



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 Sacred Heart Church, W. 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.





God Always Finds Us

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
MONDAY	Jan. 24, 2022
8:00 AM	Mass at Sacred Heart, W. Brookfield
8:30 AM	Theresa Cuddy req. by the Bereavement Committee
TUESDAY	Jan. 25, 2022
8:00 AM	Mass at Sacred Heart, W. Brookfield
8:30 AM	Marianne Abysalh req. by her husband, Charles
WEDNESDAY	Jan. 26, 2022
8:00 AM	Mass at Sacred Heart, W. Brookfield
THURSDAY	Jan. 27, 2022
8:30 AM	Mass at St. John's, E. Brookfield
FRIDAY	Jan. 28, 2022
8:30 AM	Mass at St. John's, E. Brookfield
SATURDAY	Jan. 29, 2022
4:00 PM	Lise Oliver, (3 month anniv.) req. by her mother, Lucy Miner
4:00 PM	Mass at St. John's, East Brookfield
5:00 PM	Mass at St. Mary's, Brookfield
SUNDAY	Jan. 30, 2022
8:00 AM	Mass at Sacred Heart, W. Brookfield
8:30 AM	Steven & David Hubacz req. by the family
10:00 AM	Mass at St. John's, East Brookfield
10:30 AM	Mass at Sacred Heart, West Brookfield

Human history reveals many periods where people lost a sense of God's transcendence. It may even be argued that human beings have been wandering and lost more than they have been at home and focused. Human nature being what it is, we struggle with who God really is — the God of our salvation history or the "gods" of human constructs. Relying on our own designs and pursuits, we forget that we really are meant to listen to One upon whom the Spirit of the Lord rests, Jesus Christ, and not to ourselves. That same history that reveals our fickleness and infidelity also reveals God's constancy and faithfulness. God always finds us.

As people wander and fumble to find their way, God is there bringing them back to holiness and giving them the assurance of His presence. We have to allow God's Word, God's life, to touch us and change us. It can make us more flexible and attentive to the sacred in all facets of life so that every day is one that is holy. Every day is a time when fulfillment is possible for one's soul. Jesus stood before those gathered in the synagogue as the fulfillment of words of promise that were echoed long ago. God doesn't forget. He always comes for us.

Now it is time to remember to go to God. Sometimes our lives are so confused and tangled that it is difficult to see the Word and hand of God. But when we realize, deep within, the depth of friendship God offers to us it really has the power to turn sadness to joy. The promise is fulfilled. Going frequently to God's Word, allowing ourselves to be enriched and rejuvenated, and pondering the certainty of God's fidelity and promise permanently transforms us. We will be more aware of the sacred and the holy and less invested in things that pull us away.

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Readings for the week of January 23, 2022

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
Monday:	2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26/ Mk 3:22-30
Tuesday:	Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117: 1bc, 2/ Mk 16:15-18
Wednesday:	2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/ Mk 4:1-20
Thursday:	2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14/Mk 4:21-25
Friday:	2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11/Mk 4:26-34
Saturday:	2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/ Mk 4:35-41
Sunday:	Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17 [cf. 15ab]/1 Cor 12:31—13:13 or 13:4-13/ Lk 4:21-30



Mass Change in Brookfield



Starting Sat. Jan. 22nd, there will **no** longer be a Sat. 8:00am Mass at St. Mary's in Brookfield.

Booster Club Winners

November 2021

1 st Prize	Marty Leach, III	\$	100.00
2 nd Prize	Sharon Dowglewicz	\$	50.00
3 rd Prize	Florine Martel	\$	25.00
4 th Prize	Deb Paquette	\$	25.00

December 2021

1 st Prize	Nina Kokansky	\$	100.00
2 nd Prize	Dave Ingram	\$	50.00
3 rd Prize	Ed Decoteau	\$	25.00
4 th Prize	Fr. Rich	\$	25.00

Jan. 29-30	Lectors	Altar Servers	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat. 4:00 PM	Pat Cummings	Kayleigh McPartland	Christine Letendre
Sun. 8:30 AM	Rose Benvenuti	Sophie Hearnlaye	Peter Losurdo

Plant Your Works in the Word

One of the things about Scripture is that even the smallest word and shortest phrase can be critical to the overall message. When you take a quiet moment to rest with the Word, you find how quickly the most mundane sentence can reach out and grab you, pulling you into a deeper contemplation of some truth you hadn't even considered until then.

But we often fail to act as the Israelites in the Book of Nehemiah, standing before the Water Gate "listening attentively." Whether it's at Mass during the Liturgy of the Word or at home poring over the Bible, time after time we find ourselves less mindful than we could be. Our ears accept the sounds of the words and our eyes glance over the shape of the letters.

But are we mindful — truly?

The best answer is hopefully at least sometimes. There are always tasks to be completed, problems weighing on our minds that we can't quite give over to God. We lose ourselves in these things instead of in Scripture. We "clock in" with Bible reading instead of "diving in."

We can never forget that the words of the Lord are spirit and life. They are the soil that quickens the seed of all stewardship. There is no mindfulness, no prayer, no graciousness, no gratitude or accountability or sense of commitment unless there is the Word.

So let us pray today for mindfulness, that our every action will be grounded in the law of God — giving it true spirit and life.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Offertory Collections - 1/15/22 - 1/16/22	
Weekly collection needed to meet expenses	\$ 3,750.00
General collection	\$ 2,049.00
Monthly fuel collection	\$ 95.00
Christmas	\$ 25.00
Donation	\$ 2,600.00
Total weekly collection	\$ 4,769.00
Overage	\$ 1,019.00
Monthly renovation fund	\$ 385.00
Food Pantry	\$ 50.00

Word of Life Reflection

"Walk with each other. Do not be afraid to embrace God's gift of life. Whatever storms or trials we face, we are not alone. He is with us. 'Behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age' (Matthew 28:20)."

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Respect Life Reflection:
Be Not Afraid (respectlife.org/be-not-afraid)*

St. John's Scratch Ticket Raffle Winners



This year's Scratch Ticket Winners are:
Fifty \$ 30.00 scratch tickets:

Jenn and Tim McNeaney, N. Brookfield

Jean Rooney, N. Brookfield	\$ 200.00
Elizabeth Cortinelli, N. Brookfield	\$ 100.00
James Bealand, Oakham	\$ 100.00
Cathy & Tony Wade, Leominster (Fr. Don's sister & brother-in-law)	\$ 100.00

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