



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 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

MONDAY Mar. 29, 2021
 8:30 AM **Ruth McNeaney**
 req. by the parish

TUESDAY Mar. 30, 2021
 8:30 AM **Gregory P. Perkins**
 req. by Catholic Association of Foresters

WEDNESDAY Mar. 31, 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

THURSDAY Apr. 1, 2021 (Holy Thursday)
(no 8:30am Mass)
 7:00 PM Mass at St. John's

FRIDAY Apr. 2, 2021 (Good Friday)
(no 8:30am Mass)
 3:00 PM **Stations of the Cross**
 St. Joseph's Church

7:00 PM **Commemoration of the Lord's Passion**
 St. Joseph's Church

SATURDAY Apr. 3, 2021 (Easter Vigil)
(no 8:30am Mass at St. Josephs)
(no 4:00pm Mass)
 7:00 PM **Mass at St. John's**

SUNDAY Apr. 4, 2021 (Easter Sunday)
 8:30 AM **William Dykes**
 req. by Christy Riendeau

Readings for the week of March 28, 2021

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

Monday: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14 [1a]/Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17 [cf. 15ab]/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34 [14c]/Mt 26:14-25

Thursday: Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Ps 89:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [2a]/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/
 Ps 16:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18 [cf. 1 Cor 10:16]/
 1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

Friday: Is 52:13—53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25 [Lk 23:46]/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1—19:42

Saturday: Vigil: Gn 1:1—2:2 /Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 [30]/Gn 22:1-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Ex 14:15—15:1/ 17-18 [1b]/Is 54: 5-14/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 [2a]/Is 55:1-11/Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [Jn 6:68c]/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 [42:2] Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 [12a]/Rom 6:3-11/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Mk 16:1-7 Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 [24]/Col 3:1-4/Jn 20:1-9

Jesus' Journey on Palm Sunday

Many struggle with Jesus. Some who consider themselves faithful hail him in their churches but still struggle to figure out what to do with him on our streets. The message is somehow more palatable when it echoes pious renderings and sentiments and involves singing hosannas during worship. It becomes a bit trickier when it gets to the part about changing the way we conduct the business of our lives, becoming more sensitive to the disadvantaged, poor, and marginalized, and living as servants of our Loving Creator. Ultimately, it is a struggle between wanting to be God ourselves and letting God be God as God is. That's why it's so easy to become hypocritical. We, like those who hailed Christ as he arrived in Jerusalem and sent Christ to the cross to die, also talk out of both sides of our mouths. We entertain what suits us at the time and walk away from the rest.

Many neglect God's beautiful creation because they prefer what humans have made instead. Progress isn't seen in preserving and enhancing what God has made but replacing it with something we believe is better and more useful. The earth, flowers, and animals are all expendable if they stand in the way of the "more" we want to achieve. We seek to remove as many obstacles and hurdles as possible in search of the easiest, quickest, and most efficient path we can find. We have created drugs and laws that preserve our free choice, even though it may mean setting aside God's vision and example. Why suffer when we can easily be put to rest? Why endure insult or injury when we can retaliate, eliminate or subdue? Why accept life when it is acceptable to choose otherwise? We want to be God and resist accepting the fact that our real Creator has already given us the blueprints for the life we need to live in the Beatitudes and in the example of his Passion. We don't like being stewards and managers and really want the power to do as we wish and desire. We want to create our own way.

Where has the true, effective Christian voice been through all of the wars and violence, prejudice and unjust conquests, abuse of human beings and attempted extinctions of nationalities, the establishments of procedures and protocols that serve only a few and not the many and all of the injustices and exploitations that are a part of our human history? A few courageous prophets have stood up and out throughout all of the comings and goings of our human journey with many receiving the same fate as the Crucified One we hail this week. Some still walk among us as shining stars showing us how it really can be. How would Jesus' journey have ended if he lived life as we do? Unless we encounter the good with the bad, the just with the unjust, the grace with the sin, the glory with the cross, the death with the life we most certainly risk rendering God obsolete. After all, haven't we already convinced ourselves that we can do better?



**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.

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.

Good Friday Regulations

GUIDELINES FOR FAST AND ABSTINENCE

Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics fourteen (14) years of age and older on Good Friday.

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 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.

Apr. 2-4	Lectors	Altar Servers	Eucharistic Ministers
Good Fri. 3:00 PM	Pat Cummings	Kayleigh McPartland	
Good Fri. 7:00 PM	Richard LeBlanc		Carole Ryback
Sat. Apr. 3	<i>Easter Vigil Mass - only at 7:00pm at St. Johns</i>		
Easter Sun. 8:30 AM	Joann Severance		Christine Letendre



Weekend Collections
Mar. 13-14

Sat/Sun	\$ 1,950.00
Renovations	\$ 80.00
Fuel	\$ 110.00

Thank you for your support!

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!



St Joseph's Religious Ed. Schedule

Group A = K to 2, First Communion, half of grades 3 to 6
Group B= Half of grades 3 to 6 and 7 to 9
Mar 28 B Palm Sunday
Apr 4 Easter
Apr 11 A
Apr 18 B
Apr 25 A
May 2 B First Communion
May 9 A
Mon. May 10th Confirmation 7:00 pm St. Paul's Cathedral Worcester

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