

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish

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

Mass Cards

Mass Cards for the living or 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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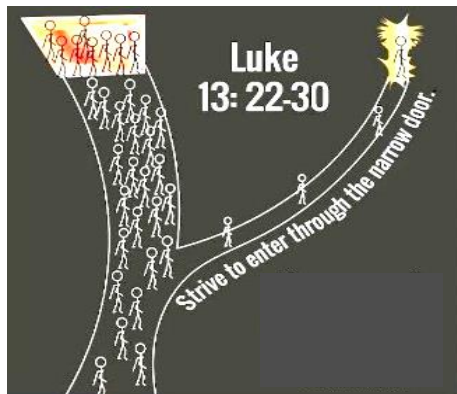
Fr. Rice's email: frjoe@sacredheartwb.com

Parish Office Hours

Mon & Wed 9 am - 3:00 pm

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

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time



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Please submit bulletin items to Madelyn Tivnan by 9 am on Tuesday via mail, phone, FAX, in-person, or preferably, by email.

To report church-related abuse contact:

Judith Audette, Victim Assistance Coordinator

Diocesan Department of Healing & Prevention

Direct confidential line: 508 726-2880

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

Holy Days of Obligation

Please refer to the bulletin

RCIA

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

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

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

Masses for the Week of August 21st

Saturday 5 pm @ SM	Aug. 20 Vigil of 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday 8 am @ SH 10:30 am @ SH	Aug. 21 Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time Darlene Ann Nichols, by Aunts Fern, Sheila & Rita
Monday 8 am @ SH	Aug. 22 The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary All OLSH parishioners, living & deceased
Tuesday 8 am @ SH	Aug. 23 Weekday Leonard & Mary McCarthy, by their family
Wednesday 8 am @ SH	Aug. 24 St. Bartholomew Holy Souls from the Nov. 2 nd offering
Thursday 8 am	Aug. 25 Weekday/Sts. Louis & Joseph Calasan Mass at Mary, Queen of the Rosary, Spencer No Mass at St. John the Baptist today
Friday 8:30 am @ SJtB	Aug. 26 Weekday
Saturday 5 pm @ SM	Aug. 27 Vigil of 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Clint Walker, by Ursula Couture
Sunday 8 am @ SH 10:30 am @ SH	Aug. 28 Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time William Prizio (2 nd ann.) & Suzanne Lincoln (13 th ann.), by Linda & Gary Lincoln Armand "Mickey" Gagnon, by Marion Gagnon



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, Paul Moriarty, Rose Shalom, Phyllis Somerville, Brian Trudeau, Charles Trudell, Sr., Keith Trudell, Brede & Jerry Woods

Partners in Charity Update

We have reached 73% of our \$33,000 goal with gifts from **66** parishioners & benefactors, thus far. Last year, we had a total of 81 donors. We need **\$8,906** to reach our goal. ***Please prayerfully consider a one-time donation or 10-month pledge before the Appeal ends on August 31st!*** Thank you.

St. Joseph's Family Fair & Chicken BBQ

Saturday, August 27th Mass at 3 pm at the rectory grounds, Family Fair 4 to 7 pm

Sunday, August 28th Fair will be open from 11 am to 4 pm

Chicken BBQ will be served from 1 to 2 pm Sunday

Adults \$14 Children under 12 \$7 Call St. Joseph's @ 508 867-6811 for tickets.

There will be a meeting of parents of all Religious Ed students and those who will enter the program this year this Sunday, August 21st, at 11:45 am in Dugan Hall, downstairs at Sacred Heart Church in West Brookfield.

Offertory Collections

Weekly Collection Needed to Meet Expenses	\$3,400
General Collection	\$2,316
Fuel Donation	\$115
Feast of the Assumption	\$213
Total Weekly Collection	\$2,644
Overage/Deficit	-\$756
Monthly Renovation Fund	\$145
Church in Central/Eastern Europe	\$494
Other Income	\$30

Special Collections

8/20 & 21	Monthly Fuel Donation
9/10 & 11	Monthly Renovation Fund

~ Stewardship ~

"For behold, some are last who will be first and some are first who will be last." Luke 13:30

Our cultural standards are different from God's standards. We often rank people by what they have, how powerful they are, or how successful they are. Jesus reminds us that God will not judge us by the same earthly standards. When God asks you, "What have you done with the gifts I have given you?" How will you respond?

~ Word of Life ~

"God's love—individual, real, unchanging—is the true source of our worth, identity, and dignity. It really is not a question of who we are, but rather whose we are. Because his love will never change, nothing can reduce our God-given dignity, and nothing can diminish the immeasurable worth of our lives." USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "How to Build a Culture of Life"

Mary & Martha Sodality Events

- **1st Sunday of each month** – Coffee hour following 8 am Mass at SH
- **3rd Sunday of each month** – Free Movie Matinee @ 2pm in Dugan Hall
- **4th Tuesday of each month** – Meeting @ 7 pm at SH (preceded by Divine Mercy Chaplet Recitation @ 6:30)

Precautions will be taken to ensure safe attendance.

Dates are subject to change.

"Make straight paths for your feet." Will your path of holiness be as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Contact the Vocation Office at (508)630-4473 or email: donato.infante@gmail.com.

The One Thing Necessary
Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Petition:

I shall not fear for my salvation, but grow in confidence in you, my God.

1. Salvation:

A Numbers Racket? We never stop asking the question the person in the Gospel asked Jesus. If we don't achieve eternal life, nothing else we have attained in life matters. Jesus does not give the answer we might want to hear: that many are saved, and salvation is a sure and simple thing to reach. Instead, he warns us against presumption in this matter. As Saint Paul later said, "Work out your salvation in fear and trembling" (Philippians 2:12). It is something we need to take with the utmost seriousness. Every day we need to pray for the grace to persevere to the end. We need to live each day with the perspective that it could be our last. We need to go back to the venerable tradition of praying for a "happy death."

2. Narrow Gates:

When Jesus speaks of the narrow gate, he is saying that salvation is not a birthright or something guaranteed. It depends on our active cooperation with his grace -- the real effort to love God and follow his will. "If you love me, you will keep my commandments" (John 14:15). Jesus warned that not everyone who cries out, "Lord, Lord..." will enter the kingdom of heaven, but those who do the will of his Father in heaven. Obedience to God's will is the best assurance we can have of our salvation. What is there in my life that is not in accord with his will?

3. Judge Not...

We might also be surprised that those from "the east and the west" will enter the kingdom before many others. We might be surprised at those who are saved. Salvation is not a privilege of a race or a chosen people. It is a matter of how we respond in freedom to grace and the invitation of the Lord to a certain way of life. We shouldn't give in to judging where others stand; we should only attend to our own soul. Are we at peace with God in our conscience? Can we be sure we are objective about our own situation in God's eyes? Our conscience should be clear, and we should make sure we are serene and have peace of soul. If we find there is something between us and God's will, we should go to confession and pray for the grace to change.

Conversation with Christ:

Lord, give me the grace to know your will and the discernment to know if there is anything in my soul that is keeping me from you. Help me to overcome any obstacle, so that I may be one with you and that your will may be my guide every day.

Resolution:

I will make frequent confession a habit and every day examine my conscience to seek union and peace with the Lord.

~<https://catholic.net/op/articles/433/cat/1187/the-one-thing-necessary.html>



**KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS**

Next Regular Meeting Tuesday, Aug 30th @ 7pm

**Fifth Annual
Alex Cordy Memorial Charity Golf Tournament**



**Quail Hollow Golf and Country Club
1822 Old Turnpike Road, Oakham, MA
Saturday, September 17th**

7:15 am Check-in

**8:00 am Start – Florida Shotgun Style
12 Noon Social/Meal**

Golf Registration Period is now open for teams, doubles, and singles. Final registration is due by Saturday, September 10th.

- Single: 18 holes golf, cart, & meal - \$110
- Team of 4: 18 holes golf, cart, & meal - \$440
- Team of 4: golf & cart only - \$320

We ask that you please consider supporting our event by participating in the tournament individually or with a foursome. You can also support us by sponsoring a tee sign for \$125.00, a cart sign for \$75.00, or a Corporate Donation of \$300.00. Tournament Raffle Items and General Donations to our Knights of Columbus 11080 Youth Activities Account are always welcome!

Call (413) 813-8100 or email wallyconnor122@gmail.com for more information, or if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you to those who have supported us in the past, and we look forward to hearing from you.

Would You Like to Serve on the Parish Council?

All of the faithful have the right, sometimes even the duty, to make their opinions known on matters concerning the good of the Church. One way to do this is by becoming a member of the parish council.

A parish council is a consultative group, usually made up of 6 to 8 parishioners, that serves to advise the parish priest about pastoral issues. The purpose of the parish pastoral council, as described in Canon 536, is the "fostering" of "pastoral activity" in the parish. Because the pastor is the proper shepherd of the parish, it follows that his pastoral council possesses a consultative vote only.

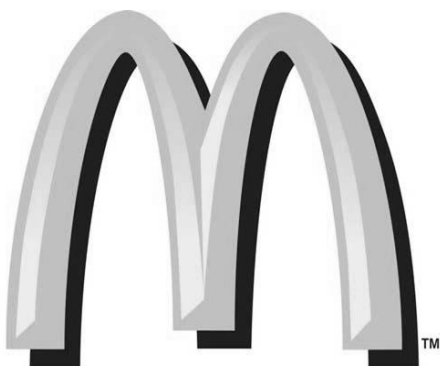
If you are interested in serving on the council, please contact the rectory and send a brief resumé via email or regular mail. Thank you.



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