



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

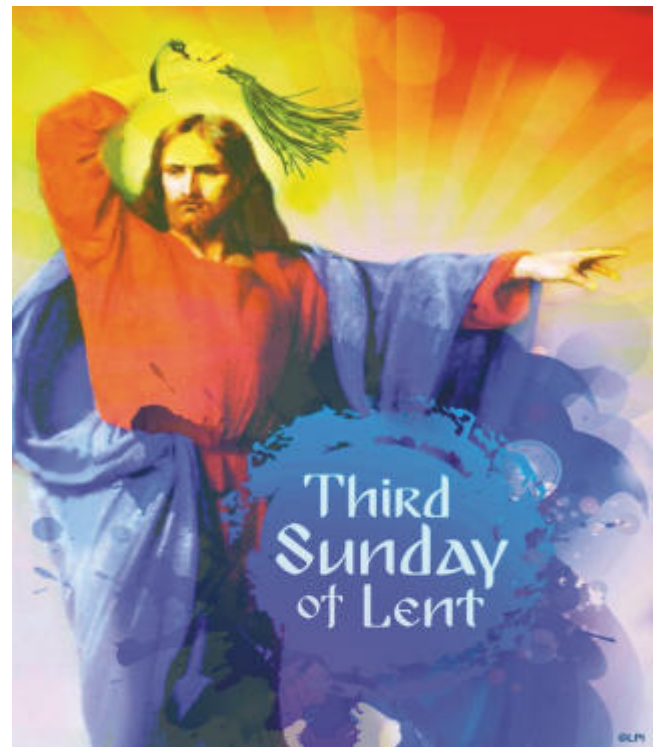
Baptismal Preparation: by appointment.

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.





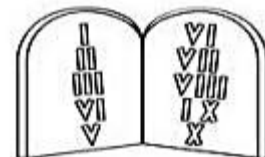
Living the Ten Commandments

Many prefer a “create as you go” approach to life where laws and protocols primarily exist to secure and protect liberties rather than dictate and outline proper and right behavior. There are no real benchmarks for acceptable ethical and moral behavior, with a “you can’t tell me what to do” attitude prevailing. Parents are even limited in what they can request of their children, and dealing with threatening behaviors, especially from adults, are a challenge as well. Acceptable and expected conduct seems to amount to safeguarding each other’s space rather than increasing awareness of necessary relationships that require a more refined and higher response.

We have lost our axis to the world of “anything goes” and no longer see the Ten Commandments as practical and wise guideposts to effective living. We live on “relativism island” where only a possible suggestion to “love and do not harm” may be the only standard able to be preached. While Jesus most certainly emphasized love above anything else, it was never about warm fuzzy feelings or half-hearted humanitarian efforts. The love of which Jesus spoke establishes an intimate connection with God, neighbor, self, and creation. Because this love, who is God Himself, is at the foundational core of our lives, it demands actions and attitudes that serve to build up, increase, and free up those relationships. Love requires proper conduct. Preserving and enhancing these love centered relationships is at the heart of the Ten Commandments (and the Beatitudes) and the reason for Jesus’ display of anger in the temple.

The Ten Commandments can save the world from turmoil and conflict by instilling basic moral and relational principles within us. They also hold a healthy sense of sin in balance and always remind us of our relationship with God and the freedom God offers. Our faith preserves these jewels of truth that we often look beyond, dismiss altogether, or seek to remove from public view. Human beings can be so arrogant at times. Our Lenten journey, especially when embarked upon with sincerity and resolve, can restore all of our essential relationships. When we get absorbed in life’s preoccupations and demands, things can quickly get distorted and we can find ourselves way off track. In short, we find ourselves in sin. Humanity is losing a sense of both grace and sin. We need both to understand what is real and true. Until we do, the oppressive systems and ideologies that hurt so many will never change. We will never change. We are grateful for those courageous souls who willingly embrace the conversion and hard work Lent demands and stand against antiquated systems and ideologies. They give us hope that all is not lost.

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**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 Corcoran

req. by Maureen & Carlo Caramiello

MONDAY Mar. 8, 2021

8:30 AM

Margaret J. Veilleux

req. by Catholic Association of Foresters

TUESDAY Mar. 9, 2021

8:30 AM

Marianne Abysahl

req., by her husband, Charles

WEDNESDAY Mar. 10, 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. Mar. 11-12, 2021**

8:30 AM

Masses at St. John's, East Brookfield

SATURDAY Mar. 13, 2021

4:00 PM

Raymond Morrison, 14th Anniversary

req. by his wife and family

SUNDAY Mar. 14, 2021

8:30 AM

Anthony Caron, 71st Anniversary

req. by Pit & Marilyn Caron

Readings for the week of March 7, 2021

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
Monday:	2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4 [cf 42:3]/Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday:	Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [6a]/Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday:	Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20]/Mt 5:17-19
Thursday:	Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Lk 11:14-23
Friday:	Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17 [cf. 11 and 9a]/Mk 12:28-34
Saturday:	Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab [cf. Hos 6:6]/Lk 18:9-14
Sunday:	2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [6ab]/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21 or 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4m 5, 6 [1]/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38



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

March 7 Group A
 March 14 Group B
 March 19 St. Joseph Feast Day

Mar. 13-14	Lectors	Altar Servers	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat. 4:00 PM	Richard Lindsay	Larry Walter	Christine Letendre
Sun. 8:30 AM	Rose Benvenuti	Sophia Hearnlaye	Richard Caron



**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 19th, the Feast of St. Joseph. Please visit: 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 www.thedivinemercy.org/gems.



Scholarship Drive

The St. Aloysius Catholic School Scholarship Drive is in full-swing through March 31! Please don't let them miss out on the opportunity to have the first \$35,000 they raise as it is being matched dollar for dollar by a generous benefactor! Their goal is to keep full-time tuitions for K-8 students below the \$3,000 mark! Donating is easy- either by a check mailed to the school at 52 Church St, Gilbertville, MA 01031 or online through www.staloysiuscs.com. Thank you so much for your help!



**Weekend Collections
 Feb. 20-21**

Sat/Sun	\$ 1,635.00
Renovations	\$ 45.00
Fuel	\$ 90.00
Catholic Free Press	\$ 78.00
Food Pantry Donations	\$ 540.00
Church Latin America	\$ 172.00
Catholic Home Mission	\$ 18.00
Ash Wednesday- Priest Retirement Appeal	\$ 824.00

Thank you for your support!



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. If there is inclement weather, the alternate date is Fri. Mar. 26th. 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

At St. John's: Fridays, Mar 12, 6pm, Mar. 19 at 4:30pm (to accommodate the Fish Fry at St. Joseph's) and Mar. 26 @ 6pm.



Heartfelt Thank You

Our thanks go to the Brookfield's Lions Club for their generous donation and all those who support St. Joseph's Food Pantry.

Through all the generous gifts we receive, St. Joseph's is able to continue help to so many families in our community.

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