

Saint John the Baptist Parish

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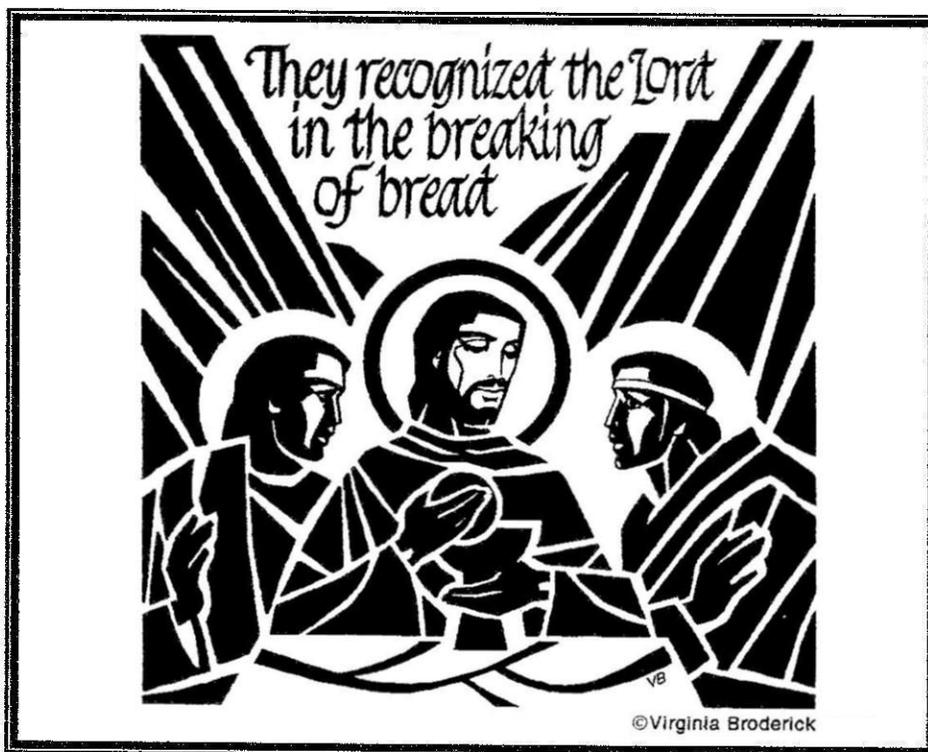
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3rd Sunday of Easter
April 26, 2020

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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

S.J.B. ANNOUNCEMENTS

April 26, 2020

Third Sunday of Easter: Today's gospel recounting the story of the disciples walking along the road to Emmaus is one of the most familiar – and beloved – of the gospel accounts recounting Our Lord's post – resurrection meetings with His disciples. How easy it is for us – in this year of Our Lord 2020 – to identify with those feelings of loss, disappointment and desperation felt by the first disciples who had been so devastated by Our Lord's Passion and Death on the Cross. Their hopes had been shattered on that terrible Good Friday. They had lost their beloved Messiah – and then there were the confused and contradictory – and incredible -- reports that the Lord's tomb had been found empty! There were even more incredible reports that He had been seen – He was alive!

In the midst of so much sickness and death and personal isolation, we find ourselves in the midst of this novel coronavirus and the social lock-down and economic crisis it has caused. More and more of the social events that meant so much to making life worth living have been cancelled or postponed indefinitely.

Even public celebrations of the Mass and the sacraments are not available to help us cope with all the bad news.

All of this is yet a greater incentive to learn the lesson of Emmaus: to listen to the Lord! To take time to re-read the gospels and the epistles; to meditate on the mysteries of the Rosary; to make a visit – at least once a week – to the Eucharist in our chapel. Let us do everything to take advantage of the time we have been given in this “Easter of Solitude” as Pope Francis has called it.

SPECIAL SAINTS' DAYS – THIRD WEEK OF EASTER

Tuesday, April 28th – St. Peter Chanel and St. Louis de Montfort

St. Louis lived in the late 17th / early 18th centuries; he founded two religious communities and promoted devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. St. Peter was a French missionary to the people who lived on the islands of the South Pacific Ocean in the first half of the 19th century. Although Peter had some success, many of the natives opposed Christianity and in April of 1841 Peter was clubbed to death for his evangelism.

Wednesday, April 29th – St. Catherine of Siena

This extraordinary woman was born in Siena, Italy in 1347. As a young woman she entered the Dominican Order and became by her intelligence, holiness, and dedication one of the most influential women in Church history. She brought many converts into the Church; promoted the renewal of religious life; counseled Cardinals and Popes; and found time to write books of inspiration and devotion. She died in 1380 and was named a Doctor of the Church in 1970.

Thursday, April 30th – St. Pius

Born in Italy in 1504, Pope Pius V entered the Dominican Order and in his early years was a professor of Theology. His talent, however, led him to being named a bishop, a cardinal, and (in 1566) pope. He worked for the reform of the Church and promoted the rosary. It is believed that Pius V – who regularly wore his white Dominican habit as a pope – is responsible for the tradition of popes wearing a white cassock.

Friday, May 1st – St. Joseph the Worker

St. Joseph was not only the protector of Mary, his wife, and Jesus, his foster son. He was also a man who had to work to provide for his family. By honoring the carpenter of Nazareth today, we affirm the dignity of work, we respect the rights of working people and encourage workers to persevere in their religious faith.

Saturday, May 2nd – St. Athanasius

Here is true defender of the faith! Born in Alexandria, Egypt, in 295, Athanasius eventually became bishop of that city during one of the most challenging periods in the history of the early Church. The challenge was posed by an insidious heresy known as “Arianism” – which denied the true divinity of Jesus Christ. Athanasius was one of the Church's most eloquent and vigorous defenders of orthodoxy.

Honor Thy Mother: This year Mother's day falls on Sunday, May 10th. This is a day to honor all Mothers – living and dead. This is a day to express our thanks for all they have done for us. It is a day to tell them how much we love them and to ask for their prayers even as we assure them of ours. For those mothers who have gone before us into the fullness of life with God, we give thanks to God for them as we recall their memories this day. On Mother's Day we begin a Triduum of Masses for those mothers whose names are enrolled with us. Special Mother's Day cards and envelopes are available at the exits of the Church or in the rectory office. Let us pray that Mary, the Mother of us all will bless all mothers, especially expectant mothers.

Practical Matters

1. Our main church will remain closed from Monday to Saturday; however our Eucharistic Chapel is open
 - a) Monday – Friday: 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
 - b) Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
2. Our **church and chapel** will be **open** for private prayer on Sunday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
3. Our 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.
4. 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 or dropping it into one of the baskets in church on Sunday.
5. Our parish office is open Monday – Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
6. Please consult our parish website (www.sjbyonkers.org) for updates on parish events and activities.

Rev. James F. Healy, R.I.P.: On Saturday morning, April 18th, Fr. Healy died peacefully at the Hebrew Nursing Home in Riverdale, where he was about to begin rehabilitation after recovering from Covid-19. Many of our parishioners knew Fr. Healy from the several months he spent at St. John's after his retirement and before some health issues required him to transfer to the priests' retirement home in Riverdale usually referred to as the “O'Connor Residence.” Fr. Healy was a native of Manhattan who attended Bishop Dubois H.S. (long since closed) and Iona College. After two years at St. Joseph's Seminary, Fr. Healy was sent – along with Msgr. Maloney, his classmate to the North American College in Rome for further studies. They were ordained together in St. Peter's Basilica on December 17, 1966. After returning from Rome Fr. Healy served in a parish in White Plains, then taught at Cardinal Spellman H.S. in the Bronx. After serving as Principal of Stepinac H.S. in White Plains, he was named pastor of St. Vito's in Mamaroneck and St. Paul the Apostle in Yonkers. When our current “lock-down” is ended, we will have a Memorial Mass at St. John's for Fr. Healy. In the meantime, please keep him in your prayers.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 25, 2020

Vigil: Third Sunday of Easter

5:00 p.m. Laurence Bologna

Sunday, April 26, 2020

Third Sunday of Easter

**8:00 a.m. Deceased members of the Esposito
and Kelly Families**

**9:30 a.m. Mass for the Parishioners of
St. John the Baptist**

11:00 a.m. Joseph Barberi

12:30 p.m. Barbara Keller

Monday, April 27, 2020

8:00 a.m. Gregory Knippel

12:00 noon Gary Peloso

Tuesday, April 28, 2020

***Feast of St. Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr; St.
Louis Grignion de Montfort***

**8:00 a.m. Tommy Alexander Reyes
Rodriguez**

12:00 noon Phyllis Sbordone -- Birthday

Wednesday, April 29, 2020

***Feast of St. Catherine of Sienna, Virgin and
Doctor of the Church***

8:00 a.m. Mary O'Connor

12:00 noon Peter Bernardini, Sr.

Thursday, April 30, 2020

Feast of St. Pius V, Pope

8:00 a.m. Olga Illari

12:00 noon John and Krystyna Jarmoszko

Friday, May 1, 2020

Feast of St. Joseph the Worker

8:00 a.m. John Anderson – 13th Anniversary

12:00 noon Daniel Fama -- Birthday

Saturday, May 2, 2020

***Feast of St. Attanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the
Church***

8:00 a.m. John and Tina Manning

Saturday, May 2, 2020

Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Easter

5:00 p.m. Julia and John Soracco

Sunday, May 3, 2020

Fourth Sunday of Easter

8:00 a.m. Ritchie and Thomas McAuliffe

**9:30 a.m. Mass for the Parishioners of
St. John the Baptist**

11:00 a.m. Louis Gaudio

12:30 p.m. Bridie and Michael Coughlan