



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

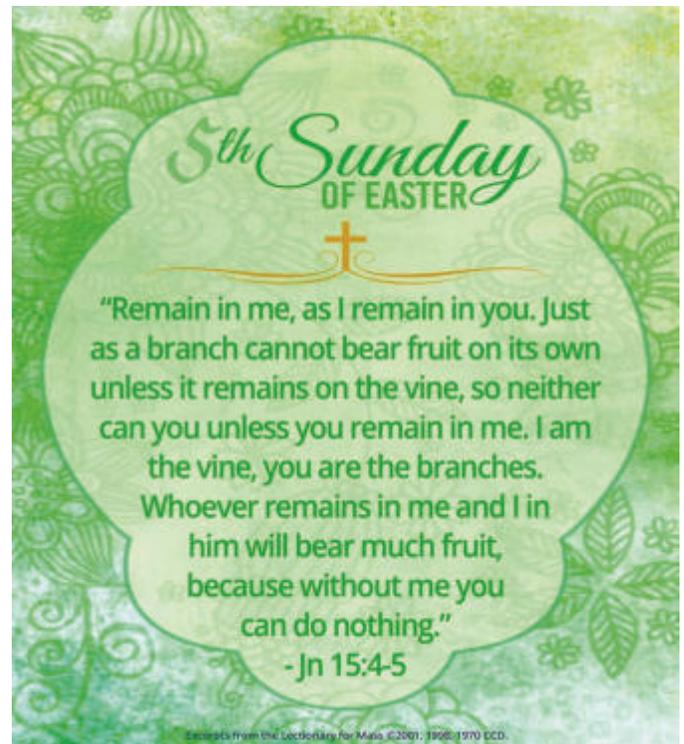
Baptismal Preparation: by appointment.

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.



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Giving Up Our Will to God

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
MONDAY	May 3, 2021
8:30 AM	Gregory Perkins req. by Catholic Association of Foresters
TUESDAY	May 4, 2021
8:30 AM	John F. Lovell req. by Catholic Association of Foresters
WEDNESDAY	May 5, 2021
<i>There is no Mass at St. Joseph's or St. John's Churches. 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	May 6, 2021
8:30 AM	Mass at St. John's, East Brookfield
FRIDAY	May 7, 2021 (First Friday)
8:30 AM	Mass at St. John's, East Brookfield
SATURDAY	May 8, 2021
4:00 PM	William "Kippy" Minns, 1st Anniversary req. by the family
SUNDAY	May 9, 2021
8:30 AM	Sandy Budney req. by her husband, Rick and family

Readings for the week of May 2, 2021

Sunday:	Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 [26a]/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8
Monday:	1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Jn 14:6-14
Tuesday:	Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21 [cf. 12]/Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday:	Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 [cf. 1]/ Jn 15:1-8
Thursday:	Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10 [3]/ Jn 15:9-11
Friday:	Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12 [10a]/ Jn 15:12-17
Saturday:	Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21
Sunday:	Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 [cf. 2b]/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17

A Good Sermon

The secret of a good sermon is to have a good beginning and a good ending; and to have the two as close together as possible. — George Burns

From the Lighter Side—©LPi

“Spiraling out of control,” is a phrase that can easily describe the current display of human existence. In addition to the violence, unrest, uneasiness and turmoil that are common elements of our daily news, other essential pieces are misplaced or missing. Many lack an objective center around which to order and structure their lives or a clear set of definable goals or mores to act as guideposts and life directives. It appears that “feelings” have become a “new god” and traditional structures and ideals set aside. It is almost as if history only shows that we got this whole thing wrong and many are determined to finally set things right. The real truth, however, is that while wrongs and errors are certainly a part of our often-checked past, it is hardly the case that all was wrong. It is not our task to rewrite the history of our lives, but to learn from mistakes that were made, and preserve the perennial wisdom at the root of our successes. Learning is an essential part of being human.

The question becomes, however, from whom do we learn? Some have such a hard time placing God in that position, but that is precisely where God needs to be. God is the Master Teacher from whom all of humanity learns and gets its cues. It is in and through this relationship with the Gardener of Life that we are fashioned and pruned into the people we are intended to be and can be. It is only in God that we are able to find our best selves. Sadly, many think that religion too, as well as history in general, has also gotten all this wrong. Yet, our resurrection faith tells us differently. We are reminded, today especially, that we are meant to remain in Christ as Christ remains in us. We are also reminded that Jesus, the Incarnate God, is the vine upon which we grow, the branches that flow from the source of God's life.

Giving up our will to God's can be a painful endeavor. It is not easy to set our own desires and wants aside and allow God to step in and direct and guide our growth. But this is the only way to prevent deadly weeds from overtaking us and bringing us to a place of self-destruction. God's commandments are the very guideposts and benchmarks we need, yet many seek to remove them from all public view because they appear to limit self-expression and suppress what is considered by many to be “human freedom.” They are the only way we can find freedom, however. And, until we learn this fundamental lesson, we will continue to spiral out of control, never really knowing who we are, what our potential can be or how life really can be lived. We will not know peace.

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The 2021 *Partners in Charity Appeal* continues. Your gift will help us in reaching our parish goal.

Thank you to those who have made a gift and a special thank you for those who gave for the first time.

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 \$12,830. which is 48.5% of our parish goal, \$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
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 8-9	Lectors	Altar Servers	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat. 4:00 PM	Ted Mullens	Larry Walter	Phyllis Casey
Sun. 8:30 AM	Rose Benvenuti	Sophia Hearnlaye	Denise Kruckas



Weekend Collections

Apr. 17-18

Sat/Sun	\$ 3,050.00
Renovations	\$ 85.00
Fuel	\$ 95.00
Easter	\$ 140.00
Food Pantry	\$ 250.00

Thank you for your support!



Fish Fry Report

We want to sincerely thank everyone who was involved with the successful Fish Fry which was held recently. We also want to thank the Knights of Columbus and other volunteers for their time, many hours of service, and generosity. We especially thank Chris Caputo who chaired the event.

The report:

175 fish dinners were sold. The Knights will be donating a generous \$925.00 to the parish, and \$315.00 will be donated to Problem Pregnancy, Worcester, in lieu of the annual Roses Drive which has been cancelled this year. The winner of the Dunkin' Donuts raffle gift card was Paul LeBlanc.

May God continue to bless each of you and your efforts to support this Fish Fry and other events which benefit our parish.



Respect Life Reflection

“Current laws in our country fail to protect the lives of unborn children.... People of good will must boldly stand up against this intrinsic evil [of abortion], especially when it is occurring on a massive scale, implemented in law and funded, in some instances, by the government.”

Most Reverend Joseph F. Naumann, Chair of the USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities, "Priorities at the Polls"

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