



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

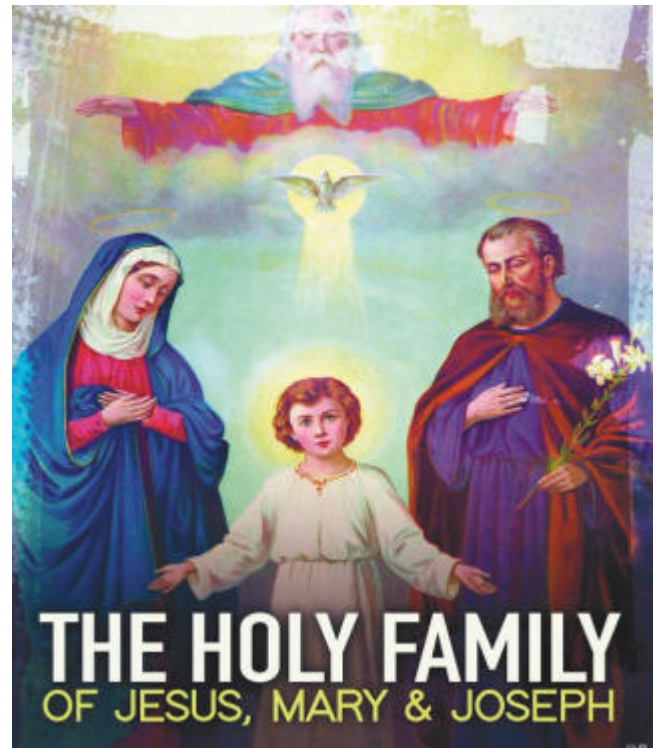
Please call the parish office for arrangements.

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.





The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Families can be very difficult things to negotiate. This is true not only of our families of origin, the current family of which we are a part, the family of our Church, our society, and our global family as well. Everything human can be found in family stories. Those stories speak of wonderful life-giving successes as well as painful spirit-robbing abuses. Our greatest joys and our greatest wounds are usually connected with the experience of family. Our needs, experiences, and unresolved baggage often color what we bring to our familiar relationships. They contribute to our level of defensiveness, how guarded and protected we become, and what prejudices we believe.

In order to break the cycle of dysfunction we have to remember that it is not only by human effort that we negotiate the difficult and challenging events of our lives. There is a Divine Effort at work as well. For sure, the human effort can create quite a mess and easily destroy lives. This is true of any family with which we are associated. Today's Feast of the Holy Family serves to help us understand that there is a Divine Story being told as well. It is a story of perseverance in the face of hardship, determination in the face of despair, healing when we see nothing but wounds, and light where there is darkness.

Do we believe that God is always working, guiding, restoring, and leading? Unless we do, we will never be free from the imperfections and wounds that bind us and never be able to understand what it really means to forgive. Pope Francis tells us that the "light which comes from the Holy Family encourages us to offer human warmth to other families." While this is most certainly true, we can only really begin to do this when we realize that we are still works in progress, not anchored to the wounds and sins of our past, and still a leading star in God's continually unfolding story of love. The Holy Family persevered and radiated warmth because they knew they were not alone. We can too.

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A Note of Thanks From The Food Pantry

Thank you to all who donated to our food pantry. Your kindness and generosity will help many families in need, especially during this holiday season. Because of the amount of donations we have received, the food pantry is full at this time. God bless you all.



SATURDAY	Dec. 25, 2021 Christmas Day
9:00 AM	Jake Wheeler , req. by the family
10:00 AM	Mass at St. John's, E. Brookfield
	8 & 10 AM Sacred Heart, W. Brookfield
Sat. Dec. 25th	(no 4:00 pm vigil Masses for Sun.)
SUNDAY	Dec. 26, 2021 Feast of the Holy Family
8:30 AM	Aime & Isabel Morin, Timoth Morin & Ralph & Vickie Lavalley
	req. by Paul & Joyce Morin
10:00 AM	St. John's, E. Brookfield
8 & 10:30 AM	Masses at Sacred Heart, W. Brookfield
MONDAY	Dec. 27, 2021
8:00 AM	Mass at Sacred Heart, W. Brookfield
8:30 AM	George E. Fitzgerald
	req. by Catholic Association of Foresters
TUESDAY	Dec. 28, 2021
8:00 AM	Mass at Sacred Heart, W. Brookfield
8:30 AM	For all ministries of the parish
WEDNESDAY	Dec. 29, 2021
8:00 AM	Mass at Sacred Heart, W. Brookfield
THURS.	Dec. 30, 2021
8:30 AM	Mass at St. John's, E. Brookfield
FRI.	Dec. 31, 2021 New Year's Eve
8:30 AM	Mass at St. John's, E. Brookfield
	(No 4:00 PM Vigil Masses for Sat.)
SATURDAY	Jan 1, 2021 New Year's Day & First Saturday
8:00 AM	St. Mary's, Brookfield
9:00 AM	For those afflicted by the Corona virus and Variance
	req. by the parish
8:00 AM	Mass at Sacred Heart, W. Brookfield
	(No 4 PM Vigil Mass for Sun.)
SUNDAY	Jan 2, 2021 Feast of the Epiphany
8:00 AM	Mass at Sacred Heart, W. Brookfield
8:30 AM	For blessings upon our parish in the new year
10:00 AM	Mass at St. John's
10:30 AM	Mass at Sacred Heart, W. Brookfield

Readings for the week of December 26, 2021

Sunday:	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:41-52
Monday:	1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Tuesday:	1 Jn 1:5-2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18
Wednesday:	1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35
Thursday:	1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40
Friday:	1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18
Saturday:	Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/ Lk 2:16-21
Sunday:	Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf.11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12



Christmas Cantata

The Christian Community Choir, hosted at the East Brookfield Baptist Church, has this upcoming Christmas Cantata concert: St. John the Baptist Church, Sunday, Jan. 9th at 3 PM



Jan. 1-2	Lectors	Altar Servers	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat. 4:00 PM	no vigil Mass	no vigil Mass	no vigil Mass
Sun. 8:30 AM	Richard LeBlanc	Sophia Hearnlaye	Phyllis Casey



New Years' Mass Schedules

The parishes of St. Joseph's, St. John's, and Our Lady of the Sacred Heart

Sun. Dec. 26th Feast of the Holy Family

8:30am St. Joseph's, N. Brookfield
 10:00am St. John's, E. Brookfield
 8:00am and 10:30am, Sacred Heart, West Brookfield

Fri. Dec. 31st

8:30am St. John's, E. Brookfield
 (no 4:00pm vigil Masses for Sat.)

Sat. Jan. 1st First Saturday of the month: (not a Holy Day of Obligation - no obligation to attend Mass, as the feast falls on a Saturday) **regular 1st Sat. Masses**

8:00am St. Mary's, Brookfield
 9:00am St. Joseph's, N. Brookfield
 11:00am Sacred Heart, West Brookfield
Sat. Jan. 1st (no 4:00pm vigil Mass for Sun.)

Sun. Jan. 2nd Epiphany

8:30am St. Joseph's, N. Brookfield
 10:00am St. John's, E. Brookfield
 8:00am and 10:30am at Sacred Heart, West Brookfield



**Weekend Collections
Dec. 11-12**

Sat/Sun	\$ 3,276.00
Fuel	\$ 340.00
Renovations	\$ 125.00
Assumption Blessed Virgin	\$ 319.00
Retirement for Religious	\$ 786.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 270.00
Food Pantry	\$ 102.42
Religious Education	\$ 70.00

Thank you for your support!



Renovations & Fuel Collections

Starting in January 2022, there will be two regular monthly collections for renovation and fuel. The first Sunday of the month will be designated for the renovation collection and the second Sunday of the month will be designated for the fuel collection. Thank you for your continued support of our parish.



Scratch Ticket Raffle

St. John's is renewing their fundraiser of last year, the Scratch Ticket Raffle. The Grand Prize will be a book of fifty \$30.00 scratch tickets. The 2nd prize is \$200, 3rd is \$100, 4th is \$100, and 5th is \$100. The cost is \$20 each. If you would like tickets, please call the St. Joseph's and St. John's parish offices. Given the current season, remember that this would make a great Christmas present.

The deadline for the ticket returns is Monday, Jan. 3rd. The drawing will take place on Monday, January 10th.



The Catholic University of America Collection

Next weekend, on Jan. 2nd, there will be a collection for the annual Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C.

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