



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.



28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

They were exceedingly astonished and said among themselves, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "For human beings it is impossible, but not for God. All things are possible for God."
— Mk 10:26-27

Scripture from the Lectionary for Mass © 2002, 1996, 1982, 1970, 1962

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SATURDAY	Oct. 9, 2021
8:00 AM	Mass at St. Mary's Church, Brookfield
4:00 PM	Wilfred Martel, 18th Anniversary req. by the family
SUNDAY	Oct 10, 2021
8:30 AM	For members of the Imbriano and Bright Families req. by Maureen & Carlo Caramiello
MONDAY	Oct. 11, 2021
8:30 AM	For all children in our CCD program req by the parish
8:00 AM	<i>Mass at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, W. Brookfield</i>
TUESDAY	Oct. 12, 2021
8:30 AM	Charles Hirbour, month's mind Mass req. by the parish
8:00 AM	<i>Mass at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, W. Brookfield</i>
WEDNESDAY	Oct. 13, 2021
8:00 AM	<i>Mass at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, W. Brookfield</i>
THURSDAY	Oct. 14, 2021
8:30 AM	Mass at St. John's, East Brookfield
FRIDAY	Oct. 15, 2021
8:30 AM	Mass at St. John's, East Brookfield
SATURDAY	Oct. 16, 2021
8:00 AM	Mass at St. Mary's Church, Brookfield
4:00 PM	Mike Sottile, 12th Anniversary req. by his sisters
SUNDAY	Oct 17, 2021
8:30 AM	Arthur & Virginia Dupell req. by Doug & Darlene Lavin

Saturday Masses at St. Mary's, Brookfield

In addition to First Saturday Masses at St. Mary's, Masses are held every Saturday morning at 8:00am. All are welcome.

Readings for the week of October 10, 2021

Sunday:	Wis 7:7-11/Ps 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [14]/ Heb 4:12-13/Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27
Monday:	Rom 1:1-7/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [2a]/ Lk 11:29-32
Tuesday:	Rom 1:16-25/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [2a]/Lk 11:37-41
Wednesday:	Rom 2:1-11/Ps 62:2-3, 6-7, 9 [13]/Lk 11:42-46
Thursday:	Rom 3:21-30/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [7]/ Lk 11:47-54
Friday:	Rom 4:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 [cf. 7]/Lk 12:1-7
Saturday:	Rom 4:13, 16-18/Ps 105:6-7, 8-9, 42-43 [8]/ Lk 12:8-12
Sunday:	Is 53:10-11/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 [22]/ Heb 4:14-16/Mk 10:35-45 or 10:42-45

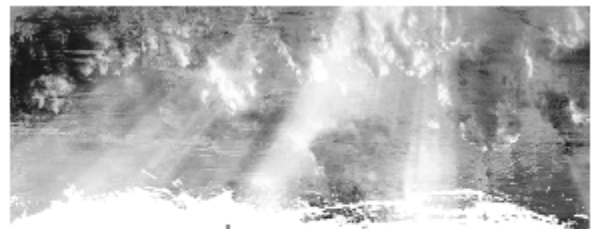
Shed The Extra Weight

If we are truly in love with God, then the basics are not going to be enough. That love is going to want to be expressed in going above and beyond, in leaving the comfortable and familiar, in stretching and growing, and in following a voice other than our own. St. Teresa of Calcutta rightly instructs us that for "love to be real, it must cost, it must hurt, it must empty us of self." Being in love with God requires more than just checking the boxes of the commandments. It requires a sincere and unconditional self-investment. Desiring God with our whole heart, mind, and soul means that I must also desire a relationship with my neighbor with that same degree of fervor.

Biases and prejudices usually occur when people are kept at a distance and treated as objects. We cannot truly know our neighbors, especially if they are different than us, if we keep them in boxes and do not listen to their stories. When we open ourselves to listen to another person's story, we begin to realize more how similar we are than dissimilar. Being overly attached to our possessions, ideologies, agendas, lifestyles, and personal needs are absolute barriers to achieving the type of personal investment love demands. This is why following Christ can be difficult. It is less a matter of intellect and more a matter of heart and soul. It requires that we transfer our treasure from an investment in tangible secular things and move it into the Kingdom of God. It is only the gift of wisdom and discernment that can help us decide what to do and how to do it.

Contemporaries of Jesus would know that a camel could not enter through the portal of a city weighed down with the baggage it was carrying. In order to enter, the baggage must be removed so that the animal could fit through the entry way. The same is true for us. We carry a lot of excessive baggage around with us that keeps us tethered to our past histories, wounds, myopic world views, prejudices, fears, and suspicions. To invest ourselves in the Kingdom of God, do God's work and live out our love relationship with God, we need to shed the extra weight. While it may seem that a lot of that stuff is necessary, it really is not. We are much more than the things that we think define us and more secure than we think. The more there is to hold on to and the more that we carry with us, the harder it will be to leave it all behind. Many choose not to and walk away sad because they are not ready to trust.

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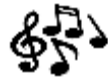
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RESPECT LIFE MONTH

St. Joseph, defender of life, pray for us!



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.

**Folk Group**

The St. Joseph Parish Folk Group will return shortly to sing at the 8:30 AM Mass. They have been missing for the past year, so they want to activate their voices! It would be great to have some new voices joining them...no experience required. If interested, please call Margaret (Maggie) Motyka at 1-508-882-3073 or Helen Foyle at 508-867-7834.

CHRISTMAS FAIR

St. Joseph's Annual Christmas Fair
Saturday, November 6, 2021
Church Hall
9 AM—2 PM

The Christmas Fair will feature beautiful handmade craft items, a flea market and plenty of raffles, including a Gift Card Poinsettia.

Basket Raffle/Gift Card Donations

If you would like to donate a basket for the raffle, please drop it off at the rectory, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 9 AM to 1 PM. We are also seeking donations of gift cards (any denomination) for our Poinsettia Plant. Cards can be dropped off at the rectory or put in the collection basket. If you have any questions, please call the rectory at 508-867-6811.

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.

Liturgical Roles

Oct. 16-17	Lectors	Altar Servers	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat. 4.00 PM	Ted Mullens	Kayleigh McPartland	David Brown
Sun. 8:30 AM	Joan Reidy	Carlo Zolla	Marie Ostiguy

**Weekend Collections****Sept. 25-26**

Sat/Sun	\$ 1,408.00
Renovation	\$ 75.00
Fuel	\$ 60.00
CCD Registration	\$ 380.00
Catholic Schools	\$ 425.00

Thank you for your support!

Lives Matter

From the unborn to the elderly

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 that you did !

**Flea Market**

The annual St. Joseph's giant flea market will be held October 10th at the rectory barn. Hours will be 8 AM until sometime in the afternoon.

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