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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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Eighth 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 more comfortable doing so, continue to wear a mask to church and maintain 6 foot 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 February 27th

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Saturday	Feb. 26 Vigil of the 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time
5 pm @ SM	
Sunday	Feb. 27 Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8 am @ SH	Jane L. Frew, by M/M Michael Frew
10:30 am @ SH	
Monday	Feb. 28 St. Peter Damian
8 am @ SH	All OLSH parishioners, living & deceased
Tuesday	Mar. 1 Weekday
8 am @ SH	David Blais, by his family
Wednesday	Mar. 2 Ash Wednesday
	Please refer to schedule on next page.
Thursday	Mar. 3 St. Katherine Drexel
8:30 am @ SJtB	Mass at St. John the Baptist in East Brookfield
Friday	Mar. 4 St. Casimir
8:30 am @ SJtB	Mass at St. John the Baptist in East Brookfield
Saturday	Mar. 5 Vigil of the 1st Sunday of Lent
5 pm @ SM	Alvin Paquette (2 nd ann.), by his family
Sunday	Mar. 6 First Sunday of Lent
8 am @ SH	
10:30 am @ SH	Ernest Vezina (16 th ann.), by his wife Mercedes

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



Our agencies and ministries are faces of hope to so many people during this pandemic. Your pledge or one time gift is a tangible way to be a 'face of Christ' to the world through your support of the agencies and ministries which rely on this appeal for their funding each year. And you, in turn, share in the joy of bringing hope into the lives of those we serve. Text giving is hands down the easiest and most secure way to give. If you know how to send a text message, you can make a gift to Partners in Charity in seconds on your phone. Best yet, our parish Our Lady of the Sacred Heart will receive credit! Text "donate" to 84576. In addition to giving, you can also view the 2022 appeal video; or you may scan the QR code below to watch:



You can also make your gift online at <u>partners-charity.net</u>. Gift envelopes are available in the church entrance. Thank you for your continued support! We couldn't do it without you!

Offertory Collections

Weekly Collection Needed to Meet Expenses	\$3,400
General Collection	\$1,972
Monthly Fuel Donation	\$1,159
Easter Flowers	\$25
Donation	\$50
Total Weekly Collection	\$3,206
Deficit	-\$194
Monthly Renovation Fund	\$100
Home Missions	\$25
Catholic Free Press	\$39

Special Collections		
Partners in Charity is ongoing.		
2/26 & 27	Monthly Renovation Fund	
3/2	Priest's Retirement Fund	

~ Stewardship ~

"A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit." (LUKE 6:43)

Are you using your gifts in the way God intended? Have you asked God how He would like you to use them? Do you compare yourself to others and complain about what you don't have instead of being thankful for what you do have? God gives each of us unique gifts and a unique plan. Listen to how God is calling you to use your gifts, to bear good fruit, for the glory of His name.

~ Word of Life ~

"The essence of our identity is that we are created in God's image and likeness and loved by Him. Nothing can diminish the priceless worth of any human life. Every person is cherished." USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities Respect Life Reflection: Cherished, Chosen, Sent usccb.org/cherished-chosen-sent-reflection

Vocations Reflection...

"Shine like lights in the world as you hold on to the word of life." Are you called to belong to Christ alone as a priest, deacon or through the consecrated life? Contact the Vocation Office at (508)630-4473or

email: donato.infante@gmail.com.





Ash Wednesday Mass Schedule

Wednesday, March 2nd

8:30 am St. Joseph, N. Brookfield

9:00 am Sacred Heart

5:30 pm Sacred Heart

7:00 pm St. John the Baptist, E. Brookfield

Ashes will be distributed at all Masses.

Ash Wednesday Collection for Priest Retirement

This Wednesday we begin Lent, a time of deepened prayer, penance and almsgiving. This year we ask you to consider supporting the Ash Wednesday Collection for the care of our retired diocesan priests as part of your Lenten Program. Our 49 retired priests have faithfully served us in our parishes across the diocese, often until the retirement age of 75 or older. Now, in their later years, we can express our thanks and ease their concerns by supporting this Ash Wednesday Collection. On behalf of our retired priests, we thank you for your support. See the enclosed letter from Bishop McManus for more details.

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.



Next Regular Meeting Tuesday, Feb. 22 @ 7 pm

Coats for Kids



Winter isn't over yet! 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

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or call 413 813-8100.

All inquiries are handled discreetly and confidentially.

Friday Stations of the Cross



Every Friday 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 11th & 25th; April 8th*
- St. Joseph: March 4th & 18th; April 1st

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

Penance Service

Wednesday, March 30th @ 7 pm at Sacred Heart

"Women in Scripture" Morning Reflection

The Guild of Our Lady of Providence cordially invites you to a Morning of Reflection on Saturday, March 19 from 9 am to Noon with registration at 8:30 am at the Phelan Center behind Blessed Sacrament Church, Pleasant Street, Worcester. Sr. Francis Murphy, SNDdeN will present on Women of Scripture. An offering of \$10 would be appreciated. Responses can be sent to Mrs. Kathryn Tamalavitch at 35 Dunbar St, Worcester, MA 01603 by Friday, March 11. Please make checks payable to Guild of Our Lady of Providence.



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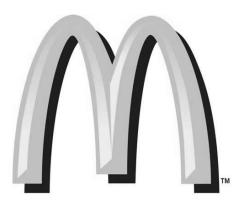
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