

# Saint John the Baptist Parish

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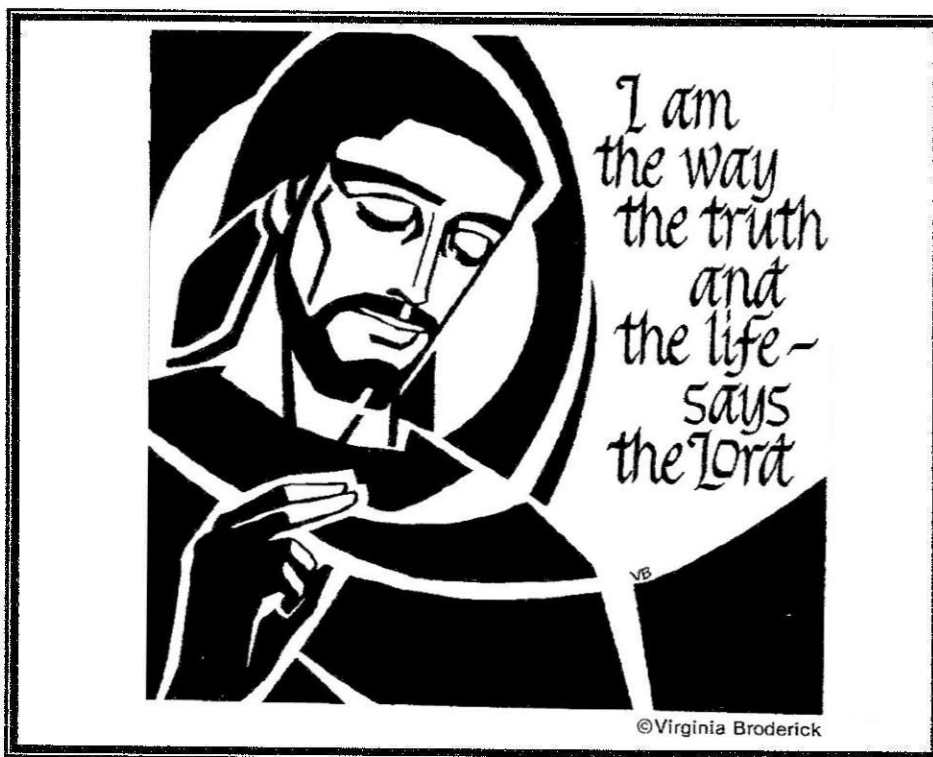
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**Saturday Vigil:**  
5:00 p.m.

**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**

**May 10, 2020**

**Fifth Sunday of Easter:** In today's gospel we read another account of one of Our Lord's appearances to His disciples after His resurrection. Once again Jesus speaks words of reassurance: "Do not let your hearts be troubled." Jesus speaks those words because he knew that His closest disciples – the ones He loved and who loved Him – were troubled. They had witnessed the anger, the violence, the brutality of all who had put Our Lord to death on Good Friday. They were confused and anxious about the future. They did not fully understand what the resurrection meant. Jesus goes on to challenge them: "Have faith in God and faith in Me."

We hear those words of reassurance and challenge in the midst of a global pandemic that – to say the least – "troubles our heart." Far too many of us know friends, neighbors, relatives, loved ones who are seriously ill or have died. How painful it is to learn that someone we know has died – and we cannot go and be part of the grieving family, we cannot say a prayerful farewell at a Funeral Home, we cannot join other parishioners at a Funeral Mass. We make a call; we write a note; we send an email; we say a prayer. It will have to do. The one we have loved and lost is in God's hands. Such is our solitary grief.

Philip cries out to Jesus in today's gospel: "Show us the father!" We might cry out: "Show us the reason! Why is this happening? When will it end?" Good questions – someday they will be answered. But not yet. For now we have the Lord's challenge: "Have faith in God and faith in Me."

Maybe there are some encouraging signs. There may – in some places – be a reduction in new cases; fewer deaths; reports of possible treatments and even vaccines. Here and there people are doing things we once took for granted – taking walks, going to the park, visiting stores. Perhaps as the weather gets nicer, there will be more of that!

May is traditionally associated with Our Blessed Mother. This Sunday – Mother's Day – we ask Mary's blessing on all mothers – but we also turn to her, the Mother of the Church, to look with compassion on her suffering children. Look kindly upon us, Mother dearest. Strengthen our faith and our hope.

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### **SPECIAL SAINTS' DAYS – FIFTH WEEK OF EASTER**

#### **Tuesday, May 12<sup>th</sup> – Sts. Neureus, Achilleus and Pancras**

Neureus and Achilleus were brothers who served as members of the Praetorian Guards in the Roman Army in the 2<sup>nd</sup> century. They became converts to Christianity, resigned from the army, were arrested and executed for their faith. Pancras came to Rome as a young teenager. He became friends with Christians and embraced their faith; he was martyred during the persecution of the Emperor Diocletian in the early third century. He was 14 years old.

#### **Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup> – Our Lady of Fatima**

Today we celebrate Mary who appeared to three shepherd children in Portugal in 1917. During these Appearances Our Lady encouraged repentance and the praying of the Rosary. She promoted prayers for the conversion of Communist Russia.

#### **Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup> – St. Matthias**

In the Acts of the Apostles (1:15-26) we read how the early Christians chose Matthias, a witness of the resurrection, to take the place of Judas and to be numbered among the apostles.

#### **Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup> – St. Isidore, the farmer**

Isidore was not a monk, a priest, or a bishop; he neither founded a religious order nor produced a treatise on spirituality. He was married and had one child; he lived all of his life as a farm laborer.

But he had the essential qualities of a saint: deep faith; prayerfulness; holiness of life; generosity to those who were in need. He was one of the Lord's "little ones" – and he was beloved of God.

He lived all of his life (1080 – 1130) near Madrid, Spain. He is the Church's patron of farmers.

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**Easter Tradition – The Easter Egg:** There is an ancient legend that on the first Good Friday Simon of Cyrene was in the marketplace in Jerusalem buying food for his family. He had purchased a basket of eggs when a Roman soldier ordered him to assist a man who was carrying a cross on his way to be crucified. Simon left his basket of eggs with the grocer and went to help. When they reached Golgotha the soldier pushed Simon away, but not before Jesus thanked him and promised He would give Simon a sign that He had risen.

Simon watched from a distance as Jesus died His agonizing death and all the next day Simon was haunted by the experience. Finally two days later, Simon remembered the eggs he had bought – and he rushed back to the marketplace. The grocer handed Simon his basket – and when he looked in it he saw that each of the eggs had changed. Some were brightly colored; others had beautiful designs on them. Simon remembered the Lord's promise – and he became a believer on the first Easter Sunday.

**Honor Thy Mother:** This year Mother's day falls on Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup>. 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.

**Scheduling:** As this bulletin is being prepared, we still have no indication from the Archdiocese about when we might be able to open our churches for the public celebration of Mass and the sacraments. The superintendent of schools for the Archdiocese has announced that all parish schools will remain closed until the end of June. As far as planning for parish events is concerned, the Rosary Altar Card Party and the parish picnic have been cancelled for this year. We live in uncertain times and any event we try to schedule for the near term will have to remain tentative. Like it or not, this is the "new normal." We pray that Mary (whose intercession we always seek in a special way in the month of May) will keep us all safe.

## **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](http://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](http://www.sjbyonkers.org)) for updates on parish events and activities.

## **MASS INTENTIONS**

***Saturday, May 9, 2020***

***Vigil: Fifth Sunday of Easter***

**5:00 p.m.** Ann and Daniel Fama and  
Edward Makowski

***Sunday, May 10, 2020***

***Fifth Sunday of Easter***

***Mother's Day***

**8:00 a.m.** Virginia De Lucci and  
Emma Federico

**9:30 a.m.** Frances DiPaola

**11:00 a.m.** Mother's Day Mass

**12:30 p.m.** Deceased members of the  
Naryniecki and Kozlowski  
Families

***Monday, May 11, 2020***

**8:00 a.m.** Mother's Day Mass

**12:00 noon** Erma and Fred Moynihan

***Tuesday, May 12, 2020***

***Feast of St. Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs;***

***St. Pancras, Martyr***

**8:00 a.m.** Mary Halpin

**12:00 noon** Mother's Day Mass

***Wednesday, May 13, 2020***

***Feast of Our Lady of Fatima***

**8:00 a.m.** Catherine Economico –  
1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary

**12:00 noon** Gregory George Chapins

***Thursday, May 14, 2020***

***Feast of St. Matthias, Apostle***

**8:00 a.m.** Maria and Emilio Garaventa

**12:00 noon** Martin Menchen –  
10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

***Friday, May 15, 2020***

***Feast of St. Isidore***

**8:00 a.m.** Deceased members of the  
Bisso and Hickey Families

**12:00 noon** Georgina Kerr

***Saturday, May 16, 2020***

**8:00 a.m.** Susan Vanadia—1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary

***Saturday, May 16, 2020***

***Vigil: Sixth Sunday of Easter***

**5:00 p.m.** Giuseppe Gullotta –  
16<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

***Sunday, May 17, 2020***

***Sixth Sunday of Easter***

**8:00 a.m.** James and Nora O'Keefe

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

**11:00 a.m.** Walter Naryniecki

**12:30 p.m.** Edward Makowski and  
Ann and Dan Fama