



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

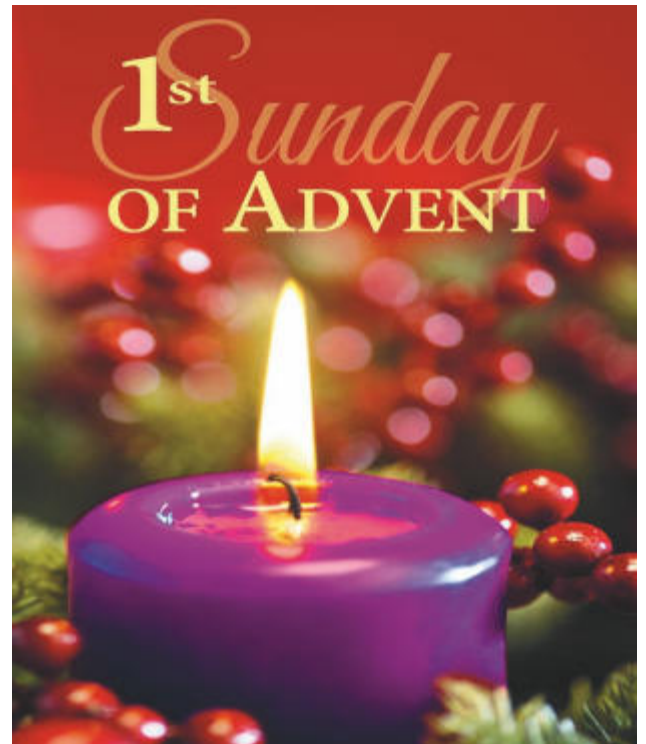
Please call the parish office for arrangements.

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.





Be Vigilant At All Times

Staying awake can often be a challenge, especially when we are exhausted. Life's demands have a way of zapping every last bit of energy out of us. When we are tired it affects us not only physically, but psychologically and spiritually as well. All of our senses are dulled and diminished. We can overlook details, become disinterested, lethargic and apathetic, and detached. Getting sufficient physical rest only helps so much. We need to be rejuvenated, refreshed, and reenergized in other ways. If we are psychologically exhausted, we need to understand what is draining our emotions and taxing our relationships. If we are spiritually tired, we need to find the necessary "shot in the arm" to put us back in touch with God. Unfortunately, exhaustion is seldom limited to just one part of who we are. When we lack energy and zeal it is usually the case that everything suffers. We not only are affected physically, but psychologically and spiritually as well. In short, when we run out of gas the engine stops.

And yet, our Lord's directive is clear, "Be vigilant at all times." Even Jesus knew what "the anxieties of daily life" can do to us. One day pours into another and time quickly flies by. Any one of us can take a moment and reflect on how many wonderful, creative opportunities we miss because there is always so much "stuff" to do and so little time to do it. Usually these are missed moments of love, and if we are missing love encounters we are also missing God. Sleepwalking through life, we check the boxes next to our list of "must and have to dos" and justify it all by convincing ourselves that tomorrow is another day and there'll be more time. It may surprise us, but tomorrow is here, and time is running out. While we may like to believe that we have an "eternity" of time to do all those things that require the focus, energy, and desire we do not currently have, we don't. We're on a limited ride and time is short.

Jesus is also clear on another point. "That day [will] catch you by surprise like a trap." If we are going to be judged on love and so easily justify not having all that much time to do so, then it seems we must shift focus a bit. St. Teresa of Calcutta tells us, "We desire to be able to welcome Jesus at Christmas-time, not in a cold manger of our heart, but in a heart full of love and humility, a heart so pure, so immaculate, so warm with love for one another." Getting to this place doesn't "just happen." It requires vigilance and discipline both with a knowledge of what is really of importance and what really needs to be the focus of our energy and time. Pray, starting now and not tomorrow, that we can stay alert, be strengthened in our faith, and prepared for whatever will come. Don't miss another opportunity to love. -©LPi



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
MONDAY	Nov. 29, 2021
8:00 AM	Mass at Sacred Heart, W. Brookfield
8:30 AM	Laura E. LaPerche req. by Catholic Association of Foresters
TUESDAY	Nov. 30, 2021
8:00 AM	Mass at Sacred Heart, W. Brookfield
8:30 AM	Stanley Meliesius, 3rd Anniversary req. by Darlene Lavin & MaryJo Hevy
WEDNESDAY	Dec. 1, 2021
8:00 AM	Mass at Sacred Heart, W. Brookfield
THURSDAY	Dec. 2, 2021
8:30 AM	Mass at St. John's, East Brookfield
FRIDAY	Dec. 3, 2021 (First Friday)
8:30 AM	Mass at St. John's, East Brookfield
SATURDAY	Dec. 4, 2021 (First Saturday)
8:00 AM	Mass at St. Mary's, Brookfield
8:30 AM	Mr. & Mrs. Wilfred Dupell req. by Darlene & Doug Lavin
4:00 PM	Leo DeLude, 28th Anniversary req. by his daughter and family
SUNDAY	Dec. 5, 2021
8:30 AM	Phyllis Carrigan, month's mind Mass req. by the parish

Readings for the week of November 28, 2021

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
Monday:	Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday:	Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [10]/Mt 4:18-22
Wednesday:	Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [6cd]/Mt 15:29-37
Thursday:	Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a [26a]/Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday:	Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [1a]/Mt 9:27-31
Saturday:	Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. Is 30:18d]/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8
Sunday:	Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6



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Dec. 4-5	Lectors	Altar Servers	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat. 4:00 PM	Ted Mullens	Kayleigh McPartland	Christine Letendre
Sun. 8:30 AM	Richard LeBlanc	Carlo Zolla	Peter Losurdo

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

The New 2 You Thrift Shop/Furniture Annex

First Annual Holiday Bazaar
 759 Main St., Leicester, Ma.
 Saturday, December 11, 2021
 9 AM – 3 PM

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- * Toy raffle table
- * Children's shop for a gift, will be personally wrapped
- * Face Painting
- * Revival Dance Academy performance
- * Picture with Santa, bring your camera
- * Sit and enjoy baked goods, hot cider and more

Food Pantry Request

The food pantry is in need of the following items:
 gravy, stuffing, cranberry sauce, hot chocolate,
 Pancake Mix and syrup

Please drop off donated items to the rectory or place them in the food pantry bin located on the left side of the church lobby.

Thank you for your support.



As often as you did it for one of my least brothers, you did it for me.

**Weekend Collections
 Nov. 13-14**



Sat/Sun	\$ 2,442.00
Fuel	\$ 145.00
Renovations	\$ 35.00

Thank you for your support!

Advent Wreath



The most common Advent wreath tradition involves four candles around the wreath. A new candle is lit on each of the four Sundays before Christmas. Each candle represents something different, although traditions vary. Often, the first, second, and fourth candles are purple; the third candle is rose-colored.

The **first candle** symbolizes **hope** and is called the "Prophet's Candle." The prophets of the Old Testament, especially Isaiah, waited in hope for the Messiah's arrival.

The **second candle** represents **faith** and is called "Bethlehem's Candle." Micah had foretold that the Messiah would be born in Bethlehem, which is also the birthplace of King David.

The **third candle** symbolizes **joy** and is called the "Shepherd's Candle." To the shepherd's great joy, the angels announced that Jesus came for humble, unimportant people like them, too. In liturgy, the color rose signifies joy.

The **fourth candle** represents **peace** and is called the "Angel's Candle." The angels announced that Jesus came to bring peace--He came to bring people close to God and to each other again.

- from Christianity.com

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



Our parish community at St. Joseph's would like to pray for the repose of the souls who have passed away during the month of November. May God care for them eternally. We pray for their family, and friends that grieve this loss.

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