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



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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5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and everyone that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit." - Jn 15:1-2



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: _____



Sacraments and other events

Sat., May 1, 2021

4:00pm William Letendre, Sr. (24th anniv.)
req. by the family

Sun., May 2, 2021

10:00am Robert Gadbois
req. by Rita Berthiaume

Mon. and Tues. May 3-4, 2021

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

Wed. May 5, 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., May 6, 2021

8:30am special intention

Fri., May 7, 2021

8:30am for those who are handicapped
req. by the parish

Sat., May 8, 2021

4:00pm Priscilla Courtemanche (1st anniv.)
req. by the parish

Sun., May 9, 2021

10:00am special intention

Parish Support

April 25, 2021

Weekly	\$ 1,350.00
Easter	\$ 25.00
Monthly	\$ 680.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 30.00

Thank you for your continued support !

Readings for the week of May 2, 2021

Sunday:	Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 [26a]/ 1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8
Monday:	1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Jn 14:6-14
Tuesday:	Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21 [cf. 12]/ Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday:	Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 [cf. 1]/ Jn 15:1-8
Thursday:	Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10 [3]/Jn 15:9-11
Friday:	Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12 [10a]/ Jn 15:12-17
Saturday:	Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21
Next Sunday:	Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 [cf. 2b]/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17

Finding Your Teacher

"Spiraling out of control," is a phrase that can easily describe the current display of human existence. In addition to the violence, unrest, uneasiness and turmoil that are common elements of our daily news, other essential pieces are misplaced or missing. Many lack an objective center around which to order and structure their lives or a clear set of definable goals or mores to act as guideposts and life directives. It appears that "feelings" have become a "new god" and traditional structures and ideals set aside. It is almost as if history only shows that we got this whole thing wrong and many are determined to finally set things right. The real truth, however, is that while wrongs and errors are certainly a part of our often-checkered past, it is hardly the case that all was wrong. It is not our task to rewrite the history of our lives, but to learn from mistakes that were made, and preserve the perennial wisdom at the root of our successes. Learning is an essential part of being human.

The question becomes, however, from whom do we learn? Some have such a hard time placing God in that position, but that is precisely where God needs to be. God is the Master Teacher from whom all of humanity learns and gets its cues. It is in and through this relationship with the Gardener of Life that we are fashioned and pruned into the people we are intended to be and can be. It is only in God that we are able to find our best selves. Sadly, many think that religion too, as well as history in general, has also gotten all this wrong. Yet, our resurrection faith tells us differently. We are reminded, today especially, that we are meant to remain in Christ as Christ remains in us. We are also reminded that Jesus, the Incarnate God, is the vine upon which we grow, the branches that flow from the source of God's life.

Giving up our will to God's can be a painful endeavor. It is not easy to set our own desires and wants aside and allow God to step in and direct and guide our growth. But this is the only way to prevent deadly weeds from overtaking us and bringing us to a place of self-destruction. God's commandments are the very guideposts and benchmarks we need, yet many seek to remove them from all public view because they appear to limit self-expression and suppress what is considered by many to be "human freedom." They are the only way we can find freedom, however. And, until we learn this fundamental lesson, we will continue to spiral out of control, never really knowing who we are, what our potential can be or how life really can be lived. We will not know peace. ©LPi





St John's Religious Ed. Schedule

May 10 Monday	Confirmation - St. Paul's Cathedral Worcester 7:00pm
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The 2021 *Partners in Charity Appeal* continues. Your gift will help us in reaching our parish goal. Thusfar, we have collected \$ 13,865.00, which is 69% of our goal. Thank you to those who have made a gift and a special thank you for those who gave for the first time.

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!



St. John's Parish

June Calendar Raffle

Raffle calendars are available for purchase. The raffle calendars have already been mailed out. If you have not received your raffle calendars or would like more, please contact the parish office. The St. John's raffle calendar is for June, with a May 31st deadline. We appreciate your support! .



Parish Grounds Spring Clean-up

It is time for our annual parish grounds spring clean-up. We are looking to have this on Saturday, May 15th at 9:00am. The rain date will be on Sat. May 22nd at 9:00am.. Please bring rakes, shovels, and other gardening tools.

Please sign up in the church lobby or by calling the parish office at 508.867.3738.

**Respect Life Reflection**

"Current laws in our country fail to protect the lives of unborn children. ... People of good will must boldly stand up against this intrinsic evil [of abortion], especially when it is occurring on a massive scale, implemented

in law and funded, in some instances, by the government."

Most Reverend Joseph F. Naumann, Chair of the USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities, "Priorities at the Polls"

*Welcome to our Newest Member of the Catholic Community*

Our parish community would like to welcome the newest member of our Catholic community, Kennedy Raelyn Vivier, whose Baptism was celebrated here at St. John's. We congratulate her parents, John and Lauren and their extended families, as we offer our prayers and continued support for all of them, as they continue their lives of faith among us.





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