

# Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish

West Brookfield & Brookfield, Massachusetts

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## 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.

### 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



**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.



### Parish Office Hours

Mon & Wed 9 am - 3:00 pm

Tue & Thu 9:30 am - 3:30 pm

*If you are more  
comfortable doing so,  
continue to wear a mask  
to church and maintain  
social distancing.*

### 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 March 20<sup>th</sup>

<b>Saturday</b> 5 pm @ SM	<b>Mar. 19 Vigil of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent</b>
<b>Sunday</b> 8 am @ SH 10:30 am @ SH	<b>Mar. 20 Third Sunday of Lent</b> Jane Frew, by M/M Michael Frew Francesco Pisano, by M/M Joseph Spadea
<b>Monday</b> *8:30 am @ SJ	<b>Mar. 21 Lenten Weekday</b> <i>Mass will be at St. Joseph in North Brookfield</i>
<b>Tuesday</b> 8 am @ SH	<b>Mar. 22 Lenten Weekday</b> Holy Souls from the Nov. 2 <sup>nd</sup> offering
<b>Wednesday</b> *8 am @ St. Stan	<b>Mar. 23 Lenten Weekday</b> <i>Mass will be at St. Stanislaus in West Warren</i>
<b>Thursday</b> 8:30 am @ SJtB	<b>Mar. 24 Lenten Weekday</b> Mass at St. John the Baptist in East Brookfield
<b>Friday</b> 8:30 am @ SJtB	<b>Mar. 25 Lenten Weekday</b> Mass at St. John the Baptist in East Brookfield
<b>Saturday</b> 5 pm @ SM	<b>Mar. 26 Vigil of the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent</b> Julie Nydam (3 <sup>rd</sup> ann.), by Gary & Linda Lincoln
<b>Sunday</b> 8 am @ SH 10:30 am @ SH	<b>Mar. 27 Fourth Sunday of Lent</b> Alex Cordy (4 <sup>th</sup> ann.), by his wife Catherine Cordy Vincenzo Spadea, by M/M Joseph Spadea

Please Pray for our brothers & sisters who have asked for our prayers:  
**Joan Ackerman, Mary Beckwith, The Boos family, Micah Burt, Fr. Chet, Fr. Dave, Doris Fenton, Callie Fitzgerald, Cathy Fitzgerald, Bella Marie Hoti, Bernie & Priscilla Kulas, Frederica LaMonda, Theresa Lupacchino, Rose Shalom, Brian Trudeau, Charles Trudell, Sr., Keith Trudell**

### Partners in Charity Update

Partners in Charity is the Annual Appeal for the Diocese of Worcester, serving charitable, educational, and pastoral ministries. Through your generous support we can serve thousands of families and individuals in Worcester County through outreach, formation, evangelization, and worship.

Consider the ways in which you can pledge or donate to the 2022 Partners in Charity appeal through our parish or directly on the online, secure website. Your pledge is a tangible way to **be a 'face of Christ'** to the world through your support of the more than two dozen agencies and ministries which rely on this appeal for funding each year.

Thanks to all our parishioners who have made their gift to the 2022 Partners in Charity Appeal. According to the most recent update received from the Chancery on March 8<sup>th</sup>, **OLSH has received thus far \$5,375, or 16% of our \$33,000 goal.** If you have not yet made a gift or pledge, please fill out a commitment pledge envelope located at the back of each church. You may visit [partners-charity.net](https://partners-charity.net) to do it online, text *donate* to 84576, or scan the code below with your smart phone to go directly to the Partners in Charity website:



Thank you for your continued support! We won't make it without you!

## Offertory Collections

<b>Weekly Collection Needed to Meet Expenses</b>	<b>\$3,400</b>
<b>General Collection</b>	<b>\$1,842</b>
<b>Monthly Fuel Donation</b>	<b>\$55</b>
<b>Easter Flowers</b>	<b>\$125</b>
<b>Total Weekly Collection</b>	<b>\$2,022</b>
<b>Deficit</b>	<b>\$1,378</b>
<b>Monthly Renovation Fund</b>	<b>\$50</b>
<b>Priests' Retirement (Ash Wednesday)</b>	<b>\$50</b>
<b>Catholic Home Missions</b>	<b>\$387</b>

### Special Collections

Partners in Charity is ongoing.

3/19 & 20	Monthly Fuel Donation
4/2 & 3	Catholic Relief Services
4/9 & 10	Monthly Renovation Fund
Easter Flower donations throughout Lent Please print names of loved ones clearly.	

### Food for the Poor

Father Richard Paul Lewandowski is at our parish this weekend to speak about the mission of Food for the Poor. Presently, he assists **Food for The Poor** in raising awareness and direct relief to the poor throughout Latin America and the Caribbean.

Fr. Lewandowski was ordained in 1974, and his ministries have included serving as an associate pastor and pastor in many parishes, and Campus Ministry. He is a licensed mental health counselor and writes children's books. In addition to his ministry with **Food for the Poor**, he serves at St. Richard's Parish, Sterling, MA, and counsels first responders, combat veterans, and people in recovery.

Please be generous in supporting this worthwhile Appeal.

### ~ Stewardship ~

"...He said to the gardener, 'For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none.'"

(LUKE 13:7)

We can all be like the barren fig tree at times. Do you cling to what you have, or do you generously share with others? How will you respond when God asks you what you have done with all the gifts He has given you? Remember, not only are we called to be generous, but we are also called to develop and nurture our gifts and return them with increase. Remember, we are called to be generous with all of our gifts; especially the one that means the most to you.

### ~ Word of Life ~

"We are facing an enormous and dramatic clash between good and evil, death and life, the 'culture of death' and the 'culture of life'. We find ourselves not only 'faced with' but necessarily 'in the midst of' this conflict: we are all involved, and we all share in it, with the inescapable responsibility of choosing to be unconditionally pro-life" (The Gospel of Life 28)



### Friday Stations of the Cross

Fridays in Lent there will be Stations of the Cross at 6 pm followed by a Simple Supper. The location will alternate between Sacred Heart and St. Joseph's in N. Brookfield

- **Sacred Heart: March 25<sup>th</sup> & April 8<sup>th</sup>\***
- **St. Joseph: April 1<sup>st</sup>**

*\*Please note: On these dates there will be Stations of the Cross @ 9 am at St. John the Baptist in East Brookfield.*

Penance Service

**Wednesday, March 30<sup>th</sup> @ 7 pm at Sacred Heart**

### Fast and Abstinence

Lenten fast and abstinence regulations for the Diocese of Worcester are as follows:

- Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics fourteen (14) years of age and older on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all the Fridays of Lent.
- Fasting is to be observed by all Catholics who are eighteen (18) years of age but not yet fifty-nine (59) years of age on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
- Those who are bound to fast may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

Catholics should not lightly excuse themselves from these prescribed Lenten penitential practices.

### Mass for Life at the Cathedral

**The annual Mass for Life will be celebrated by Bishop Robert J. McManus on the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord, Friday, March 25 at 10:00 am at the Cathedral of St. Paul.** All are invited to join students from our Catholic schools who will be our special guests. The Diocese of Worcester's annual Pro-Life Awards will also be presented at this Mass. All are welcome to attend!

The Town of Brookfield seeks to fill the position of Council on Aging Director. This is a part time position approximately 3 hours per week. This person will work with the Council on Aging Board members developing and implementing programs and services to meet the needs of the town's senior citizens. Applicants must pass a CORI check. Candidates should submit a letter of interest and resume to The Brookfield Council on Aging, 6 Central Street, Brookfield MA 01506, or email [pkng@Brookfieldma.us](mailto:pkng@Brookfieldma.us).



# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

**Next Regular Meeting Tuesday, Mar. 29<sup>th</sup> @ 7 pm**

**Our K of C Council 11080 presents...**

**Traditional Corned Beef Dinner**

**Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup> in Dugan Hall**

**Sit-down dinner @ 6**

**Take-out @ 5:30**

**Adults - \$15 Under 12 - \$10**

*Dinner includes corned beef, cabbage, potatoes, carrots, Irish soda bread, dessert, water, soda, and coffee*

Admission tickets are good for entry for a special door prize! Raffle tickets for a 50/50 Raffle and more will be available!

Advance ticket purchase is encouraged and appreciated! Tickets are available from any Knight or by calling 413-813-8100 or emailing [wallyconnor122@gmail.com](mailto:wallyconnor122@gmail.com). Tickets will only be available at the door while they last.

*Proceeds from this event will benefit charities that the Council supports.*

### Together, We "CAN" Fight Hunger!

Once again this year, the Knights of Columbus Council 11080 is sponsoring "40 CANS FOR LENT" Our goal is for each council member and each parishioner to contribute one item of non-perishable food or other household goods per day during the 40 days of Lent. The items may be dropped off at either church on the weekend when you come to Mass. Items will be divided equally between the Brookfield Ecumenical Food Pantry & the West Brookfield Sharing Cupboard. Thank you and God bless you!

### Cemetery Cleanup

On Monday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, weather permitting, we will be starting our spring cleanup of our 14 Diocesan Cemeteries that are currently managed by the Diocesan Cemetery Group. Please have all winter baskets, wreaths and decorations removed by Sunday, March 20, 2022. Anything remaining after this date will be removed and discarded. Please do not place spring/Easter items before your Cemetery is listed as completed.

Please go to [www.worcesterdiocese.org](http://www.worcesterdiocese.org) for a listing of our cemeteries that are "in process" or "completed" with their individual cemetery cleanup or call 508-757-7415 for updates.

### Annual Catholic Men's Conference

***Ticket Prices Increase from \$45 to \$60 Monday, March 21***

Men (of all ages, including teens and college students) are invited to this important in-person conference, scheduled for Assumption University on Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Visit [www.firstmensconf.org](http://www.firstmensconf.org) for information and to purchase tickets online. Come and hear dynamic talks from outstanding Catholic leaders: Kevin O'Brien, Tim Francis, Dan Egan, Father Anthony Hamaty and Dr. Pat Castle. For further information please contact Angelo Guadagno at 617-283-6680 or at [angelo0527@gmail.com](mailto:angelo0527@gmail.com).



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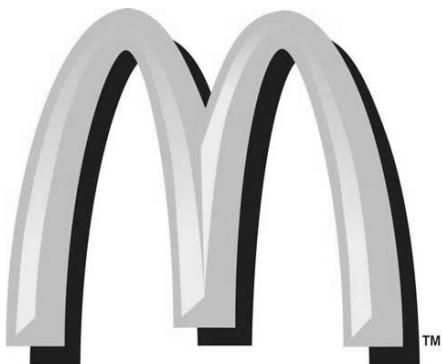
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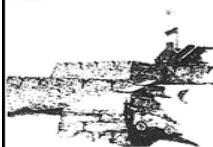


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