



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 7:30am 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):

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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.

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.

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)

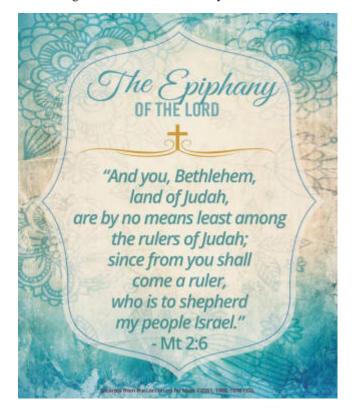
Saturday at @ 3:00 PM at the Church or by appointment.

Baptisms

Please call the parish office for arrangements.

Marriages

Arrangements should be made 1 year in advance.





SATURDAY Jan 1, 2022 New Year's Day & 1st Sat.

8:00 AM St. Mary's, Brookfield

8:30 AM For those afflicted by the Corona

virus and variants req. by the parish

8:00 AM Mass at Sacred Heart, W. Brookfield **SUNDAY** 8:00 AM Mass at Sacred Heart, W. Brookfield 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, East Brookfield 10:30 AM Mass at Sacred Heart, W. Brookfield

MONDAY Jan 3, 2022

8:00 AM Mass at Sacred Heart, W. Brookfield

8:30 AM **Marianne Abysalh**

req. by her husband, Charles

TUESDAY Jan. 4, 2022

8:00 AM Mass at Sacred Heart, W. Brookfield

8:30 AM Marie R. Williams

reg. by Catholic Association of Foresters

WEDNESDAY Jan 5, 2022

8:00 AM Mass at Sacred Heart, W. Brookfield

THURSDAY Jan 6, 2021

8:30 AM Mass at St. John's, E. Brookfield

FRIDAY Jan 7, 2022

8:30 AM Mass at St. John's. E. Brookfield

SATURDAY Jan 8, 2022

8.00 AM St. Mary's, Brookfield

4:00 PM Ronald Karbowski, 12th Anniversary

reg. by his wife, Nancy

4:00 PM Mass at St. John's, East Brookfield 5:00 PM Mass at St. Mary's, Brookfield

SUNDAY Jan 9, 2022

8:00 AM Mass at Sacred Heart, W. Brookfield 8:30 AM **Gennie Caron, 55th Anniversary**

req. by Pit & Marilyn

10:00 AM Mass at St. John's, East Brookfield
10:30 AM Mass at Sacred Heart, West Brookfield

Readings for the week of January 2, 2022

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

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17,

23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44 Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52 Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/

Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/

Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/

Jn 3:22-30

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/

Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22 or, Is 40:1-5, 9-11/ Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/

Ti 2:11-14;3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

The Epiphany of the Lord

In his Apostolic Exhortation, *The Joy of the Gospel*, Pope Francis references a thought from Pope Benedict XVI: "Being a Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction." Today we celebrate an encounter with the Person of Jesus Christ! This simple but holy event in time dramatically changes human life, pointing it toward a new horizon and giving it a decisive direction. This is a message and truth that is not meant to be shared with only a select few who qualify but with the entire world. Pope Francis continues saying, "Thanks solely to this encounter or renewed encounter with God's love, which blossoms into an enriching friendship, we are liberated from our narrowness and self-absorption. We become fully human when we become more than human, when we let God bring us beyond ourselves in order to attain the fullest truth of our being."

Look around at people. Where is life heading for them? What gives them direction? Even we who are people of faith can get distracted and lose our focus. God, in all of His fullness, is revealed in Jesus Christ and we can encounter Him! God is tangible, real, vulnerable, poor, and full of wonders, surprises, and opportunities. For those who are struggling and lost, today is a day of great joy. All they have to do is reach out and touch the truth of Christ. This presence is revealed in the poor, exploited, and vulnerable ones who cry out for compassion and love. But it is also found in the faithful ones who see in the Epiphany of God a liberation from structures and systems that hurt us, a narrowness of mind and heart that constricts us, and an absorption in our self-agenda that prevents us from seeing anything other than ourselves as important.

We have been given the charge of preaching this Good News. If only we could find a way to be more effective, it might stand a chance of doing what God intended it to do. There is always tomorrow and our memory of that bright new light that shone so brilliantly that Bethlehem night pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved.

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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD





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



New Years' Mass Schedules

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

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



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

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



Fr. Joe, Fr. Don, Fr. Rich and Fr. George would like to thank all parishioners who offered each of them wonderful Christmas gifts, food, cards, and good wishes during this Christmas season. They ask that God bless each of those parishioners greatly for their thoughtfulness, kindness, and generosity!





Jan. 8-9	Lectors	Altar Servers	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat.	Richard	Larry	Christine
4.00 PM	Lindsay	Walter	Letendre
Sun.	Rose	Carlo	Darlene
8:30 AM	Benvenuti	Zolla	Lavin

Weekend Collections Dec. 18-19

Sat/Sun	\$ 2,034.00
Fuel	\$ 45.00
Renovations	\$ 55.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 18.00
Retirement for Religious	\$ 120.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 160.00
Donation	\$ 1,500.00

Thank you for your support!

Renovations & Fuel Collections

Starting this Sunday, January 2, 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.

LOVE & ACCEPTANCE BY COMING HOME TO THE CATHOLIC CHURCH.

There's an old saying that goes, "Once a Catholic, always a Catholic." Maybe you have been away from the Church for a little while or for quite some time, but now you feel a tug at your heart calling you back to the Catholic Church. Listen to that tug. It's your Heavenly Father reaching his arms out to you, the Holy Spirit whispering in your ear, hoping to draw you home.

We hope you accept this as your invitation to rediscover the truth, wonder and mystery of the Catholic faith. As your brothers and sisters in our worldwide Catholic family, we want you back. We've missed you, and our Church is not the same without you.

Regardless of why you left or got out of the habit of going to Mass, you can always come home and return to the practice of the sacraments and the fullness of relationship with Jesus Christ and the Church he founded. We are Catholic. Welcome home.

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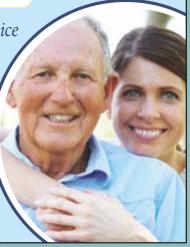
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