



St. John the Baptist Parish

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MASSSES

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

FOOD PANTRY

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH FOOD PANTRY
(ALSO SERVING RESIDENTS OF EAST BROOKFIELD)
ADDRESS: 296 MAIN ST., NORTH BROOKFIELD

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

BAPTISM

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

MARRIAGE

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

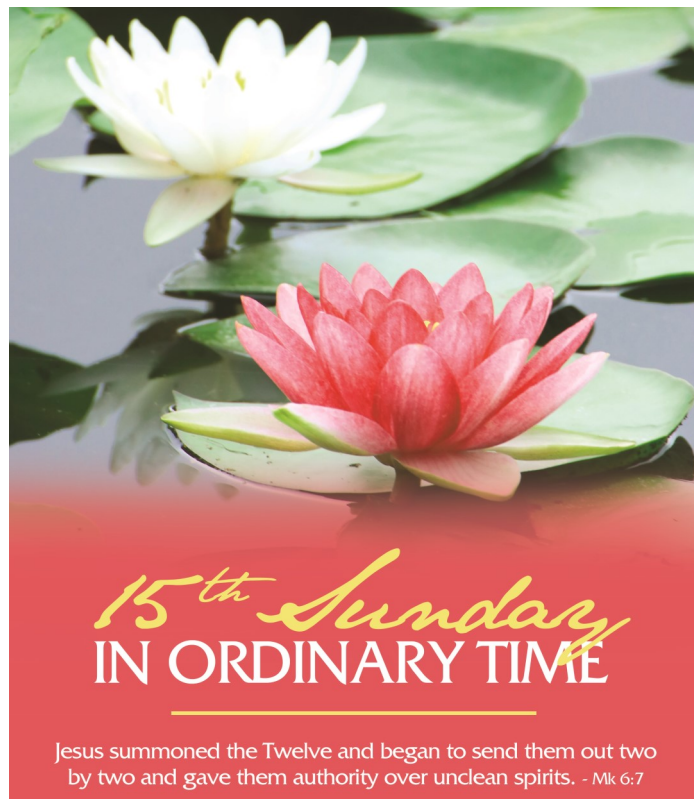
MINISTRIES

SAFE ENVIRONMENT COORDINATOR

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KEN WOOD	





Sacraments and other events

Saturday, July 14, 2018

4:00pm Rev. Paul A. Choquette, req. by the parish

Sunday, July 15, 2018

8:00 am Artie Paparazzo,
req. by his wife

10:00 am Anastasia Arnold,
req. by the Family

Monday, July 16, 2018

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

Tuesday, July 17, 2018

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

Wednesday, July 18, 2018

8:30 am Rev. John A. Szamocki, req. by the parish

Thursday, July 19, 2018

8:30 am Rev. Joseph L. Niedzwiecki, req. by the parish

Friday, July 20, 2018

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

Saturday, July 21, 2018

4:00pm Msgr. Stanislaus J. Kubik, req. by the parish

Sunday, July 22, 2018

8:00 am Rev. Richard D. McGrail, req. by the parish

10:00 am Arthur E. Graves Jr. (4th anniv.)
req. by his sons

Parish Support

Week of July 8, 2018

Weekly \$ 1,922.00
Monthly \$ 276.00

Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

Readings for the Week of July 15, 2018

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: Is 1:10-17/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 [23b]/
Mt 10:34-11:1
Tuesday: Is 7:1-9/Ps 48:2-3a, 3b-4, 5-6, 7-8 [cf. 9d]/
Mt 11:20-24
Wednesday: Is 10:5-7, 13b-16/Ps 94:5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 14-15 [14a]/
Mt 11:25-27
Thursday: Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19/Ps 102:13-14ab and 15, 16-18,
19-21 [20b]/Mt 11:28-30
Friday: Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8/Is 38:10, 11, 12abcd, 16 [cf.
17b]/ Mt 12:1-8
Saturday: Mi 2:1-5/Ps 10:1-2, 3-4, 7-8, 14 [12b]/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 Heart of Evangelization

Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over unclean spirits. He instructed them to take nothing for the journey, but a walking stick, ... sandals... So they went off and preached repentance. The Twelve drove out many demons, and they anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

-Excerpts from Mark:6:7-13

The “marching orders” of Jesus seemed simple enough. Travel simply, preach the Good News and repentance, and heal were the instructions. That might have been an easier task if the disciples were among the majority in the nation and found themselves in a more Christian-friendly environment. They were, however, given the tools to evangelize, to spread the word of God, to act charitably, and to heal in the name of God.

Dr. Edward Sri* of the Augustine Institute, emphasizes a more active role in our efforts to become better disciples. *[Let us consider] “the heart of what it means to follow Jesus. Am I intentionally striving to deepen my friendship with Him? Am I endeavoring to live like Him? A disciple is always looking for that next step of faith. It’s not just about going through the motions of faith—showing up at Mass, throwing money in the basket, and trying to be a “nice person”. A disciple aims for much more. Through a regular life of prayer, sacraments, fellowship and faith formation, a disciple intentionally seeks to take on the mind and heart of Christ—to think like him, serve like him, love like him.*

Enjoy this season filled with God’s blessings. Since you are reading this column this weekend, I am in Maine, God willing, echoing these sentiments and enjoying some of God’s blessings north of the Brookfields. Let’s continue to adopt the heart of Christ and to keep one another in our prayers.

Fr. Don

**Dr. Edward Sri, who is a professor of Theology and Scripture at the Augustine Institute in Denver, CO., is a founding leader of FOCUS (Fellowship of Catholic University Students).*



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HAWAIIAN PARADISE
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

WHO -

Children 4 year olds through entering the 5th grade. Older children may sign up to be crew leaders.

WHEN - July 16th - 20th **TIME** - 9:00 - 12:00

WHERE: Religious Education Center,
27 Mt. Pleasant St., North Brookfield.

COST \$20 for the first child and \$10 for the second child in the same family, third child free. (Free if you volunteer for the week).

Send completed registration forms, and payment to:
St. Joseph's, 28 Mt Pleasant St., North Brookfield, MA. 01535 , Attention- Lynne Losurdo
Phone: 508.867.9302 or email: llosurdo1@gmail.com.



Worldwide Marriage Encounter

"My God is now my strength!" Let God be the strength of your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Sept.15-16, 2018 in Medway, MA and Dec 7-9, 2018 in Duxbury, MA. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit them at <https://www.mema.org/>.



As a reminder, our parish follows the guidelines of the national Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People approved by the US Bishops and the policies of the Diocese of Worcester in screening those who work with children in our care and in helping victims of abuse find healing. If you or someone you know has been sexually abused by a Church employee or volunteer in the past, please contact **the Victim Services Coordinator** for our diocese at **508-929-4363** (direct line & confidential voicemail.) If you are concerned about a current case of abuse, please contact the local civil authorities immediately.



Word of Life

"Do not be afraid to embrace God's gift of life. Whatever storms or trials we face, we are not alone. He is with us."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
2017-2018 Respect Life Reflection,
www.usccb.org/be-not-afraid



On Vacation ? How About Prayer?

Our trips are going to cause some imbalance for us spiritually. If we are busy visiting with family and friends, as well as making side trips to see the sights, it can be very challenging to get in regular prayer. It may be that we can't, or don't, think to pray at various times of the day. Focus on praying in the morning and/or the evening and offering the day to God. Our prayers do not need to be complex or eloquent. It may be that we offer up a prayer for quiet and peace when everyone is fighting in the car or prayers for safe travels. We should make a concerted effort to pray each day. If we miss a day, then we start again. Visiting a sacred site during the vacation can also help us to center our vacation on Christ. There are countless opportunities in our trips to unite our hearts and minds to God. Let's look for those moments so that our vacations are spiritually fruitful even amidst the crazy busyness of travel.

*From the internet website: The Catholic Exchange,
from the blog of Constance T. Hall,
"Focusing on God While on Vacation"*

Prayer of Thanksgiving for Freedom

Freedom is enshrined in our US Constitution. The First Amendment of our constitution protects our freedom of speech. However, our speech may not infringe upon another's freedom. Freedom does have its limits. And we must protect everyone's freedoms, not just ours. On this 4th of July, let us remember from whom all our freedoms originate, our good and gracious God. Let us pray...

God, giver of all good gifts,
Help us to be thankful for rest and food,
and remember that, in all we do or say,
you are with us, here this day.
We are thankful for all you do
and for everything you have given us.
But above all we are thankful for our freedoms
and the ability to protect others' freedom.
We are free because of you.
We ask for your continued blessing
on all your creation.
Through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.