



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.

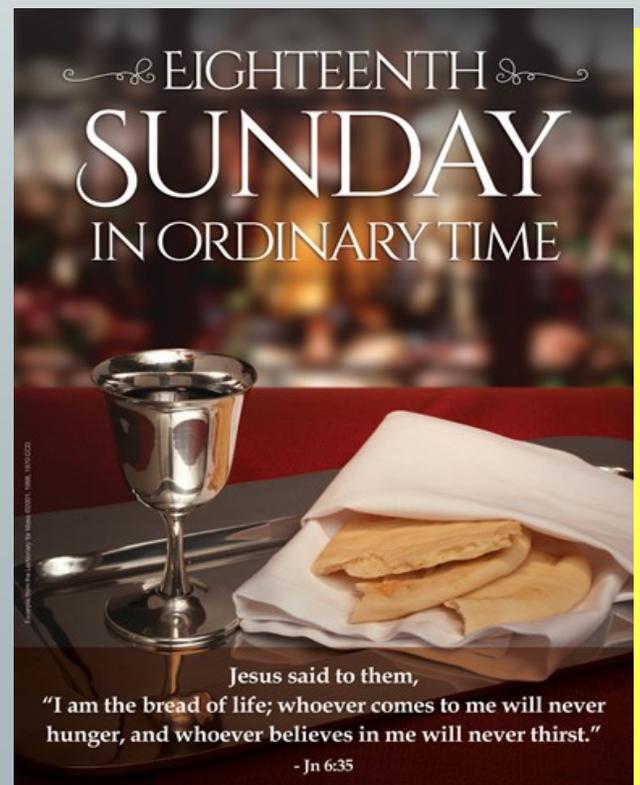
Lord's Day Masses

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



Mass Intentions for the Week



SATURDAY 8:00 AM	August 4, 2018 First Saturday For the intentions of Tom and Barbara McGrath and Paula Ogle req. by a friend
4:00 PM	Melanie Boswell req. by the Catholic Association of Foresters
SUNDAY 8:00 AM	August 5, 2018 John, Marion, and Colleen Jannette req. by Anne and Joe Jannette
10:15 AM	Aram and Lucille Thomasian req. by the family
MONDAY 8:00 AM	August 6, 2018 Remembering the victims of Hiroshima, Nagasaki and all WWII Veterans req. by David Maher
TUESDAY 8:00 AM	August 7, 2018 Marianne Abysalh req. by her husband Charles
WEDNESDAY 8:30 AM	August 8, 2018 Mass at St. John's, East Brookfield
THURSDAY 8:30 AM	August 9, 2018 Mass at St. John's, East Brookfield
FRIDAY 8:00 AM	August 10, 2018 Remembering the victims of Hiroshima, Nagasaki and all WWII Veterans req. by David Maher
SATURDAY 4:00 PM	August 11, 2018 Wilfred Martel req. by the family
SUNDAY 8:00 AM	August 12, 2018 Beverly McCarthy 6th Anniversary req. by Bob, Patty and Andrew
10:15 AM	John F. Sokol req. by the family

PRAYER REQUEST

Please keep Mary Caputo in your prayers on her upcoming surgery. May God watch over her surgeon and keep her safe.

Readings for the Week of August 5, 2018

Sunday:	Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54 [24b]/ Eph 4:17, 20-24/Jn 6:24-35
Monday:	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9 [1a, 9a]/ 2 Pt 1:16-19/Mk 9:2-10
Tuesday:	Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23 [17]/Mt 14:22-36 or 15:1-2, 10-14
Wednesday:	Jer 31:1-7/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13 [cf. 10d]/ Mt 15:21-28
Thursday:	Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 [12a]/ Mt 16:13-23
Friday:	2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9 [5]/ Jn 12:24-26
Saturday:	Hb 1:12--2:4/Ps 9:8-9, 10-11, 12-13 [11b]/ Mt 17:14-20
Next Sunday:	1 Kgs 19:4-8/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [9a]/ Eph 4:30--5:2/Jn 6:41-51

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

We are people that seek security. We have to have enough to eat, be warm in the winter and have water when we are thirsty. We need protection from the cold, the heat, any danger, violence, and natural disasters. Some people spend thousands on alarm systems on their home, and others have a dog.

God is a sustainer for us because God gives the seed the power to grow. God gives rain on our crops, so they grow. In the Gospel, God challenges the people and us to grow beyond our physical needs. God wants us to become stronger with our inner life, recognize our soul and what the soul is all about. God wants us to eat the bread of life that lasts forever. It is not easy to understand, for when we eat regular bread, it satisfies our appetite and hunger, a temporary phenomenon.

Think of outer space - how it is endless in its beauty and how we can be awed by it. Receiving Christ when we are properly disposed, when we are free from mortal sin (such as missing Mass on Sundays unless we are sick), connects us with eternal life and brings us closer to God. Pope Benedict, who knew the Scriptures very well, wrote that eternal life is never losing that connection: the love for God and from God forever. When we give sincerely of our love to others in works of charity, we sense the beyond within ourselves. In other words, when we do good things for others such as visiting the sick and feeding the poor, we experience a union with God. We experience a certain sweetness about us.

"For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." -John 6:34
God love you always,
Fr. Rich

WE ARE CALLED TO PRAYER

From Friday, August 3, 2018 to Friday, September 28, 2018, as a parish, we are called to pray during the novena for the local protection of human life. Please consider fasting on those Fridays. We are also encouraged to pray one Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory Be for the intention of the Novena. There will be further bulletin announcements.

CONFERENCE ON ENCYCLICAL "LAUDATO SI!"

On September 23, 2018, the Diocese will be conducting a convocation on the encyclical "Laudato Si" by Pope Francis on "Protecting our common home and the dignity of the poor." It will take place at the College of the Holy Cross. The program is designed to enrich and empower parish staff and lay leaders in all parishes about Care for Our Common Home. Bishop McManus will be opening the event with a prayer and a brief talk. The program will include expert speakers on a range of topics including the theological basis of the encyclical, economic causes and impact, and scientific factors which underlie global concerns. There will also be an opportunity to hear about the experiences of several parishes who have established teams to focus on Environmental Stewardship and to learn about their experiences and the resources. Please contact the rectory, Father Rich or Father Don to sign up.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed to teach CCD classes for the 4th, 5th and 6th grades. If you are interested in helping in this ministry, please contact Lynne Losurdo at llorsudol@gmail.com.



August 2, 2018

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,



During the time of communist reign in many countries in Eastern Europe, practicing the Catholic faith was illegal, church buildings were confiscated, and people were forced to hide and secretly share the truths of the Gospel. Having survived decades of institutional oppression and persecution, Catholics still struggle to rebuild not only their physical places of worship but also their church ministries and communities. "Restore the Church - Build the Future" is the national theme for the **Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe (CCEE)** which will be taken up in our diocese on the weekend of August 12. Grants funded by this national collection support pastoral projects, scholarships, and Catholic organizations working in areas formerly under Soviet control. The emerging problems posed by secularism also require major investments in developing the next generation of Church leaders.

The country of Albania is nestled north of Greece on the Adriatic Sea. This small country suffered greatly under communist rule. In the capital of Tirana, located in the middle of the country, the Church is continuing to restore not only its structures but also the spirituality of the faithful after years of oppression. For example, in 1996, the congregation of sisters known as the Company of Mary Our Lady founded a kindergarten, the first Catholic school in the entire capital city. Since then, they have opened a school for grades 1-9 and a daily activity center for children. The sisters are now serving over 700 children daily from all different backgrounds, faiths, and ethnic groups. With your support of CCEE, these sisters will be able to make critical repairs to their building to continue their ministry. Your generosity helps the sisters to continue teaching children and equips the congregation to provide a space to build peaceful communities.

In order for projects like this one to continue, the collection needs your help. I ask that you keep these programs in your prayers and that we join our fellow Catholics in the United States in making a generous contribution to support the efforts to rebuild pastoral capacity and create future leaders of the Catholic Church in Central and Eastern Europe.

With every prayerful best wish, I am,

Sincerely yours in Christ,
 +Most Reverend Robert J. McManus
 Bishop of Worcester

CONSIDER THE LEGION OF MARY FOR OUR PARISH

Below is a testimonial message from Joseph Duggan, president of the Legion of Mary in the Diocese of Worcester.

What does the Legion of Mary mean to me? The Legion is a gift to me of love. For the past 15 years that I have been a member of the Legion of Mary, it has give me much happiness and joy, with the opportunity to share that love with my fellow members and others. Our weekly meetings bring us together to pray the Rosary, do Spiritual readings share our works being done during the past week and work together in our Spiritual growth in our faith and devotion to our Lady. Visiting the sick at home, in nursing homes and prison ministry are a source of great joy to help bring Our Lord closer to whom we meet. I have learned to love Our Lady more each day and call upon her to help me spread the good News by my actions. She is my Mother and I can never do enough.

If you would like to learn more about sponsoring the Legion of Mary in our parish contact Mr. Duggan at 508-856-7129 or email joebohduggan@outlook.com. Thank You.

Aug 11-12	Lectors	Altar Servers	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat. 4:00 PM	Pat Cummings	Cameron LeBlanc	Mary Dolan Charlotte Foley Dennis Foley
Sun. 8:00 AM	Richard LeBlanc	Sam Losurdo	Richard Budney Maureen Caramiello Phyllis Casey
Sun. 10:15 AM	Bill Driscoll	Fernando Cruz Orlando Cruz	Joanne Ford Barbara Balchunas Tara Bennett
Wed Aug 15 Feast of the Assumption	Lectors	Altar Servers	Eucharistic Ministers
8:00 AM	Bill Driscoll	Sam Losurdo	Carole Ryback Darlene Lavin Marie Ostiguy
7:00 PM	Richard LeBlanc	Cameron LeBlanc	Sheila Buzzell Barbara Balchunas Peter Losurdo

AN UNEXPECTED CATHOLIC CONVERSION STORY

Norma McCorvey ("Jane Roe")

In 1970, Norma McCorvey, under the pseudonym "Jane Roe," filed a law suit challenging the Texas laws that criminalized abortion. Eventually, the case reached the U.S. Supreme Court as the now-famous Roe v. Wade. She is described as a pregnant woman who "wished to terminate her pregnancy by an abortion 'performed by a competent, licensed physician, under safe, clinical conditions'; that she was unable to get a 'legal' abortion in Texas. She claimed that the Texas statutes were unconstitutionally vague and that they abridged her right of personal privacy." (Roe v. Wade, 410 U.S. 113 (1973), 120)

Norma McCorvey describes herself as having been relatively ignorant of the facts of her own case, and claims that her attorneys simply used her for their own ends. She was pregnant with her third child and wanted end her pregnancy, but she was not aware of all the implications of abortion or even what the term itself meant. She did not fully realize that this process would end a human life. In the end, Norma never had an abortion. She gave her baby up for adoption.

In the 1980's, she became involved in the abortion movement. Around 1992, she began to work at abortion clinics. In 1995, a pro-life group moved into the same building as the abortion clinic, leading to a series of encounters between Norma and pro-life activists. Over time she became friends with many of them and began to have serious doubts about the morality of abortion.

Since her conversion she has dedicated herself to pro-life work, starting her own ministry, "Roe No More," in 1997, and continues to speak out against abortion and for life. In 1998, she became Catholic and has worked to overturn Roe v. Wade.

Norma McCorvey teaches us that we need not be defined by our past. Sometimes the lessons we learn from our past prepare us to minister to others in the future.

From the blog of Cora Evans - The Mystical Humanity of Christ. Publishing, San Mateo, CA