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West Brookfield & Brookfield, Massachusetts

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Baptisms & Pastoral Care of the Sick

Please contact the Rectory

Marriages

Couples must contact the rectory at least one year prior to the anticipated date. See or call Fr. Joe for more information.

Reconciliation

Saturday 4 – 4:30 pm at St. Mary & by appointment

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Mass Cards ...for living & deceased and for special occasions are available at the rectory. If you call ahead (leave a message if necessary) we will have it ready for you.

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Fifth Sunday



In Ordinary Time

Parish Office Hours Mon & Wed 9 am - 3:00 pm Tue & Thu 9:30 am - 3:30 pm

Schedule of Masses



Saturday

5:00 pm at St. Mary

Sunday

8:00 am & 10:30 am at Sacred Heart

Mon - Wed

8:00 am at Sacred Heart

Saturday

8:00 am at St. Mary

Holy Days of Obligation

Please refer to bulletin

RCIA

Adults & children age 7+ seeking Baptism & full Communion with the Catholic Church are invited to call Fr. Joe for information.

If you are unvaccinated, please continue to wear a mask to church and maintain 6 foot social distancing.

Thank you.

Parish Registration

We welcome new parishioners! Please call or visit the rectory to register. Also, please contact the rectory in the event that you leave our parish.

Brookfield Ecumenical Food Pantry

Wednesday & Saturday 9:30 – 11:00 am at SM

Masses for the Week of February 6th "Blessing of throats at all Masses this weekend." Saturday Feb. 5 Vigil of the 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time Michael Chalifoux, by Mark & Gayle Lisiecki 5 pm @ SM Sunday Feb. 6 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time 8 am @ SH Barbara Fountain, by Cliff Fountain & family 10:30 am @ SH Giovanni Pisano, by M/M Joseph Spadea Monday Feb. 7 Weekday 8 am @ SH Kathie Thornton, by Bonnie & Jim Waldon Feb. 8 Weekday/Sts. Jerome & Josephine Tuesday **Bakhita** For Eileen Bene's quick healing, by Bonnie & Jim 8 am @ SH Waldon Feb. 9 Weekday Wednesday Holy Souls from the Nov. 2nd offering 8 am @ SH Feb. 10 St. Scholastica Thursday 8:30 am @ SJtB Mass at St. John the Baptist in East Brookfield Friday Feb. 11 Our Lady of Lourdes 8:30 am @ SJtB Mass at St. John the Baptist in East Brookfield Feb. 12 Vigil of the 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time Saturday 5 pm @ SM Raymond Haire (91st birthday, deceased), by Carol & Wayne Haire Feb. 13 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday 8 am @ SH Jane Frew, by Colleen Curis

Please Pray for our brothers & sisters who have asked for our prayers:

Frances Book, by Donna Richardson

Joan Ackerman, The Boos family, Micah Burt, Fr. Chet, Fr. Dave, Doris Fenton, Callie Fitzgerald, Cathy Fitzgerald, Bernie & Priscilla Kulas, Frederica LaMonda, Theresa Lupacchino, Christopher Plouffe, Brian Trudeau, Charles Trudell, Sr., Keith Trudell

Physician-Assisted Suicide Talk

The Abandonment of Hippocratic Medicine, A talk by Dr. Mark J. Rollo, will take place on Thursday, Feb. 10 at 7 pm online. It will stream at https://bit.ly/abandonhippocratic.

Dr. Rollo is a Family Medicine Specialist, serving patients in Leominster and Fitchburg and a popular speaker on the dangers of the bill presently before the Massachusetts legislature to permit Physician Assisted Suicide, House Bill 2381, entitled "An Act Relative to End of Life Options." "This bill is about assisted suicide. It is not about giving people the right to die," Dr. Rollo insists, "it is about giving doctors the right to kill. Sponsored by the St. Cecilia Parish Prolife Ministries

Vocations Reflection...

10:30 am @ SH

"They left everything and followed Jesus." If you sense that Christ may be calling you to the priesthood, diaconate or consecrated life, contact the Vocation Office at (508) 630-4473 or email: donato.infante@gmail.com.

Offertory Collections

Weekly Collection Needed to Meet Expenses	\$3,400
General Collection	\$1,084
Monthly Fuel Donation	\$50
Other Income	\$30
Total Weekly Collection	\$1,164
Underage	-\$2,236
Monthly Renovation Fund	\$1,270

	Special Collections
2/5 & 6	Catholic Free Press
2/12 & 13	Catholic Home Missions

~ Stewardship ~

"Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?' 'Here I am,' I said, 'send me!'" (ISAIAH 6:8)

Every day, in little ways and in big ways, God asks, "Whom shall I send?" Whether it is someone to take on a new ministry, to give a friendly smile to a stranger or to say a word of encouragement to a friend, God constantly provides opportunities to help someone in need. God is always talking to us; we just need to pay more attention. When you hear God calling have the courage to walk through the door and say, "Here I am, Lord."

~ Word of Life ~

"A society is all the more human to the degree that it cares effectively for its most frail and suffering members, in a spirit of fraternal love. Let us strive to achieve this goal, so that no one will feel alone, excluded or abandoned." Pope Francis, Message for the 29th World Day of the Sick 2021 © 2020, Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Used with permission. All rights reserved

Altar Servers and Lectors Needed

Two of our Liturgical Ministries are in need of volunteers. Please prayerfully consider a gift of your time and talent as an **Altar Server** (students who have completed grade 2 & up) or as a **Lector**, proclaiming the readings at Mass. Please call or email the rectory or speak to Fr. Joe if you think you may be called to participate in these ministries. *This may be a perfect opportunity to answer God's call and say, "Here I am, Lord."*

Religious Education

Sunday 2/20 - February Vacation - No Classes

Parish Financial Report

The Finance Committee of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart (OLSH) and Fr. Joe would like to submit the enclosed financial report for the fiscal year 2021 (September 1, 2020 – August 31, 2021). After all collections and disbursements, we ended the year with a modest gain. This is important to note as this would be the first positive summary in a number of years.

While the overall collections showed a decrease of approximately \$3,500 from the year before, fuel collections increased by approximately \$6,000 and donations approximately \$2,500. This is another example of our parishioners' generosity, especially in these trying times. Additionally, expense decreases were realized in lay personnel and utilities. The assignment of an administrator who is shared with two other parishes has also realized savings. For the last month of the year OLSH's expenses for the administrator were approximately 1/3 of previous costs. This is reflected in the report submitted.

Finally, we would like to thank the parishioners for their continued support of our parish. While expenses are expected to increase this year, as they have in our personal lives, we feel at this time there is not a need to ask for any additional funds. However, we do ask that you prayerfully consider continuing your support. And we appreciate our parishioner's donations to the parish that are over and above their weekly donations.

CORI REMINDER

In the Code of Ministerial Conduct decree from Bishop McManus, revised in April 2021, we are asked to fulfill our obligation to collectively work for the protection of minors. We are asked to renew our commitment by reading the Code of Conduct and following its directives. This process needs to be done every five (5) years. All staff and volunteers of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish must comply with this request

Fr. Joe and our Safe Environment Coordinators, Michelle Booth and Robin Nagle, have attempted to reach all those required to read & view the necessary material and fill out the CORI documents. If you are unable to complete the process online and submit the documents to us, there will be workshops on *Saturday, Feb. 12th, 10 – 11 am & Wednesday, Feb. 16th, 6:30 – 7:30 pm in Dugan Hall.* If you cannot attend these workshops, please contact either Robin Nagle at 774-289-3871 or Michelle Booth at 774-452-5086 and they will assist you in fulfilling this requirement.

Thank you for your participation and cooperation in this important process.



Next Regular Meeting Tuesday, Feb. 22 @ 7 pm

January Calendar Raffle

Congratulations to our Drawing 4 Winners:

Jan 30 #388 \$100 Arlene Simpson Jan 31 #119 \$1,000 Ron Ryel

Thank you and God bless ALL who participated.

We could not perform our charitable works

without you!

Coats for Kids



Our Knights of Columbus Council 11080 has new winter coats, free of charge, for boys & girls in need of one

Sizes available are:

- Girls 7/8, 10/12, 14/16;
- Boys 10/12, 14/16, 18

Contact <u>wallyconnor122@gmail.com</u> or call 413 813-8100.

Save the Date! Worcester Diocesan Catholic Men's Conference Assumption University Saturday, April 2, 2022

We're delighted to announce that the Catholic Men's Conference will be returning to Assumption University on April 2, 2022. While our virtual conference this past March was a great success, we eagerly look forward to welcoming you and your fellow Catholic men in person at CMC 2022. Nothing can truly replace the unique fellowship and collective energy that our live conferences have generated over the past 21 years. As always, the event will feature distinguished speakers from around the country, a pre-packaged lunch, and confession for attendees. You will also have opportunities to meet in person with the speakers and to shop the many exhibitor tables.



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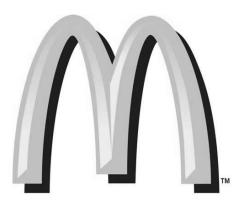
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