



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.

Visits to the Church:

*Our church will be open on Mondays through Fridays
from 7am to 5pm for private prayer and adoration*

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: Open

First Thursday of the month 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM

Third Thursday of the month 12:00 PM - 1:15 PM

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

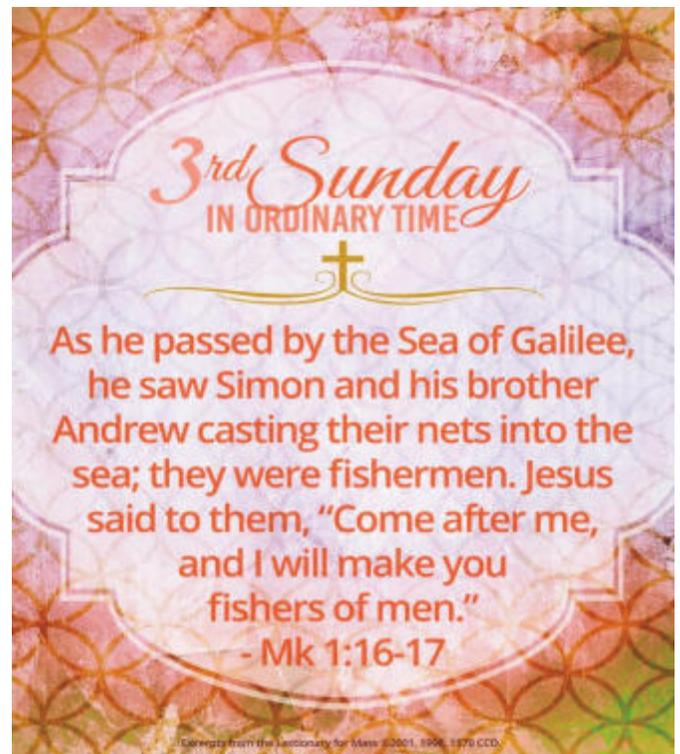
Baptismal Preparation: by appointment.

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.





- SATURDAY Jan. 23, 2021**
4:00 PM **Earlene Lapierre, 1st Anniversary**
req. by the family
- SUNDAY Jan. 24, 2021**
8:30 AM **Julianne Caron,
Blanche & John Borelli**
req. by the family
- MONDAY Jan. 25, 2021**
8:30 AM **Ann L. Nealer**
req. by the family
- TUESDAY Jan. 26, 2021**
8:30 AM **Marianne Abysalh**
req. by her husband, Charles
- WEDNESDAY Jan. 27, 2021**
No Mass at St. Joseph's or St. John's Churches
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. Jan. 28-29, 2021**
8:30 AM Masses at St. John's, East Brookfield
- SATURDAY Jan. 30, 2021**
4:00 PM **Leo L. DeLude, 27th Anniversary**
req. by his daughter and family
- SUNDAY Jan. 31, 2021**
8:30 AM **For peace in our community & our
country**
req. by the parishioners

Readings for the week of January 24, 2021

- Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [4a]/1
Cor 7:9-31 Mk 1:14-20
- Monday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2
[Mk 16:15]/Mk 16:15-18
- Tuesday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a,
10 [3]/Mk 3:31-35
- Wednesday: Heb 10:11-18/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/
Mk 4:1-20
- Thursday: Heb 10:19-25/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/
Mk 4:21-25
- Friday: Heb 10:32-39/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-40
[39a]/ Mk 4:26-34
- Saturday: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75
[cf. 68]/ Mk 4:35-41
- Sunday: Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 [8]/1
Cor 7:32-35/ Mk 1:21-28



Repent and Follow Me

It was a normal day by all accounts, but John just wasn't feeling himself. He was a little lightheaded and out of sorts. Later in the afternoon, he experienced a sharp pain in his chest and arm. Quick thinking and action brought John to the emergency department with a diagnosis of a significant heart attack. Surviving this ordeal, he found himself face to face with his cardiologist, having an honest conversation about things that needed to change. "I came close to death," John found himself thinking. Then came the remorse. He was a young man with a loving wife and children who were very close to facing life without him. John found himself with intense sorrow for living an unchecked and self-indulgent life that almost brought him to his demise. He wanted to change.

We all have our wake-up calls. We have experiences and encounters that force us to really think twice about choices we have made and directions we have taken. Often, we find ourselves looking at those we have hurt square in the eye and wallowing in our foolishness. We regrettably realize that we have allowed our needs to lure us into making some cruel mistakes. We impulsively say things and flippantly do things that reveal our unredeemed and unhealed self. It is a self we stumble over and try to tame but can't quite seem to master and control. Help!

We spin our wheels, naively thinking that we will somehow, perhaps through persistence, get ourselves unstuck. But, we don't. We just get out of the car, feeling very helpless, and ignorantly look at the mess we got ourselves into. Did we ever think to ask someone for help? Or, taken the advice of One who is wiser and avoid this route altogether? "Come after me," are words that Jesus says to all of us. In order to heed his invitation, we must leave our ego-self behind and follow.

When we really see and understand the freedom, peace, justice, and love he offers, we find ourselves with such sorrow in our hearts for how foolish and silly we have been. All the misguided choices and sinful actions come full view and we see how risky our random impassioned behaviors really have been. Repentance is beautiful. When done with a sincere and contrite heart, it directs us to the glory that can be ours, ignites us with the challenge of living a life in service of others and reminds us that all is well.

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Legacy of Hope Update

 Our parish has received pledges totaling \$113,385.00. Please know that the campaign is winding down. If you have yet to make your pledge, please complete the donor's card and mail it directly to the Diocese. You may also drop it off at the rectory or place it in the collection basket. We thank those who have already made their pledge in this campaign.

Collection for Priests' Retirement.

Beginning this Ash Wednesday, Feb. 17, the parishes of our diocese will take up an annual collection to support the retirement costs of our diocesan priests. For many years the parishes of our diocese have generously supported a collection to assist religious communities with the retirement costs of their sisters, brothers and priests. These funds have gone to religious communities like the Venerini Sisters, the Sisters of Saint Joseph, the Assumptionists and the Trappists, to name a few. These funds have not gone to support the retirement costs of the priests of the Diocese of Worcester. We will continue to support the Retirement Fund for Religious in December. Please join us in taking care of our priests this Ash Wednesday as we work to find new revenues to support them in their retirement. Thank you for your support.



Jan. 30-31	Lectors	Altar Servers	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat. 4:00 PM	Pat Cummings	Larry Walter	Christine Letendre
Sun. 8:30 AM	Mary Walter	Sophia Hearnlaye	Richard Caron

Scratch Ticket Raffle



St. John's Parish is having a new fundraiser - a Scratch Ticket Raffle. The Grand Prize will be a book of 50 \$30.00 scratch tickets. The 2nd prize is \$200, and the 3rd prize is \$100. This would make a great gift. The deadline for the ticket returns is Friday, Jan. 29th. The drawing: Sunday, January 31st. Please call the rectory office for tickets. The cost is \$20 per chance.

St. Blase, Feb. 3rd, Blessing of Throats

It is pastorally appropriate, that the blessing of throats take place at Mass on Feb. 3rd, the Optional Memorial of St. Blase. However, in the light of the danger of spreading COVID-19 by personal contact, the blessing should be given to the Congregation as a whole and not to individuals.

A priest or Deacon may give the blessing to all assembled by extending hands, without the crossed candles, over the people while saying the prayer from the Pastoral Care of the Sick.

Since there are no daily Masses on Wednesdays in our parish, there is daily Mass on Wednesday, Feb. 3rd at Mary, Queen of the Rosary Church in Spencer at 8:00am and Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church in West Brookfield at 8:00am.

It should be noted that no provision is made for the Blessing of Throats on any day other than February 3rd, the optional memorial of Saint Blase. It is not appropriate to bless throats, for example, on the Sunday before or after this optional memorial.

Excerpts from the Diocesan Office for Worship January 2021 Newsletter, Orantes



Christmas Flowers Remembrances
partial list - as of 1.10.21 part 2

in memory of these deceased		requested by
Tom, Peg, Richard Severance	Sue Angela Healey	Joann Severance
Mr. & Mrs. William J. Contino		William and Jean Contino
Albina & Richard Reynolds		parishioners
Smith family	Trask family	Don & Carol Smith
Waytina family	O'Brien family	Don & Carol Smith
Pariseau family		Don & Carol Smith
Carnecka family	Galonski family	Urszula Czarnecka
Rzepecki family		Urszula Czarnecka
Jake Wheeler		Rick Wheeler
Esther & Earl Troy		parishioners
<i>Living Intentions - In Honor of</i>		
Mary Wheeler		Rick Wheeler



Weekend Collections

	Jan. 2-3, 2021
Weekend	\$ 1,689.00
Renovations	\$ 50.00
Fuel	\$ 136.00
Christmas	\$ 40.00
Retirement for Religious	\$ 25.00
Catholic University	\$ 30.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 6.00

Thank you for your continued support!

Ash Wednesday Schedule
Wednesday, Feb. 17th Masses
8:30am St. Joseph's
7:00pm St. John's
(no vigil Mass on Tuesday)



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