



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)

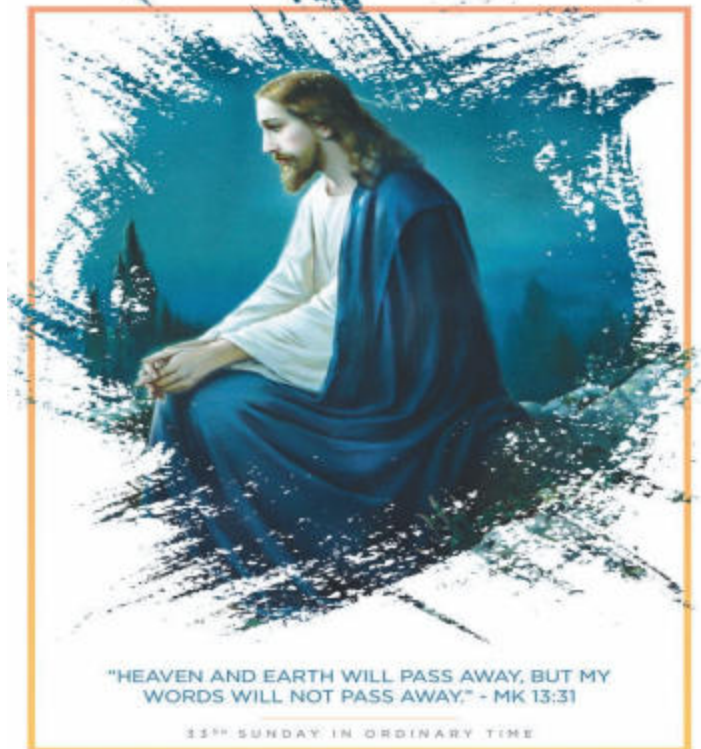
Saturday at @ 3:00 PM at the Church
or by appointment.

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.



Our Journey Back to God

“And then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in the clouds’ with great power and glory.” Take a moment to ponder these words from today’s Gospel. How does this image make you feel? For people to truly understand the significance of this message, something profound has to happen within. If we find ourselves reacting with a sense of dread or fear, we have to step back and ask why. Our answer will reveal a great deal about our relationship with God. It’s hard to fall in love with a God of whom we are afraid. God does not want us to be afraid. Nor does He want us to align our wills to His in order to avoid some kind of horrendous eternal consequence. That sounds like too much of a superficial power play on the part of God who continues to seek out His children in love.

In order for these words to carry any type of significant meaning for us, they have to resonate with and touch us on a deeper level. They have to be able to connect some dots and have meaning for us in order for this promise to change our lives. Sometimes we get preoccupied with the uncertainty of our deaths. Not knowing when or how we will eventually die can be unsettling. But, more so than needing an answer to the “when” of death, the “what” of death answer we provide has more significance. What happens to us when we die? Whether we die during the natural course of our lives or when Christ comes again, the experience is the same. If we believe that we are meant to live in union with God eternally and that death completes and does not diminish us, then it is worth our time and effort to wait in vigilant hope of the Lord’s coming in glory. Our journey back to God is something beautiful to be desired, not dreaded or feared.

Sadly, many folks believe that life is no more than a random occurrence without any purposeful direction or meaning. Death is simply death and nothing more. For them, the Second Coming of Christ and God’s eternal promise have no meaning. When we understand the truth about who we are, it changes things up. We then can see ourselves as works in progress who have the choice to either resist the inspirations of the Divine Artist or give into the wonderful creativity of His will. Life awaiting the fullness of Christ to come becomes an unfolding of Divine surprises and abundant joy. God is eternally merciful, forgiving, and welcoming. It is only when we directly reject this gift and turn our backs on Love itself that we have anything to fear.

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SATURDAY	Nov. 13, 2021
8:00 AM	Mass at St. Mary’s Church, Brookfield
4:00 PM	Marianne Abysalh req. by her husband, Charles
SUNDAY	Nov. 14, 2021
8:30 AM	Annette Wetnicka, 6th Anniversary req. by the family
MONDAY	Nov. 15, 2021
8:00 AM	<i>Mass at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, W. Brookfield</i>
8:30 AM	Stephen M. Guido req. by Catholic Association of Foresters
TUESDAY	Nov. 16, 2021
8:00 AM	<i>Mass at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, W. Brookfield</i>
8:30 AM	For those who have been away from their faith req. by the parish
WEDNESDAY	Nov. 17, 2021
8:00 AM	<i>Mass at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, W. Brookfield</i>
THURSDAY	Nov. 18, 2021 Veterans’ Day
8:30 AM	Mass at St. John’s, East Brookfield
FRIDAY	Nov. 19, 2021
8:30 AM	Mass at St. John’s, East Brookfield
SATURDAY	Nov. 20, 2021
8:00 AM	Mass at St. Mary’s Church, Brookfield
4:00 PM	Yvette Sattile, 15th Anniversary req. by her daughters
SUNDAY	Nov. 21, 2021
8:30 AM	Frances Befford req. by her 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 November 14, 2021

Sunday:	Dn 12:1-3/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 [1]/ Heb 10:11-14, 18/Mk 13:24-32
Monday:	1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158 [cf. 88]/Lk 18:35-43
Tuesday:	2 Mc 6:18-31/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [6b]/ Lk 19:1-10
Wednesday:	2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b and 15 [15b]/Lk 19:11-28
Thursday:	1 Mc 2:15-29/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15 [23b]/ Lk 19:41-44
Dedication:	Acts 28:11-16, 30-31/ Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43/Mt 14:22-33
Friday:	1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/1 Chron 29:10bcd, 11abc, 11d-12a, 12bcd [13b]/Lk 19:45-48
Saturday:	1 Mc 6:1-13/Ps 9:2-3, 4 and 6, 16 and 19 [cf. 16a]/Lk 20:27-40
Sunday:	Dn 7:13-14/Ps 93:1, 1-2, 5 [1a]/Rv 1:5-8/ Jn 18:33b-37



Families needing a little extra help for Christmas this year, especially for children under 18, should reach out to Diana Priest at dpriest130@aol.com or by calling 774-452-2005. You can also call the rectory at 508-867-6811.

Please have your requests in by Nov. 14th. There will be one gift card per family as well as one gift card per child.

If you would like to donate a gift card, please contact Maureen Caramiello @508-596-3582 or email her at the following address: m_caramiello@yahoo.com. She will let you know what gift cards are needed. The deadline for the collection of gift cards is Sunday, December 5th. Thank you for your generosity and for helping those who are in need.



Nov. 20-21	Lectors	Altar Servers	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat. 4:00 PM	Larry Walter	Kayleigh McPartland	David Brown
Sun. 8:30 AM	Joan Reidy	Carlo Zolla	Richard Caron

**Weekend Collections
Oct. 30-31**



Sat/Sun	\$ 1,993.00
Fuel	\$ 30.00
Food Pantry Donation	\$ 100.00
All Saints Day	\$ 94.00
All Souls Day	\$ 130.00

Thank you for your support!



Holiday Feasts

St. Joseph Food Pantry will distribute food for the holidays feasts. The holiday hours for the distribution of the Thanksgiving and Christmas food are listed below.

Please call the rectory at (508)867-6811 if you would like to receive food for feasts for both Thanksgiving and Christmas. Requests must be made no later than Mon. Nov. 15th.

Thanksgiving food will be distributed:

Thursday, November 18th from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM and Saturday, November 20st from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

The Christmas food will be distributed:

Thursday, December 16th from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM and Saturday, December 18th from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Anointing of the Sick



After the Sat. Nov. 13th 4pm Mass and the Sun. Nov. 20th 8:30am Mass, the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be offered. If you want to receive the sacrament and cannot be present, please call the rectory to make an appointment at 508-867-6811.

St. John's Christmas Bazaar



St. John's in East Brookfield will be having a Christmas Bazaar in the church hall on Sat. Nov. 20th from 9:00am to 2:00pm. It will be complete with baked goods, a lottery tree, raffle baskets, Christmas items, angels by Seraphim, and much more. We also hope to see you at the bazaar!

Heartfelt Thank You

Because of your generosity, our parish has received a second check in the amount of \$6,477.20 from the Legacy of Hope campaign. This money will be used for parish capital improvement projects.

Giving Thanks

For a Christian, giving thanks is a response to the goodness and mercy of God. Additionally, it is a mark of obedience because we are commanded to give thanks. This is because God knows giving thanks is good for our relationship with Him and good for our wellbeing.

First Thessalonians 5:16-18 says, "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you" (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18). Verses instructing us to give thanks to the Lord are throughout the Bible. Some examples are Psalm 106:1, Psalm 107:1, Psalm 118:29, and 1 Chronicles 16:24.

God is good and generous, merciful and kind (Luke 6:36; Romans 2:4; Ephesians 2:7). We were far from Him when He pursued us to make us His own (John 3:16; Romans 5:6-8; 1 John 4:17-19).

Our response to this great pursuit of love should be thankfulness. God knows this. And He knows it is good for us to give thanks. It is human tendency to become inward focused and selfish, which is not good for us. Even secular society recognizes the emotional benefits of being thankful. Gratitude helps us look beyond ourselves and gain better perspective. Please join us in a Mass of Thanksgiving on November 25th at St. John the Baptist Church at 8:30 or at Sacred Heart Church, W. Brookfield at 9:30 am.



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