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DAILY: MONDAYS AND TUESDAYS AT 8:30AM
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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
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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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15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over unclean spirits. The Twelve drove out many demons, and they anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them. - Mk 6:7, 13



Sacraments and other events

Sat., July 10, 2021

4:00pm for parishioners and families in our parish

Sun., July 11, 2021

10:00am for Robert (Bob) Gadbois
req. Irene and family

Mon. and Tues. July 12-13, 2021

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

Wed. July 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., July 15, 2021

8:30am For Linda J. Canty
req. by the Catholic Assoc. of Foresters

Fri., July 16, 2021

8:30am for those who volunteer

Sat., July 17, 2021

4:00pm for Edward C. Lloyd
req. by Pat L'Heureux

Sun., July 18, 2021

10:00am for Irene Ouellette
req. by Fr. Don and family

Parish Support

The report for the weekend collection of June 26-27 will be an upcoming bulletin.

Readings for the week of July 11, 2021

Sunday: Am 7:12-15/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/
Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10/Mk 6:7-13

Monday: Ex 1:8-14, 22/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8 [8a]/
Mt 10:34—11:1

Tuesday: Ex 2:1-15a/Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34 [cf. 33]/
Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 6-7 [8a]/
Mt 11:25-27

Thursday: Ex 3:13-20/Ps 105:1 and 5, 8-9, 24-25, 26-27
[8a]/Mt 11:28-30

Friday: Ex 11:10—12:14/Ps 116:12-13, 15 and 16bc,
17-18 [13]/Mt 12:1-8

Saturday: Ex 12:37-42/Ps 136:1 and 23-24, 10-12, 13-15/
Mt 12:14-21

Next Sunday: Jer 23:1-6/Ps 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6 [1]/Eph 2:13-18/
Mk 6:30-34

The Road Less Traveled

Maybe the work is best left to the professionals. That's how many people view the preaching of the Gospel. That's the stuff priests, religious, deacons, lay ministers, and other professional Church people do. It has little to do with me. Well, that's not really true. The fact of the matter is that preaching the Gospel has everything to do with you, with all of us who are baptized members of the Body of Christ. Nobody gets off the hook from that job. The question is, however, how do we do it? Well, there's a safe way, which many choose, to preach the Gospel — and the risky way. The safe way pretty much keeps the Gospel in church and around like minded people. I say my prayers, go to Mass, contribute to the food pantry, tithe, and attend Bible Study. That pretty much covers the bases, right? Wrong.

The risky way is the more challenging way and for many, the "road less traveled." Imagine those first disciples going out and into people's homes. They must have had some amazing conversations with folks about God's kingdom, changing their hearts, forgiving sins, and looking at the world differently. They must have met people who were hurting, exiled from their communities, neglected, lost, or living self-insulated lives in a society that served the rich and neglected the poor. While there were many who welcomed what they had to say and the conversations they had, there were others who no doubt rejected them and literally tossed them out on their ears! The Gospel, while being a message of joy and hope, is not always received well by those who are very comfortable keeping things as they are.

The risky way involves example and conversation. We have to take the Gospel from church and carry it with us wherever we go. What kinds of conversations do we have with others? We interact with those closest to us, in our work, social circles, institutions, corporations, in politics, and beyond. Our conversations with others reveal a great deal about how we see things and what we consider important. If we are really interested in seeing God's vision for the world succeed, then we will talk about it. It will become a part of our everyday conversation and find its way into our interactions with others. How will we preserve the dignity of human life and encourage others to have a relationship with God? We must be the example, live value centered, virtuous lives, stand against injustice, combating racism, and learn ways to resolve conflicts without violence.

If we are going to succeed going forward, we have to find a way to bring our prayer centered lives into the marketplace. Our conversations have to change. Not everyone wants to hear what the Gospel has to say. That's a risk God asks us to take.



Volunteers Among Us

Since December 2020, volunteers from the local community of the Church of Latter Day Saints in North Brookfield have been of service to both St. Joseph's Parish and St. John's Parish. These volunteers are from various parts of the country, live in North Brookfield, and commit themselves as missionaries to their larger church community for two years. They are generally guys who are in their early 20's.

Each week, these volunteers offer two hours of service to our parishes and additional time to other local communities and organizations, e.g. state parks, food pantries, etc. Their work here has included moving materials, clean up of offices, yard work, helping with Christmas decorations, sanding, painting, helping with outdoor signs, and many other tasks. They are also men of faith and of good witness to various communities.

We are grateful to Cindy Baxter, the local volunteer coordinator at the Church of Latter Day Saints of North Brookfield, for initiating this project. We are appreciative of the local CLDS church community for sponsoring these young men. Finally, we are grateful to these "elders" (as they are referred to in their church) for past and ongoing service among us. May God continue to bless them, their supportive families, and all of us who benefit from their generous service.



Drive Thru BBQ

St. Joseph's Parish Drive Thru Chicken BBQ will be held on Sunday, August 29, 2021, from 1 PM to 3 PM in the church parking lot on Grove Street in North Brookfield. Dinner tickets can be picked up at the rectory offices at St. Joseph's and St. John's on Mondays through Fridays between 9 AM and 1 PM or after all weekend Masses at St. Joseph's. The cost is \$12.00 (\$ 5.00 for children 12 and under), and must be purchased by August 24, 2021.

There will be two raffles. The first one is a lottery raffle. Chances are \$20.00. The grand prize is a book of 50 - \$30.00 scratch tickets. Cash prizes of \$200.00, \$100.00, \$50.00, and \$50.00 will also be awarded. Chances will also be sold on the day of the BBQ. The lucky winners will be drawn that day.

A second raffle is one with a gift card plant, containing many gift cards. Chances are \$5.00 each or 3 for \$10.00. These tickets will only be available the day of the BBQ.

Thank You for the Gift

We would like to thank Ed Sanborn from Worcester for the wonderful gift of \$1,000.00. This gift was donated to St. John the Baptist Parish in memory of Father Robert Killion. Father Killion was remembered by Ed and so many parishioners. We are grateful for his generosity.



Physician Assisted Suicide

The organization called the Patients' Rights Action Fund (PRAF) works every day to abolish assisted suicide laws, which are inherently discriminatory, impossible to safely regulate, and put the most vulnerable members of society at risk of deadly harm.

Please check this website that has information regarding physician assisted suicide.
<https://patientsrightsaction.org/>

Here is another article regarding 7 reasons to oppose physician assisted suicide:
<https://patientsrightsaction.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/PRAF-7-Important-Reasons-Laws.pdf>



Thank You for the Tree Service

We would like to offer a sincere thank you to John Mitchell from Mitchell Tree Service in North Brookfield, for the contributed service of removing the tree stump on the front lawn of the church and reseeding the lawn. We realize and appreciate all the work involved. We also would like to acknowledge our parishioners, Patrick and Patti Beauregard, who made the initial contact with John to ask for the help.





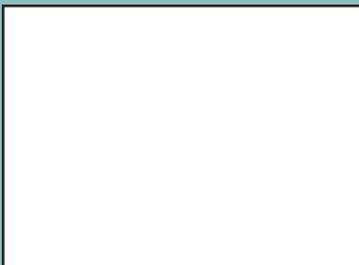
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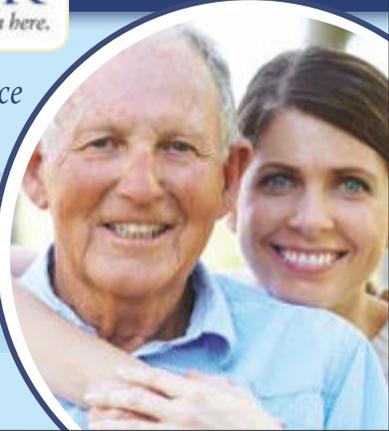
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