



Saint Joseph's Parish

*Serving the People of North Brookfield,
Oakham and New Braintree*

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Adoration and Prayer: Thurs. afternoons 3:00 - 4:00 PM

First Fridays Mass at 8:30 AM at St. John's, adoration to follow.

Rosary:

Weekdays: Mondays, Tuesdays, 8:05 AM, before the daily Mass.

Visitation of the Sick:

If you or a family member are housebound and would like to receive Communion, please call the rectory. If you know of someone from the parish who is in the hospital and would like a visit from one of the priests, please let us know.

Sacrament of the Sick:

This is administered periodically. You can also call the rectory for an appointment.

Parish Registration:

If you are new to the parish, please call the rectory to register.

Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA):

Adults who are interested in becoming members of the Catholic faith are invited to join the RCIA. Please call the rectory for information.

Food Pantry - December Schedule

Christmas giving baskets will be distributed through phone requests. More details can be found on the inside of the bulletin.

Bereavement Committee: Carole Ryback (508) 867-8728

St. Joseph's Cemetery: Douglas Fedler (508) 867-6811

Bulletin Deadline: Please submit bulletin entries in writing to the rectory by Monday at 9:00AM.

Lord's Day Masses— Saturdays. 4:00PM,
Sundays: 8:30AM only

Weekday Liturgies

Mondays, Tuesdays 8:30AM at St. Joseph's Parish
Thursdays, Fridays 8:30 AM, St. John's, E. Brookfield

Confessions (Reconciliation)

Saturday at @ 3:00 PM at the Church
or by appointment.

Baptisms

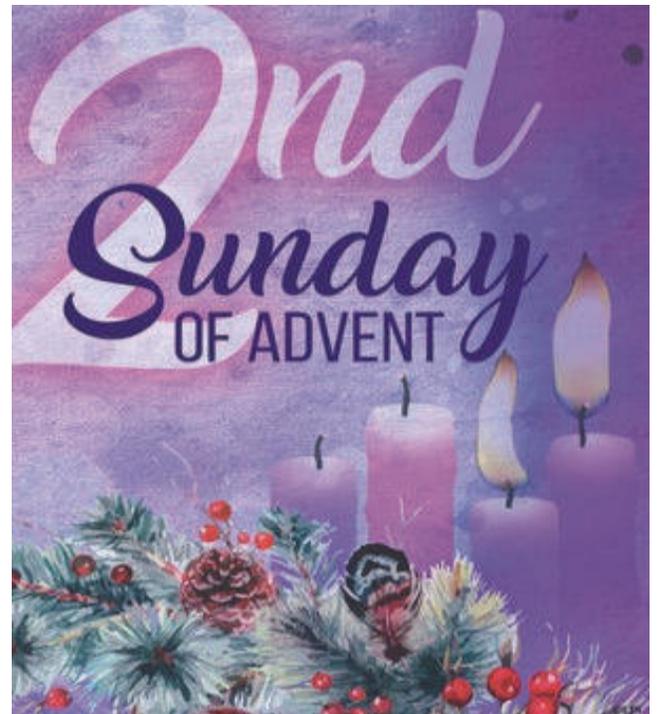
Sunday at 12 noon or by appointment
Baptismal Preparation: by appointment.

Marriages

Arrangements should be made 1 year in advance.

Parish Mission Statement

As individuals and families, our mission as the parish community of Saint Joseph is to live fully the call of Jesus Christ, to be the People of God by giving witness to the Gospel, passing on our Catholic tradition, strengthening the spiritual life of parishioners and serving those in need. We are committed to being an active, welcoming, and supportive community, proclaiming Christ's teaching through word and deed.





Prepare For Our Lord's Arrival

People knew over a year in advance that the Pope was coming for a visit to America and the preparations began. Security, space limitations and requirements, protocols, crowd management, itineraries, invitations, regulations, and so much more was necessary to pull this event off effectively. It's not every day that we get a visit from such a prominent dignitary. Thought, effort, meticulous attention to detail and vision all are necessary to make this thing work. After all, he can't just show up in the ordinary and normal daily routines of life and catch people unprepared! Tickets have to be purchased, buses rented, hotel rooms reserved, and travel arrangements made early because it will be impossible to see him if we wait too long

We do this kind of preparing not only for prominent religious figures but for political dignitaries, notable sports figures, people of fame, and even actors. If an individual intrigues us, we are going to want to do all we have to do to get a "good seat" in the house. Does Jesus Christ captivate this much of our attention? We are asked to prepare the way of the Lord and to do so not with frantic frenzy but patient enthusiasm. We do not have to stand on a street corner making profound announcements about God's coming or become overly zealous in our embrace of the Good News. Our task is quieter, more interior, captivating, and consuming. We are asked to change. We have to conduct our lives with holy devotion.

Is the cost of that ticket too much for you? Don't you want the "best seat" in the house? You don't want to miss Our Lord's arrival when he comes, do you? After all, if he comes while you are going about your daily routines without you even knowing, he may catch you off guard. Or, he may come in disguise looking like a beggar, a prisoner, migrant, refugee, or someone who is lost. Would you be ready to recognize him then? Preparing for the coming of Christ requires a change of mind, heart, and behavior. It is not adequate to simply do the things we always do. We want our lives to speak of the exciting news of Christ's coming and the joy that the Gospel brings. It has to do with our demeanor, values, priorities, choices, and how we structure daily routines. Of course, it involves sacrifice. All anticipations do! Are you excited, captivated, enthusiastic, and sitting on the edge of your seat eager to celebrate his coming among us at Christmas, and waiting for him to come again? If not, why not?

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- SATURDAY December 5, 2020 (First Saturday)**
 8:30 AM **Bernice Chevarie** (Fr. Don's cousin)
 req. by her husband, Dolphe and family
 4:00 PM **Vigil Mass for Sunday**
Leo DeLude, 27th Anniversary
 req. by his daughter and family
- SUNDAY December 6, 2020**
 8:30 AM **Harrold Greenwood**
 req. by Helen
- MONDAY December 7, 2020**
 8:30 AM **Marianne Abysalh**
 req. by her husband, Charles
- TUESDAY December 8, 2020 -Immaculate Conception**
 8:30 AM **Ed Belton, 22nd Anniversary**
 req. by his wife Claire and family
 7:00 PM *Mass at St. John's*
- WEDNESDAY December 9, 2020**
No Mass at St. Joseph's or St. John's Parishes
Masses on Wednesday at nearby parishes.
 8:00 AM—*Mary Queen of the Rosary, Spencer*
 8:00 AM—*Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, West Brookfield*
- THURS., FRI. Dec. 10-11, 2020**
 8:30 AM Masses at St. John's, East Brookfield
- SATURDAY December 12, 2020**
 4:00 PM **1st Lt. Mark N. Brunnell**, req. by the parish
- SUNDAY December 13, 2020**
 8:30 AM **Richard Esselen, Jr.**, req. by the family

Readings for the week of December 6, 2020

- Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/
 2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8
- Monday: Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14
 [Is 35:4f]/Lk 5:17-26
- Tuesday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [1]/
 Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
- Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10 [1]/
 Mt 11:28-30
- Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab [8]/
 Mt 11:11-15
- Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [cf. Jn 8:12]/
 Mt 11:16-19
- Saturday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/
 Jdt13:18bcde, 19 [15:9d]/Lk 1:26-38 or
 Lk 1:39-47
- Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 51-54 [Is
 61:10b]/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

Christmas Flowers



Flowers may be donated in memory of your loved ones. Envelopes are available in the church lobby and can be placed in the weekend collection baskets or dropped off at the rectory. Requests must be made by Friday, December 18.



May the Angels Lead You to Paradise Memorial Mass

Our parish community would like to continue praying for the repose of the soul of William "Kippy" Minns. He passed away this past May. Graveside services were conducted at Walnut Grove Cemetery. The Memorial Mass was held recently at St. Joseph's Church. We pray for his family, friends, and those who grieve this loss. May God keep him in His loving care eternally.





Legacy of Hope Appeal

In the Legacy of Hope Campaign, we are thankful to all parishioners who have already pledged. We have reached \$94,175 in pledges, 50% of our goal !

We ask you to consider your pledge to the *Legacy of Hope Campaign* either by returning your pledge card this weekend at Mass, or going online to the Legacy of Hope website: www.legacyofhope.worcesterdiocese.org. You can also send it by mail to the Diocesan Development Office at 49 Elm St., Worcester, MA 01609. Please remember to make the check out to Legacy of Hope and not the parish.



Seminarian Giving Tree 2020

The Diocesan Vocation Office, with Fr. Donato Infante, Vocations Director, are adapting the annual "Seminarian Giving-Tree" tradition by asking for gift cards. If you would like to participate, please mail a gift card of any amount in an envelope addressed to "Seminarians, 51 Illinois St., Worcester, MA 01610." Suggested stores for purchasing gift card donations: Amazon, Barnes & Noble, CVS, Staples, or Walmart. They will be sorting out gift cards and distribute them to the seminarians. Bless you for your generosity. Know of the seminarian community's prayers for you.



Dec 8 8:30am	Lectors	Altar Servers	Eucharistic Ministers
Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception	volunteer	volunteer	Maureen Caramiello
Dec 12-13	Lectors	Altar Servers	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat. 4:00 PM	Ted Mullens	Caden Harvey	Christine Letendre
Sun. 8:30 AM	Joan Reidy	Carlo Zolla	Phyllis Casey

Weekend Collections



	Nov. 21 - Nov. 22
Weekend	\$ 1,871.00
Renovations	\$ 43.00
Fuel	\$ 85.00
Donation	\$ 100.00
Food Pantry	\$ 85.00
Renovation donation <i>in memory of Alice Trask</i>	\$ 1,000.00
Campaign for Human Development	\$ 235.00

Thank you for your continued support!

St. Joseph's- Religious Education Schedule

Sun Dec 6	Group A	Grades: preK-2, half of 3-6
Dec 13	Group B	Grades: half of 3-6, Gr. 7-9
Dec 20	Group A	Grades: preK-2, half of 3-6
Fri. Dec 25 – Christmas no classes		Sun. Dec. 27 - no classes

Christmas Masses



We are planning for the **Christmas Eve** 4:00pm Mass for this year. As you know from the past, we have had many people attend that Mass. Because of restrictions, this year's limit for any Mass is for 80 people.

If you would like to attend the 4:00pm Mass this year, so that we can plan accordingly, we are asking for you to reserve a place for the Mass. Please notify us with your request for seats at the Mass by calling the rectory at 508.867.6811 or by sending an email to us at the parish at: saintjosephrectory@verizon.net

We are working on having the Christmas Eve Mass on video, both on the local cable stations and live on Facebook, if you have the internet. More details will be forthcoming.

In addition, on **Christmas Day**, Fri. Dec. 25th, there will be an 8:30am Mass.



St. Joseph's Food Pantry

The holiday hours for St. Joseph's Christmas food distribution is listed below. Please call the rectory at (508)867-6811 if you would like to be included in this annual Christmas event. Requests must be made as soon as possible.

The Christmas food distribution is as follows:

Thursday, December 17th from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM
and Saturday, December 19th from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM.



Parish Giving Tree 2020

For this year, we are requesting gift cards for families in need. If you would like to help, please call Maureen Caramiello @ 508-596-3582 or email her @ m_caramiello@yahoo.com before purchasing your gift card. She will assign you a number and we ask that when returning the gift card please place it in an envelope and write the assigned number on it. You can put your envelope in the collection basket or drop it off at the rectory. The deadline for the collection of Gift Cards will be Sunday, December 6th. Thank you for your generosity and for helping those who are in need.

The amount of \$25 gift cards are requested.

Hannaford	15 cards	Walmart	18
Amazon	13	Subway	4
Kohls	2	Macys	1
Marshalls	1		



Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception Masses
Holy Day of Obligation: Tues. Dec. 8th
Masses: 8:30am St. Joseph's, 7:00pm St. John's

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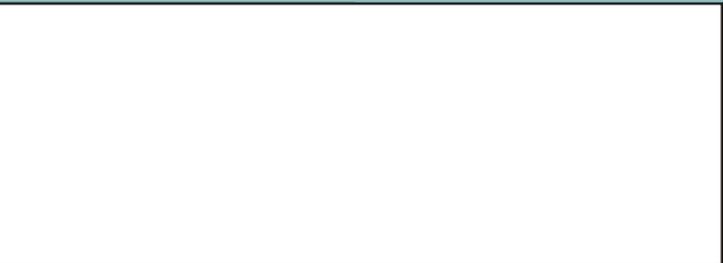
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