



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):

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

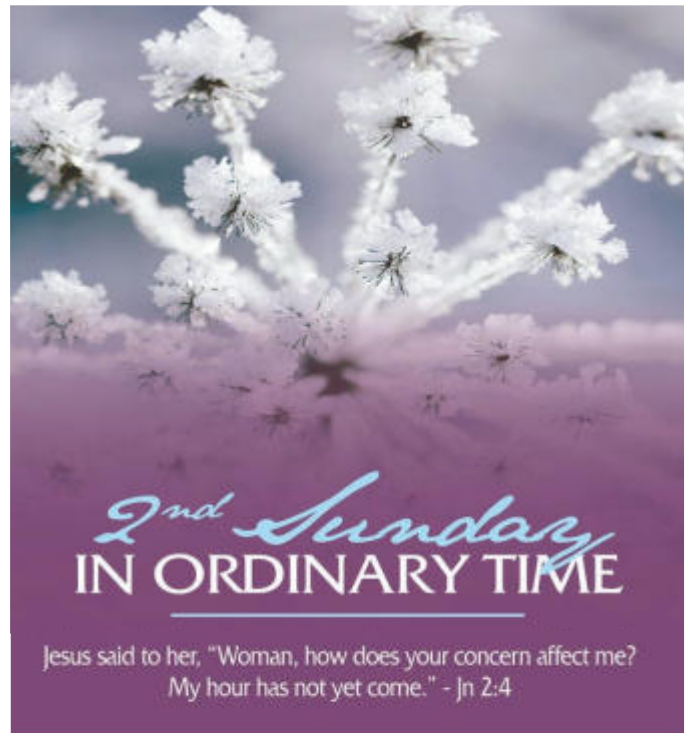
Please call the parish office for arrangements.

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.





Live a Life of Purpose, Hope, and Love

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
MONDAY	Jan. 17, 2022
8:00 AM	Mass at Sacred Heart, W. Brookfield
8:30 AM	No Mass at St. Joseph's
TUESDAY	Jan. 18, 2022
8:00 AM	Mass at Sacred Heart, W. Brookfield
8:30 AM	Christopher Camara, req. by Catholic Association of Foresters
WEDNESDAY	Jan. 19, 2022
8:00 AM	Mass at Sacred Heart, W. Brookfield
THURSDAY	Jan. 20, 2022
8:30 AM	Mass at St. John's, E. Brookfield
FRIDAY	Jan. 21, 2022
8:30 AM	No Mass at St. John's, E. Brookfield
SATURDAY	Jan. 22, 2022
4:00 PM	Dr. Jay Batalis, 20th Anniversary req. by his wife and family
4:00 PM	Mass at St. John's, East Brookfield
5:00 PM	Mass at St. Mary's, Brookfield
SUNDAY	Jan. 23, 2022
8:00 AM	Mass at Sacred Heart, W. Brookfield
8:30 AM	Julianne Caron, John & Blanche Borelli req. by the family
10:00 AM	Mass at St. John's, East Brookfield
10:30 AM	Mass at Sacred Heart, West Brookfield

God delights in you. How do you feel when you hear that? Delight usually comes with an exuberant flow of joy that seemingly arises from one's toes with the expression of great glee. Reflecting upon the deep measure of joy God has in us can be a source of joy for ourselves. Delight is infectious. A very young brother and sister were playing on the beach when the all too familiar ice cream truck made its daily rounds. The boy shook with excitement and delight as he took his sister's hand and exclaimed, "The ice cream man is here, isn't it great!" As they ran off toward the truck, one could hear the girl reply, "Yeah, I can't wait!" The experience of a child's delight in something so simple as ice cream, lifts our spirits from our burdens and transports us to the lighter, more innocent side of life.

Life is not meant to be a burden. Believe it or not, God actually wants us to be happy! In fact, the wedding feast at Cana shows us that God even puts His blessing on our happiness. It is okay to celebrate the wonder of ourselves and others. Life is good. It is always interesting to note that Jesus saves the good wine until last. You would think it would be the other way around. The superb quality of Jesus' wine points to the superior quality of life we find in Christ. It is not a life of burdens but a life of wonder and delight! In Christ, we are lifted from the superficial and mundane to a life of purpose, hope, and love.

God is with us through the long haul, through the challenges and sorrows as well as the successes and accomplishments. In spite of the fact that we often wander from the path, God's celebratory delight in us remains. As spouses are asked to remain faithful to each other through whatever life brings, God remains faithful too. This promise remains through this life and into the next. All we have to do is take the advice of Jesus' mother to heart when she says, "Listen to him." This wisdom saves us from foolishly giving in to the illusion that we can make better wine than Jesus.

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Readings for the week of January 16, 2022

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
Monday:	1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/ Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday:	1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/ Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday:	1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/ Mk 3:1-6
Thursday:	1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13/Mk 3:7-12
Friday:	1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/ Mk 3:13-19
Saturday:	2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/ Mk 3:20-21
Sunday:	Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21



Daily Mass Changes

On Mon. Jan. 17th, Mass at St. Joseph's is being cancelled. Alternate places that will have Mass are Sacred Heart Church in West Brookfield at 8:00am and Mary, Queen of the Rosary in Spencer at 8:00am.

On Fri. Jan. 21st, Mass at St. John's is being cancelled. St. Joseph's Abbey in Spencer has a 6:00am Morning Prayer, followed by Mass. There are no other Masses in our immediate area on Fridays.



Jan. 22-23	Lectors	Altar Servers	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat. 4.00 PM	Joann Severance	Larry Walter	David Brown
Sun. 8:30 AM	Tammy Auger	Carlo Zolla	Marie Ostiguy

Christmas Giving Tree Thank You

Because of your generous donations to the Christmas Giving Tree, St. Joseph's Parish was able to give 4 gift cards to shut-ins. 14 families received a gift card for Hannafords and 47 children each received other gift cards. God bless you for making Christmas a beautiful holiday for these families.



**Weekend Collections
Jan. 1-2**

Sat/Sun	\$	2,571.00
Fuel	\$	32.00
Renovations	\$	105.00
Solemnity of Mary, Jan. 1	\$	79.00
Catholic University	\$	271.00
Christmas	\$	55.00
Donation	\$	500.00
Donation	\$	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.

Offertory Collections - 1/8/22 - 1/9/22	
Weekly collection needed to meet expenses	\$ 3,750.00
General collection	\$ 2,045.00
Monthly fuel collection	\$ 603.00
Christmas	\$ 25.00
Solemnity of Mary - Jan. 1	\$ 20.00
Donation	\$ 1,500.00
Other income	\$ 40.00
Total weekly collection	\$ 4,233.00
Overage	\$ 438.00
Monthly renovation fund	\$ 1,035.00
Catholic University	\$ 10.00

A Special Donation to the Parish

A significant anonymous donation has been offered to St. Joseph's Parish. This gift is being donated in memory of Statia and Joseph Dobeck and Judith Dobeck. We ask God to continue to bless the donor for their generosity and kindness and to eternally care for those held in fond memory.



Christmas Flowers Remembrance Continued

In memory of Phyllis R. Carrigan by Ron & Diane Houle



K of C Support of Vocations Program

Our local Knights of Columbus Cardinal Gibbons Council no. 2381 has been recognized for its participation in the Refund Support Vocations Program. This acknowledgement has been offered for our council's support of seminarians and postulants (persons who at the early stages of religious life). We commend the Knights for the continued support of these individuals, as well as the work and ministries that our Knights continue to offer in our midst.

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