



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

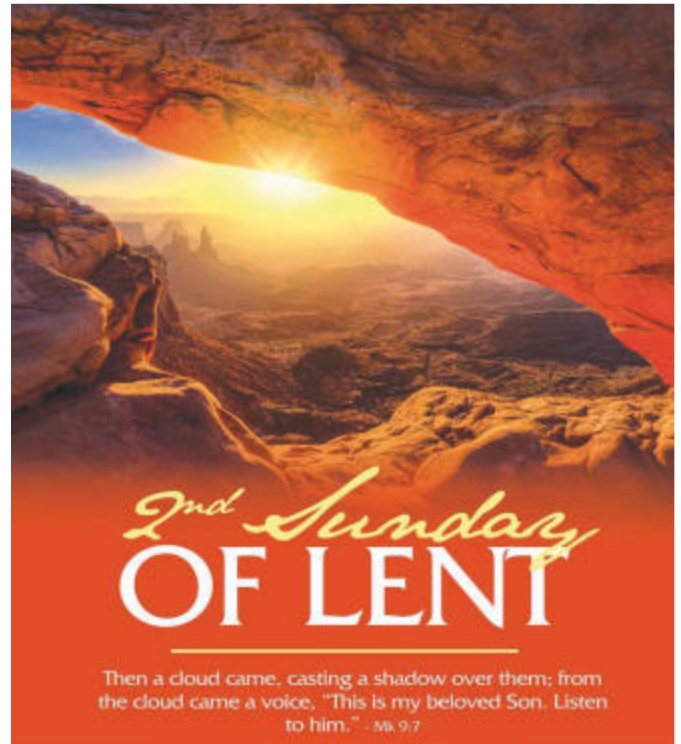
Baptismal Preparation: by appointment.

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.





SATURDAY	Feb. 27, 2021
4:00 PM	Robert C. Phoenix, 20th Anniversary req. by his family
SUNDAY	Feb. 28, 2021
8:30 AM	Joseph P. Zelnia, 1st Anniversary req. by his family
MONDAY	Mar. 1, 2021
8:30 AM	Patrick Halverson, month's mind req. by the parish
TUESDAY	Mar. 2, 2021
8:30 AM	Donald Daniel req. by Ron & Diane Houle
WEDNESDAY	Mar. 3, 2021
	<i>No Mass at St. Joseph's or St. John's Churches</i> <i>Masses on Wednesday at nearby parishes.</i> 8:00 AM— <i>Mary Queen of the Rosary, Spencer</i> 8:00 AM— <i>Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, West Brookfield</i>
THURS., FRI.	Mar. 4-5, 2021 (First Friday)
8:30 AM	Masses at St. John's, East Brookfield
SATURDAY	Mar. 6, 2021 (First Saturday)
8:30 AM	Judy Sullivan req. by the parish
4:00 PM	Wilfred Dupell, 27th Anniversary req. by the family
SUNDAY	Mar. 7, 2021
8:30 AM	Patty Cocoran req. by Maureen & Carlo Caramiello

Readings for the week of February 28, 2021

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
Monday:	Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9 11 and 13 [cf. 103:10a]/Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday:	Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 [23b]/Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday:	Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16 [17b]/Mt 20:17-28
Thursday:	Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [40:5a]/Lk 16:19-31
Friday:	Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 [5a]/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday:	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 [8a]/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Sunday:	Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [Jn 6:68c]/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25 or Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

Listen for God's Call

A pregnant woman was walking in the store and met an old friend. Her friend exclaimed, "You are absolutely beaming!" The new life God placed in her womb radiated throughout her body. It was brightly visible on her face and in her eyes. Transformation and change usually happen from the inside out. It is very rare that simply imposing structure from the outside does any good. Yes, it is true that routines and habits can change when things are done differently. But, for this change to last there has to be an interior renewal and metamorphosis as well. Simply regulating behavior and bringing someone into conformity with accepted protocols doesn't mean their heart and soul come with them.

Peter was a homeless man who lived in a very remote and rudimentary tent community. He was happy to make his daily trip to McDonald's and always welcomed a gift card or two so that he could buy some coffee and something to eat. A generous advocate worked to secure him an apartment in hopes of moving Peter out of his makeshift housing and into something safer. Peter finally got the grand tour of his new "digs," received his own key, remarked how wonderful the place was, closed the door behind him when they left and never returned. He preferred his tent. No matter how much things changed on the outside, Peter was happy where he was. A poignant lesson was learned that day.

How is your Lent going? By now you ought to have a sense of whether you're really "into it" this year and something transformational is happening. For many, it's only the stuff on the outside that changes for a few weeks and then they return to business as usual. For others, there are some real inner changes happening that are deepening their relationships with God, others, self, and creation. If we are serious about moving to a new place and radiating with the presence of new life and joy, then we have to clear the way to listen for God's call. Then, there is God's request to change things up a bit and order our lives differently. After realizing we have been called and given a mission, we have to trust that this is where we need to be. And then, after all of this hard work we are asked to act. The fruit that is revealed will indicate whether our journey is authentic. The brilliance of conversion will begin to shine on our faces as we contemplate the One to whom we are asked to listen.

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Correction



The February 23 Mass Intention was incorrectly listed. It should have read Mr. & Mrs. Reddy J. Nealer, Sr. Please accept our apologies for the error.





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Mar. 6-7	Lectors	Altar Servers	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat. 4:00 PM	Pat Cummings	Caden Harvey	Darlene Lavin
Sun. 8:30 AM	Richard LeBlanc	Carlo Zolla	Peter Losurdo



Weekend Collections

Feb. 13-14

Sat/Sun	\$ 1,718.00
Renovations	\$ 65.00
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Saint Joseph's Religious Education Schedule

Group A = K to 2, First Communion, half of grades 3 to 6

Group B = Half of grades 3 to 6 and grades 7 to 9

14-Feb Group B

Wed. 2/17 Ash Wednesday

21-Feb Group A First Sunday of Lent

28-Feb Group B

7-Mar Group A

14-Mar Group B

3/19 St. Joseph Feast Day



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 all the Fridays of Lent.

Our Diocese reminds us that Catholics should not lightly excuse themselves from these prescribed Lenten penitential practices.



Fish Fry

Our Knights of Columbus chapter will be having a take-out order Fish Fry on the feast of St. Joseph, on Friday, Mar. 19th from 5:00pm-7:00pm. Fish, fries, and cole slaw will be on the menu. Tickets are \$ 10.00 and can be purchased through sales at the end of weekend Masses, through a member of the Knights of Columbus, or through the our parish office at 508.867.6811. Tickets need to be reserved and purchased by Mon. Mar. 15th.



Stations of the Cross during Lent

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

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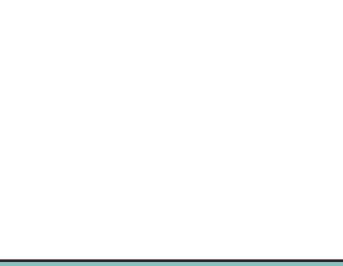



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