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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
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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

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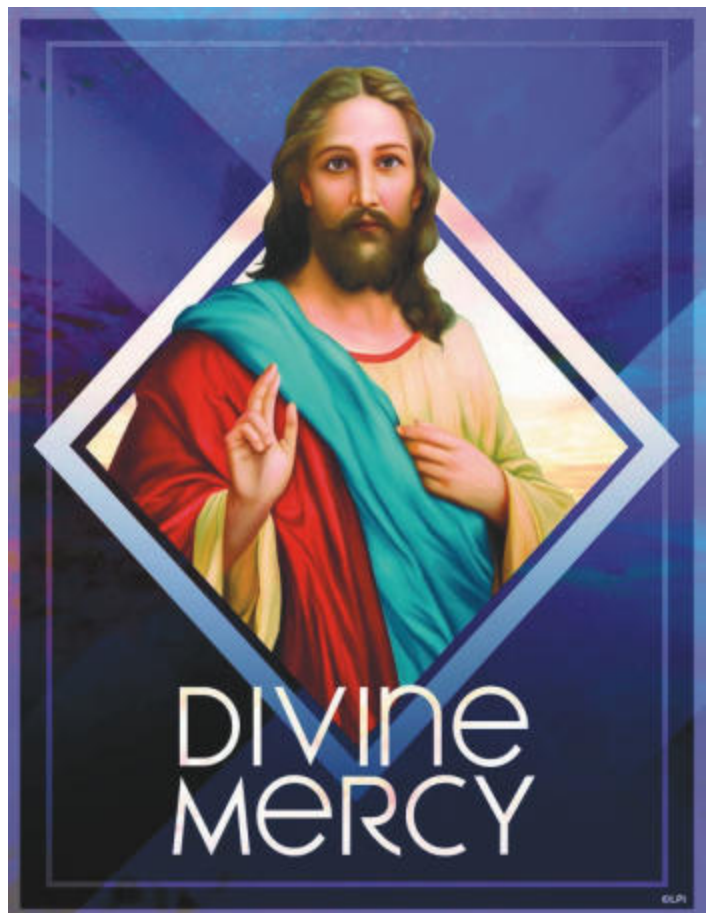
PLEASE CONTACT EITHER PRIEST AT THE RECTORY
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Sacraments and other events

Sat., Apr. 10, 2021

4:00 am special intention

Sun., Apr. 11, 2021 Divine Mercy Sunday

10:00am For Robert (Bob) Gadbois
req. by Bernie and Nancy Nowak

Mon. and Tues. Apr. 12-13, 2021

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

Wed. Apr. 14, 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. 15 2021

8:30am For our parish priests, req. by the parish

Fri., Apr. 16, 2021

8:30am John ___, req. by Gene Crevier

Sat., Apr. 17, 2021

4:00 pm Joseph and Rita Luszey, requested by the family

Sun., Apr. 18, 2021

10:00am For Robert (Bob) Gadbois
req. by David and Claire Sauvageau

Divine Mercy

What a wonderful joy fills us today as we ponder the inexhaustible mercy of God. "Mercy is the heart of God," Pope Francis tells us. The image of a heart has been used to point to the very life source of a person as it is the organ that allows life to flow through our veins and sustain us. Mercy is the heart of God. Imagine this dynamic, powerful, compassionate, piercing, embracing, loving, propelling, penetrating, absorbing, and enveloping, transforming presence of God flowing into the very depth of our souls. It is God's mercy that allows blood to flow through our veins. It is God's mercy that forms every atom of our being and leads us to what is true. God's mercy reveals all superficiality and falsehood, and lays bare all distortions, empty promises, weakness, and sin.

"Mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instills in us the courage to look to the future with hope," Pope Francis continues. God's all forgiving, compassionate love is with us. When we finally believe and accept that Christ's resurrected transfigured presence resides with us, we then find within us a strong confidence to accept life's imperfections and disappointments and move on. Every day is a new adventure in new life. God leaves the past behind and opens doors to the future. It doesn't matter how many mistakes we made yesterday. All that matters is what we do tomorrow and what we learn along the way. It is so easy to remain tethered and mired in the past, but there is no need to do so. God is all about tomorrow and the work God has yet to do in our lives.

Mercy gives birth to hope. Hope for the greatest of sinners and hope for the worst of disasters. There is nothing God cannot do and nothing God cannot fashion. After all, everything we know and treasure was once nothing, and look what God did with the nothing God had! The resurrected Christ stands before us with nail marks in his wrists and wounds on his body as a testament that not even injustice, suffering and death can trample over and destroy God's mercy. What have we to fear? Why do we keep ourselves from peace? Our lack of faith prevents us from going forward and fully receiving the holiness God desires to breathe upon us. Breathe in God's mercy, allow the wind of God's presence to kiss all of your sins and caress all of your fears. Exhale peace.

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Parish Support March 28, 2021

Weekly	\$ 1,242.00
Monthly	\$ 383.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 50.00
Holy Land	\$ 10.00

Thank you for your continued support !

Readings for the week of April 11, 2021

- Sunday:** Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/
1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-3
- Monday:** Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9 [cf. 11d]/
Jn 3:1-8
- Tuesday:** Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 [1a]/Jn 3:7b-15
- Wednesday:** Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [7a]/
Jn 3:16-21
- Thursday:** Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20 [7a]/
Jn 3:31-36
- Friday:** Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [cf. 4abc]/
Jn 6:1-15
- Saturday:** Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 [22]/Jn 6:16-21
- Next Sunday:** Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 [7a]/
1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48



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



The 2021 *Partners in Charity Appeal* is underway. Thank you to those who have made a gift and a special thank you for those who gave for the first time. Your gift will help us in reaching our parish goal.

We encourage you to prayerfully consider making a pledge or gift at this time. Please return your pledge or gift to the church office or in the collection basket. If you choose to make your commitment pledge online, please visit www.partners-charity.net.

Texting - another way to contribute to this year's appeal.

As you may know, this appeal is a lifeline for more than two dozen agencies and ministries which provide charitable, pastoral, and educational services that complement what we can provide at the parish. We help those in need, regardless of race, creed, or circumstance, in order to find hope. Please consider make a pledge or gift to this year's Appeal. You can even make your gift from a Smartphone by texting DONATE to 84576 ! Thank you!



Baby Bottle Drive for Visitation House is Winding Down

The annual baby drive for Visitation House in Worcester is winding down. At this time, could you please send your envelope to Visitation House or donate online at www.give.visitationhouse.org ? Your financial support for this home for young mothers and their children is greatly appreciated.

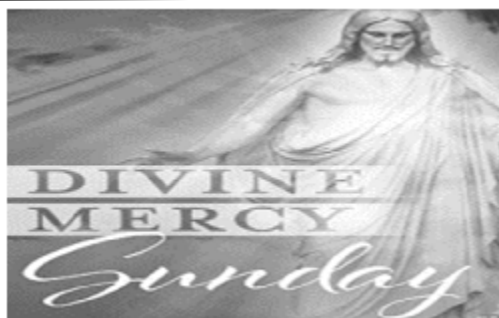


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St. John's Parish Easter Flower Envelopes as of 3.28.2021



- George Banks*
- Sylvia Banks*
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- Annabelle Banks*



Eye Has Not Seen

They say seeing is believing. But if you've ever ordered a pair of pants online, you know that's not always the case. Whatever the photos promise us, what looked like a perfectly nice shade of navy blue on our computer screens comes in the mail as an unusual shade of blue green that only appears in the giant box of Crayola crayons.

The Apostle Thomas, who couldn't bring himself to accept that Jesus had risen from the dead without seeing him, is such an utterly relatable figure in the Gospels. Thomas is still reeling from a loss — not only of his good friend but his Lord, who was taken prisoner and crucified before his eyes. Thomas is guarding himself. He's not believing the hype. He's going to be the only judge of what is real and what is fiction.

Would any of us be any different? We've all had those thoughts. Can we believe it all — Jesus, salvation history, the Eucharist — when we haven't seen it with our own two eyes?

That's when we need to remember that those two eyes were absolutely positive they had ordered a pair of navy blue pants.

It's easy for us to sit back stroking our chins in judgment at Thomas, "you didn't believe the testimony of your friends!" But do we accept the testimony of our friends? The saints, the popes, the Church fathers themselves?

Sometimes the things that are most worthy of believing can't be seen with the naked eye.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi



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