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**MASSES**

**WEEKEND:** SATURDAYS: 4:00 PM SUNDAYS: 10:00 AM  
**DAILY MASSES:** MONDAYS AND TUESDAYS AT 8:30AM  
AT ST. JOSEPH’S, NORTH BROOKFIELD  
MONDAYS, TUESDAYS, WEDNESDAYS, THURSDAYS:  
8 AM OUR LADY OF THE SACRED HEART, W.  
BROOKFIELD

**DAILY MASSES:** 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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## 18<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave the bread from heaven; my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." - Jn 6:32-33



**Learning to Trust**

**Sacraments and other events**

**Sat., July 31, 2021**

4:00pm for George Rusiecki  
req. by Mel Fish

**Sun., Aug. 1, 2021**

10:00am for Rita Jaquith (16th anniv.)  
req. by the family

**Mon. and Tues. Aug. 2-3, 2021**

8:30 am Mass at St. Joseph’s, N. Brookfield  
8:00 am Mass at Sacred Heart in W. Brookfield

**Wed. Aug 4, 2021**

8:00 am Mass at Sacred Heart in W. Brookfield

**Thurs., Aug. 5, 2021**

8:30am for our ministries, req. by the parish  
8:00 am Mass at Sacred Heart in W. Brookfield

**Fri., Aug. 6, 2021 (First Friday)**

8:30am for our elderly  
req. by the parish

**Sat., Aug. 7, 2021 (First Saturday)**

8:00 am Mass at St. Joseph’s, N. Brookfield  
4:00pm for all our parishioners  
req. by the parish

**Sun., Aug. 8, 2021**

10:00am for Anastasia Arnold (17th anniv.)  
req. by the family

“You cannot see the forest for the trees” is a widely known saying that can bring wisdom to our understanding of our journey. Often, our sight becomes limited to what is immediately before us. We lose touch with lessons and experiences from the past and promises and hope for the future. As human beings, we have the privilege of being able to choose things. What I like and don’t like, want, and don’t want can be major preoccupations of our minds and hearts. Our preferences and desires begin to define us more than the simple fact of our being. Who we are matters more than what we are or what we have. If we don’t move beyond the external and superficial stuff to what really is of essence, we risk becoming very unsettled, disorientated, angry, and unhappy. We fail to see the bigger picture of hope and promise that lies ahead and the Divine Presence that has sustained and carried us before.

We like it when the “now” time of our lives satisfy us. Even the people who witnessed Jesus feed the five thousand got confused and distracted. It felt good when thousands of people were able to eat. They wanted to know what they could do to get this to happen again! But Jesus quickly reminds them that this is not the point of this sign. As much as the now time of our lives is of concern, it is not what is ultimately important. We need to learn the difference between being and doing, drawing more strength from who we are and who God is rather than what is happening around us and the choices we can make. Jesus is the true bread that came down from heaven. Jesus is the very incarnate presence of God who sustains life and assures us that we will not perish. This is not easy to understand and feel. We have to practice being in the presence of ourselves, others, creation, and God. We are brought to a holy place when we encounter the sacredness of being. This is real prayer.

Then, we learn to trust. It is when we cease trusting that we start to become afraid, uncertain, apprehensive, and doubtful, and overly self-concerned. We even start to grumble. God has our back. That is the essential powerful message of the living bread come down from heaven. God, who is alpha is also omega, the beginning and the end, and has everything in between in his care as well. A woman once remarked that her most powerful God moment happened when she and her husband cuddled with their new baby for a time. Without exchanging words and using only the affection communicated through sight and touch, they rested in being with each other. This brought them to the sacred, where they realized that a greater Being was with them. It was real. They knew that they were part of something bigger, intimate, and profound. When we rest in the Living Source of life, we will find that our souls are no longer hungry or thirsty.

*Parish Support*

The collection for the week ending July 24,&25th will be in the next weeks bulletin.

*Thank you for your continued support !*

**Readings for the week of August 1, 2021**

- Sunday:** Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54 [24b]/ Eph 4:17, 20-24/Jn 6:24-35
- Monday:** Nm 11:4b-15/Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [2a]/ Mt 14:13-21
- Tuesday:** Nm 12:1-13/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13 [cf. 3a]/Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14
- Wednesday:** Nm 13:1-2, 25—14:1, 26-29a, 34-35/Ps 106: 6-7ab, 13-14, 21-22, 23 [4a]/ Mt 15:21-28
- Thursday:** Nm 20:1-13/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Mt 16:13-23
- Friday:** Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9 [1a and 9a]/ 2 Pt 1:16-19/Mk 9:2-10
- Saturday:** Dn 6:4-13/Ps 18: 28, 3-4. 47 and 51/Mk 17:14-20
- Next Sunday:** 1 Kgs 19:4-8/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [9a]/ Eph 4:30—5:2/Jn 6:41-51

### First Saturday Devotion

In December 1925, Our Lady and the Child Jesus appeared to Sister Lucia, who had become a Dorothean sister living in a convent at Pontevedra and requested the institution of the First Saturday Devotion. She showed her heart encircled with thorns to Sister Lucia. The Christ Child said:

*“Look My daughter, at My Heart, surrounded with thorns with which ungrateful men pierce Me at every moment by their blasphemies and ingratitude. You, at least, try to console Me, and announce in My Name that I promise to assist at the hour of death, with all the graces necessary for salvation, all those who, on the first Saturdays of five consecutive months, confess, receive Holy Communion, recite the Rosary and keep Me company for fifteen minutes while meditating on the fifteen mysteries of the Rosary with the intention of making reparation to Me.”*

Our Lord later revealed to Sr. Lucia that the reason for the five first Saturdays is because of the five types of offenses and blasphemies committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary:

1. Blasphemies against the Immaculate Conception.
2. Blasphemies against her perpetual virginity.
3. Blasphemies against her divine maternity, refusing at the same time to recognize her as the mother of all people.
4. The blasphemies of those who publicly seek to sow in the hearts of children indifference or scorn, or even hatred of the Immaculate Mother.
5. The offenses of those who outrage her directly in her holy images.

The parishes of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, St. Joseph, and St. John the Baptist will begin to celebrate the First Saturday devotion, starting Sat. Sept. 4th. It will begin after the Saturday morning Mass at 8 am at St. Mary's Church at 11 Lincoln St. in Brookfield. It will include adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Holy Rosary, confession, Divine Mercy Chaplet, and meditation.



### 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).

There will also be two raffles, the first is a lottery raffle, the second is a raffle with a gift card plant. Chances for both of these will be sold the day of the BBQ.



### Worldwide Marriage Encounter

To support married couples during this time of social distancing, Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring virtual marriage experiences. Some are on weekends and are seven sessions on weekdays from 7:00pm to 9:30pm. Couples will explore their individual personality styles, improve listening and communication skills, understand God's plan for their marriage, and learn how to keep their relationship a priority. Registration is limited and a \$100 application fee is required. For more information or to apply, call at or visit them at <https://wwmema.org/>. Jesus said, "Come away and rest awhile". Give your marriage new life by participating in the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience.

### New Mass Schedule at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish West Brookfield

**Starting on September 1, 2021**, there will be minor changes to the weekend Mass schedule at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish. The first change will be with the Saturday Vigil Mass. **The Saturday Vigil Mass will move from 4:30 pm to 5 pm.** This is necessary in the event that one of the priests becomes ill and cannot have the Mass that day. It is very hard to find a last minute replacement. **Confessions will take place from 4 pm to 4:30 pm.** There will be no change to the 4 pm Mass at St. Joseph or 4 pm Mass at St. John the Baptist.

The other change will involve the weekday Mass at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish. There will still be Mass at 8 am Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, but **there will no longer be Mass at 8 am on Thursdays. Mass on Thursday and Friday will continue taking place at Saint John the Baptist in East Brookfield at 8:30am. There will be a Saturday 8 am Mass at St. Mary Oratory in Brookfield beginning on the first Saturday of the month, Sept. 4.** There will be no changes in the other weekday Mass schedules of St. Joseph or St. John Parishes.





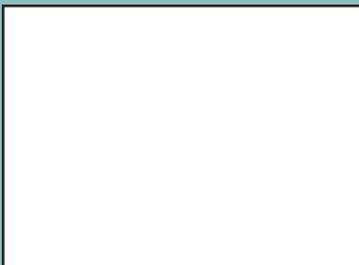
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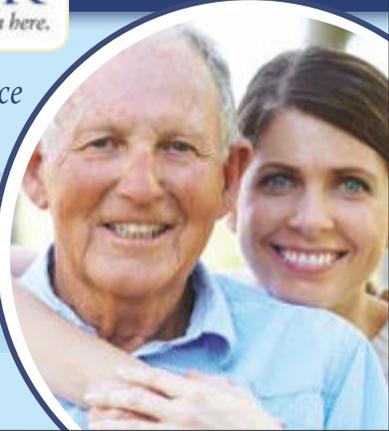


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