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DAILY: THURSDAYS AND FRIDAYS AT 8:30AM
AT ST. JOHN’S, EAST BROOKFIELD
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***REGISTRATION OR
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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
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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

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PLEASE CONTACT EITHER PRIEST AT THE RECTORY
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5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit." - Jn 12:23-24



Sacraments and other events

Sat., Mar. 20, 2021

4:00 pm For parish priests, req. by the parish

Sun., Mar. 21, 2021

10:00am For seminarians and vocations in our Diocese,
req. by the parish

Mon., Mar. 22, 2021

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

Tues., Mar. 23, 2021

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

Wed. Mar. 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., Mar. 25, 2021

8:30 am For Rev. Leo T. Rock, req. by the parish

Fri., Mar. 26, 2021

8:30 am For Rev. Timothy J. Kennedy,
req. by the parish

6:00 pm Stations of the Cross at St. John's

Sat., Mar. 27, 2021 Palm Sunday

4:00 pm Gloria Tobin,
req. by Maureen and Carlo Caramiello

Sun., Mar. 28, 2021 Palm Sunday

10:00am For a special intention

Parish Support

Weekly	\$ 1,222.00
Monthly	\$ 640.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 60.00

Thank you for your continued support !

Readings for the week of March 21, 2021

Sunday:	Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 [12a]/ Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33 or Ez 37:12-14/ Rom 8:8-11/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [7]/ Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45
Monday:	Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/ Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [4ab]/ Jn 8:1-11
Tuesday:	Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21 [2]/ Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday:	Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 [52b]/Jn 8:31-42
Thursday:	Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8, 8-9, 10, 11 [8a, 9a]/ Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38
Friday:	Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7 [cf. 7]/ Jn 10:31-42
Saturday:	Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13 [cf. 10d]/ Jn 11:45-56
Next Sunday:	Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/ Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1- 15:47 or 15:1-39

Lessons Learned?

Any good teacher or parent will tell you that once a lesson is really learned it doesn't need to be taught again. When we internalize things we have learned, they become a part of who we are and influence how we perceive and interact with our world. The same is true for the law God has written upon our hearts. Once humanity learns this lesson, we will simply know it to be true and act accordingly. Sometimes, it is hard to get people to learn the lessons they need to learn. They are often distracted, disinterested, conflicted, misdirected, or just too stubborn and unable or unwilling to see what is right before their eyes. Understanding that God is in a loving and committed relationship with those fashioned and formed in God's own image, seems like such a simple lesson to learn. But history and experience has proven that it is not.

We struggle with faith, especially when that faith asks us to learn something very particular about ourselves. We must, like a grain of wheat, fall to the ground and die. Because God's DNA is at the very core of who we are, there are specific pearls of wisdom that must be acquired before we can live a full life. One very powerful lesson is that it is not the task of the world to tell us who we are and what has meaning, but God. For many, death is not an opportunity for greater life but a permanent ending to the life they have known. Jesus knew every dimension to what it means to be fully human because he was! He knows the joys, limitations, sorrows, frustrations, wonders, suffering, opportunities, and joys of the human experience. Jesus can teach us a wealth of knowledge and life's lessons from his example, especially obedience.

When we accept the law God has placed in our hearts and gain wisdom from it, then when we suffer we learn to listen more attentively to the Voice behind that law. We naturally flee to our Creator for inspiration, consolation, hope, direction, and comfort as we navigate through this time of darkness. We will not need to run from it, subdue it, fight it, or be overcome by it because we will know, having internalized this profound lesson before, that God will bring new life. God's law is love and love never fails. Even in the moments of Jesus' deepest despair, he glorified the name of his Father. What he learned allowed him to put everything in perspective and be obedient to the tender, loving Voice that echoed within. As Lent quickly winds down, may we learn the same! Then, may we gain the fortitude and wisdom to help others see what is right before their eyes. ©LPi





Stations of the Cross

Mar.26 at St. John's @ 6 pm

St John's Religious Ed. Schedule as of March 21st	
March 21 Sun.	Grade 9/10 @ 9am and grade 2 @ 11am
March 28 Sun.	Grade 7 @ 9am
April 4 Sun.	Easter - No classes
April 11 Sun.	Grade 9/10 @ 9am and grade 2 @ 11am
April 18 Sun.	last day of classes
April 18 Sun.	Grade 9/10 @ 9am and grade 2 @ 11am
April 24 Sat.	First Communion 1:00pm
May 10 Monday	Confirmation - St. Paul's Cathedral Worcester 7:00pm

St. John's Parish Easter Flower Envelopes as of 3.7.2021



Ernie Berthiaume
Roger Berthiaume
Les Forgit
Lorraine Forgit
Bob Gadbois
Edward Jette
Richard Jette
Paw Jette
Lena Langolis
Richard Newton
Jane Newton
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Robert Perron
Ray Scott
Anna Scott
George StCyr
Scott StCyr

Deceased family members
Deceased members Lachambre family
Deceased members Lytle family
Deceased members Parker family
Deceased members Stockman family



Notes for Holy Week, Easter Time and Seat Reservations

Please note that the Holy Week schedule of services and Masses is as follows:

- Apr. 1, Holy Thursday 7pm at St. John's
- Apr. 2, Good Friday Stations of the Cross 3pm and the Commemoration of the Lord's Passion, 7pm, both at St. Joseph's
- Apr. 3, Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil, 7pm at St. John's
- Apr. 4, Easter Sunday
 8:30am Mass at St. Joseph's
 10:00am Mass at St. John's

As we had done at Christmas, because of social distancing and seating limitations, we will need to have reservations for seating at the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday only. Please call the rectory at 508.867.3738 or email us at stjohnseb01515@verizon.net to indicate the number of persons for whom you are reserving seats.

Lenten Regulations GUIDELINES FOR 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 all the Fridays of Lent.



Baby Bottle Drive for Visitation House Has Gone Virtual

This year, the annual baby bottle drive for Visitation House in Worcester has gone virtual. Instead of the actual baby bottles, you are asked to pick up an envelope and information at the church entrances and mail in your contribution. You can also donate online at: www.give.visitationhouse.org. Your financial support this home for young mothers and their children is greatly appreciated.



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