



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.

**26th Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME**

At that time, John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone driving out demons in your name, and we tried to prevent him because he does not follow us." Jesus replied, "Do not prevent him. There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me." - Mk 9:38-39



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, in acknowledgement of his years of serving our Lord req. by the parish
MONDAY	Sept. 27, 2021
8:30 AM	Herbert Kennan, Jr. req. by the Nealer & Contino families
8:00 AM	<i>No Mass at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, W. Brookfield</i>
TUESDAY	Sept. 28, 2021
8:30 AM	Marianne Abysalh req. by her husband, Charles
8:00 AM	<i>No Mass at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, W. Brookfield</i>
WEDNESDAY	Sept. 29, 2021
8:00 AM	<i>No Mass at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, W. Brookfield</i>
THURSDAY	Sept. 30, 2021
8:30 AM	Mass at St. John's, East Brookfield
FRIDAY	Oct. 1, 2021 (First Friday)
8:30 AM	Mass at St. John's, East Brookfield
SATURDAY	Oct. 2, 2021 (First Saturday)
8:30 AM	For living & deceased members of the Thomas Mendala family req. by Phyllis Casey
8:00 AM	Mass at St. Mary's Church, Brookfield
4:00 PM	Francis J. Delude, 25th Anniversary req. by his sister and family
SUNDAY	Oct 3, 2021
8:30 AM	Laura Danek (Ingemi) req. by Mary Wheeler

Readings for the week of September 26, 2021

Sunday:	Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 [9a]/ Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48
Monday:	Zec 8:1-8/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23 [17]/Lk 9:46-50
Tuesday:	Zec 8:20-23/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 [Zec 8:23]/Lk 9:51-56
Wednesday:	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Ps 138: 1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5 [1]/Jn 1:47-51
Thursday:	Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [9ab]/Lk 10:1-12
Friday:	Bar 1:15-22/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9 [9]/ Lk 10:13-16
Saturday:	Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Ps 69:33-35, 36-37 [34]/Mt 18:1-5, 10
Sunday:	Gn 2:18-24/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [cf. 5]/ Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

God Loves What Is Good And Upright

What are the little ones? They are the poor, the marginalized, the women and men at the well, the Zacchaeus' looking for Jesus from a tree, those mired in sin, the blind who want to see, and the lame who want to walk. They are the lepers and the different ones who have been told that they are unclean, and the ones who suffer from abuse and grave injustices and oppression. They are children who want nothing more than to be loved and enjoy celebrating their innocence. These are all the little ones and they are all vulnerable. Life already brings them burdens, we don't need to add to them.

St. Oscar Romero said, "When the church hears the cry of the oppressed it cannot but denounce the social structures that give rise to and perpetuate the misery from which the cry arises." Why are so many people still so gravely hurting? We have the resources and the means to make things better. We choose not to. There are still those things called greed, pride, lust, apathy, jealousy, gluttony, and anger that prevent us from seeing each other and people to be loved and not objects to be used. Is this how God intended things to be?

God loves what is good and upright. It doesn't matter who did it or where it came from. In God's eyes, the end result is always faith, hope, and love. Those will always unite a person with God. We fill our lives with many things that are not good either for ourselves or for others. All of us have to work to discover what it is, exactly, that leads to the world's brokenness. There are people, systems, and ideologies in place that foster oppression and injustice rather than equity and fairness. Sadly, our complacency can be the greatest evil. Turning a blind eye, ignoring the truth, and believing that we are helpless to fix so great a problem, does little to move us closer to the kingdom of God. As members of the Body of Christ, we cannot condone anything that keeps people in misery.

As it is said, charity begins at home. Perhaps a good place to start is with our own households and making sure their foundations are properly laid.

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Flea Market

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





Chicken Parmigiana Dinner

The Knights of Columbus, Council 2381, North Brookfield, is having a chicken parmigiana dinner on Saturday, October 2, in St. Joseph's Church Hall, from 5:30pm to 7:00pm. 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. Proceeds will benefit the K of C Council 2381 charitable efforts.

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

The Cantata

The Cantata of East Brookfield is back! The Christian Community Choir at the East Brookfield Baptist Church is looking for adults who are willing to sing with this year's Cantata (*cantata: a composition for one or more voices usually comprising of choruses - choir - and sung with a musical accompaniment.*). In addition, the Cantata's director, Dr. Kathleen Hosterman is also inviting children ages 6-13 to be a part of this year's Christmas Cantata. The first rehearsal date and time is Wed. Oct. 20th at 7:00pm. If anyone is interested in joining, please contact Chris Depasse at 508-826-5369.

Word of Life Reflection

"Throughout salvation history, God has welcomed repentant sinners with special joy. Jesus concludes the parable of the lost sheep with these words: 'there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance' (Lk 15:7)*."

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USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
 "Life Matters: Forgiveness and Healing After Abortion"



Oct. 2-3	Lectors	Altar Servers	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat. 4:00 PM	Larry Walter	Kayleigh McPartland	Christine Letendre
Sun. 8:30 AM	Rose Benvenuti	Sophia Hearnlaye	Maureen Caramiello



Weekend Collections

Sept. 11-12

Sat/Sun	\$ 2,827.00
Renovation	\$ 90.00
Fuel	\$ 125.00
CCD Registration	\$ 725.00
Propagation of the Faith	\$ 446.00
(Passionist Missionaries, Papua New Guinea)	

Thank you for your support!



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 Classes

This year's Religious Ed. classes have begun. You can still register and sign up for the program. If you need any information, please contact Lynne Losurdo 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.

You will be glad you did!

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