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DAILY: THURSDAYS AND FRIDAYS AT 8:30AM
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Welcome to Saint John the Baptist Parish !

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Name: _____

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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
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SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi," which translated means Teacher, "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come, and you will see." -John 1:38-39



Sacraments and other events

Sat., Jan. 16, 2021

4:00 pm For John Annese (2nd anniv.)
req. by his daughter Marie and family

Sun., Jan. 17, 2021

10:00am For Marie Giard (13th anniv.)
req. by Jean Joel

Mon. Jan. 18, 2021

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

Tues. Jan. 19, 2021

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

Wed. Jan. 20, 2021

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., Jan. 21, 2021

8:30 am Rev. Paul N. Benoit, req. by the parish

Fri., Jan. 22, 2021

8:30 am For Bernice Chevarie,
req. by her husband Dolphe

Sat., Jan. 23, 2021

4:00 pm For Jean Sheary (month mind)
req. by Betty, Pete Flory and family

Sun., Jan. 24, 2021

10:00am For Rev. William J. Lucey,
req. by the parish

Parish Support

Jan. 10, 2021

Weekly	\$ 1,545.00
Fuel	\$ 85.00
Monthly	\$ 1,258.00
Catholic University	\$ 35.00

Thank you for your continued support !

Readings for the week of January 17, 2021

Sunday:	1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 8a, 9a/ 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/ Jn 1:35-42
Monday:	Heb 5:1-10/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday:	Heb 6:10-20/Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9 and 10c [5]/ Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday:	Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/Mk 3:1-6
Thursday:	Heb 7:25—8:6/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17 [8a and 9a]/Mk 3:7-12
Friday:	Heb 8:6-13/Ps 85:8 and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [11a]/ Mk 3:13-19
Saturday:	Heb 9:2-3, 11-14/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/ Mk 3:20-21
Next Sunday:	Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [4a]/ 1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20

Please Listen

Our faith is not just about ideas. It's really about having an encounter with God and, in particular, the Risen Christ! Once we give ourselves over to the notion of God's presence, we have to train ourselves to listen for God's voice and be attentive to God's call. Having companions on our faith journeys is so incredibly important as they can help us fine-tune our listening skills and discern God's voice from others we may be hearing. Faith is all about having these profound encounters not only with God but with our brothers and sisters, and creation itself. Anyone or anything that is alive with God's presence becomes an occasion for God to speak and call us to deeper graces and experiences. "Come, and you will see."

The example and teaching of Jesus, the lives of the saints, those living among us and those glorified in heaven, and the wonder and beauty of creation can all serve to help us listen more clearly and assist in positioning ourselves for this profound God meeting. It is an encounter that can quickly and easily lead to a friendship and intimate intertwining of our souls to their Maker, making a claim on us like no other. Then, the Word of God moves from being just a body of ideas to something we simply accept and do. The person of Jesus Christ swiftly moves from being just a good prophet in word and deed to the incarnate presence of God Himself, the Lamb of God. The voice leads us to the Person behind it.

The Gospel is hard to follow. We can intellectually debate whether what Jesus said is really what we are asked to do. The Gospel ideas do not always make sense in our practical, secular world. The person of God always does. We can debate the practicality and sense of ideas and doing so often keeps the more difficult ones at a safe distance away from us. Jesus said to love our enemy, but we really don't need to do that, our minds try to convince us. It just doesn't make sense. Yet, if we are truly in love with the God who is behind the voice of those words, they make perfect sense. Our deep and intimate love of this God would even find us laying down our lives for Him if necessary. Speak Lord, your servant is listening. ©LPi



**Jan. 22
National Day of Prayer**

Did you know that in Dioceses throughout the United States, January 22 is

designated as a Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Human Life? As Catholics we are called to observe this day through the penitential practices of prayer, fasting and/or giving alms, in a way similar to our Lenten practices. Learn more about how you can participate at <https://www.worcesterdiocese.org/jan-22-day-of-prayer>.

A Letter from Bishop McManus
Day of Prayer and Penance on Jan. 22nd



My dear brothers and sisters in the Lord,

January 22, 2021 marks the 48th anniversary of the tragic Roe v. Wade Supreme Court decision which, with its companion case Doe v. Bolton, legalized abortion throughout all nine months of pregnancy in every state in the nation. The General Instruction of the Roman Missal (n. 373), designates Friday, January 22 as a particular day of prayer and penance, called the "Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children". All the faithful in dioceses throughout the United States of America are called to observe this day in a spirit of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for the violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion.

Forty-eight years of legalized abortion in this country has left an incomprehensible aftermath. With over 62 million lives lost, and countless women and men, mothers and fathers, grandparents, siblings, and friends who have been deeply wounded physically, emotionally, and spiritually by this tragedy, we need now more than ever to re-commit ourselves to defending life. I encourage our diocesan parishes and institutions, and all the faithful, to observe reverently the **Day of Prayer and Penance on January 22nd** both personally and within your communities. Let us unite our hearts and minds through special acts of prayer, fasting, and sacrifice on this day, to uphold the inherent dignity of all human life from conception to natural death.

As we reflect on this unspeakable tragedy, we also recall how the Church for many years has continued to reach out to those who have been so sadly affected by the culture of death, particularly through ministries providing aid to women and families in crisis pregnancies, offering the healing love and mercy of Christ to those wounded by abortion through the ministry of Project Rachel, and by continuing to teach and preach the truth and beauty about love and life that bring authentic freedom and happiness. It is through our fervent prayers accompanied by our charitable works and loving sacrifices that the culture can be transformed.

Let us take this opportunity of the January 22nd Day of Prayer and Penance to renew our resolve to live and proclaim the Gospel of Life. May we respond generously to the challenge Saint Pope John Paul II put forth in *Evangelium vitae*: "A great prayer for life is urgently needed, a prayer which will rise up throughout the world. May an impassioned plea rise to God, the Creator and Lover of life, from the heart of every believer." Our active participation in the shared commitment to the sacredness of human life and the dignity of the human person will with God's grace, truly work toward the building up of a Culture of Life and a Civilization of Love.

With every prayerful best wish, I remain
 Sincerely yours in Christ,
 + *Robert J. McManus*
 Bishop of Worcester



**National Novena
 for Life**

Join the National Novena for Life. It is called 9 Days for Life, a focused period of prayer, penance, and pilgrimage set aside to mark the

tragic anniversary of Roe v. Wade, the 1973 Supreme Court decision which legalized abortion during all nine months of pregnancy. The novena will take place nationwide from January 21 through 29, 2021. During this time, all are invited to participate by joining together with thousands of Catholics across the country in prayer for a new intention each of the nine days. Visit www.9daysforlife.com to learn more and to download a free app for your smartphone or to sign up for daily emails or text messages with each day's prayer intention. Your prayers matter! Your sacrifices make a difference!



Schedule

Jan. 17th	9am Grade 7
Jan. 24th	9am Grade 9/10 and 11am Grade 2



**A Prayer to Promote Life
 "Every Life is Worth Living"**

*Heavenly Father, thank you
 for the precious gift of life.*

*Help us to cherish and protect this gift,
 even in the midst of fear, pain, and suffering.*

*Give us love for all people, especially the
 most vulnerable, and help us bear witness
 to the truth that every life is worth living.*

*Grant us the humility to accept help
 when we are in need,
 and teach us to be merciful to all.*

*Through our words and actions, may others encounter
 the outstretched hands of Your mercy.*

We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.



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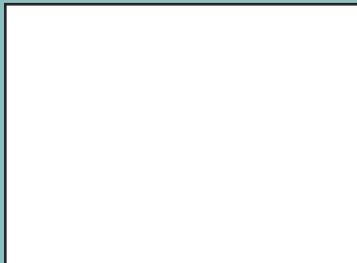
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