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MASSES

WEEKENDS

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
7:00PM ST. JOHN’S

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HOURS: FIRST THURS. OF THE MONTH: 5:00-6:30 PM
THIRD THURS. OF THE MONTH: 12:00 NOON-1:15PM.
PLEASE COME TO ST. JOSEPH’S CHURCH DURING
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.

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13th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

So he went in and said to them, "Why this commotion and weeping? The child is not dead but asleep." - Mk 5:39



Sacraments and other events

Sat., June 26, 2021

4:00pm for the elderly, req. by the parish

Sun., June 27, 2021

10:00am for Daniel Forcucci, req. by Jean Joel

Mon. and Tues. June 28-29, 2021

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

Wed. June 30, 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., July 1, 2021

8:30am for the homebound

Fri., July 2, 2021

8:30am for a special intention

Sat., July 3, 2021

4:00pm for Dr. Leonard Simonelli (month's mind),
req. by the parish

Sun., July 4, 2021

10:00am for Mary T. Dillon,
req. by the Catholic Assoc. of Foresters

Parish Support

June 20, 2021

Weekly	\$ 1,296.00
Monthly	\$ 13.00
Ascension	\$ 10.00

Thank you for your continued support

Readings for the week of June 27, 2021

- Sunday:** Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11, 12, 13 [2a]/2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15/ Mk 5:21-43 or 5:21-24, 35b-43
- Monday:** Gn 18:16-33/Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 8-9, 10-11 [8a]/ Mt 8:18-22
- Tuesday:** Acts 12:1-11/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [5]/ 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19
- Wednesday:** Gn 21:5, 8-20a/Ps 34:7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [7a]/ Mt 8:28-34
- Thursday:** Gn 22:1b-19/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [9]/ Mt 9:1-8
- Friday:** Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67/Ps 106:1b-2, 3-4a, 4b-5 [1b]/Mt 9:9-13
- Saturday:** Eph 2:19-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/ Jn 20:24-29
- Next Sunday:** Ez 2:2-5/Ps 123:1-2, 2, 3-4 [2cd]/2 Cor 12:7-10/ Mk 6:1-6a

How do you see God?

The author of *The Cloud of Unknowing* prays, "That which I am and the way that I am, with all my gifts of nature and grace, you have given to me, O Lord, and you are all this. I offer it all to you, principally to praise you and to help my fellow Christians and myself." Knowing that God sustains us in being is the key to faith. All that we need to do is to love God as God is and the rest will begin to fall into place. God made us in His image and desires that we have life. God also desires that we be healed of all of our wounds, especially those caused by sin, and know his loving touch. Being weighed down by negativity, imperfections, the cares of the world, and weakness is not something that God desires.

Faith can profoundly change how we see God, ourselves, and one another. It gives a clearer lens through which to see life and connects us with the powerful virtues of love and hope. Three friends journeying with us through all that we encounter, faith, hope, and love, help us experience God's embrace and heal us. All we have to do is let God be who God is and not foolishly try to make Him into what we need or want Him to be. Without God we cease to be. It's that simple. The very blood that flows through my veins and the life that I have come directly from Divine origins. With this knowledge of who God is and who I am, I can open my ears and hear the powerful words Jesus speaks, "Do not be afraid, just have faith." Trust begins.

When we are struggling, we naturally reach out for God because we know that a divine remedy is the only remedy. But, in doing so we wrestle with letting God take charge. We want something more miraculous and visible than the obvious and have difficulty in finding consolation simply resting in God's presence. Our naked being, stripped of any pretense or self-serving agenda, is being called to rest in and love the uncreated Presence of God. Reach out in love to God. Ask God to heal you from all that separates you from Him. Put aside any ideas of God that create barriers between you and God's tender and endearing presence. *The Cloud of Unknowing* leaves us with wisdom, "think of yourself and of him in the same way, that is, with the simple awareness that he is as he is and that you are as you are." This is a meeting of two friends who desire nothing more than to share life together. ©LPi





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Equality Act Take Action Now!

Everyone deserves to be treated with respect and dignity. The Equality Act, which is coming up for a vote in the Senate soon, in many ways does the opposite and needs to be opposed. Instead of respecting differences in beliefs about marriage and sexuality, the Equality Act would discriminate against people of faith. The Equality Act would: punish faith-based organizations, such as charities and schools who serve everyone in their communities, simply because of their beliefs; force girls and women to compete against boys and men for limited opportunities in sports, and to share locker rooms and shower spaces with biological males who identify as women; risk mandating taxpayers to fund abortions; force people in everyday life, and especially health care workers, to support gender transition; and expand what the government considers a “public” place, forcing even some parish halls to host functions that conflict with Catholic beliefs.

To support the opposition to the Equality Act, please visit the website: <https://www.voterveice.net/USCCB/Campaigns/80967/Respond>



Gilbertville Summer Concert

Friends of the Stone Church will present a free Sunday afternoon band concert on the lawn by the Weir River Concert Band, on Sunday, June 27, outdoors at the Stone Church, 283 Main Street, on route 32, in Gilbertville, from 2-4 pm. The public is invited to bring lawn chairs or blankets. Refreshments will be available.



From Bishop McManus Peter's Pence Collection

June, 2021

[Jesus] journeyed from one town and village to another, preaching and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom of God. Accompanying him were the Twelve . . . and many others who provided for them out of their resources.

—Lk 8:1, 3

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

On the weekend of June 27 our diocese will take up the **Peter's Pence Collection**. The collection has ancient roots that reach all the way back to New Testament times. The early Christians provided material support that the disciples—those preaching the Gospel—could distribute to those in need (see Acts 4:34-35, 11:29). Today, the Peter's Pence Collection is an opportunity for the Church around the world to stand in solidarity with victims of war, natural disaster, and oppression in their time of need.

In this spirit of mercy, Pope Francis helped the people of Iran when they suffered death and catastrophic damage from floods in March and April 2019. More than 10 million people suffered property damage, and the city of Ahwaz and numerous villages were evacuated. Two million people required immediate assistance. Pope Francis donated €100,000 to direct relief efforts coordinated by the Iranian Red Crescent Society, in which Caritas Iran also participated. Your contributions help Pope Francis fulfill his prayer that the Church will reach out with acts of mercy.

I invite you to join with our brothers and sisters in faith from around the globe to help Pope Francis reach the marginalized in our world. Thank you for considering how you can respond to the call to “be a sign of mercy” by your prayers, by your spreading the word about this good work, and by your financial support.

With every prayerful best wish, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,
+Most Reverend Robert J. McManus, S.T.D.
Bishop of Worcester





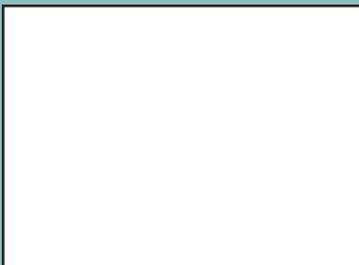
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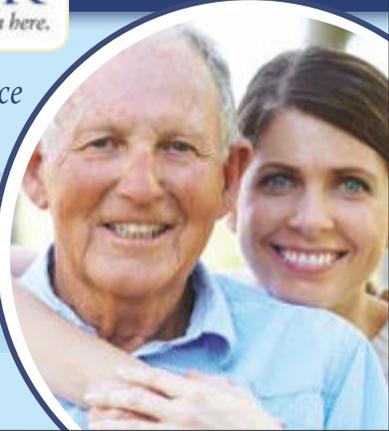
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