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**MASSES**

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SATURDAYS: 4:00 PM SUNDAYS: 10:00 AM  
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AT ST. JOSEPH’S, NORTH BROOKFIELD  
DAILY: THURSDAYS AND FRIDAYS AT 8:30AM  
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HOLY DAY MASSES: 8:30AM ST. JOSEPH’S  
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***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  
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OF THE WEDDING SO AS TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS.

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## 6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

"It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed  
you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask  
the Father in my name he may give you. This I command you:  
love one another." - Jn 15:16-17

**Sacraments and other events****Sat., May 8, 2021**4:00pm Priscilla Courtemanche (1st anniv.)  
req. by the parish**Sun., May 9, 2021**

10:00am special intention

**Mon. and Tues. May 10-11, 2021**

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

**Wed. May 12, 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 13, 2021**8:30am Sam Cogliandro,  
req. by Catholic Assoc. of Foresters**Fri., May 14, 2021**8:30am for those who work in the medical profession,  
req. by the parish**Sat., May 15, 2021**

4:00pm for Lester Forgit, req. by the family

**Sun., May 16, 2021**10:00am for Robert (Bob) Gadbois,  
req. by Barbara and Joe Sandagato*Parish Support May 2, 2021*

Weekly	\$ 1,276.00
Ascension	\$ 5.00
Monthly	\$ 598.00

*Thank you for your continued support !***Readings for the week of May 9, 2021**

<b>Sunday:</b>	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
<b>Monday:</b>	Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Jn 15:26—16:4a
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 [7c]/ Jn 16:5-11
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/ Jn 16:12-15
<b>Ascension</b>	
<b>Thursday:</b>	Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20
<b>Friday:</b>	Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [8]/ Jn 15:9-17
<b>Saturday:</b>	Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-10, 10 [8a]/ Jn 16:23b-28
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20 [19a]/1 Jn 4:11-16/Jn 17:11b-19

**LOVE**

“Remain in my love,” and, “I call you friends,” are powerful words that are found in John’s Gospel. Most of us probably have them committed to memory or have at least heard them proclaimed dozens of times. They are words that can easily become trite and quickly glossed over without fully pondering and digesting their profound beauty. When we take the time to immerse ourselves in them, they can radically change our lives and our relationships. They can open up new doors of adventure and hold countless possibilities for meaning. The essence of love and friendship are things that can easily be taken for granted. They have always been there and are a significant part of our lives. Many would say that they could not live without love and friendship, and they put a great deal of care into preserving, deepening and sustaining them. Love and friendship share a mutual relationship with each other that deserves more reflection.

Where does love come from? We can consider relationships that have not succeeded and conclude that they were somehow due to our “failures in love.” In doing so, we assume that human beings are the ones responsible for love, its success and also its failure. While our weakness, emotional composition and sinfulness can easily impact our ability to love, its origin is not human. God is love. God is love’s author and origin. When we love, it is God who loves in and through us. It is because of this divine closeness that Jesus is able to call us friends! It is not because of anything we have done but simply because of who we are. Realizing and contemplating this awesome reality becomes a game changer across the board. It gives us reason to clear the table of anything that can adversely affect the way we love so that we can open the door for its author to shine forth.

Coming upon this truth is what leads folks like St. Francis of Assisi to leave that which is comfortable and worldly and live a radical life. They relate with the love of God that radiates in and through all living things and appreciate their sacredness. It was having an intimate experience of God’s love and friendship that propelled St. Francis and others to embrace simplicity, act nonviolently, pursue humility, love enemies, care for the earth and open up avenues for true justice. Understanding this profound truth will also help us find peaceful solutions to world’s problems, restore relationships with our sisters and brothers, bring the grace of loving stewardship to creation and heal many wounds. Once we begin to see how wonderfully holy all of life really is, we discover joy. We lose our need for fear, develop a fierce fortitude, act prudently and seek justice. There is great power in love because it comes from God. It will never fail. It also enjoys the company of two other friends who are eager to become our friends as well: faith and hope. These are just as important to have and to share. ©LPi



**Prayer for Mothers' Day**



*O Blessed Mother, you received the good news of the incarnation of Christ, your Son, with faith and trust. Guide us as we strive to make our parish communities places of welcome and assurance for all mothers. Help us become instruments of God's love and compassion.*

*Mary, Mother of the Church, graciously help us build a culture of life and a civilization of love, together with all people of good will, to the praise and glory of God, the Creator and lover of life. Amen.*

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**St John's Religious Ed. Schedule**

May 10 Monday	Confirmation - St. Paul's Cathedral Worcester 7:00pm
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**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 22, 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.

*St. John's Parish  
Easter Flower Envelopes*

*Deceased Family Members*



*Carmen Lamoureux  
Etienne Lamoureux  
Richard Lamoureux*



The 2021 *Partners in Charity Appeal* continues. Your gift will help us in reaching our parish goal. Thus far, we have collected \$ 14,525.00, which is 73% 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](http://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!

**Religious Education Program Thank You**



We would like to thank all who participated in our Religious Education program this year. We realize that there were many challenges presented, given the Coronavirus limitations.

We want to thank Mary Gershman, who directed the program and taught the majority of remote and in person classes. We thank Kathryn Mateucci for also doing a great job teaching her class.

We hope to be able to return in the fall with everyone attending classes in person !

**Mothers' Day  
Memorial Donations 2021**



*Blanche Berger  
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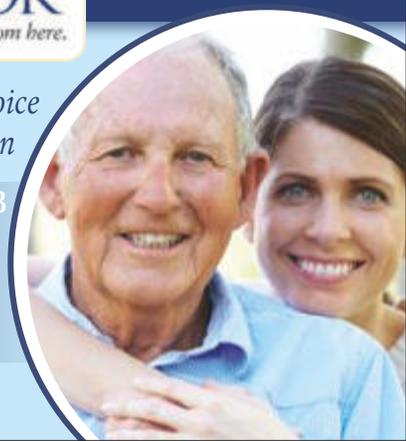


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