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SATURDAYS: 4:00 PM
SUNDAYS: 8:00 AM AND 10:00 AM
DAILY: WEDNESDAYS, THURSDAYS AT 8:30 AM
HOLY DAY MASSES: 7:00 PM VIGIL, AND 8:30 AM

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HOURS: FIRST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH: 6:00-7:15PM
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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 3:15 PM OR BY APPOINTMENT

BAPTISM

BAPTISMS ARE USUALLY HELD
AFTER THE SUNDAY 10:00 AM MASS

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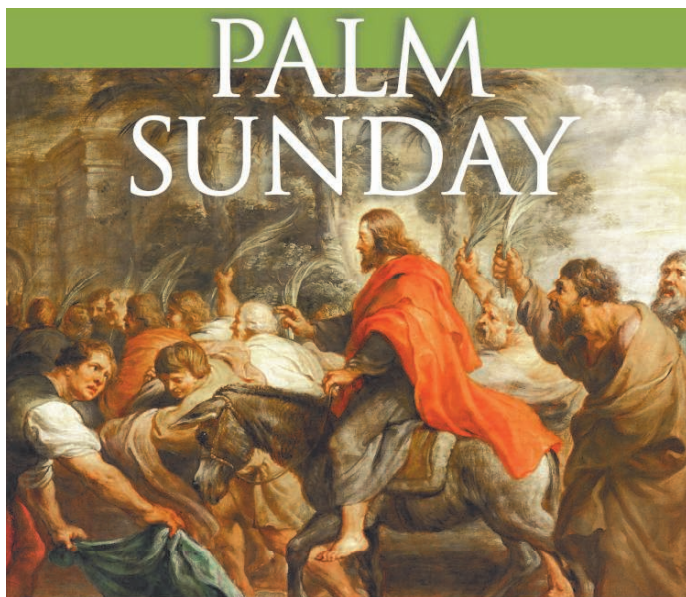
PLEASE CONTACT EITHER PRIEST AT THE RECTORY
AT LEAST 12 MONTHS BEFORE THE DESIRED DATE
OF THE WEDDING SO AS TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS.

MINISTRIES

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So they brought the colt to Jesus and put their
cloaks over it. And he sat on it. Many people
spread their cloaks on the road, and others
spread leafy branches that they had cut
from the fields.

— Mk 11:7-8

**Sacraments and other events****Saturday, March 24, 2018**

4:00 pm Leonard LeDoux, req. by the family

Sunday, March 25, 20188:00 am Deceased members of the Forgit family,
req. by the family

10:00 am Rev. Thomas J. Markey, req. by the parish

Monday, March 26, 2018

8:00 am Mass at St. Joseph's, N. Brookfield

Tuesday, March 27, 2018

8:00 am Mass at St. Joseph's, N. Brookfield

Wednesday, March 28, 2018

8:30 am Msgr. Thomas J. Needham, req. by the parish

6:00 pm Mass for our parishioners

6:30 pm Confessions

Thursday, March 29, 2018 Holy Thursday

(no 8:30 am Mass)

7:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday, March 30, 2018 Good Friday

(no 8:00 am Mass at St. Joseph's)

9:00 am—4 pm Walk with Jesus

7:00 pm Commemoration of the Lord's Passion

Saturday, March 31, 2018 Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil

(no 4:00pm Mass)

7:30 pm For our parishioners

Sunday, April 1, 2018 Easter Sunday

8:00 am For our parishioners

10:00 am For our parishioners

Readings for the Week of March 25, 2018Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18,
19-20, 23-24 [2a]/Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1--15:47 or 15:1-39

Monday: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14 [1a]/Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17
[cf. 15ab]/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34 [14c]/
Mt 26:14-25Thursday: Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Ps 89:1, 2-3, 3-4,
5-6 [2a]/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:
12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18 [cf. 1 Cor 10:16]/1 Cor 11:23-26/
Jn 13:1-15Friday: Is 52:13--53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25
[Lk 23:46]/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1--19:42Saturday: Vigil: Gn 1:1--2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10,
12, 13-14, 24, 35 [30] or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 [5b]/
Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11
[1]/Ex 14:15--15:1/Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 [1b]/Is 54:5-14/
Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 [2a]/Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [3]/
Bar 3:9-15, 32--4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [Jn 6:68c]/Ez 36:
16-17a, 18-28/Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 [42:2] or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd,
5-6 [3] or Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 [12a]/Rom 6:3-11/
Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Mk 16:1-7Next Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 [24]/
Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7 or Lk 24:
13-35*From Rejoicing to Sacrifice to Glory*

*Many people spread their cloaks on the road,
and others spread leafy palm branches
that they had cut from the fields.
Those preceding him as well as those following kept
crying out: "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in
the name of the Lord!"*

-Excerpts from Mark 11:1-10

The original Palm Sunday says the people of Jesus' day celebrated His triumphal entry into Jerusalem. They were filled with hope and expectation that the Messiah was in their midst. With the use of palm branches, they made the occasion festive and wanted to savor those moments. Jesus was present to the moment, but anticipated the week that would see sacrament, suffering, and eventual rejoicing with the Resurrection.

I have good memories of my younger years when we would celebrate Palm Sunday and Holy Week. It was a big deal for my home parish at St. Cecilia's in Leominster and later came to understand that it occurred everywhere else. In addition to hearing the Passion of Jesus, we then took the palms home and placed the strands behind the crucifix. We knew that the other faith experiences and practices would be significant. In the retelling of the story of Jesus' sacred meal, crucifixion, and resurrection we would find new life. It was a great tradition that my family and our parish experienced.

I hope and pray that this week which we call holy will be a significant one for you, your family, and friends. Please make an attempt to come to any or all of the services for this week. May we always be open to the richness of these celebrations and find new life in Christ through the experiences of His passion, death, and resurrection.

Have a blessed and grace filled Holy Week and Easter !

*Fr. Dow**Parish Support*

The report for the weekly offering for March 25th will be in the next bulletin.

Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Sat./Sun. Mar. 24,25 Palm Sunday weekend,
Sat. 4:00pm, Sun., 8:00am, 10:00am
Wed. Mar. 28, Masses: 8:30am, 6:00pm
Reconciliation: 6:30pm
Thurs. Mar. 29, Holy Thursday,
(no 8:30am Mass)
Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7:00pm
Fri., Mar. 30, Good Friday,
(no 8:00am Mass at St. Joseph's)
9am-3pm Walk with Jesus
Self-Guided Meditation
7:00 Commemoration of the Lord's Passion
Sat., Mar. 31, Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil
(no 4:00pm Mass)
Easter Vigil, 7:30pm
Sun. Apr. 1, Easter Sun., Masses at 8:00am, 10:00am

Easter



Easter Children's Choir

Again this year, our parish is forming an Easter Children's Choir. They will be singing at the 10:00am Mass on Easter Sunday, April 1st. Children, especially those in grades 2-5 are encouraged to join. Rehearsal will be held at 9:00 am on Sunday, March 25th. This is a wonderful way for children to observe the Lenten season and learn some Easter favorites. Please contact Bonnie Berthiaume or Kristen Depasse if you are interested.

Lenten Regulations

GUIDELINES FOR FAST AND ABSTINENCE

Lenten fast and abstinence regulations for the Diocese of Worcester are as follows:

Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics fourteen (14) years of age and older on Good Friday.

Fasting is to be observed by all Catholics who are eighteen (18) years of age but not yet fifty-nine (59) years of age on Good Friday. Those who are bound to fast may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted. Catholics should not lightly excuse themselves from these prescribed Lenten penitential practices.

Our Diocese reminds us that Catholics should not lightly excuse themselves from these prescribed Lenten penitential practices.

Persons from St. John's Parish Easter Flower Envelopes as of 3.11.18

George and Sylvia Banks
Claire Boisvert
Mary M. Breuregard
Larry and Annabelle Bruso
Joseph and Robert Cardinale
Lisa DePeau
Les and Lorraine Forgit
Donald George
William and Marie Giard
Deceased members Lusignan family
Deceased members Manning Family
Deceased members Misiaszek Family
Deceased members Muise family
Chester, Ann, Maureen Parker
Robert and Gloria Perron
Deceased members Pothier family
John Soboleski III
Jill and Fred Talevi



Partners in Charity Appeal



Two weekends ago we began our Parish Commitment Weekend for the 2018 Partners in Charity Appeal. Thank you to those who made a gift and a special thank you for those who gave for the first time. Your gift will help us in reaching our parish goal. We need the support of all members of our parish here at St. John's if we are to be successful in reaching our parish goal of \$ 20,000.

If you have not yet completed your pledge, please prayerfully make your pledge and return it to the church office or in the collection basket. We are confident that, with God's help and yours, we will rise to it! If you have not yet made a gift or pledge, please fill out a commitment pledge envelope today today, or visit www.partners-charity.net. Thank you!





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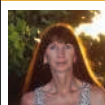
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