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MASSES

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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
HOLY DAY MASSES: 8:30AM ST. JOSEPH’S
7:00PM ST. JOHN’S

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PLEASE COME TO ST. JOSEPH’S CHURCH DURING
THESE HOURS FOR REQUESTS FOR FOOD ASSISTANCE.



***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: _____

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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
OF THE WEDDING SO AS TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS.

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**1st SUNDAY
OF LENT**

“This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand.
Repent, and believe in the gospel.” - Mk 1:15

**Sacraments and other events****Sat., Feb. 20, 2021**4:00 pm For those that are handicapped
req. by the parish**Sun., Feb. 21, 2021**10:00am For William Giard (20th anniv.),
req. by Jean Joel**Mon., Feb. 22, 2021**

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

Tues., Feb. 23, 2021

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

Wed. Feb. 24, 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., Feb. 25, 2021**

8:30 am For Rev. M. Charles Carey, req. by the parish

Fri., Feb. 26, 2021

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

Sat., Feb. 27, 20214:00 pm Joel A. Bealand
req. by The Catholic Assoc. of Forestiers**Sun., Feb. 28, 2021**10:00am Bill Keyes (3rd. anniv.),
req. by Harry and Anne**Parish Support February 14, 2021**

Weekly	\$ 1,987.00
Fuel	\$ 270.00
Monthly	\$ 729.00
Free Press	\$ 39.00
Latin America	\$ 10.00
Catholic University	\$ 5.00
Catholic Home Mission	\$ 5.00

*Thank you for your continued support !***Readings for the week of February 21, 2021**

Sunday:	Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 10]/ 1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15
Monday:	1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6 [1]/Mt 16:13-19
Tuesday:	Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19 [18b]/Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday:	Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 [19b]/ Lk 11:29-32
Thursday:	Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 [3a]/Mt 7:7-12
Friday:	Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8 [3]/ Mt 5:20-26
Saturday:	Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 [1b]/Mt 5:43-48
Next Sunday:	Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 [9]/Rom 8:31b-34/ Mk 9:2-10

Living with Less

St. Oscar Romero said, "Aspire not to have more, but to be more." These powerful words provide the perfect framework for a conversion oriented Lenten experience. God is giving us this Lenten sign to stop being concerned about what you have and focus on who you are. This requires that we create a desert space and listen more attentively for God to reveal His presence. It is all so wonderfully simple on the one hand and so incredibly challenging on the other. The message is simple: love God, neighbor, and self. Those simple words make great sense, but we struggle translating them into reality. Our attachments, compulsions, obsessions, addictions, routines, and busyness all anchor us to the "idol of the self," keeping us mired in our compulsive need for self-aggrandizement. It's not about us!

God vowed, long ago, to nurture, sustain and protect the relationship He has with His people. He called us into being, nurtures us in being, and sustains us in being. Without the Loving Divine Presence, all life would cease. Once we slow down a bit and clear away some of the clutter, we can see how the journey of our life is unfolding. We can see what brings us in and out of tune with God's love and how we can better imitate God's loving fidelity in our relationship with Him. In short, we will see our myopic short sightedness and figure out how we can better share the Divine Fire within with others. Lent isn't just about giving stuff up for forty days and indulging again at Easter. We need to push things much farther and wrestle with the question of how we can be more. "Being more" means becoming more fully alive and in touch with the holiness of life and the divinity that lives in and empowers all beings and things. It is realizing that the "quality" of our presence is crucial to being an effective witness and herald of God's unconditional love.

The illusion we have bought into causes us to believe that the wrong things and systems matter. We tirelessly fight to keep things the way they are, to return to the former ways of doing things or restore some nostalgic fantasy memory of "life in the good old days." Lent isn't about maintaining what we have or returning to something that is gone. It's about becoming something new. It's about being more focused, centered, convicted, and grounded so that we can be a person who truly loves and treasures being made in the image of God. The secret to Gospel living is not found in accumulating anything for ourselves, even merit points for heaven. Gospel living means learning how to live with less so that others can live with more. The thought of permanently giving something up makes us feel uncomfortable. Truth often does.

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Ash Wednesday Schedule

Wednesday, Feb. 17th Masses
 8:30am St. Joseph's
 7:00pm St. John's
 (no vigil Mass on Tuesday night)

Collection for Priests' Retirement

The Ash Wednesday collection, which helps support the retirement costs of our diocesan priests, will be extended to this weekend. If you can donate, we would be most grateful.

A reminder: this is separate from the Retirement Fund for Religious, which is taken up in December, and supports various religious community brothers and sisters, not the diocesan priests. Thank you for your support.

St John's Religious Ed. Schedule as of Feb. 21st	
Feb 21	Grade 9/10 @ 9am and grade 2 @ 11am
Feb 28	Grade 7 @ 9am
March 7	Grade 9/10 @ 9am
March 7	Grade 2 First Reconciliation @ 11:15am
March 14	Grade 7 @ 9am



Stations of the Cross during Lent

Fridays: Feb 19, 26, Mar 5 @ St. Joseph's @ 6pm
 Mar 12, 19, 26 @ St. John's @ 6pm



*May the Angels
 Lead You to Paradise*

We would like to pray for the repose of the soul of Ruth McNeaney. Her funeral was held here this past week. She is the mother of Tim McNeaney, and the mother-in-law of Jennifer McNeaney, parishioners here at St. John's. We also pray for Ruth's family and friends, that they may know of God's eternal care for Ruth and feel supported by our prayers for them.

Anointing of the Sick



The Sacrament of the Sick will be offered after all Masses on the weekend of Feb. 20-21. Come to experience God's presence and healing.



Scratch Ticket Raffle Report

Collected	\$ 7,420.00
Paid out prizes:	\$ 1,500.00
	<i>a book of 50-\$30. tickets</i>
cash prizes:	\$ 300.00
postage	\$ 110.00
envelopes	\$ 34.00
PROFIT	\$ 5,476.00

Many, many thanks to all of you who supported our parish in this way !

Legacy of Hope Update



Our parish has received pledges totaling \$ 69,165.00. Thank you !

If you have yet to make your pledge, please complete the donor's card that you have received and mail it directly to the Diocese: Legacy of Hope, Chancery, 49 Elm St., Worcester, MA 01609. You can visit the website: www.legacyofhope.worcesterdiocese.org. You may also drop off your pledge at the rectory or place it in the collection basket. We thank those who have already made their pledge in this campaign.



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