



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.

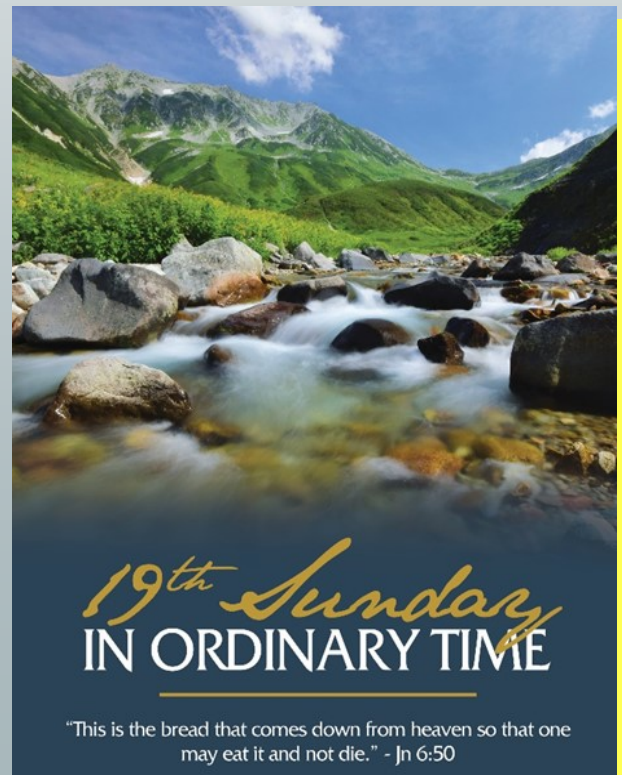
Lord's Day Masses

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



"This is the bread that comes down from heaven so that one may eat it and not die." - Jn 6:50

Mass Intentions for the Week

SATURDAY	August 11, 2018
4:00 PM	Wilfred Martel , req. by the family
SUNDAY	August 12, 2018
8:00 AM	Beverly McCarthy , 6 th Anniversary req. by Bob, Patty and Andrew
10:15 AM	John F. Sokol , req. by the family
MONDAY	August 13, 2018
8:00 AM	Geraldine Plunkett req. by the Association of Catholic Foresters
TUESDAY	August 14, 2018
8:00 AM	Charles & Teofile Simulynas req. by Wanda Bazikas & family
Tuesday evening— starting a Holy Day of Obligation	
7:00 PM	Mass at St. John's—Vigil of the Feast—Assumption
WEDNESDAY	August 15, 2018
Feast of the Assumption—A Holy Day of Obligation	
8:00 AM	at St. Joseph's —Rev. William McGovern, req. by the parish
8:30 AM	Mass at St. John's
7:00 PM	at St. Joseph's — Rev. Thomas Garlick, req. by the parish
THURSDAY	August 16, 2018
8:30 AM	Mass at St. John's, East Brookfield, Ma.
FRIDAY	August 17, 2018
8:00 AM	Caroline Turner req. by Catholic Association of Foresters
SATURDAY	August 18, 2018
4:00 PM	Mary Ciuffredo , 1 st Anniversary req. by her daughter, Sue Angela Healy
SUNDAY	August 19, 2018
8:00 AM	John, Marion & Colleen Jannette req. by Anne & Joe Jannette
10:15 AM	Aram & Lucille Thomasian req. by the family

Readings for the Week of August 12, 2018

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
Monday:	Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/ Mt 17:22-27
Tuesday:	Ez 2:8--3:4/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131 [103a]/ Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14 Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14 [8]/1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28
Wednesday:	Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16 [10bc]/ 1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56
Thursday:	Ez 12:1-12/Ps 78:56-57, 58-59, 61-62 [cf. 7b]/ Mt 18:21--19:1
Friday:	Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [1c]/ Mt 19:3-12
Saturday:	Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 [12a]/Mt 19:13-15
Next Sunday:	Prv 9:1-6/Ps 34:2-3, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 [9a]/ Eph 5:15-20/Jn 6:51-58



Feast of the Assumption of Mary

The Feast of the Assumption of Mary into heaven is a holy day of obligation. The Mass schedule is: Wed. Aug 15th at 8:00 AM and 7:00 PM at St. Joseph's Church.

Not Just Bread Alone

[Jesus said]: I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world.
-Excerpts from Jn 6:41-51

It is true that bread is a basic staple of many cultures in the world. The concept of living bread takes us to a whole new level. As we accept Jesus into our lives, we realize that this Gospel passage refers to Jesus and His relationship with us. As a result, we truly gain, as we are nourished and strengthened in a deeper way by Jesus.

In his reflections on this Scripture passage, Fr. Thomas Rosica, CSB offers insight as to our relationship with God. *"Jesus is more than mere bread for our bodily hunger. He is more than love to satisfy our emotional needs. He is the word that will satisfy our hunger for truth. He is bread for life itself; the total satisfaction for all our human hungers. He gives us the living bread from heaven. Jesus took the bread. He has taken the bread of our lives and joined it with his own. Jesus blessed the bread. He has blessed us with his life."*¹

It is good to know that Jesus has united himself with our lives and will always support us. He encourages us always, but especially during difficult moments, when we are hurt, rejected, or depressed for whatever reason. We can feel good about the support that is offered.

May the remainder of the summer be a time for us to appreciate how God has nourished and sustained us in our lives of faith and life itself. May we work at balancing our prayer, work, and times to relax.

Fr. Don

¹ Fr. Thomas Rosica, CEO, Salt and Light Catholic Media Foundation, www.Salt and Light Media.com, 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time - August 12, 2012



May They Rest In Peace

Our parish offers support and prayers for the soul of Dolores (Vallee) Bullock whose funeral was held last week. She was buried at St. Joseph's Cemetery. We also pray for the soul of Mary Bartlett, whose funeral was also held last week. She was buried at Walnut Grove Cemetery.

Our parish also offers our support and prayers for the repose of the souls of all who have passed away. May God keep them in loving care eternally. We also pray for all families and friends who grieve these losses.

Conference on the Encyclical “Laudato Si.”

On September 23, 2008, the Diocesan 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 Robert 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 underline global concern. There will also be an opportunity to hear about experiences of several parishes who have established teams to focus on environmental stewardship and learn about their experiences. Please contact the rectory office, Fr. Rich or Fr. Don to sign up.



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
Aug 18-19	Lectors	Altar Servers	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat. 4:00 PM	Mary Dolan		Florine Martel Lucy Miner Carole Ryback
Sun. 8:00 AM	Paul Stewart	Sophia Hearnlaye	James Ford Darlene Lavin Peter Losurdo
Sun. 10:15 AM	Richard LeBlanc	Cameron LeBlanc	Sheila Buzzell Joanne Ford Barbara Balchunas



Sacrament of the Sick

The Sacrament of the Sick will be administered after all Masses next weekend, August 11th and 12th.

July Booster Club Winners

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| 1 st Prize | Sheila Buzzell | \$ 100 |
| 2 nd Prize | Mary Wheeler | \$ 50 |
| 3 rd Prize | Claire Belton | \$ 25 |
| 4 th Prize | Phyllis Casey | \$ 25 |

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

The Vacation Bible School is scheduled from August 13—17. There is still time to register. Here is an opportunity for our kids to experience God in another way, while having fun too !

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 her email address: lllorsudo1@gmail.com

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.



CHICKEN BBQ TICKETS

Chicken BBQ tickets will go on sale after all Masses this weekend.
Adult Tickets \$12.00
Children’s Tickets \$6.00

The New Serenity Prayer

By: Fr. James Martin, SJ

God, grant me the serenity to accept the people I cannot change, which is pretty much everyone, since I'm clearly not you, God. At least not the last time I checked.

And while you're at it, God, please give me the courage to change what I need to change about myself, which is frankly a lot, since, once again, I'm not you, which means I'm not perfect.

It's better for me to focus on changing myself than to worry about changing other people, who, as you'll no doubt remember me saying, I can't change anyway.

Finally, give me the wisdom to just shut up whenever I think that I'm clearly smarter than everyone else in the room, that no one knows what they're talking about except me, or that I alone have all the answers.

Basically, God, grant me the wisdom to remember that I'm not you.

Amen