



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

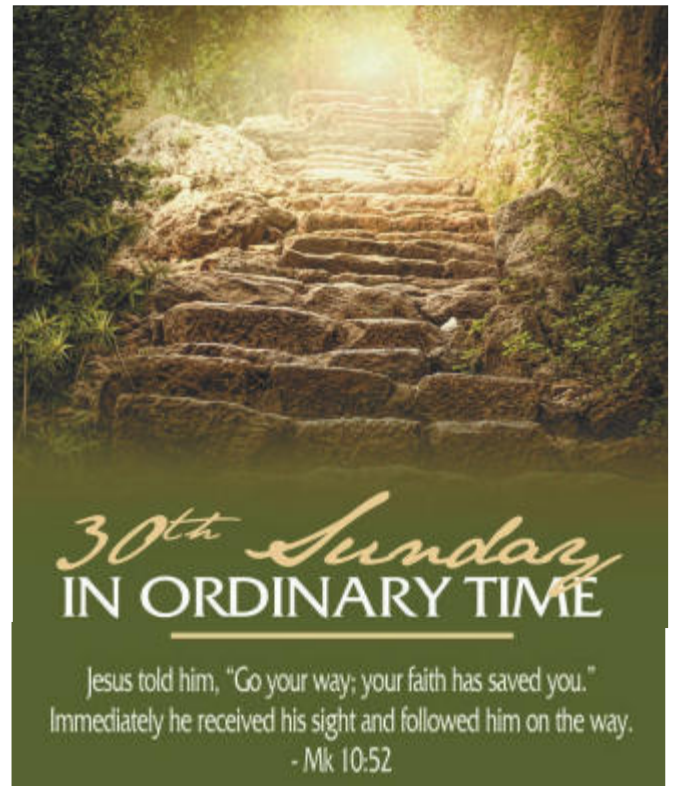
Please call the parish office for arrangements.

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.



30th Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus told him, "Go your way; your faith has saved you."
Immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way.

- Mk 10:52



SATURDAY	Oct. 23, 2021
8:00 AM	Mass at St. Mary's Church, Brookfield
4:00 PM	Deceased members of the Bereavement Committee
SUNDAY	Oct 24, 2021
8:30 AM	For Mary Morgan, Eileen Nicewicz & Pat Tortora req. by Phyllis Casey
MONDAY	Oct. 25, 2021
8:30 AM	Deceased member of the Contino family req. by the family
8:00 AM	<i>Mass at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, W. Brookfield</i>
TUESDAY	Oct. 26, 2021
8:30 AM	Stacey Gardell for her health req. by Kristy
8:00 AM	<i>Mass at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, W. Brookfield</i>
WEDNESDAY	Oct. 27, 2021
8:00 AM	<i>Mass at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, W. Brookfield</i>
THURSDAY	Oct. 28, 2021
8:30 AM	Mass at St. John's, East Brookfield
FRIDAY	Oct. 29, 2021
8:30 AM	Mass at St. John's, East Brookfield
SATURDAY	Oct. 30, 2021
8:00 AM	Mass at St. Mary's Church, Brookfield
4:00 PM	Walter Wright req. by Larry & Mary Walter
SUNDAY	Oct 31, 2021
8:30 AM	Mark Brunelle, 1st Anniversary req. by the family

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 24, 2021

Sunday:	Jer 31:7-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/ Heb 5:1-6/ Mk 10:46-52
Monday:	Rom 8:12-17/Ps 68:2 and 4, 6-7ab, 20-21 [21a]/Lk 13:10-17
Tuesday:	Rom 8:18-25/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 [3a]/Lk 13:18-21
Wednesday:	Rom 8:26-30/Ps 13:4-5, 6 [6a]/Lk 13:22-30
Thursday:	Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5a]/Lk 6:12-16
Friday:	Rom 9:1-5/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/ Lk 14:1-6
Saturday:	Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 17-18 [14a]/Lk 14:1, 7-11
Sunday:	Dt 6:2-6/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 [2]/ Heb 7:23-28/Mk 12:28b-34

It's All About The Journey

When we see God with true sincerity of heart and God passes us along our way, it is only then that we will be able to cry out, "Jesus, son of David, have pity on me!" We have to truly want to be healed by, and in union with, God in order for us to reach out to him. If God is only an abstract idea, theory, or someone found in the pages of a book, there is no motivation for a relationship and no desire to seek him. God needs to be real in order for faith to be real. It's all about the journey.

St. Augustine reminds us that "to fall in love with God is the greatest romance; to seek Him the greatest adventure; to find Him the greatest human achievement." We strive after many things and mercy is not always one of them. We think that we can find fulfillment and healing in other things only to discover that we are still short and empty. From the moment human beings were created, God has been calling us and seeking us. He has been walking right beside the human story from the minute He first breathed life into the first human soul. Are we able to recognize God as He walks with us? At some point we have to realize that there is only one way to satisfy the deepest longings of the human heart and that is in relationship with our Creator. We are called to this. However, we make the huge error of thinking that what we are hearing is coming from somewhere else. We become confused. Every human being would certainly profit with wisdom if they realized Who calls them and to Whom they belong.

Then and only then will we realize that it is only our Divine Master who can give us true vision and heal us. Once we recognize and reach out for the merciful presence of our loving Maker, we will be able to see with our soul, understanding the true nature and depth of all things. God's mercy is always available. It doesn't matter how far we have strayed or how blind we become, God patiently waits to console us, guide us and heal us. All we need to do is desire Him. Once we reach out, we also realize that there is no greater love to be found than God's, no human adventure that comes even close to the thrill of a spiritual search, and no human achievement even remotely as satisfying as union with Him. This is where we belong. This is salvation.

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World Mission Collection

My dear friends in Christ,

In his message for World Mission Day 2021, Pope Francis recognized that the current pandemic has only strengthened our need to be present to the world when he wrote:

The pandemic has brought to the fore and amplified the pain, the solitude, the poverty, and the injustices experienced by so many people. In these days of pandemic.... there is urgent need for the mission of compassion, which can make that necessary (social) distancing an opportunity for encounter, care and promotion.

Our Holy Father reminds us clearly that each baptized Christian must make Christ present in the world in which they live. Pope Francis continued,

The theme of this year's World Mission Sunday, "We cannot but speak about what we have seen and heard" (Acts 4:20), is a summons to each of us to "own" and to bring to others what we bear in our hearts.

Your donations on the weekend of October 24th are critical. The Pontifical Mission Societies serve the Church's universality as a global network of support for the Pope in his missionary commitment by prayer, the soul of mission, and charitable offerings from Christians throughout the world. These donations assist the Pope in the evangelization efforts of particular Churches (the Pontifical Society for the Propagation of the Faith), in the formation of local clergy (the Pontifical Society of Saint Peter the Apostle), and in raising missionary awareness in children (Pontifical Society of Missionary Childhood).

In a world where so much divides us, World Mission Sunday rejoices in our unity as missionaries by our Baptism. It also provides an opportunity to support the life-giving presence of the Church among the poor and marginalized in more than 1,111 mission dioceses. Thank you for prayerfully reflecting on your own baptismal call, and support World Mission Sunday in your parish.

With every prayerful best wish, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,
 + Most Reverend Robert J. McManus
 Bishop of Worcester



Because of your participation in St. Joseph's Flea Market, we were able to make \$1,551 on our flea market items and \$300 on our Crafts & Pickles corner.

September Booster Club Winners



Grand Prize	Ed Decoteau	\$	500.00
1 st Prize	Richard Caron, Jr.	\$	100.00
2 nd Prize	Bob Buton	\$	50.00
3 rd Prize	Carole Ryback	\$	25.00
4 th Prize	Joanne Cournoyer	\$	25.00



Oct. 30-31	Lectors	Altar Servers	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat. 4:00 PM	Pat Cummings	Larry Walter	Phyllis Casey
Sun. 8:30 AM	Rose Benvenuti	Sam Losurdo	Peter Losurdo



Weekend Collections
 Oct. 9-10

Sat/Sun	\$	1,440.00
Renovation	\$	35.00
Fuel	\$	89.00
CCD Registration	\$	235.00
Donation	\$	20.00

Thank you for your support!



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.

Welcoming Our Parishioners Back

We are making an effort to welcome people back to Mass. As a result, we are providing bulletin inserts in the upcoming weeks. Corresponding articles on each topic will also appear in *The Catholic Free Press* in the coming weeks in order to encourage more in-depth reflection.

The topics for each of the five bulletin inserts are:

- The Obligation to Attend Mass
- How Do We Encounter Christ at Mass?
- What do I Bring to Mass and What do I get?
- The Mass Fulfills the Hungers of the Human Heart
- Extending an Invitation to Mass



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