



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.



4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep." - Jn 10:14-15

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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.



Building a Cornerstone

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

MONDAY Apr. 26, 2021
8:30 AM **Thomas Stachura**
req. by a friend of the family

TUESDAY Apr. 27, 2021
8:30 AM **Josephine A. Linton**
req. by Catholic Association of Foresters

WEDNESDAY Apr. 28, 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. 29, 2021
8:30 AM Mass at St. John's, East Brookfield

FRIDAY Apr. 30, 2021
8:30 AM Mass at St. John's, East Brookfield

SATURDAY May 1, 2021 (First Saturday)
8:30 AM **Margaret Mitchell**
req. by Phyllis Casey

4:00 PM **Marianne Abysalh**
req. by her husband, Charles

SUNDAY May 2, 2021
8:30 AM **Brent Mimeault, 3rd Month Anniversary**
req. by Peter & Rebecca Mimeault

Readings for the week of April 25, 2021

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

Monday: Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4 [cf. 3a]/Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 [117:1a]/Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday: Acts 12:24—13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8 [4]/Jn 12:44-50

Thursday: Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27 [2]/Jn 13:16-20

Friday: Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab [7bc]/Jn 14:1-6

Saturday: Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/Jn 14:7-14

St. Joseph the Worker Gn 1:26—2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24/Ps 90:2, 3-4, 12-13, 14 and 16 [cf. 17b]/Mt 13:54-58

Sunday: Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 [26a]/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8

Any builder worth his or her salt knows the value and importance of a cornerstone. Properly laying and securing this primary unit determines how the rest of the project unfolds and its success. Cornerstones are necessary elements not only of buildings but of lives as well. Many human beings conduct the business of their lives paying little attention to a grounding reference or starting point. Hence, what unfolds is a tapestry of relativism, with few anchors or guideposts and many impulsive choices. Some consider love to be their cornerstone. While this may sound attractive and useful, the pursuit of love without a simultaneous pursuit of its source can be shallow and self-focused. Just because a person chooses to do no harm and love others does not mean that they are living in truth and properly anchored to the real cornerstone.

Jesus is the true and authentic cornerstone and shepherd. It is only in following the Risen One as the way, the truth, and the life that we can move from being well grounded ethical people to properly focused moral ones. Proper conduct, a true sense of justice, wisdom, virtue, moral principles, faith, hope, and love will be difficult to find unless we listen to the right Voice. It is when we learn to listen to the voice of God that we begin our journey on the road to salvation. It is only the Good Shepherd, the authentic and solid cornerstone, who can guide us through life's questions and challenges and bring us to the safe and proper pasture.

A person's life only has meaning when the cornerstone is properly selected and set. Understanding themselves only as random acts of creation, existing without intent or purpose, will color their choices and influence their decisions. The foundation of their lives will be simply a matter of preference and choice, leaving benchmarks of growth and higher ideals optional to pursue. Whereas people who believe that they are fashioned and loved into existence by a God who purposely made them, have this incredible unconditional relationship at their source which has tremendous significance. Their allegiance is not to themselves but to their Creator. Life, then, is an adventure in search of this Creator God and a journey of self-discovery that seeks to unite their will to His. There is a cost. We have to give up our life in order to gain our life. As ironic as that sounds, it is true. It is only when we finally figure this out that the true cornerstone of our lives will be properly laid and we can, with God's help, get about the business of properly constructing a temple that endures.

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The 2021 *Partners in Charity Appeal* is underway. We thank those who have already made a gift.

A special thank you goes to those who gave for the first time. Your gifts will help us in reaching our parish goal.

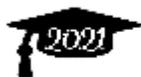
We encourage you to prayerfully consider making a pledge or gift at this time. Please return your pledge or gift to the church office or in the collection basket. If you choose to make your commitment pledge online, please visit www.partners-charity.net.

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!

Parish Update

Because of the generosity of our parish community, we have received \$13,495 of our parish goal of \$26,400. We are thankful for what has been given so far.



Frank I. Daniels Memorial Scholarship

The Frank I. Daniels Memorial Scholarship is an award is for graduating seniors of the parish who will be going onto higher education. Applications for this award are now available at the rectory during regular business hours. The Frank I. Daniels Scholarship Advisory Committee will decide the number and amount of award(s). Criteria for the award will include:

1. Participation in parish activities and liturgies
2. Demonstration of persistence and determination for success.
3. Articulation of a sense of purpose for continuation of education.

All applications must be returned to the rectory by Sun. May 30, 2021.



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
Apr 25 A
May 2 B First Communion 11:30am
May 9 A
Mon. May 10th Confirmation at 7:00 pm at St. Paul's Cathedral, Worcester



May 1-2	Lectors	Altar Servers	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat. 4:00 PM	Richard Lindsay	Kayleigh McPartland	Carole Ryback
Sun. 8:30 AM	Richard LeBlanc	Carlo Zolla	Marie Ostiguy



Weekend Collections
Apr. 10-11

Sat/Sun	\$ 1,680.00
Renovations	\$ 30.00
Fuel	\$ 45.00
Easter	\$ 200.00
Good Friday	\$ 77.00

Thank you for your support!



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 them to the rectory. Drawings for the calendar will take place on Mondays. If you need more calendars, they are available at the rectory.



"I am the good Shepherd. I know my sheep and my sheep know me in the same way that the Father knows me and I know my Father; for these sheep I will give my life."

-John 10:14-15

You are the Good Shepherd, You are our only hope. You know each of us and with love You call us by name to serve in faith.

Author: Mary Kris I. Figueroa, from The Best Catholic

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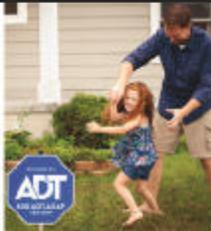
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