



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

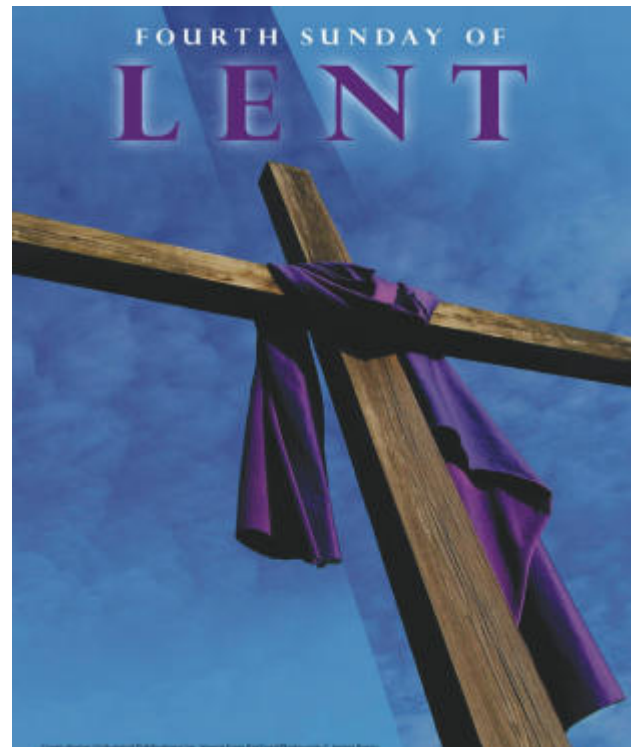
Baptismal Preparation: by appointment.

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.





Listening and Learning

Is there something to Lent that goes beyond our own spiritual house cleaning and spiritual refinement? Yes, there is! It has to do with listening and learning so that we can take up the task of the Gospel with greater clarity and fortitude. While the spiritual refocusing of Lent is necessary, the fruit of this Lenten conversion has much more to do with learning how we can be a better Church than it does about our eternal salvation. Salvation is a gift that flows out of God's unconditional Mercy and cannot be merited. The spiritual maturity we can experience as a result of our Lenten disciplines serves to reduce the anxiety and apprehension we may experience as messengers of good, but very challenging, and unsettling, news.

St. Oscar Romero said that, "a church that doesn't provoke any crises, a gospel that doesn't unsettle, a word of God that doesn't get under anyone's skin, a word of God that doesn't touch the real sin of the society in which it is being proclaimed, what gospel is that?" When we listen to those descriptive and provocative words, do they resonate with anything in our experience? As messengers of the Gospel, we are called to bring an unsettling message to the world. If our main concern is protecting our self-interests, then we are missing something huge! Many really struggle with being rejected, dismissed, or perceived as someone who is speaking out of turn. There is a counter cultural message that must be preached that clearly sides with the poor, marginalized, victimized, oppressed, neglected, disregarded, and lost souls throughout the world. There is a widespread misery among the peoples that is all too often allowed to fester with no one coming forward to offer a change or resolution.

The Church can speak to the needed structural changes that will allow people to earn just wages, feed their families and share abundantly and equally in the gifts of God's good earth. Such a vision is not some optimistic fairy tale, but the vision of the Creator himself. Lent reminds us, as St. Oscar Romero also states, that, "we are workers, not master builder, ministers, not messiahs. We are prophets of a future not our own." We are not called to labor simply for the benefit of the here and now but of the "what is to come." Our myopic vision can be replaced by a more far reaching Lenten vision that is much greater and deeper in scope. As long as we are carrying the right blueprints with us and our thoughts extend beyond ourselves, then even the little things we do and the simplest prayer we utter go a long way. They give witness to our preference for the light of Christ and not the darkness of error and sin. ©LPi



- 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
- MONDAY Mar. 15, 2021**
8:30 AM **Mark P. McNamara**
req. by Catholic Association of Foresters
- TUESDAY Mar. 16, 2021**
8:30 AM **Barbara I. Zapor**
req. by Catholic Association of Foresters
- WEDNESDAY Mar. 17, 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. 18-19, 2021**
8:30 AM Masses at St. John's, East Brookfield
- SATURDAY Mar. 20, 2021**
4:00 PM **Edward Remus, 31st Anniversary**
req. by Carol and Phil
- SUNDAY Mar. 21, 2021**
8:30 AM **Sandy Budney, in remembrance of their 50th Wedding Anniversary**
req. by her husband, Rick & family

Readings for the week of March 14, 2021

- 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 6:1b, 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
- Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b [2a]/Jn 4:43-54
- Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 [8]/ Jn 5:1-16
- Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18 [8a]/Jn 5:17-30
- Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [4a]/ Jn 5:31-47
- Friday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [37]/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
- Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12 [2a]/ Jn 7:40-53
- Sunday: Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 12a]/ Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33 or Ez 37:12-14/ Rom 8:8-11/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [7]/ Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45



Notes for Holy Week,
Easter Time and
Seat Reservations

Please note that the Holy Week schedule of services and Masses is as follows:

- Apr. 1** Holy Thursday 7pm at St. John's
- Apr. 2** Good Friday Stations of the Cross 3pm and the Commemoration of the Lord's Passion at 7pm, both at St. Joseph's
- Apr. 3** Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil 7pm at St. John's
- Apr. 4** Easter Sunday
8:30am Mass at St. Joseph's
10:00am Mass at St. John's

As we had done at Christmas, because of social distancing and seating limitations, we will need to have reservations for seating at the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday only. Please call the rectory at 508.867.6811 or email us at saintjosephrectory@verizon.net to indicate the number of persons for whom you are reserving seats.



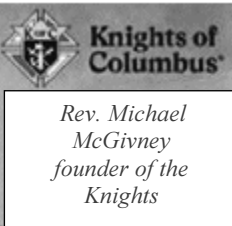
Mar. 20-21	Lectors	Altar Servers	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat. 4:00 PM	Ted Mullens	Kayleigh McPartland	Phyllis Casey
Sun. 8:30 AM	Joan Reidy	Sam Losurdo	Marie Ostiguy



Weekend Collections
Feb. 27-28

Sat/Sun	\$ 3,352.00
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Church in Latin America	\$ 60.00
Retired Priests Collection	\$ 10.00
Catholic Free Press	\$ 39.00

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*Rev. Michael McGivney
founder of the
Knights*

*Fr. McGivney was
beatified on
Oct. 30, 2020*

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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.



Booster Club—New Member Sign up

St. Joseph's Booster Club begins in April. The cost is \$5 per month or \$60 annually. There are four prizes drawn each month, \$100, \$50, (2) \$25, with grand a prizes of \$500 drawn in Sept. and March. The Booster Club helps support our parish. If you would like to become a new member, please contact the rectory @ 508-867-6811.

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