

# 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:

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

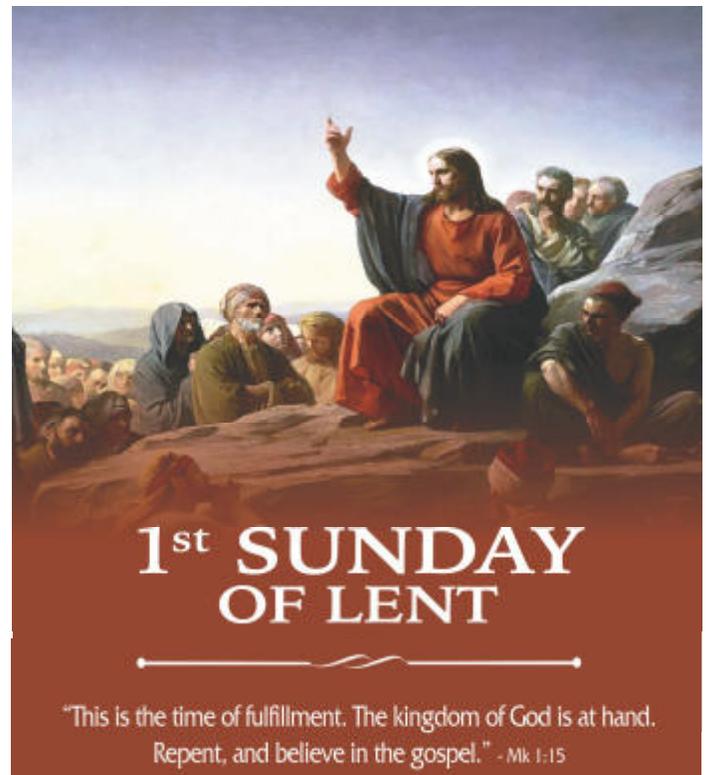
Baptismal Preparation: by appointment.

### 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.*



"This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand.  
Repent, and believe in the gospel." - Mk 1:15



## Love God, Neighbor &amp; Self

**SATURDAY Feb. 20, 2021**

4:00 PM **Sue Angela Healy**  
req. by Carole Ryback

**SUNDAY Feb. 21, 2021**

8:30 AM **Rev. Richard Carey, 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**  
req. by the parish

**MONDAY Feb. 22, 2021**

8:30 AM **Marianne Abysahl**  
req. by her husband, Charles

**TUESDAY Feb. 23, 2021**

8:30 AM **Mr. & Mrs. Reedy J. Wheeler, Sr.**  
req. by the family

**WEDNESDAY Feb. 24, 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. Feb. 25-26, 2021**

8:30 AM Masses at St. John's, East Brookfield

**SATURDAY Feb. 27, 2021**

4:00 PM **Robert C. Phoenix, 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**  
req. by his family

**SUNDAY Feb. 28, 2021**

8:30 AM **Joseph P. Zelnia, 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary**  
req. by his family

**Readings for the week of February 21, 2021**

Sunday: Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 10]/  
1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15  
Monday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6 [1]/Mt 16:13-19  
Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19  
[18b]/Mt 6:7-15  
Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 [19b]/  
Lk 11:29-32  
Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3,  
7c-8 [3a]/Mt 7:7-12  
Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8 [3]/  
Mt 5:20-26  
Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 [1b]/  
Mt 5:43-48  
Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15,  
16-17, 18-19 [9]/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10

St. Oscar Romero said, "Aspire not to have more, but to be more." These powerful words provide the perfect framework for a conversion oriented Lenten experience. God is giving us this Lenten sign to stop being concerned about what you have and focus on who you are. This requires that we create a desert space and listen more attentively for God to reveal His presence. It is all so wonderfully simple on the one hand and so incredibly challenging on the other. The message is simple: love God, neighbor, and self. Those simple words make great sense, but we struggle translating them into reality. Our attachments, compulsions, obsessions, addictions, routines, and busyness all anchor us to the "idol of the self," keeping us mired in our compulsive need for self-aggrandizement. It's not about us!

God vowed, long ago, to nurture, sustain and protect the relationship He has with His people. He called us into being, nurtures us in being, and sustains us in being. Without the Loving Divine Presence, all life would cease. Once we slow down a bit and clear away some of the clutter, we can see how the journey of our life is unfolding. We can see what brings us in and out of tune with God's love and how we can better imitate God's loving fidelity in our relationship with Him. In short, we will see our myopic short sightedness and figure out how we can better share the Divine Fire within with others. Lent isn't just about giving stuff up for forty days and indulging again at Easter. We need to push things much farther and wrestle with the question of how we can be more. "Being more" means becoming more fully alive and in touch with the holiness of life and the divinity that lives in and empowers all beings and things. It is realizing that the "quality" of our presence is crucial to being an effective witness and herald of God's unconditional love.

The illusion we have bought into causes us to believe that the wrong things and systems matter. We tirelessly fight to keep things the way they are, to return to the former ways of doing things or restore some nostalgic fantasy memory of "life in the good old days." Lent isn't about maintaining what we have or returning to something that is gone. It's about becoming something new. It's about being more focused, centered, convicted, and grounded so that we can be a person who truly loves and treasures being made in the image of God. The secret to Gospel living is not found in accumulating anything for ourselves, even merit points for heaven. Gospel living means learning how to live with less so that others can live with more. The thought of permanently giving something up makes us feel uncomfortable. Truth often does.

## Thank You



Thank you to the food pantry for the turkey, groceries and gift card I received for the holidays. My elf, Dave Enos, has always delivered to my house with a smile. God bless him and you for all that you do.  
Jeanne Parker



**Collection for Priests' Retirement**

The Ash Wednesday collection, which helps support the retirement costs of our diocesan priests, will be extended to this weekend. If you can donate, we would be most grateful.

A reminder: this is separate from the Retirement Fund for Religious, which is taken up in December, and supports various religious community brothers and sisters, not the diocesan priests. Thank you for your support.

**Lenten Regulations**

**GUIDELINES FOR FAST AND ABSTINENCE**

Lenten fast and abstinence regulations for the Diocese of Worcester are as follows:

**Abstinence** from meat is to be observed by all Catholics fourteen (14) years of age and older on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all the Fridays of Lent.

**Fasting** is to be observed by all Catholics who are eighteen (18) years of age but not yet fifty-nine (59) years of age on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Those who are bound to fast may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary, to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted. Catholics should not lightly excuse themselves from these prescribed Lenten penitential practices.

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**Stations of the Cross during Lent**

Fridays, Feb. 19, 26, Mar. 5 @ **St. Joseph's** @ 6pm  
 Fridays, Mar 12, 19, 26 @ **St. John's** @ 6 pm



Feb. 27-28	Lectors	Altar Servers	Eucharistic Ministers
<b>Sat. 4:00 PM</b>	Larry Walter	Kayleigh McPartland	Carole Ryback
<b>Sun. 8:30 AM</b>	Tammy Auger	Sam Losurdo	Denise Kruckas

**Anointing of the Sick**



The Sacrament of the Sick will be offered after all Masses this weekend Feb. 20-21. Come to experience God's presence and healing.



**Year of St. Joseph  
St. Joseph Consecration**

Pope Francis has declared this year as the Year of St. Joseph. We are encouraged to participate in devotions that would allow us to draw closer to the caretaker of Mary and Jesus, St. Joseph.

You may want to sign up to take part in a worldwide St. Joseph consecration. It will take place on March 19<sup>th</sup>, the Feast of St. Joseph. Please visit: [www.StJosephNow.org](http://www.StJosephNow.org) for more information.

You can also share daily meditations, called St. Joseph Gems with your family and friends! You can sign up at [thedivinemercy.org/gems](http://thedivinemercy.org/gems).



**Weekend Collections**

Feb. 6-7

Sat/Sun	\$ 2,769.00
Renovations	\$ 10.00
Fuel	\$ 94.00
Food Pantry	\$ 500.00
Catholic Home Mission	\$ 158.00

*Thank you for your support!*



**FIRST RECONCILIATION**

Congratulations to our young parishioners who are receiving this weekend the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time:

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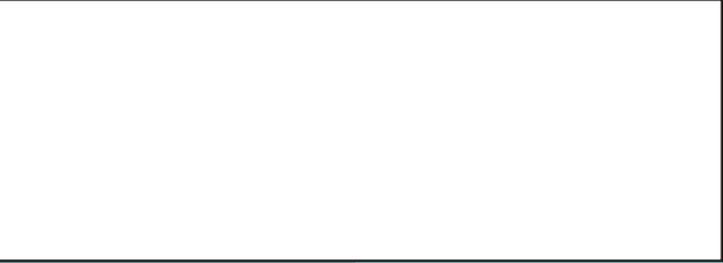
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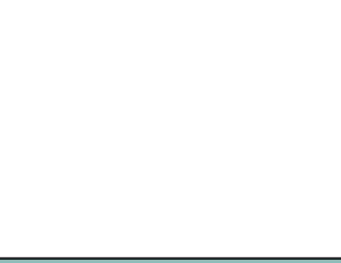



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