheart@gmail.com or text 203-213-0275



they HAVE KEPT YOUR WORD



Happy Birthday, Father Ivan!

Wishing you a birthday filled with God's abundant grace. May His love and blessings overflow in your life.

Happy Birthday!

As you celebrate another year, may God renew your strength and fill your heart with joy.

Happy birthday, and may His peace be with you.

On your birthday, may God guide your steps and protect you throughout the coming year.

Happy birthday, and may his grace be with you.

¡Feliz Cumpleaños!

PRO-LIFE CORNER



"Mother Mary, we ask your intercession for the protection of our churches and the whole world as we continue to fight for an end to abortion. Blessed Mary, you said "yes" to life, even though you faced uncertainty. Give us the courage to bear witness courageously and protect all life to the Praise and Honor of your Son Jesus Christ, Our Creator God in Heaven and our Advocate the Holy Spirit." AMEN!

St. Joseph Pro-Life Ministry: Questions? text/call 858-663-2794 or email jewel4one@gmail.com



We are in need of a few gardeners to help us tackle the weeds in our flower beds, especially around the Parish Center. If you are able to lend a hand to help out, please contact the Parish Center.

A relic in our reliquary case...

Who is St. Margaret Mary Alacoque?

Patron of those suffering with polio,
devotees of the Sacred Heart,
loss of parents

Feast Day: October 16



St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, a French Roman Catholic Visitation nun and mystic, is greatly recognized for her devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Born in France in 1647, she had always shown an intense love for the Blessed Sacrament and preferred silence over typical childhood play. She began practicing severe corporal mortification after her First Communion at nine years old. She continued this until rheumatic fever confined her to bed for four years. After making a vow to the Blessed Virgin Mary to consecrate herself to religious life, Margaret instantly returned to perfect health. In recognition of this favor, Margaret added the name Mary to her baptismal name.

St. Margaret Mary Alacoque experienced visions of Jesus Christ for most of her life but thought they were a normal part of life and continued to practice austerity. When she was 17, her mother began to encourage her to become more social, hoping that she would find a husband. After attending a ball in an evening dress, she had a vision of Christ, scourged and bloody. He accused Margaret of forgetting about him. He showed her that His heart was full of love for her because of the promise she made to His Blessed Mother as a child.


After this vision she fulfilled the vow she made years ago and entered a convent to become a nun. During this time, Margaret received several private revelations of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. These visions showed her the "form of the devotion, the chief features being reception of Holy Communion on the first Friday of each month, Eucharistic adoration during a 'Holy hour' on Thursdays, and the celebration of the Feast of the Sacred Heart." The Lord Jesus requested His love be made evident through her. Mary devoted her Holy hour to meditating on Jesus' Agony in the Garden of Gethsemane, a practice known as "The Holy Hour," that later became widespread.

Margaret Mary died at the age of 43, on October 17, 1690, while being anointed. She spoke the words, "I need nothing but God, and to lose myself in the heart of Jesus." After her death, the devotion to the Sacred Heart was adopted by the Jesuits but did not become officially recognized until 75 years later. Margaret Mary was beatified by Pope Pius IX on September 18, 1864. When her tomb was opened a few years later, her body laid incorrupt and two immediate cures took place. Pope Benedict XV canonized St. Margaret Mary Alacoque on May 13, 1920.

Excerpts from: <https://www.catholic.org/saints> and <https://www.catholicapostolatecenterfeastdays.org/>

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