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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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***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.

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**7th SUNDAY
OF EASTER**

“As you sent me into the world, so I sent them into the world.
And I consecrate myself for them, so that they also may
be consecrated in truth.” - Jn 17:18-19



God Remains

Sacraments and other events

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

Mon. and Tues. May 17-18, 2021

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

Wed. May 19, 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 20, 2021

8:30am for the elderly of the parish

Fri., May 21, 2021

8:30am for our ministries

Sat., May 22, 2021

4:00pm for Ronald Lacaire Sr. (2nd anniv.)
req. by the family

Sun., May 23, 2021

10:00am for a special intention

Parish Support May 9, 2021

Weekly	\$ 1,723.00
Ascension	\$ 40.00
Monthly	\$ 1,075.00

Thank you for your continued support !

Readings for the week of May 16, 2021

Sunday:	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
Monday:	Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab [33a]/Jn 16:29-33
Tuesday:	Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21 [33a]/Jn 17:1-11a
Wednesday:	Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68: 29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab [33a]/Jn 17:11b-19
Thursday:	Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Jn 17:20-26
Friday:	Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab [19a]/Jn 21:15-19
Saturday:	Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7 [7b]/Jn 21:20-25
Next Sunday:	Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 [cf. 30]/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

God remains where love remains. When a believer realizes without doubt that God is love, it is a powerful moment. Being able to place our resurrection trust in this fundamental truth allows us to experience God's presence in all of our experiences: the good and the bad, positive and negative, life enriching and destructive events we encounter. It is no wonder that St. Paul so accurately tells us that it is love that endures all things and lasts. How can God not endure or ever fade away? Because he is God, Jesus also guarded and protected his disciples as the endearing shepherd who always had their best interest at heart.

If we become too immersed in the world, we lose touch with these deeper realities. We can become so preoccupied with preserving what we have created or think that we need, forgetting that it is not building our city that really matters, but God's. Jesus clearly did not belong to the world and, by virtue of his resurrection, he tries to get us to understand that we do not either. The truth brings us to other worldly, more divine places and takes our eyes off of the concerns that often captivate our fears and storm our senses.

Life can easily erode our faith. Think of your life over the last couple of weeks. What challenged your faith and distracted your divine glance? Even being overly stimulated with technology and social media can erode our sense of confidence and cause us to forget who we really are. We need to distance ourselves from the world in order to experience the joy that Christ offers. The world will never like the word of God. It is too challenging and too perplexing. The world mistakenly believes that it can survive on its own. It is a mistaken judgment that may cost people a lot in the end. It is all so very simple: God remains when we love one another. If in all the business of our lives and all that each day brings, the good and the bad, we follow the call and path of love, we will walk with God. There is nothing to fear and anxiety finds no home.

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**CONGRATULATIONS
CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 2021 !**

Congratulations go to our young parishioners who received the Sacrament of Confirmation by Bishop Robert McManus at St. Paul’s Cathedral in Worcester last Monday:

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|-----------------|----------------|
| Zoe Anderson | Ronnie Pataky |
| Quinn Blood | Jared Peterson |
| William Lambert | Damien Sargent |

We pray that God’s Holy Spirit will continue to bless them, so that they can remain strong in their faith. We thank Mary Gershman who has guided and taught them on this journey of faith. We also thank parents and families of those confirmed, as they offered support, love, and care throughout this process.



**Partners in Charity
and an Extra Collection**

For those St. John’s parishioners *who have not already donated*, we ask your kind consideration of a gift to the *2021 Annual Partners in Charity Appeal*. 60 families have already donated a total of \$15,050.00, with \$ 4,950 to go. We are truly grateful for those gifts. You can easily offer your gift online this year! Just go to **partners-charity.net/donate**

Donor envelopes can be found in the church pew this weekend. If you use an envelope, you can return it through to the rectory, through the mail, or by dropping it off at the rectory’s door. All checks should be made payable to **“Partners in Charity”**.

This year, the diocesan campaign has been impacted by the pandemic. So, it will be a great challenge to reach its goal of \$5 million.

Your gift will help the Diocese implement its essential charitable, pastoral and educational works in the year ahead. Tens of thousands of people are the beneficiaries of our charitable giving. A few examples of those who benefit include: the Nazareth Home for Boys, 52 retired priests, Pernet Family Health Service, Catholic Charities seniors, seminarians, the Mercy Centre individuals, and many more.

Hopefully, you will consider making a gift from your generosity and spirit of sacrifice, which reflects your gratitude to God for all you have.

In addition to the appeal to individuals, an extra collection at Masses to help us reach our goal will take place this weekend. Thank you !



Food Pantry Contributors

We thank you for your generous contributions for the Food Pantry. We ask, however, that you do not bring any perishables, such as bread, fruit, dairy, etc. In addition, we ask that no frozen food nor frozen meats be donated. We appreciate your cooperation with this policy.



Ordinations for 2021

In our Diocese, we are again blessed to have ordinations to the diaconate and the priesthood. This year, Bishop McManus will be ordaining on 4 separate occasions. Those being ordained to the priesthood are:

Deacon Carlos Ardila, Deacon Jose Carvajal, Deacon Lucas LaRoche, and Deacon John Laroche. Being ordained to the diaconate are: James Boulette, Julio Granados, Thiago Ibiapina, Derek Mobilio, Juan Parra, and Cleber De Paula. Please keep them in your prayers, so that their ministry in our Diocese may be fruitful and fulfilling.

**JOB OPENINGS
Part-Time Secretary**

St. Ann’s Parish, North Oxford is seeking a part-time secretary, Monday-Wednesday. Applicants ideally should have prior experience in parish office work, computer skills, some accounting background, organizational abilities and flexibility. Resumes may be sent electronically or through the mail to stannsrectory@hotmail.com or to Fr. Michael Lavalley, St. Ann’s Rectory P.O Box 488 Main Street, North Oxford, MA 01537.



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