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MASSES

SATURDAYS: 4:00 PM
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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: _____

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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

MARRIAGE

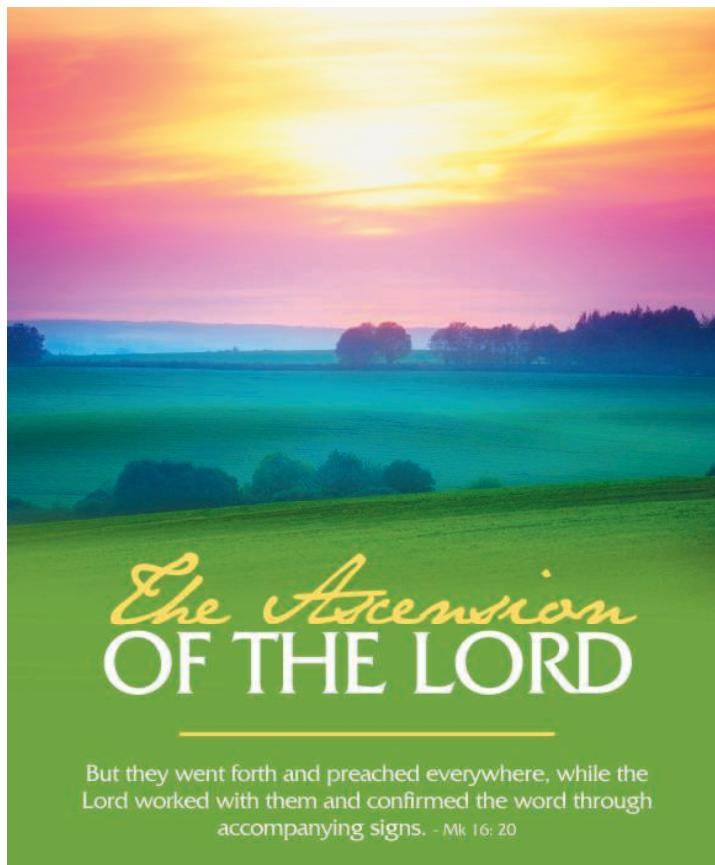
PLEASE CONTACT EITHER PRIEST AT THE RECTORY
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Sacraments and other events

Saturday, May 5, 2018

4:00pm William Lentendre, Sr. (21st anniv.)
req. by Elizabeth Flory and family

Sunday, May 6, 2018

8:00 am Edmund LaFlamme (month's mind)
req. by the parish

10:00 am Rev. Robert P. Poulin, req. by the parish

Monday, May 7, 2018

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

Tuesday, May 8, 2018

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

Wednesday, May 9, 2018

8:30 am Rev. Joseph A. Moynahan,
req. by the parish

Feast of the Ascension—A Holy Day of Obligation

7:00 pm Vigil Mass for the Ascension

Thursday, May 10, 2018

8:30 am Ascension Thursday Mass

Friday, May 11, 2018

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

Saturday, May 12, 2018

4:00pm Msgr. Richard A Carelli, req. by the parish

Sunday, May 13, 2018

8:00 am Msgr. Charles E. Lenk, req. by the parish
10:00 am Paula Ventriglia, req. by her husband

Parish Support

Week of April, 2018

Weekly	\$ 2,549.05
Mothers Day Memorial	\$ 230.00

Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

Readings for the Week of May 6, 2018

Sunday: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 [cf. 2b]/
1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17

Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/
Jn 15:26--16:4a

Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 [7c]/
Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22--18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/
Jn 16:12-15

Thursday: Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/
Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk
16:15-20

Friday: Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [8a]/Jn 16:20-23

Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10 [8a]/Jn 16:23b-28

Next Sunday: Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12,
19-20 [19a]/1 Jn 4:11-16/Jn 17:11b-19

Extraordinary Love

Jesus said to his disciples: "As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love... I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and your joy might be complete. This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you.

-Excerpts from John 15:9-17

I read a story about a Colorado family who had a devastating event happen in their lives. One member of their family, a 22 year old named Joe, had serious health concerns throughout his life. Unfortunately, he had a history of seizures. One night, while on the phone, Joe was experiencing yet another seizure. The family came rushing over, called 911, and Joe was transported to the local hospital. In the ambulance, Joe still had a heart-beat, but his mother Robin knew that he was gone. In the next two days, Joe hung on while many of his friends and family came by to see him. Tragically, Joe had passed away. Known to some of his family and friends, when Joe was 15, he signed up to be an organ donor. Today, Joe's never-ending spirit lives on. Because of his organ donations, seven people continue to enjoy life in ways they had thought were no longer possible. The seven recipients of the organ donations received corneas, a double lung, heart, kidney, and liver. This Colorado family had endured the loss of Joe, but there was an unspeakable loss for Joe's mother Robin. It was a pain that all parents can't bear to imagine. But knowing that Joe was able to help others live, it helped Robin and her family soothe a wound that didn't easily heal. Since that time, Robin has worked to increase public awareness about organ donation by volunteering with the American Transplant Foundation and Donor Alliance.

Jesus said that no one has greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends. In different ways, both Joe and Robin had shown their love for others, some of whom they never met. In less than extraordinary ways, other than organ donation, we can always witness to the tremendous love that God has shown us. We can also share in this process of love, as we also offer love among family and friends. Lives are transformed, and we can really benefit as a result.

Congratulations to our Religious Education students at both parishes, who, at this time, are experiencing God and God's Holy Spirit in a special way, through First Communion and Confirmation. Let us always pray for and support them and their families.

Have a great and blessed week ahead.

Fr. Don



A Partners in Charity Update

To date, our Partners in Charity totals are: 94 gifts contributed which is 90% of our goal. Thank you to all who have contributed thusfar. To help us reach our Partners in Charity goal, we will be having a second collection this weekend, May 5th-6th.

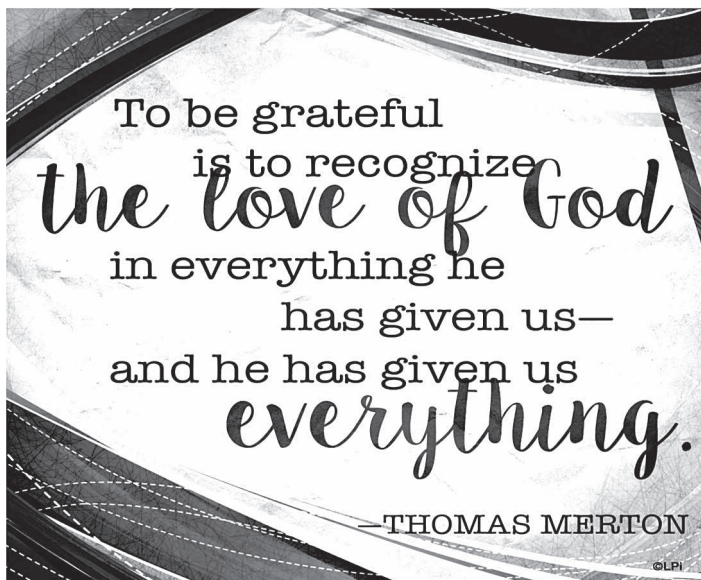


The schedule for the Feast of the Ascension Masses is Wed. May 9th at 7:00pm and Thurs. May 10th at 8:30am.

Word of Life

Sometimes our actions speak for themselves; other times words are needed. Whatever the situation, Jesus knows how to speak to each person's heart; we simply need to follow where He leads.

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
"How to Build a Culture of Life"
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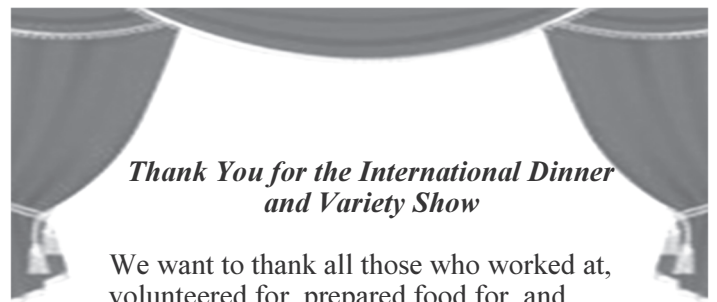


Upcoming Events

Mon. May 7th 7:00pm
 Confirmation at Mary, Queen of the Rosary Parish, Spencer

Calendar Raffle sales during the month of May

Parish Spring Clean-up



We want to thank all those who worked at, volunteered for, prepared food for, and attended the International Dinner and Variety Show at the North Brookfield Elementary School last week. It was great fun for everyone !



We want to acknowledge our Religious Education students in grade 2 who received their first Communion last weekend. We congratulate Allie Choquette, Samuel Lamas, and Miles Oprica and their families.





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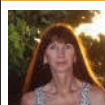
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