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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
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7:00PM ST. JOHN’S

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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: _____

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.

MINISTRIES

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PALM SUNDAY

So they brought the colt to Jesus and put their cloaks over it. And he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. - MK 11:7-8



Sacraments and other events

- 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
- Mon., Mar. 29, 2021**
8:30 am Mass at St. Joseph's, N. Brookfield
- Tues., Mar. 30, 2021**
8:30 am Mass at St. Joseph's, N. Brookfield
- Wed. Mar. 31, 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., Apr. 1, 2021 Holy Thursday**
no 8:30am Mass
7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper at St. John's
- Fri., Apr. 2, 2021 Good Friday**
no 8:30am First Friday Mass
3:00pm Stations of the Cross at St. Joseph's
7:00 pm Commemoration of the Lord's Passion
at St. Joseph's
- Sat., Apr. 3, 2021 Easter Vigil**
*no 8:30am (First Saturday Mass, St. Joseph's
no 4:00pm Mass at St. John's)*
7:00 pm Easter Vigil
For Joseph F. Landers,
req. by Catholic Assoc. of Foresters
- Sun., Apr. 4, 2021 Easter Sunday**
10:00am For Joel A. Bealand,
req. by Catholic Assoc. of Foresters

Readings for the week of March 28, 2021

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
Monday:	Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14 [1a]/Jn 12:1-11
Tuesday:	Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17 [cf. 15ab]/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Wednesday:	Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34 [14c]/ Mt 26:14-25
Thursday:	Chrim Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Ps 89:1, 2-3, 3- 4, 5-6 [2a]/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21
Evening Mass	of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/ Ps 16:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18 [cf. 1 Cor 10:16]/ 1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15
Friday:	Is 52:13—53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25 [Lk 23:46]/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1—19:42
Saturday:	Vigil: Gn 1:1—2:2/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13- 14, 24, 35 [30]/Gn 22:1-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 [1]/ Ex 14:15—15:1/ 17-18 [1b]/ Is 54: 5-14/ Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 [2a]/Is 55:1-11/ Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [Jn 6:68c]/ Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 [42:2] Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 [12a]/ Rom 6:3-11/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Mk 16:1-7
Sunday:	Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-2 [24]/ Col 3:1-4/Jn 20:1-9

LET GOD BE GOD

Many struggle with Jesus. Some who consider themselves faithful hail him in their churches but still struggle to figure out what to do with him on our streets. The message is somehow more palatable when it echoes pious renderings and sentiments and involves singing hosannas during worship. It becomes a bit trickier when it gets to the part about changing the way we conduct the business of our lives, becoming more sensitive to the disadvantaged, poor, and marginalized, and living as servants of our Loving Creator. Ultimately, it is a struggle between wanting to be God ourselves and letting God be God as God is. That's why it's so easy to become hypocritical. We, like those who hailed Christ as he arrived in Jerusalem and sent Christ to the cross to die, also talk out of both sides of our mouths. We entertain what suits us at the time and walk away from the rest.

Many neglect God's beautiful creation because they prefer what humans have made instead. Progress isn't seen in preserving and enhancing what God has made but replacing it with something we believe is better and more useful. The earth, flowers, and animals are all expendable if they stand in the way of the "more" we want to achieve. We seek to remove as many obstacles and hurdles as possible in search of the easiest, quickest, and most efficient path we can find. We have created drugs and laws that preserve our free choice, even though it may mean setting aside God's vision and example. Why suffer when we can easily be put to rest? Why endure insult or injury when we can retaliate, eliminate or subdue? Why accept life when it is acceptable to choose otherwise? We want to be God and resist accepting the fact that our real Creator has already given us the blueprints for the life we need to live in the Beatitudes and in the example of his Passion. We don't like being stewards and managers and really want the power to do as we wish and desire. We want to create our own way.

Where has the true, effective Christian voice been through all of the wars and violence, prejudice and unjust conquests, abuse of human beings and attempted extinctions of nationalities, the establishments of procedures and protocols that serve only a few and not the many and all of the injustices and exploitations that are a part of our human history? A few courageous prophets have stood up and out throughout all of the comings and goings of our human journey with many receiving the same fate as the Crucified One we hail this week. Some still walk among us as shining stars showing us how it really can be. How would Jesus' journey have ended if he lived life as we do? Unless we encounter the good with the bad, the just with the unjust, the grace with the sin, the glory with the cross, the death with the life we most certainly risk rendering God obsolete. After all, haven't we already convinced ourselves that we can do better?

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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

Good Friday Regulations

FASTING AND ABSTINENCE

Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics fourteen (14) years of age and older on Good Friday.

Fasting is to be observed by all Catholics who are eighteen (18) years of age but not yet fifty-nine (59) years of age on Good Friday. Those who are bound to fast may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary, to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted. Catholics should not lightly excuse themselves from these prescribed Lenten penitential practices.



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.



May the Angels Lead You to Paradise

We would like to pray for the repose of the soul of Jeanne Lebeau. Jeanne's funeral was held this past week. We also pray for her family and friends, that they may know and feel supported by our prayers for them.

St. John's Parish Easter Flower Envelopes as of 3.14.2021

- Francis Carter
- Paul Fredette
- Jacqueline Haseltine
- Norman J. McGrath
- Ruth McNeaney
- Richard McNeaney
- Julia Plumley
- Cleo Plumley
- Charlotte Plumley
- Rita Mae Plumley
- Joseph Sandagato
- Cecile Sandagato
- Bertha Sequin



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Weekly	\$ 1,575.00
Monthly	\$ 405.00
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