

Saint Joseph's Parish

Serving the People of North Brookfield, Oakham and New Braintree

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Confessions (Reconciliation):

Saturday 3:00 - 3:45 PM or by appointment

Baptisms:

Sunday at 12 noon or by appointment

Baptism Preparation: by appointment. Please call the rectory.

Marriages:

Arrangements should be made 1 year in advance.

Adoration and Prayer:

Thursday afternoons 3:00 - 4:00 PM

First Fridays 8:30 - 11:30 AM

Rosary:

Weekdays: Mondays, Tuesdays, and Fridays 7:45 AM

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 after Masses on third Sunday of the month. 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 6:00 PM - 7:15 PM

Third Thursday of the month 12:00 PM - 1:15 PM

Bereavement Committee: Carole Ryback (508) 867-8728

St. Joseph's Cemetery: Donald Beauchamp (508) 867-6811

Bulletin Deadline: Please submit bulletin entries in writing to the rectory by Monday at 9:00AM.

Pastor

Rev. Richard A. Jakubauskas

Associate Pastor

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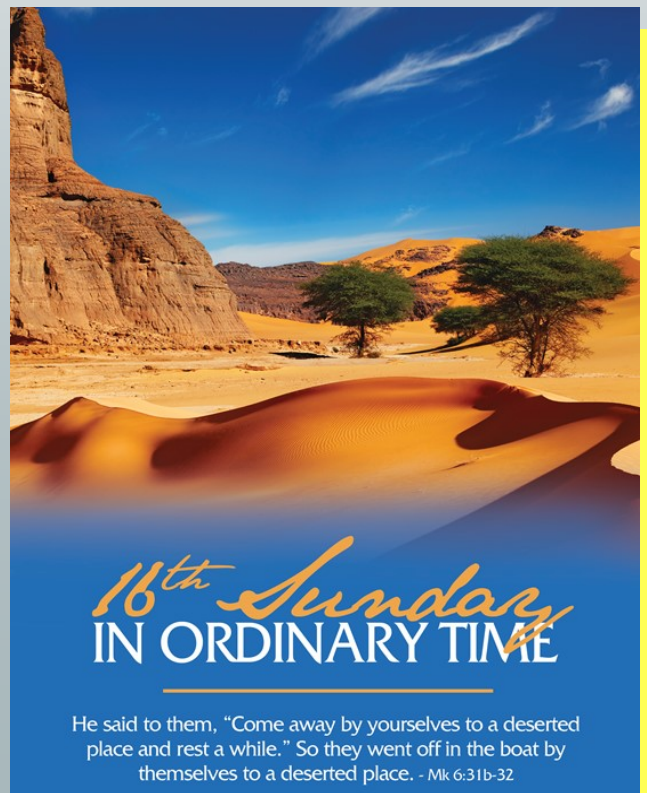
Lord's Day Masses

Saturday: 4:00PM

Sunday: 8:00AM and 10:15AM

Weekday Liturgies

Monday, Tuesday and Friday
at 8:00AM at St. Joseph's Parish
Wednesday and Thursday
at 8:30 AM at St. John the Baptist,
East Brookfield



16th Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

He said to them, "Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while." So they went off in the boat by themselves to a deserted place. - Mk 6:31b-32

Mass Intentions for the Week

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Clement Stone, a 20th c. philosopher, wrote about our need to nourish our minds and hearts, just as we nourish our bodies with food. Why did the people of Jesus' time run after Him? In this weekend's Gospel of Mark, Chap. 6, we hear how the people are already in a deserted place before Jesus got there. *"So Jesus and the disciples went off in the boat by themselves to a deserted place. People saw them leaving, as many came to know about it. They hastened there on foot from all the towns and arrived at the place before them."* Related to Jesus' followers' experience, in this weekend's psalm, Psalm 16, we read one person's experience: *"You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, at your right hand, happiness forever."*

Some of us aren't reading the Scriptures enough. When we do take the time to read the New Testament and Gospels of Mark, Matthew, Luke, and John, we can more fully experience the words of Jesus himself. Thus, we can feed our minds with life giving words. These are words that give us hope, offering us understanding as to the best ways to conduct ourselves, which, in turn, give us food for the soul. They give us the strength to go on. Cardinal John Henry Newman once wrote: *"God has created me to do some definite service. He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another. I have a mission."* To further support the idea of an individual's influence, Bill Vaughan, an American author, wrote: *"If you think that one individual can't make a difference in the world, consider what one cigar can do in a nine-room house."*

God love you,

Fr. Rich

Readings for the Week of July 22, 2018

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| Sunday: | Jer 23:1-6/Ps 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6 [1]/Eph 2:13-18/ Mk 6:30-34 |
| Monday: | Mi 6:1-4, 6-8/Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 [23b]/Mt 12:38-42 |
| Tuesday: | Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 85:2-4, 5-6, 7-8 [8a]/ Mt 12:46-50 |
| Wednesday: | 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 [5]/ Mt 20:20-28 |
| Thursday: | Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13/Ps 36:6-7ab, 8-9, 10-11 [10a]/ Mt 13:10-17 |
| Friday: | Jer 3:14-17/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13 [cf. 10d]/ Mt 13:18-23 |
| Saturday: | Jer 7:1-11/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11 [2]/ Mt 13:24-30 |
| Sunday: | 2 Kgs 4:42-44/Ps 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18 [cf. 16]/ Eph 4:1-6/Jn 6:1-15 |



The Bereavement Committee

THANKS!

A special thank you goes to the “mystery person” who installed a new sprayer hose for the church hall kitchen sink. It is so nice to have a working sprayer!



The Bereavement Committee is also in need of volunteers to make sandwiches and desserts for funerals. If you would like to help with this ministry, please call Carole Ryback at (508) 867-8728.



| July 28-29 | Lectors | Altar Servers | Eucharistic Ministers |
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| Sat. 4:00 PM | Pat Cummings | Cameron LeBlanc | Barbara Bechan Charlotte Foley Dennis Foley |
| Sun. 8:00 AM | Larry Walker | Sam Losurdo | James Ford Darlene Lavin Peter Losurdo |
| Sun. 10:15 AM | Richard LeBlanc | Fernando Cruz Orlando Cruz | Tara Bennett Sheila Buzzell Joanne Ford |



As of July 16, 2018, the Diocese of Worcester, has received the following:

Gifts 15,814 Raised \$ 4,920,782.00
This is 98 % of the \$5 million goal.

St. Joseph’s Parish :
Gifts 139 Raised \$ 23,294
St. Joseph’s Parish has reached 88% of our goal.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL DATE CHANGED

Due to a conflict of interest, the Vacation Bible School has been rescheduled to August 13—17.

Horticulturists needed

Volunteers are needed to trim flowers and remove weeds around the Church yard. You can do something beautiful for God and get exercise. Please call the rectory to volunteer.

ON THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF HUMANAE VITAE (ON HUMAN LIFE) TOPIC: MARRIED LOVE

According to Pope Paul VI, married love takes its origin from God, who is love, and from this basic dignity, he defines his position.

Love is total—that very special form of friendship in which husband and wife generously share everything, allowing no unreasonable exceptions and not thinking solely of their own convenience. Whoever really loves his/ her partner loves not only for what they receive, but loves that partner for the partner’s own sake, content to be able to enrich the other with the gift of themselves.

With this view, there can be no accommodation for giving something less than oneself as created by God, as happens with contraception.



Lord, thank You that we are part of a chosen generation.
You have called me out of darkness into Your marvelous light.
Help me to be a light to the world. - 1 Peter 2:9

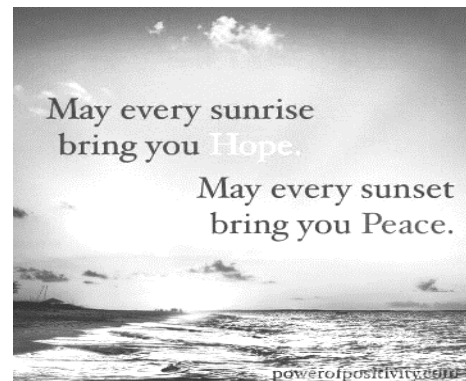
Word of Life Reflection

“Through (the) loving care (of my family and friends), they affirm what I also know—that my life is, always has been, and always will be, worth living.”

“Maggie’s Story: Living like Dad,”
www.usccb.org/maggies-story
USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

PRAYER GROUP

If you know of someone who is sick, hospitalized or in need of prayers for whatever reason, please fill out the request form at the entrance to the Church, or request it on any type of paper, and place it in the collection basket. The prayer group will pray for that individual. If need be, you can also call the rectory to request prayers.



May They Rest In Peace



Our parish offers our support and prayers for Helen Gardner, whose funeral was held on Saturday. We also pray for her family and friends who grieve the loss. May God keep her and all the faithful departed in loving care eternally.