St. John the Baptist Parish

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Masses

Weekend: Saturdays: 4:00 pm Sundays: 10:00 am
Daily: Mondays and Tuesdays at 8:30am
at St. Joseph's, North Brookfield
Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays at 8:00 AM
at Sacred Heart Church, W. Brookfield
Thursdays and Fridays at 8:30am
at St. John's, East Brookfield
Saturdays at 8:00am, St. Mary's, Brookfield
Holy Day: 8:30am St. Joseph's, 7:00pm St. John's

Food Pantry

St. Joseph's Church Food Pantry
(also serving residents of East Brookfield)
Address: 296 Main St., North Brookfield

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: _____

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.

Ministries

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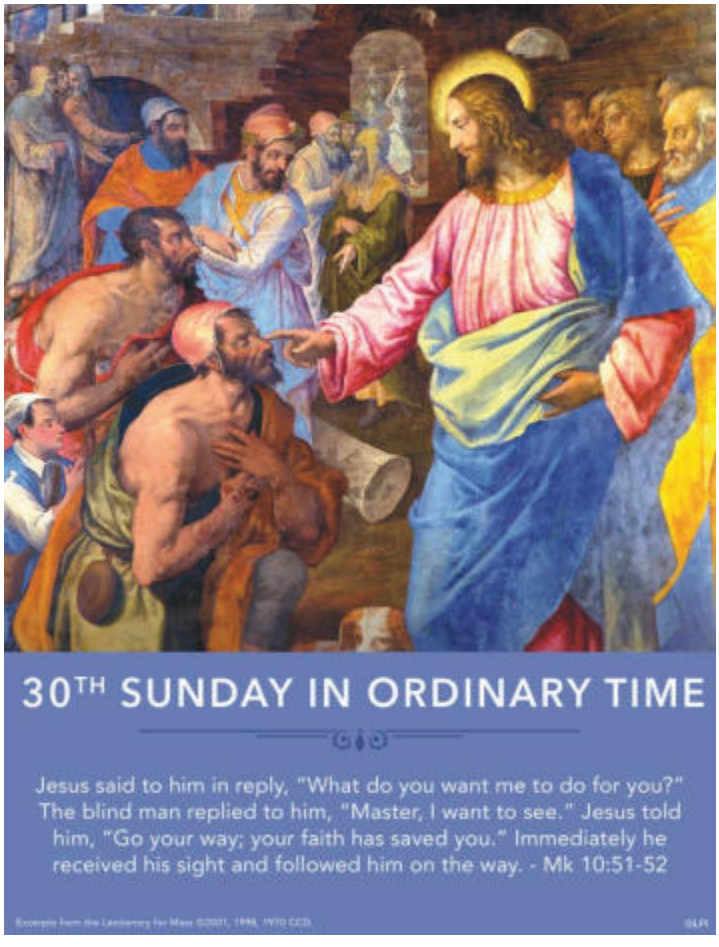
Kristen Depasse
Andy Newton



MASS INTENTIONS

Sacraments and other events

Saturday, Oct. 23. 2021
8:00 am Mass at St. Mary's, Brookfield
4:00 pm for Roger Charpentier Jr.,
req.by Dee and family
Sun., Oct. 24, 2021
10:00 am for Rev. Charles J. Dutram,
req, by the parish

Mon. and Tues. Oct. 25-26, 2021
8:30 am Mass at St. Joseph's, N. Brookfield
8:00 am Mass at Sacred Heart, W. Brookfield

Wed. Oct. 27, 2021
8:00 am Mass at Sacred Heart in W. Brookfield
Thurs. Oct. 28, 2021
8:30 am For healthcare workers,
req. by the parish
Fri., Oct. 29, 2021
8:30 am for the elderly, req. by the parish

Saturday, Oct. 30. 2021
8:00 am Mass at St. Mary's, Brookfield
4:00 pm for Sophie Hebert (month's mind),
req.by the family
Sun., Oct. 31, 2021
10:00 am In thanksgiving to Fr. George and his ministry among us,
req, by the parish

Parish Support
Weekend of October 17,2021

Weekly	$ 1,590.00
Fuel	$ 57.00
All Souls	$ 35.00
All Saints	$ 5.00
Monthly	$ 45.00

Thank you for your continued support !

Readings for the week of October 24, 2021

Sunday: Jer 31:7-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Heb 5:1-6/ Mk 10:46-52
Monday: Rom 8:12-17/Ps 68:2 and 4, 6-7ab, 20-21 [21a]/ Lk 13:10-17
Tuesday: Rom 8:18-25/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 [3a]/ Lk 13:18-21
Wednesday: Rom 8:26-30/Ps 13:4-5, 6 [6a]/Lk 13:22-30
Thursday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5a]/Lk 6:12-16
Friday: Rom 9:1-5/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/ Lk 14:1-6
Saturday: Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 17-18 [14a]/Lk 14:1, 7-11
Next Sunday: Dt 6:2-6/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 [2]/ Heb 7:23-28/Mk 12:28b-34

What do you really want?

When we see God with true sincerity of heart and God passes us along our way, it is only then that we will be able to cry out, "Jesus, son of David, have pity on me!" We have to truly want to be healed by, and in union with, God in order for us to reach out to him. If God is only an abstract idea, theory, or someone found in the pages of a book, there is no motivation for a relationship and no desire to seek him. God needs to be real in order for faith to be real. It's all about the journey.

St. Augustine reminds us that "to fall in love with God is the greatest romance; to seek Him the greatest adventure; to find Him the greatest human achievement." We strive after many things and mercy is not always one of them. We think that we can find fulfillment and healing in other things only to discover that we are still short and empty. From the moment human beings were created, God has been calling us and seeking us. He has been walking right beside the human story from the minute He first breathed life into the first human soul. Are we able to recognize God as He walks with us? At some point we have to realize that there is only one way to satisfy the deepest longings of the human heart and that is in relationship with our Creator. We are called to this. However, we make the huge error of thinking that what we are hearing is coming from somewhere else. We become confused. Every human being would certainly profit with wisdom if they realized Who calls them and to Whom they belong.

Then and only then will we realize that it is only our Divine Master who can give us true vision and heal us. Once we recognize and reach out for the merciful presence of our loving Maker, we will be able to see with our soul, understanding the true nature and depth of all things. God's mercy is always available. It doesn't matter how far we have strayed or how blind we become, God patiently waits to console us, guide us and heal us. All we need to do is desire Him. Once we reach out, we also realize that there is no greater love to be found than God's, no human adventure that comes even close to the thrill of a spiritual search, and no human achievement even remotely as satisfying as union with Him. This is where we belong. This is salvation.
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St. Joseph's Annual Christmas Fair

The St. Joseph's Annual Christmas Fair will take place at the church hall on Saturday, Nov. 6th from 9am to 2pm. It will feature beautiful handmade craft items, a flea market, plenty of raffles, and a gift card filled poinsettia.

All are welcome.

There are several prayer shawls available to parishioners who would like to benefit from the comfort, love and prayers symbolized by the shawl. All are welcomed to participate in this ministry. You can also contribute by knitting, crocheting, or donating for the purchase of yarn. If you would like to participate, meetings are held Friday mornings once a month for about 1 ½ hrs. If you know of anyone who would like to benefit from a shawl or to participate, please call Irene Gadbois at 508-873-9890 or Kathy Bokis at 508-867-2249.

Saturday Masses at St. Mary's, Brookfield

In addition to First Saturday Masses at St. Mary's, Masses are held every Saturday morning at 8:00am. All are welcome.

Star of Bethlehem Handicrafts

Maysoon Khair will be at our church the weekend **of Oct. 23 & 24,** representing the School of Joy in the Holy Land. It is a school for slow learner children. The sale of their religious items will benefit over a hundred Christian families who make their livelihood through the selling of these hand carved olive wood religious articles.

After all Masses this weekend, there will be a display of these beautiful hand carved items; such as nativity scenes, crucifix, rosaries, last supper and many other beautiful religious statues.

Help support this self-help project to keep the Children and the Christians living in the Holy Land. Maysoon thanks you and asks God's blessing for all of us.

K of C Tootsie Roll Drive

The Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive was a huge success! Thanks to the support of the parishioners at MQR, St. John the Baptist, and donations received at the Spencer Transfer Station. A total of $1,409 has been raised to help children with special needs. The Spencer Knights wish to thank everyone who made a donation to the Massachusetts Knights of Columbus Charity Fund.

Welcoming
Our Parishioners Back

We are making an effort to welcome people back to Mass. As a result, we are providing bulletin inserts in the upcoming weeks. Corresponding articles on each topic will also appear in *The Catholic Free Press* in the coming weeks in order to encourage more in-depth reflection.

The topics for each of the five bulletin inserts are:

-The Obligation to Attend Mass
-How Do We Encounter Christ at Mass?
-What do I Bring to Mass and What do I get?
-The Mass Fulfills the Hungers of the Human Heart
-Extending an Invitation to Mass

St. John Paul II Parish Annual Bazaar

Saint John Paul II Parish in Southbridge is holding their Bazaar on Sunday, November 7th from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm at the LaSalle Reception Center at 444 Main St. Southbridge.

The Bazaar features raffles, theme baskets, jewelry table, bake shop, crafts, food court, religious items and entertainment. The building is handicap accessible.

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