



# Saint Joseph's Parish

*Serving the People of North Brookfield,  
Oakham and New Braintree*

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North Brookfield, MA 01535

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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):

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.



## THE BAPTISM of the Lord

*"I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." - Lk 3:16c*

## 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 Baptism of the Lord

*"We are called to live our baptism every day, as new creatures, clothed in Christ."*

— Pope Francis

**SATURDAY Jan 8, 2022**

8:00 AM St. Mary's, Brookfield  
4:00 PM **Ronald Karbowski, 12<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**  
req. 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, 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**  
req. by Pit & Marilyn  
10:00 AM Mass at St. John's, East Brookfield  
10:30 AM Mass at Sacred Heart, West Brookfield

**MONDAY Jan 10, 2022**

8:00 AM Mass at Sacred Heart, W. Brookfield  
8:30 AM **Elaine Emery**  
req. by Phyllis Casey

**TUESDAY Jan. 11, 2022**

8:00 AM Mass at Sacred Heart, W. Brookfield  
8:30 AM **Cecile Costa for her recovery**  
req. by Kristy Riendeau

**WEDNESDAY Jan 12, 2022**

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

**THURSDAY Jan 13, 2022**

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

**FRIDAY Jan 14, 2022**

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

**SATURDAY Jan 15, 2022**

8:00 AM St. Mary's, Brookfield  
4:00 PM **Charles Hirbour, Sr.**  
req. by the family  
4:00 PM Mass at St. John's, East Brookfield  
5:00 PM Mass at St. Mary's, Brookfield

**SUNDAY Jan 16, 2022**

8:00 AM Mass at Sacred Heart, W. Brookfield  
8:30 AM **Earlene Lapierre**  
req. by the family  
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 09, 2022**

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

Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19/  
Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/  
Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9,  
10/Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/  
Mk 1:40-45

Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/  
Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/  
Mk 2:13-17

Sunday: Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]/1  
Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

What reference point do you use when making decisions? Many times, impulse takes control and decisions are made based solely on emotion and desire. We all know that these types of decisions can often get us into trouble. When a person has a confident sense of who they are and a real understanding of what is important and of value, the likelihood of kneejerk impulsive choices diminishes. Baptism gives us what we need to make well informed and purposeful decisions. By this simple gesture, God claims us as His own and provides us with the identity and purpose we need to properly live life.

It is tremendously reassuring, when we truly embrace this revelation and realize that we no longer have to wonder about the purpose of our lives or struggle to find our way. The answer of who we are in God has been given to us. We no longer have to fumble around, trip over ourselves or walk aimlessly about. Issues surrounding the sacredness of life, the meaning of death, the protection of those most vulnerable, care for the weak and the poor, offering hospitality to those in search of a home, the purpose and proper place of work, how to create a just social order, caring for creation, and understanding our roles as heralds and stewards are just a few of the wonderful gifts baptism brings. When we make decisions based on things such as these core Gospel truths we really act as Christ himself, revealing to others the new creations that we are. This is how we live our baptism.

It is difficult to walk against the tide. Yet, that is precisely what baptism calls us to do. Although we are sinners, in need of mercy and far from perfection we are called to order our life and make decisions based upon the wisdom and guidance of Almighty God. He alone is the one who can claim us as His sons and daughters. Standing up for our principles will not make us popular. But who ever said Christianity is a popularity contest? Baptism calls us to stand up for that which goes against the grain of secularism. Standing in line with other sinners, we have our anchor to steady us in the tempests of life and God is very pleased. Forge ahead. There is nothing to fear.

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***Baptism is Necessary for Salvation***

Baptism is necessary for salvation for anyone who has heard the Gospel of Christ and has the possibility of requesting Baptism.

If a man has lived to be a hundred and had a healthy and “successful” life, it means nothing without Baptism. Once he dies, how could health or worldly success matter at all if this person has missed out on the one thing for which he was made—eternal union with God?

There is no escaping the absolute necessity of Baptism.

“Unless a man be born again of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God,” Jesus told Nicodemus (John 3:5). And His command to the Apostles was: “Go into the whole world and preach the Gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized shall be saved, but he who does not believe” (and, by inference, is not baptized) “shall be condemned” (Mark 16: 15-16).

There is no “if” or “maybe” about those two statements; no way around them.

-Excerpts are from Beginning Catholic.com and The Faith Explained, a classic book by Father Leo Trese.



The Christian Community Choir is again offering these upcoming Christmas concerts. Come to enjoy the story, the music and the celebration of our Savior’s birth!

*Sun. Jan. 9<sup>th</sup> 3:00pm, at St. John the Baptist Church*  
A light reception will follow.



***Scratch Ticket Raffle  
at St. John’s***

St. John’s Parish 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, 4<sup>th</sup> is \$100, and 5<sup>th</sup> is \$100. You should have received a mailing from us already. If you would like more tickets, please call the parish office. Given the current season, remember that this would make a great present. The cost is \$20 per ticket.

The deadline for the ticket returns has been extended to Monday, Jan. 10<sup>th</sup>. The drawing will take place at a later time.



Jan. 15-16	Lectors	Altar Servers	Eucharistic Ministers
<b>Sat. 4:00 PM</b>	Ted Mullens	Kayleigh McPartland	Phyllis Casey
<b>Sun. 8:30 AM</b>	Joan Reidy	Sophia Hearnlaye	Richard Caron



**Weekend Collections  
Dec. 25-26**

Sat/Sun	\$ 1,273.00
Fuel	\$ 325.00
Renovations	\$ 11.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 25.00
Christmas	\$ 2,518.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 20.00
Food Pantry	\$ 100.00

*Thank you for your support!*



With the winter weather upon us, we are in need of a volunteer who can assist with the de-icing and/or sanding of sidewalks at church during times of freezing rain or ice storms. The need is to have this done prior to Masses at church. If you can help us out, please call the rectory office at 508.867.6811.



**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 of Elaine Emery, Theresa Cuddy, and Karen Calamare who have passed recently. May God care for them eternally. We pray for their family, and friends that grieve these losses.

**Mass Cancellation and 2 Hour Delay Policy**

Our policy for cancellation of daily Masses due to snow, is as follows. When schools have cancelled classes for the day, Mass is also cancelled. If there is a 2 hour delay in the beginning time of school, we will have Mass.

During weekends, if inclement weather is predicted, please consider attending an earlier Mass, allowing you to be able to keep the Sabbath. In the event of snow, please use your good judgment, but know that we will try to have Mass on the weekend, even if we only have a few people present.



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