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MASSES

WEEKENDS:
SATURDAYS: 4:00 PM SUNDAYS: 10:00 AM
DAILY: MONDAYS AND TUESDAYS AT 8:30AM
AT ST. JOSEPH’S, NORTH BROOKFIELD
DAILY: THURSDAYS AND FRIDAYS AT 8:30AM
AT ST. JOHN’S, EAST BROOKFIELD
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***REGISTRATION OR
CHANGE OF ADDRESS***

Welcome to Saint John the Baptist Parish !
If you would like to register or you have changed
your address, please fill out the following information
and submit it to the parish office.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Email: _____



St. John the Baptist Parish

SACRAMENTS

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
SATURDAYS AT 3:00 PM OR BY APPOINTMENT

BAPTISM

BAPTISMS ARE USUALLY HELD
AFTER THE SUNDAY 10:00 AM MASS

MARRIAGE

PLEASE CONTACT EITHER PRIEST AT THE RECTORY
AT LEAST 12 MONTHS BEFORE THE DESIRED DATE
OF THE WEDDING SO AS TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS.

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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

“Then the king will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are
blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you
from the foundation of the world.’” - Mt 25:34



Sacraments and other events

Sat., Nov. 21, 2020

4:00 pm For those who are handicapped
req. by the parish

Sun., Nov. 22, 2020

10:00am For those experiencing loneliness
req. by the parish

Mon. Nov. 23 and Tues. Nov. 24, 2020

8:30 am Mass at St. Joseph's, N. Brookfield

Wed. Nov. 25, 2020

No Wed. Masses at either St. John's or St. Joseph's.

Masses in the nearby parishes:

8:00 am Mass, Mary, Queen of the Rosary in Spencer

*8:00 am Mass, Our Lady of the Sacred Heart,
W. Brookfield*

Thurs., Nov. 26, 2020

8:30 am For all our parishioners

Fri., Nov. 27, 2020

8:30 am For the unborn, req. by the parish

Sat., Nov. 28, 2020

4:00 pm For those who have lost their faith,
req. by the parish

Sun., Nov. 29, 2020

10:00am For those that are handicapped,
req. by the parish

Parish Support

The report for the weekend of November 14-15
will be in the next bulletin.

Readings for the week of November 22, 2020

Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/Ps 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6 [1]/
1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46

Monday: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/
Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday: Rv 14:14-19/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13 [13b]/Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday: Rv 15:1-4/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 7-8, 9 [Rev 15:3b]/
Lk 21:12-19

Thursday: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5
[Rev 19:9a]/Lk 21:20-28

Friday: Rv 20:1-4, 11—21:2/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and
8a [Rev 21:3b]/Lk 21:29-33

Saturday: Rv 22:1-7/Ps 95:1-2, 3-5, 6-7ab [1 Cor 16:22b]/
Lk 21:34-36

Next Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16,
18-19 [4]/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37

Good Service for All

Many Americans are fascinated with England's monarchy. For many different reasons, we are drawn to the regal pageantry and all of the protocols associated with royal lifestyles. What's most amazing is that for all of the media attention focused on the comings and goings of English royalty, they really have very little effect on the day to day dealings of their country. Thoughts and images of kings and queens are often centered on this story book understanding of who and what they are. We associate protocols, etiquette, and proper words and actions to how we approach members of a royal family. These tools serve the necessary purpose of keeping them isolated, enthroned, and at a distance. There is something attractive about being an observer of ritual, pomp, and circumstance. It's almost theatrical.

Is this how we see Jesus Christ, too? We often behave as if Christ is an isolated, enthroned, royal, and even ineffective king. Jesus wants nothing to do with having the status of an earthly king. Jesus also does not want to be watched, observed, or set apart. He wants to get down and dirty with the very stuff of life especially the poor, marginalized, confused, hurting, lost, broken, imprisoned, and forgotten ones. Jesus is the king who turns the tables on us and wants not only our attention but our engagement and conversion. He wants us to get dirty too.

How we treat other people is at the heart of Christ's kingdom. "Whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me." At different times in our lives we are all counted among the "least" ones. We may not be physically poor, but we can easily become emotionally and spiritually poor. We may not be marginalized as many physically are, cast aside because they have too many needs or don't quite fit in. But who hasn't experienced isolation, loneliness, inner turmoil, angst, heartache, or loss? Almost every human being has experienced brokenness at one point or another, or will most definitely at some future point, facing discouragement, fear, insecurity. People are thirsty for more than water. We are imprisoned by our prejudices, misconceived notions and ideas, self-focused obsessions and ideologies. There is a lot of pain and many least ones around us. Stop, look and listen. This is what Christ the King is asking us to do. Look deeply into the eyes and soul of your sisters and brothers, all of them, and see Christ himself.

Being a spectator and observing all of the pageantry isn't enough. Jesus wants us to inherit the kingdom and live the kingdom. It is built on the blocks of love, mercy, compassion, hope, faith, and blessing. It engages those who want it, changes and informs minds, inspires and transforms hearts, converts and renews souls, and sets things right. There is such a great need around us. Are you ready and willing to do whatever you can to serve in God's kingdom?

**Parish Raffle Calendar
Fund Raiser
October 2020 Report**



Food Pantry

The Food Pantry is in need of the following items:

- gravy
- stuffing
- cranberry sauce
- spaghetti sauce
- cake, brownie & cookie mixes

Please bring your donated items to the church lobby food pantry bin. Thank you for your kindness in helping others have a blessed Thanksgiving!

Calendars sold	351
Amount collected	\$ 3,515.00
Prizes paid out	-\$ 1,425.00
Expenses, stamps, gift certificates	- \$ 295 .00
Profit	<u>\$ 1,795.00</u>

We thank a parishioner who donated their winnings back to the parish, and 308 Lakeside Restaurant who donated a gift certificate to this raffle. We also thank all those who supported the parish by their purchase of chances for the raffle calendar.

Keep Safe at Thanksgiving



Thanksgiving is a time when many families travel long distances to celebrate together. Travel increases the chance of getting and spreading the virus that causes COVID-19.

Staying home is the best way to protect yourself and others. If you must travel, be informed of the risks involved.

Lower risk activities

- Having a small dinner with only people who live in your household
- Preparing traditional family recipes for family and neighbors, especially those at higher risk of severe illness from COVID-19, and delivering them in a way that doesn't involve contact with others
- Having a virtual dinner and sharing recipes with friends and family
- Shopping online rather than in person on the day after Thanksgiving or the next Monday
- Watching sports events, parades, and movies from home

Moderate risk activities

- Having a small outdoor dinner with family and friends who live in your community. Lower your risk by following CDC's recommendations on hosting gatherings or cookouts
- Visiting pumpkin patches or orchards where people use hand sanitizer before touching pumpkins or picking apples, wearing masks is encouraged or enforced, and people are able to maintain social distancing
- Attending a small outdoor sports events with safety precautions in place

High risk activities

Avoid these higher risk activities to help prevent the spread of the virus

- Going shopping in crowded stores just before, on, or after Thanksgiving
- Participating or being a spectator at a crowded race
- Attending crowded parades
- Using alcohol or drugs, which can cloud judgement and increase risky behaviors
- Attending large indoor gatherings with people from outside of your household

- from the U.S. Centers of Disease Control and Prevention,

distributed by the Diocesan Office for Worship, Msgr. James Moroney, Director



Seminarian Giving Tree 2020

This year the Vocation Office is adapting the annual "Seminarian Giving-Tree" tradition during the COVID-19 pandemic. It is important for us to keep safety in mind for everyone. The need for our men in formation for the priesthood is still great, and we are once again asking for your support. If you would like to participate, please mail a gift card of any amount in an envelope addressed to "Seminarians, 51 Illinois St., Worcester, MA 01610." Suggested stores where the seminarians can purchase both everyday items or the books they need for their education include Amazon, Barnes & Noble, CVS, Staples, or Walmart. We will equitably sort the cards sent to the House of Studies and distribute them to the seminarians at Christmas time. Thank you kindly in advance for your generosity and know of our prayers for you and your loved ones. God bless you

*Fr. Donato Infante, Vocations Director
Diocese of Worcester*

St. John the Baptist Parish Religious Education
<i>revised 10.26.20</i>
<i>December Religious Education Class Schedule</i>
Dec 6 @ 9am Grade 9-10
Dec 6 @ 11am Grade 2
Dec 13 @ 9am Grade 7
Dec 20 @9am Grade 9-10
Dec 20 @ 11am Grade 2
Dec 27 no classes- Christmas weekend



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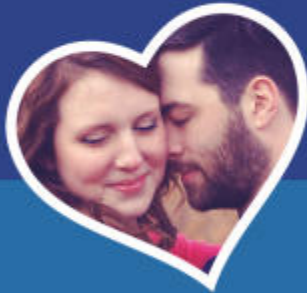
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