



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.

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.

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.

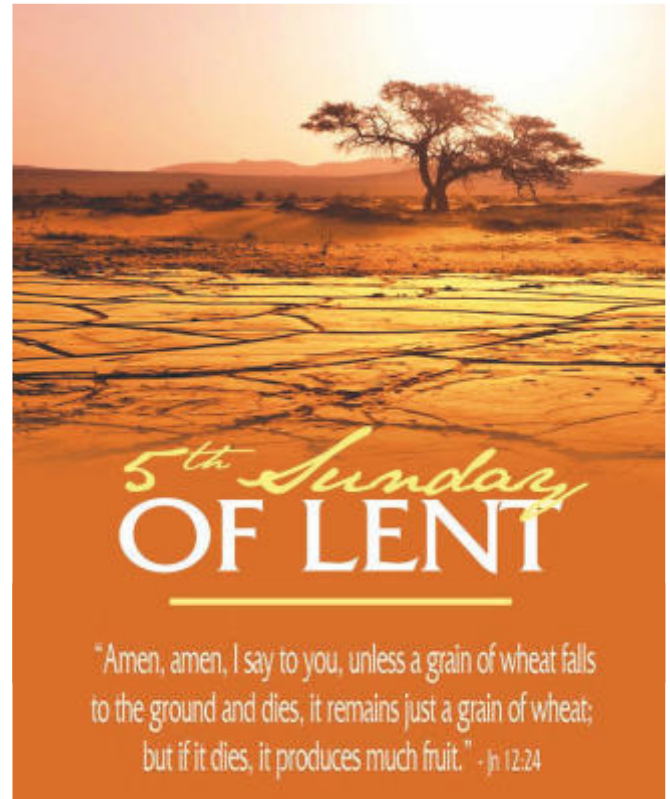
Baptisms

Sunday at 12 noon or by appointment

Baptismal Preparation: by appointment.

Marriages

Arrangements should be made 1 year in advance.





The Law God Has Written Upon Our Hearts

Any good teacher or parent will tell you that once a lesson is really learned it doesn't need to be taught again. When we internalize things we have learned, they become a part of who we are and influence how we perceive and interact with our world. The same is true for the law God has written upon our hearts. Once humanity learns this lesson, we will simply know it to be true and act accordingly. Sometimes, it is hard to get people to learn the lessons they need to learn. They are often distracted, disinterested, conflicted, misdirected, or just too stubborn and unable or unwilling to see what is right before their eyes. Understanding that God is in a loving and committed relationship with those fashioned and formed in God's own image, seems like such a simple lesson to learn. But history and experience has proven that it is not.

We struggle with faith, especially when that faith asks us to learn something very particular about ourselves. We must, like a grain of wheat, fall to the ground and die. Because God's DNA is at the very core of who we are, there are specific pearls of wisdom that must be acquired before we can live a full life. One very powerful lesson is that it is not the task of the world to tell us who we are and what has meaning, but God. For many, death is not an opportunity for greater life but a permanent ending to the life they have known. Jesus knew every dimension to what it means to be fully human because he was! He knows the joys, limitations, sorrows, frustrations, wonders, suffering, opportunities, and joys of the human experience. Jesus can teach us a wealth of knowledge and life's lessons from his example, especially obedience.

When we accept the law God has placed in our hearts and gain wisdom from it, then when we suffer we learn to listen more attentively to the Voice behind that law. We naturally flee to our Creator for inspiration, consolation, hope, direction, and comfort as we navigate through this time of darkness. We will not need to run from it, subdue it, fight it, or be overcome by it because we will know, having internalized this profound lesson before, that God will bring new life. God's law is love and love never fails. Even in the moments of Jesus' deepest despair, he glorified the name of his Father. What he learned allowed him to put everything in perspective and be obedient to the tender, loving Voice that echoed within. As Lent quickly winds down, may we learn the same! Then, may we gain the fortitude and wisdom to help others see what is right before their eyes.

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- 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
- MONDAY Mar. 22, 2021**
8:30 AM **Marianne Abysalh**
req. by her husband, Charles
- TUESDAY Mar. 23, 2021**
8:30 AM **Barbara Tetrault**
req. by Catholic Association of Foresters
- WEDNESDAY Mar. 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. Mar. 25-26, 2021**
8:30 AM Masses at St. John's, East Brookfield
- SATURDAY Mar. 27, 2021**
4:00 PM **Norman Sampson, 1st Anniversary**
req. by his wife and family
- SUNDAY Mar. 28, 2021**
8:30 AM **Diane Dailida Houle**
req. by her family

Readings for the week of March 21, 2021

- 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
- Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-
62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [4ab]/
Jn 8:1-11
- Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21 [2]/
Jn 8:21-30
- Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55,
56 [52b]/Jn 8:31-42
- Thursday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8, 8-9, 10, 11 [8a,
9a]/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38
- Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7
[cf. 7]/Jn 10:31-42
- Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13
[cf. 10d]/Jn 11:45-56
- Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7
/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/
Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1—15:47 or 15:1-39





**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.



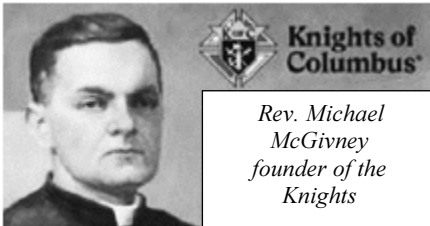
Mar. 27-28	Lectors	Altar Servers	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat. 4:00 PM	Larry Walter Pat Cummings	Caden Harvey	Darlene Lavin
Sun. 8:30 AM	Rose Benvenuti Jim Foyle	Carlo Zolla	Denise Kruckas



Weekend Collections
Mar. 6-7

Sat/Sun	\$ 2,022.00
Renovations	\$ 86.00
Fuel	\$ 176.00
Catholic Free Press	\$ 39.00

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

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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 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.

February Booster Club Winners

1 st Prize	Paula Coggeshall	\$ 100.00
2 nd Prize	Helen Morrison	\$ 50.00
3 rd Prize	Dan & Chrissy Lavin	\$ 25.00
4 th Prize	James Wellman	\$ 25.00



Easter Flowers

Easter Flower offerings can be made in memory of your loved one. Envelopes are available in the vestibule and may be returned in the collection basket or to the rectory by March 28. Thank you!

*May the Choirs of Angels
Lead You into Paradise*



Our parish community here at St. Joseph's would like to pray for the repose of the soul of Stanley Dowgielewicz. May God care for him eternally. Stanley's funeral was recently held here at St. Joseph's. We pray for his wife, Darlene, his family, and friends that grieve this loss.



**Stations of the Cross
during Lent**

At St. John's: Friday,
Mar 26, 6pm

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