



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

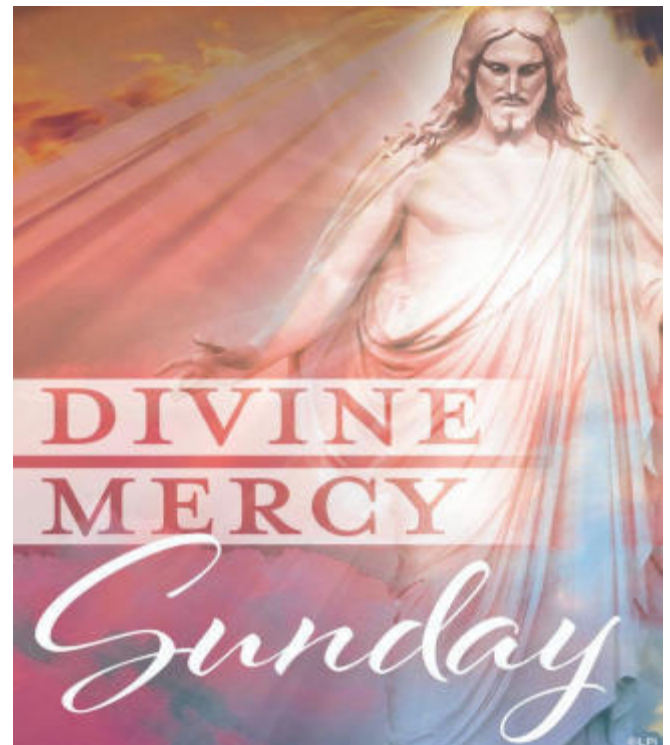
Baptismal Preparation: by appointment.

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.





Divine Mercy Sunday

What a wonderful joy fills us today as we ponder the inexhaustible mercy of God. "Mercy is the heart of God," Pope Francis tells us. The image of a heart has been used to point to the very life source of a person as it is the organ that allows life to flow through our veins and sustain us. Mercy is the heart of God. Imagine this dynamic, powerful, compassionate, piercing, embracing, loving, propelling, penetrating, absorbing, and enveloping, transforming presence of God flowing into the very depth of our souls. It is God's mercy that allows blood to flow through our veins. It is God's mercy that forms every atom of our being and leads us to what is true. God's mercy reveals all superficiality and falsehood, and lays bare all distortions, empty promises, weakness, and sin.

"Mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instills in us the courage to look to the future with hope," Pope Francis continues. God's all forgiving, compassionate love is with us. When we finally believe and accept that Christ's resurrected transfigured presence resides with us, we then find within us a strong confidence to accept life's imperfections and disappointments and move on. Every day is a new adventure in new life. God leaves the past behind and opens doors to the future. It doesn't matter how many mistakes we made yesterday. All that matters is what we do tomorrow and what we learn along the way. It is so easy to remain tethered and mired in the past, but there is no need to do so. God is all about tomorrow and the work God has yet to do in our lives.

Mercy gives birth to hope. Hope for the greatest of sinners and hope for the worst of disasters. There is nothing God cannot do and nothing God cannot fashion. After all, everything we know and treasure was once nothing, and look what God did with the nothing God had! The resurrected Christ stands before us with nail marks in his wrists and wounds on his body as a testament that not even injustice, suffering and death can trample over and destroy God's mercy. What have we to fear? Why do we keep ourselves from peace? Our lack of faith prevents us from going forward and fully receiving the holiness God desires to breathe upon us. Breathe in God's mercy, allow the wind of God's presence to kiss all of your sins and caress all of your fears. Exhale peace.

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Pope John Paul II Quote

"Those who sincerely say 'Jesus, I trust in You' will find comfort in all their anxieties and fears. There is nothing more man needs than Divine Mercy – that love which is benevolent, which is compassionate, which raises man above his weakness to the infinite heights to the holiness of God."
—Shrine of Divine Mercy in Cracow, Poland on June 7, 1997

- SATURDAY** Apr. 10, 2021
8:30 AM **Sue Angela Healy**
req. by Chris & Ted Mullens
- SUNDAY** Apr. 11, 2021 (Divine Mercy Sunday)
8:30 AM **For the health of Fr. Joseph Nally**
req. by the parish
- MONDAY** Apr. 12, 2021
8:30 AM **William Douglas Blaise**
req. by the family
- TUESDAY** Apr. 13, 2021
8:30 AM **Teresa M. Cloune**
req. by Catholic Association of Foresters
- WEDNESDAY** Apr. 14, 2021
*There is no Mass at St. Joseph's or St. John's Churches.
Masses on Wednesdays 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. 15, 2021
8:30 AM Mass at St. John's, East Brookfield
- FRIDAY** Apr. 16, 2021
8:30 AM Mass at St. John's, East Brookfield
- SATURDAY** Apr. 17, 2021
4:00 PM **For the parishioners of St. Joseph's**
req. by the parish
- SUNDAY** Apr. 18, 2021
8:30 AM **Julianne Caron, 14th Anniversary**
req. by the family

Readings for the week of April 11, 2021

- Sunday: Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/1
Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-3
- Monday: Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9 [cf. 11d]/
Jn 3:1-8
- Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 [1a]/
Jn 3:7b-15
- Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [7a]/
Jn 3:16-21
- Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20 [7a]/
Jn 3:31-36
- Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [cf. 4abc]/
Jn 6:1-15
- Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 [22]/
Jn 6:16-21
- Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 [7a]/
1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48





The **2021 Partners in Charity Appeal** is underway. Thank you to those who have made a gift and a special thank you for those who gave for the first time.

Your gift will help us in reaching our parish goal.

We encourage you to prayerfully consider making a pledge or gift at this time. Please return your pledge or gift to the church office or in the collection basket. If you choose to make your commitment pledge online, please visit www.partners-charity.net.

Texting - another way to contribute to this year's appeal.

As you may know, this appeal is a lifeline for more than two dozen agencies and ministries which provide charitable, pastoral, and educational services that complement what we can provide at the parish. We help those in need, regardless of race, creed, or circumstance, in order to find hope. Please consider make a pledge or gift to this year's Appeal. You can even make your gift from a Smartphone by texting DONATE to 84576 ! Thank you!



1230AM/970AM/101.1FM Emmanuel Radio is halfway to our "Year of St. Joseph" 100 men goal. Accept the challenge to live like St. Joseph for 100 days in prayer and action. To join go to 1230radio.com or call (508) 767-1230.

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Fish Fry – Thank You

We would like to offer a heartfelt thanks to the members of the Knights of Columbus and other volunteers who organized and worked at the Fish Fry. We thank all who attended this event. Everyone's opinion was that it was a great success ! God bless you to all who supported the parish in this way !



Apr. 17-18	Lectors	Altar Servers	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat. 4:00 PM	Larry Walter	Kayleigh McPartland	Darlene Lavin
Sun. 8:30 AM	Joan Reidy	Sophia Hearnlaye	Maureen Caramiello



Weekend Collections
Mar. 27-28

Sat/Sun	\$ 1,568.00
Renovations	\$ 15.00
Fuel	\$ 10.00
Catholic Relief Fund	\$ 33.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 175.00

Thank you for your support!



2021 Easter Flower Donations

In memory of John F. Ryback, Doris & Leo DeLude, Francis & Sylvia DeLude, Beatrice & Edward Pajak, Mirabelle & Oscar Boucher, and Walter & Barbara Ryback, req. by Carole Ryback

In memory of the deceased members of the Hevy, Potter, Rockwood, and Pontbriand families and Leo Cournoyer, Fr. Richard Carey, Michael Tillotson, and Linda Langella, req. by Eric, Mary Jo, Amanda, Lauren, and Brandon Hevy

In memory of Julianne Caron and John & Blanche Borelli, req. by their family

In memory of Elaine Lindsay & Dorothy Potvin, req. by Dick Lindsay

In memory of the deceased members of the Caramiello, Harding & Tobin families, req. by Maureen and Carlo Caramiello

In memory of Sam Young, req. by Ron and Diane Houle

In memory of the Leach and Ledoux families, req. by the family

In memory of Donald Williams & Loretta Beaupre, req. by Sandra Williams

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