



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.





We Are Called to be Witnesses

We often act out of ignorance. Armed with the best of intentions, we think we are seeing clearly and correctly, but we are not. We don't always understand the full meaning of things and only perceive part of the truth. Hence, our judgments and actions can be impaired by myopic, incomplete or erroneous perceptions. The meaning of life, understanding of human experience, and negotiating life's challenges can all become skewed without proper understanding and vision. The resurrection of Christ is the corrective to our incomplete and limited view of life. Looking at things with the eyes of faith brings a depth of clarity and understanding to how we see God, ourselves, others, and the world.

Even the disciples struggled with their limited understanding and ignorant perceptions. It was only when Jesus opened their minds to understand the Scriptures that their eyes were opened. It was their "aha" moment when everything clicked. We all want the substance of our lives to come together, make sense, and have meaning. This is easier to achieve when things are going positively, and life is good. It is when suffering, disappointment, death, hardship, and injustice enter the picture that things can become unsettled and disoriented. Our faith in the goodness and love of God is tested. We tend to shift our focus on these difficult and challenging moments and do not see them within the greater picture of how God intends life to unfold. We can gain, from the passion and resurrection of Christ, the clear vision we need in order to move away from ignorance to enlightenment.

We need our "aha" moment when everything comes together and clicks. It can come in a fleeting instant when we feel totally connected with God, where we find ourselves, others and all of creation. It is a moment when all is right and good, regardless of how difficult our journey. Our "aha" moment assures us that God is here, right with us, in us and around us bringing us a gift and blessing we can receive nowhere else: peace. In those brief sacramental encounters when we are lifted up out of ourselves and centered, we can hear God say, "peace be with you," and we feel secure. It's all okay. The resurrected Christ has the power to bring this gift to us. Some people, as they are facing their deaths, remark about this peace. When looking into the window of eternity, they experience a depth of joy and are amazed at God's goodness and closeness. We are called to be witnesses to this Good News.

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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
MONDAY	Apr. 19, 2021
8:30 AM	Marianne Abysalh req. by her husband, Charles
TUESDAY	Apr. 20, 2021
8:30 AM	Margaret B. Putnam req. by Catholic Association of Foresters
WEDNESDAY	Apr. 21, 2021
	<i>There is no Mass at St. Joseph's or St. John's Churches.</i> <i>Masses on Wednesdays at nearby parishes.</i> 8:00 AM— <i>Mary Queen of the Rosary, Spencer</i> 8:00 AM— <i>Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, West Brookfield</i>
THURSDAY	Apr. 22, 2021
8:30 AM	Mass at St. John's, East Brookfield
FRIDAY	Apr. 23, 2021
8:30 AM	Mass at St. John's, East Brookfield
SATURDAY	Apr. 24, 2021
4:00 PM	Gladys Hirbour, 26th Anniversary req. by the family
SUNDAY	Apr. 25, 2021
8:30 AM	Donald Williams req. by his wife, Sandra

Readings for the week of April 18, 2021

Sunday:	Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 [7a]/ 1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48
Monday:	Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30 [1ab]/Jn 6:22-29
Tuesday:	Acts 7:51—8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab [6a]/Jn 6:30-35
Wednesday:	Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a [1]/ Jn 6:35-40
Thursday:	Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 [1]/ Jn 6:44-51
Friday:	Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/ Jn 6:52-59
Saturday:	Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [12]/Jn 6:60-69
Sunday:	Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 [22]/1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18



April 22, 2021





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!

How to Fail Your Way to Heaven

You know what are some of my favorite moments in Scripture? The little "Easter eggs" of Jesus' humanity, things like Jesus falling asleep, Jesus drawing in the sand, Jesus playing with kids. And how about Jesus rising from the dead, appearing to his disciples and saying, "So, have you got anything to eat?"

It's right for us to always keep in mind that Jesus is God. But we also have to remember that he was man. He got hungry. He cried when he felt sad and laughed when he felt happy. He got tired. He got bored.

Because he was God, none of those feelings ever led him into sin, like they do us. He never spent a car ride trying to pass the hours by seeing how annoyed he could make his older sister. He never smacked Peter over the head for saying something really stupid. But he did unleash some Biblically righteous anger on those traders in the temple, didn't he? And he wasn't shy about calling Peter "a Satan" when his friend tempted him to take the easy way out.

It's the tightrope walk we all try to balance every day, honoring our human emotions while still answering God's call to be better. Being perfect isn't the domain of the Christian — that's the domain of Christ only. Trying and failing, then trying again (and failing again) and again and again? That's the domain of the Christian.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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Apr. 24-25	Lectors	Altar Servers	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat. 4.00 PM	Pat Cummings	Larry Walter	Christine Letendre
Sun. 8:30 AM	Tammy Auger	Sam Losurdo	Richard Caron



Weekend Collections

Apr. 3-4

Sat/Sun	\$ 2,693.00
Renovations	\$ 45.00
Fuel	\$ 95.00
Easter	\$ 630.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 30.00

Thank you for your support!



2021 Easter Flower Donations

In memory of Edward & Joanne Doherty requested by Elizabeth Doherty

In memory of the Pariseau, Waytina, O'Brien & Smith families requested by Carol and Don Smith



Spring Calendar Raffle

St. Joseph's Annual Spring calendar raffle returns are due by Friday, April 30, 2021. You may place your returns in the collection basket or return to the rectory. Drawings for the calendar will take place on Mondays. If you need more calendars, they are available at the rectory.



A Sincere Thank You

Fr. Bill, Fr. Don, Fr. Rich, and Fr. George would like to thank all parishioners who have offered cards, gifts, prayers and good wishes during this time of Easter.

Your continued prayers and support are very much appreciated. God bless all of you.



March Booster Club Winners

Grand Prize	James Wellman	\$ 500.00
1 st Prize	Donna Stockman	\$ 100.00
2 nd Prize	Mary Wheeler	\$ 50.00
3 rd Prize	Barbara Bechan	\$ 25.00
4 th Prize	Lucy Miner	\$ 25.00

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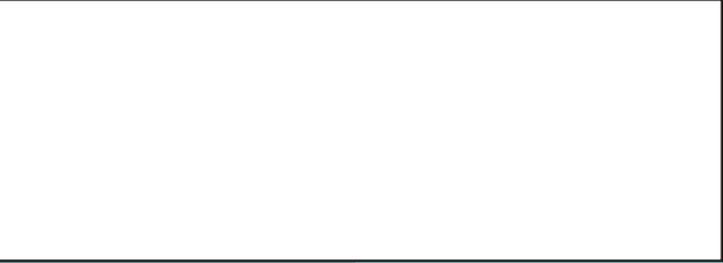
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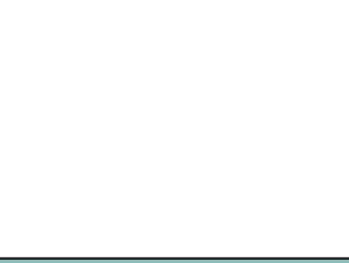



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