



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

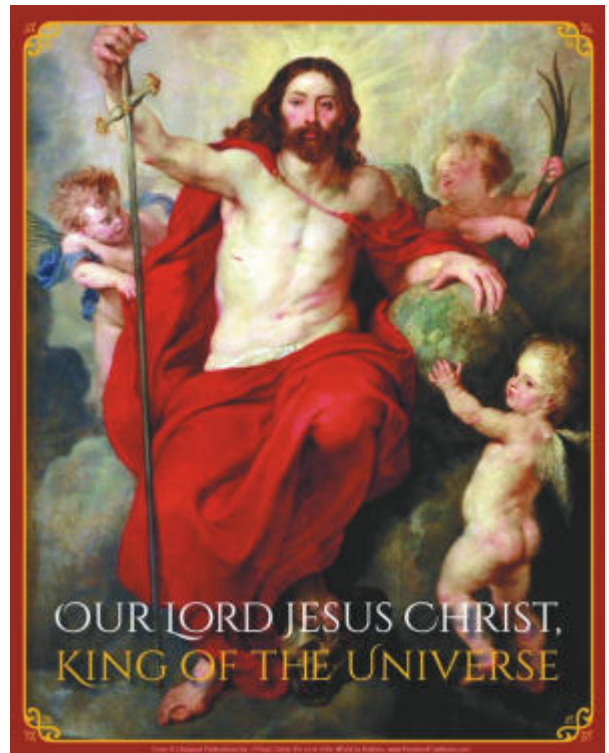
Please call the parish office for arrangements.

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.





SATURDAY	Nov. 20, 2021
8:00 AM	Mass at St. Mary's Church, Brookfield
4:00 PM	Yvette Sottile, 15th Anniversary req. by her daughters
SUNDAY	Nov. 21, 2021
8:30 AM	Frances Befford req. by her family
MONDAY	Nov. 22, 2021
8:00 AM	<i>Mass at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, W. Brookfield</i>
8:30 AM	For our parish families req., by the parish
TUESDAY	Nov. 23, 2021
8:00 AM	<i>Mass at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, W. Brookfield</i>
8:30 AM	Jean Gaudette req. by Donald Gaudette
WEDNESDAY	Nov. 24, 2021
8:00 AM	<i>Mass at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, W. Brookfield</i>
THURSDAY	Nov. 25, 2021 (Thanksgiving Masses)
8:30 AM	Mass at St. John's, East Brookfield
9:30 AM	Mass at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, W. Brookfield
FRIDAY	Nov. 26, 2021
8:30 AM	Mass at St. John's, East Brookfield
SATURDAY	Nov. 27, 2021
8:00 AM	Mass at St. Mary's Church, Brookfield
4:00 PM	Lise Oliver req. by Lucy Miner and the family
SUNDAY	Nov. 28, 2021
8:30 AM	Richard Tobin req. by Ron & Donna Stockman

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 21, 2021

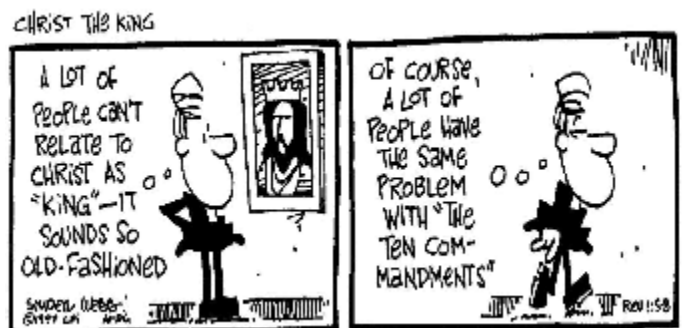
Sunday:	Dn 7:13-14/Ps 93:1, 1-2, 5 [1a]/Rv 1:5-8/ Jn 18:33b-37
Monday:	Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 [52b]/ Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday:	Dn 2:31-45/Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61 [59b]/ Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday:	Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Dn 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67 [59b]/Lk 21:12-19
Thursday:	Dn 6:12-28/Dn 3:68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74 [59b]/Lk 21:20-28
Friday:	Dn 7:2-14/Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81/ Lk 21:29-33
Saturday:	Dn 7:15-27/Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87/ Lk 21:34-36
Sunday:	Jer 33:14-16/1 Thes 3:12—4:2/Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 [1b]/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

Our Journey To Christ

We often come to life expecting all of the pieces of the puzzle to nicely fit together. We want and expect harmony, order, and fairness, the achievement of rewards for good behavior, good health, and happiness. We can more easily accept death when it comes naturally after a good long life, but have a real difficulty comprehending the meaning of it all when it is cut short. Willing to put in a good measure of effort, we desire positive results. When things go wrong and life gets hurtful, unjust, and downright ugly, we become unsettled and can quickly fall into despair. This is especially true if we are people of faith who believe in a God who sees things on our terms and works in favor of our life agenda. What happens to our faith when we find ourselves sitting in a mess?

Does it help to know that God understands and that hardship, failure, disappointment, injustice, confusion, and all of life's ugliness do not make faith irrelevant or irrational? God is wonderfully and surprising creative! He turns the tables on not only our understanding of life, but of what it means to be a king. God sends us a king who is not exempt from life's ills but embraces them. The king that God gives to us knows what it means to be poor, suffer insults, be ridiculed, face rejection, endure suffering, be betrayed, and face a most unjust and horrific death. This is our king. Jesus is not a king of prestige or grandeur but a king who brings light to darkness, hope to despair, sinners to mercy, and new life out of death. Christ dances before us pleading with us to hold on, cling to love, avoid being negative, stop feeling cheated, and be strong in faith! There may be hardship and disappointment now but there are more surprises to come.

Once we understand this truth, we will also understand that we are on a most incredible and awesome universal journey to Christ and becoming one in Christ. We all carry within us the image of God, the image of our suffering king. The One who lives in us also lives in all of our brothers and sisters. Failing to see this universal Divine Presence in all is one of the greatest mistakes we can make, for we also fail to see God, our king, as well. There are many things that can bring hardship to life. If we keep our head about us and do not lose hope, we can persevere and strive for the greatest degree of justice possible. Even though there are ample things that can challenge our faith, we also know that our deepest joy comes from union with God and our brothers and sisters. One day, the fullness of that joy will be ours to have when we are all eternally one with Christ our King forever. ©LPi





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. 27-28	Lectors	Altar Servers	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat. 4:00 PM	Pat Cummings	Larry Walter	Phyllis Casey
Sun. 8:30 AM	Rose Benvenuti	Sophia Hearnlaye	Marie Ostiguy

**Weekend Collections
Nov. 6-7**



Sat/Sun	\$	2,313.20
Fuel	\$	170.00
Renovations	\$	50.00
All Saints Day	\$	85.00
All Souls Day	\$	70.00

Holiday Feasts



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

the rectory at (508)867-6811 if you would like to receive food for feasts at Christmas.

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

Thank you for your support!

Prayer Of Thanksgiving

"O God, when I have food, help me to remember the hungry. When I have work, help me to remember the jobless. When I have a home, help me to remember those who have no home at all. When I am without pain, help me to remember those who suffer. And remembering, help me to destroy my complacency, bestir my compassion, and be concerned enough to help, by word and deed, those who cry out for what we take for granted. Amen."

Samuel F. Pugh, Woman's Day



Anointing of the Sick



After the Sun. Nov. 21st 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.

**May the Choirs of Angels
Lead You into Paradise**



Our parish community here at St. Joseph's would like to pray for the repose of the soul of Phyllis Carrigan (Ron Houle's sister) who passed away recently. May God care for her eternally. We pray for her family, and friends that grieve this loss.



As a reminder, our parish follows the guidelines of the national Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People approved by the US Bishops and the policies of the Diocese of Worcester in screening those who work with children in our care and in helping victims of abuse find healing. If you or someone you know has been sexually abused by a Church employee or volunteer in the past, please contact **the Victim Services Coordinator** for our diocese at **508-929-4363** (direct line & confidential voicemail.) If you are concerned about a current case of abuse, please contact the local civil authorities immediately.



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