

Saint John the Baptist Parish

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Easter
April 12, 2020

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Masses
Saturday Vigil:
5:00 p.m.

Sunday:
8:00, 9:30,
11:00 a.m., 12:30 p.m.

Monday thru Friday:
8:00 a.m. & 12:00 noon

Saturday:
8:00 a.m.

**Sacrament of
Penance**

Saturday:
4:00 - 4:45 p.m.

**Sacrament of
Marriage**

Make arrangements six months
prior to wedding

**Sacrament of
Baptism**

Every Sunday
after the 12:30 Mass

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 12, 2020

Vigil: Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

7:30 p.m. Mass for the Parishioners of
St. John the Baptist

Sunday, April 12, 2020

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

8:00 a.m. Susan Vanadia

9:30 a.m. Deceased members of the
Urrico and Gaudio Families

11:00 a.m. Deceased members of the
Naryniecki and Kozlowski Families

12:30 p.m. Salvatore Spatoro

Monday, April 13, 2020

8:00 a.m. Lina Ali Femia

12:00 noon Pasqualina Crecco

Tuesday, April 14, 2020

8:00 a.m. Rory O'Flaherty

12:00 noon Deceased members of the
Morandin and Berta Families

Wednesday, April 15, 2020

8:00 a.m. Maria and John McKenna

12:00 noon Ann Fama – 100th Birthday

Thursday, April 16, 2020

8:00 a.m. Deceased members of the
Fennell and Woods Families

12:00 noon Aurora Mamaril – 16th Anniversary

Friday, April 17, 2020

8:00 a.m. Lina Casarella

12:00 noon Margaret Manzino

Saturday, April 18, 2020

8:00 a.m. Brenda Lenox

Saturday, April 18, 2020

Vigil: Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)

5:00 p.m. Rosemary D'Addato

Sunday, April 19, 2020

Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)

8:00 a.m. Mass for the Parishioners of
St. John the Baptist

9:30 a.m. Deceased members of the Geraghty,
Flynn, Quinn and Burke Families

11:00 a.m. Deceased members of the Gleeson,
Herlihy and Flynn Families

12:30 p.m. Deceased members of the Longinetti,
Gallagher and Cochrane Families

Confession and Contrition: Many Catholics are very conscientious about completing what we used to call our “Easter duty” – the practice of going to confession at least once before Easter – even if we were not guilty of serious sin. During this time – when access to the sacraments, including the Sacrament of Penance is difficult, if not impossible – we should remember that we can avail ourselves of the Church’s grace through an act of “perfect contrition.” A Catholic who is sorry for his or her sins and who makes a commitment to receive the sacrament when possible should say an Act of Contrition, using words like these:

“My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against You, whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend, with Your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin.”

Prayer for Spiritual Communion: Although we may not be able to attend Mass or receive the Eucharist, we can all pray daily a simple prayer that will unite us with Jesus in the Holy Eucharist:

“My Jesus, I believe that You are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament. I adore You! I love You! Please, come into my heart, I pray! Amen!”

Prayers and Private Masses: At St. John’s the priests and deacons are praying for all our parishioners during this difficult time. Msgr. Maloney, Fr. Ulloa and our resident priest, Fr. Mathew, have been celebrating Mass daily – so that we may fulfill the intentions that our parishioners have made. Although we cannot be united physically around the altar of St. John the Baptist, our family can be joined spiritually.

Practical Matters: The **Weekly Collection** remains absolutely essential to our parish operations. Even though we will not gather physically for Mass, please continue to give via WeShare (go to sjbyonkers.org – look for “online Donations” on the title page) or by bringing or mailing your contribution to our rectory office.

These are truly unprecedented times for us all, but we, in faith, will make it through this period of trial by continuing to trust in the Lord and turn to Him in prayer. We will try to keep you updated via our parish connection points: the Parish Office at 914-963-1486 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Monday to Friday, and the parish website (www.sjbyonkers.org).

May Holy Mary, Health of the Sick and Mother of the Church, pray for all of us!

S.J.B. ANNOUNCEMENTS

April 12, 2020

Easter Sunday: “The Lord has risen, Alleluia!” That is the traditional Easter proclamation – but perhaps no Easter Sunday in Christian history can compare with Easter Sunday 2020 – where the world over churches are (mostly) empty and undecorated; where Easter dinner is shared by only a few individuals who have been sheltered together for weeks; where fear and concern are the principal emotions. On second thought, there may be one Easter Sunday which can compare with ours: the very first Easter! The disciples of Jesus – those who hadn’t scattered in fear after the events of Good Friday – were huddled together – worried about the present and fearful about the future. The first reports about an empty tomb were greeted with skepticism and even ridicule. Perhaps never before this Easter could faithful Christians in the modern era find emotional fellowship with the first witnesses of the Easter miracle.

So this year we will have to forego the beautiful Masses in our local churches; we will do without the Easter finery and the Easter egg hunts; we will miss the chocolate bunnies and the festive meals.

But we have our faith in the One who died and rose so that we might live with Him forever. We can see the world of nature stirring out of its wintry slumber and beginning to demonstrate its color and life. Let that remind us of the life of grace that has been won for us – and let us rejoice and be glad!

Easter Season: The fifty days from Easter to Pentecost are celebrated with joy as one extended feast day by the Church. One of the early Fathers of the Church, St. Athanasius, referred to the 50 day period as one “Great Sunday”. These above all others are the days for singing “Alleluia”. The first eight days of the Easter season make up the “octave” of Easter and are celebrated as solemnities of the Lord. At Mass during these days, we read the different New Testament accounts of the Lord’s resurrection and the early preaching of the disciples who were witnesses to His resurrection.

Easter Day

*The Easter Day with joy was bright,
The sun shone out with fairer light,
When to their longing eyes restored,
The apostles saw their risen Lord.*

*His risen flesh with radiance glowed;
His wounded hands and feet he showed;
Those scars their solemn witness gave
That Christ was risen from the grave.*

*O Jesus, King of gentleness,
Who with your grace our hearts possess
That we may give you all our days
The willing tribute of our praise.*

*O Lord of all, with us abide
In this our joyful Easter tide;
From every weapon death can wield
Your own redeemed forever shield.*

*All Praise, to You, O risen Lord,
Now both by heaven and earth adored;
To God the Father equal praise,
And Spirit blest, our songs we raise.*

Claro paschal gaudio (Latin – 5th C)
Transl. by John M. Neale, 1818-1866