



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.

Weekend Masses— Saturdays: 4:00PM,
Sundays: 8:30AM

Weekday Masses

Mondays, Tuesdays: 8:30AM at St. Joseph's Parish

Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays:

8:00 AM at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, W. Brookfield

Thursdays, Fridays: 8:30 AM at St. John's, E. Brookfield

Saturdays: 8:00 AM St. Mary's, Brookfield

Confessions (Reconciliation)

Saturday at @ 3:00 PM at the Church
or by appointment.

Baptisms

Please call the parish office for arrangements.

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.





Put The Needs Of Others First

There is something about being first. Whether it be first in line, first to be picked for the team, or the first one to finish their work, great satisfaction is achieved. Our egos love being first. It somehow sets us apart from everyone else, gives us a sense of pride and positions us to feel better than others. When we are first, we can glory in our efforts, skills, and achievements. Isn't that what really matters? After all, we are taught from a very young age to be proficient, stay on top, be the best at what we do, and win the praise and esteem of others. This is the stuff that makes us successful and provides us with a comfortable, satisfying life.

Jesus wants none of it. All of the details we anguish over mean little to the kingdom of God. You want to be first? Then, be a servant and welcome a child. All of this is the opposite of our often vehement pursuits. If we are serious about following Jesus and living the Gospel, then we must put the needs of others before our own. If we continue to listen only to the noise of the world, we are going to continue to believe the illusions we inherit. Those illusions come in many forms, but all have things in common: me before you, being on top and not the bottom, us versus them, personal security over universal harmony and peace. When are we going to learn that always striving to be the best and first is an empty pursuit in our struggle for happiness? While satisfying our ego with this momentary boost of esteem may feel good for a moment, is it what we really desire?

If we can break from the world's noise and create a space of sacred silence in our lives, we can begin to listen and see that we are being called in another direction. What we really desire is not the bolstering of our egos but the innocence we lost somewhere along the way. When we can be playful, joyful, and even somewhat carefree, life is good. We want our relationships to work, a place to call home, and to live peaceful lives with our sisters and brothers. Only a servant can do this. The servant's prayer seeks to detach from self-concern in order to be used by God. Rather than worrying about being first and coming out on top, we can be inspired, guided, empowered, and led to do good works. Stop worrying about being first and put greater energy into feeling joy.

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Mass Schedule in W. Brookfield, N. Brookfield

Sacred Heart Church in West Brookfield, will not be having Masses on these dates, due to coverage issues: Mon. to Wed. Sept. 20-22 and Mon. to Wed. Sept 27-29

Nearby churches that will have Masses on those dates:

Mondays and Wednesdays in W. Warren,

8:00am St. Thomas Church

Tuesdays in W. Warren,

8:00am St. Stanislaus (in Latin)

Mondays, Tuesdays in North Brookfield

8:30am St. Joseph's

SATURDAY	Sept. 18, 2021
8:00 AM	Mass at St. Mary's Church, Brookfield
4:00 PM	John F. Ryback, 26th Anniversary req. by his wife and family
SUNDAY	Sept. 19, 2021
8:30 AM	Louise Harding-Crawford, 1st Anniversary req. by Maureen & Carlo Caramiello
MONDAY	Sept. 20, 2021
8:30 AM	For the lives lost in Afghanistan req. by the parish
8:00 AM	No Mass at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, W. Brookfield
TUESDAY	Sept. 21, 2021
8:30 AM	John Willard and Paul Obartuck req. by Nancy Willard
8:00 AM	No Mass at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, W. Brookfield
WEDNESDAY	Sept. 22, 2021
8:00 AM	No Mass at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, W. Brookfield
THURSDAY	Sept. 23, 2021
8:30 AM	Mass at St. John's, East Brookfield
FRIDAY	Sept. 24, 2021
8:30 AM	Mass at St. John's, East Brookfield
SATURDAY	Sept. 25, 2021
8:00 AM	Mass at St. Mary's Church, Brookfield
4:00 PM	Elaine Lindsay, 4th Anniversary req. by Dick Lindsay and family
SUNDAY	Sept. 26, 2021
8:30 AM	Fr. George, for his years of serving our Lord req. by the parish

Readings for the week of September 19, 2021

Sunday:	Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 [6b]/ Jas 3:16-4:3/Mk 9:30-37
Monday:	Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Lk 8:16-18
Tuesday:	Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/ Mt 9:9-13
Wednesday:	Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8 [1b]/Lk 9:1-6
Thursday:	Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Lk 9:7-9
Friday:	Hg 2:1-9/Ps 43:1, 2, 3, 4 [5]/Lk 9:18-22
Saturday:	Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13 [cf. 10d]/Lk 9:43b-45
Sunday:	Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 [9a]/ Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48



Flea Market

Our annual giant flea market will be held October 9th & 10th at the rectory barn. Hours will be 8 AM until ??.

Chicken BBQ Raffle Winners

Pat Potter	Gift Card Plant
Dick Miller	Scratch Tickets
Nina Kokansky	\$ 200.00
Donna LeBlanc	\$ 100.00
Monica Novak	\$ 50.00
Trish Miller	\$ 50.00

Congratulations to you all!!



Sept. 25-26	Lectors	Altar Servers	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat. 4:00 PM	Joann Severance	Larry Walter	Darlene Lavin
Sun. 8:30 AM	Rose Benvenuti	Carlo Zolla	Richard Caron



Chicken Parmigiana Dinner

The Knights of Columbus, Council 2381, North Brookfield, is having a chicken parmigiana dinner on Saturday, October 2, 2021 in St. Joseph's Church Hall, from 5:30pm to 7:00pm. Proceeds will benefit the K of C Council 2381 charitable efforts. Dinner includes chicken parmigiana, pasta, roll, three bean salad and cannoli. One can either eat in or take out. Tickets are \$10 per person. Tickets are available from a Knight after weekend Masses. For further information, you can email kofccouncil2381@gmail.com or call the parish office at 508-867-6811.



Weekend Collections

Sept. 4-5

Sat/Sun Renovation	\$ 2,142.00
Fuel	\$ 51.00
Donation	\$ 106.00
Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund	\$ 50.00
	\$ 1,968.00

Thank you for your support!



Fruits From Our Efforts

We glad to report that we have received our first check for the returns from the Legacy of Hope Capital Campaign. It was in the amount of \$21,634.28. This money will go into the parish savings account and will be used as the capital improvement projects occur.

The Diocese has requested that, because of the delays with the Coronavirus, the Legacy of Hope campaign is being extended, to allow for those who hadn't yet contributed, to do so. Please send your contribution, on behalf of St. Joseph's Parish, to the website address: www.legacyofhope.worcesterdiocese.org.



Part Time Maintenance Position

St. Joseph's Parish is seeking a person interested in a part time maintenance job working 10 to 20 hrs. per week. The work will also involve working at St. John the Baptist in East Brookfield, and Our Lady of the Sacred Heart in West Brookfield. Hours are negotiable. General knowledge and experience in this field is required. If interested, please contact St. Joseph's Rectory @ 508-867-6811.

Religious Education Registration

Please register for this year's Religious Ed. Program. If you came last year, we assume you're coming back. If you need any information, please contact Lynne at: llosurdo1@gmail.com.



"Behold, I stand at the door and knock."

It's time. Time to learn more about your faith. It's time to experience what our religion can do for you. Jesus is waiting for you personally. Cursillo weekends are a wonderful way to give you a start on your renewal.

Women's Cursillo weekend: Oct 14-17

Men's Cursillo weekend: Nov 11-14.

Be assured: safety precautions will be observed. For a registration, please go to www.fourthday.org or call Pam Hamilton at 774.239.8909 for more information.

Catechetical Sunday—September 19

Each year, the Catholic Church in the United States designates the third Sunday in September as "Catechetical Sunday"—a day on which to celebrate and pray for the Church's mission to teach the Gospel to all people.

This year's theme is "Say the Word and My Soul Shall Be Healed."

As part of this ministry of teaching, catechists are invited to respond to a call to share the gift of faith with others, even as they deepen their own faith. This call may have reached them through a pastor, the director of the parish's religious education program, or, if they are in a Catholic school, as a teacher. This calling ultimately comes from God whose Holy Spirit inspires and guides us all.

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