

Saint John the Baptist Parish

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June 21, 2020
12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Masses
Saturday Vigil:
5:00 p.m.

Sunday:
8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m.,
12:30 p.m.

Monday thru Friday:
8:30 a.m.

Saturday:
8:30 a.m.

**Sacrament of
Penance**
Saturday:
4:00 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

June 21, 2020

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: In today's readings, the issue of fear – specifically, the fear experienced by those called by God to preach His word – is put before us as both a consolation and a challenge.

In today's first reading (Jer. 20:10-13) the prophet Jeremiah cries out to the Lord in distress. People to whom he has preached, people he thought were his friends, have turned against him. In spite of his isolation, the prophet continues to accept his difficult ministry, offering himself as a guide to fearful people and encouraging them to free themselves from sin. Jeremiah trusted that he would continue to be sustained and strengthened by God's grace.

In today's second reading (Rom. 5:12-15) St. Paul celebrates the fact of salvation as a gift which forever liberates mankind from the only things truly deserving of fear – sin, death and separation from God.

Finally in today's gospel (Mt. 10:26-33) Our Lord reassures His disciples. We know we face a world often indifferent – even hostile to Christ's gospel. But we should never be intimidated by or afraid of that world. Everyone deep down longs for the message of healing, repentance and love that the Church preaches. With God on our side, whom should we fear?

SPECIAL SAINTS' DAYS THIS WEEK

Monday, June 22nd – St. John Fisher and St. Thomas More

These two English saints (John a Bishop and Chancellor of Cambridge University; Thomas a husband and father and Lord Chancellor of England) lived in the 16th century England when Henry VIII ruled as king. He ordered John and Thomas to be executed because they refused to accept his divorce and his claim to be head of the Church of England. They are martyrs for the integrity of the Sacrament of Matrimony and the divine origin of the Petrine ministry exercised by our popes. We need the prayer and witness of these good saints again as we struggle to preserve marriage and support the authority of the Holy Father.

Wednesday, June 24th – Nativity of St. John the Baptist

Two solemnities celebrated at the end of June, the Nativity of John the Baptist and Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul, are mentioned in the most ancient liturgical texts preserved for the city of Rome. John the Baptist is seen as the last of a long line of prophets who proclaimed the coming of ultimate revelation of God in Jesus Christ.

Celebrated at the time of the summer solstice (in contrast with the celebration of Christmas near the winter solstice), St. Augustine saw in this date a cosmic confirmation of John's words, "He must increase, but I must decrease" (John 3:30). The stories of John in the Scriptures speak of one who calls the people of Israel to repentance in order to be ready for salvation in Christ. Today's celebration can be the occasion for us to reflect on the power of announcement embodied in his life. For every Christian, the call is to repent and believe and proclaim the power of Christ's victory over sin and death.

Saturday, June 27th – St. Cyril of Alexandria

Born at the end of the fourth century, Cyril was named Bishop of Alexandria (in Egypt) in 412. He was an excellent theologian and preacher – as well as an eloquent defender of the faith. He was particularly effective in defending the orthodox doctrine of the two natures (human and divine) in the one person of Christ.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, June 20, 2020

Vigil: Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. Deceased members of the
Savino and Marra Families

Sunday, June 21, 2020

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Father's Day

8:30 a.m. Raffaele Rinaldi and John and Libero
Rubbo

10:30 a.m. Mariann and Robert Castelli

12:30 p.m. Cesare Recine and Michele Lovecchio

Monday, June 22, 2020

*Feast of St. Paulinus of Nola, Bishop; Sts. John
Fisher, Bishop and Thomas Moore, Martyrs*

8:30 a.m. Father's Day Mass

8:30 a.m. Peter Bernardini

Tuesday, June 23, 2020

8:30 a.m. Martha Colombini

8:30 a.m. Father's Day Mass

Wednesday, June 24, 2020

Feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist

8:30 a.m. Martha Colombini

8:30 a.m. Bob Hogan

Thursday, June 25, 2020

8:30 a.m. Olga Illari

8:30 a.m. Arnoldo F. Da Costa

Friday, June 26, 2020

8:30 a.m. Nancy Sanning

8:30 a.m. Padraig Mc Googan

Saturday, June 27, 2020

*Feast of St. Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop and Doctor of
the Church*

8:30 a.m. Angela Cavalli

Saturday, June 27, 2020

Vigil: Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. Alfred Moccio

Sunday, June 28, 2020

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. Angelo Soprano and John and
Libero Rubbo

10:30 a.m. Marino Bonanno

12:30 p.m. Joseph Barberi

WEEKLY PARISH CALENDAR

Saturday, June 20th

Penance Service – 4:00 p.m. – Church

Monday, June 22nd

Confirmation Rehearsal – 4:00 p.m. – lower church

Tuesday, June 23rd

8th Grade Confirmation – 5:00 p.m. – Church

Thursday, June 25th

1st Holy Communion Practice for 10:00 a.m. Mass – 4:00 p.m.

1st Holy Communion Practice for 12:00 noon Mass – 4:45 p.m.

Saturday, June 27th

1st Holy Communion – 10:00 a.m. & 12:00 noon -- Church

Penance Service – 4:00 p.m. -- Church

Mass Schedule – Summer 2020: Just another reminder that for reasons cited often before regarding the proper cleaning of the church, we have changed the times for our Masses on the weekend. The Vigil Mass time on Saturday remains the same: 5:00 p.m.; Sunday Mass times are: 8:30 and 10:30 a.m.; and 12:30 p.m. We will have one daily Mass (Monday – Saturday) in the morning at 8:30 a.m. After that, the church will be closed – although the chapel will remain open as usual.

Sacrament of Penance/Reconciliation: We have begun celebrating the Sacrament of Penance at St. John's on Saturdays at 4:00 p.m. in our main church. However, we will not be using our traditional "confessionals" (they would have to be sanitized after each penitent left the confessional.) In order to maintain social distancing we will be offering this sacrament as part of a penance service – so all who wish to participate should arrive (wearing the required mask) at 4:00 p.m. The service will include prayers, a reading from scripture, a short homily and the presentation by each penitent of a written statement of personal sins which will be handed individually to the priest (no words spoken). A communal act of contrition will follow – with penance and absolution. A final blessing will conclude the service.

Second Collection – Summer 2020: In order to limit the interaction between ushers and parishioners at Mass, we will eliminate second collections until after Labor Day. If a second collection is scheduled for a particular Sunday, we will announce that at the beginning of Mass as usual – however, we will have the ushers pass the baskets only once – at the usual time. We ask envelope users to place both envelopes for that Sunday in that collection basket – and we ask everyone to be as generous as their means permit.

Rest in Peace: Let us pray for Sean Needham and Susanna Bricher who were buried from our church this past week. Our prayers go out to their families and friends.

Religious Education Program: 2020 - 2021 registration for **new** families for the St. John the Baptist Religious Education Program has begun. **To obtain a New Family Religious Education Registration Form (for your child):** Please email StjohntheBaptistred@gmail.com. When completing the registration, a copy of your child's Baptismal Certificate will be necessary; families must, of course, be members of our parish. Registration fees are included in the Registration materials.

Honor Thy Father: This Sunday is Father's Day. This is a day to honor all fathers – 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 fathers 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 Father's Day we begin a Triduum of Masses for those fathers whose names are enrolled with us. Special Father's Day cards and envelopes are available at the exits of the Church or in our rectory office. Envelopes can be brought to the rectory or placed in the collection basket that will be available in the church on Sunday. Let us pray that Joseph, the father of Jesus, will bless all fathers.

Practical Matters:

1. The **Weekly Collection** remains absolutely essential to our parish operations. Parishioners may contribute 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.
2. Our parish office is open Monday – Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
3. Please consult our parish website (www.sjbyonkers.org) for updates on parish events and activities.

Graduates: We congratulate the following girls and boys in St. John's 8th grade who have successfully completed the course of studies prescribed by the Archdiocese of New York and New York State and received their diplomas on Friday, June 15th:

Matthew Albanese	Jorge González	Luke Nestor
Isabela Beqi	Russell Groce	Kristie Nolan
Aidan Carroll	Sarah Kelly	Ryan Pacrami
Dillon Corcoran	Louise Loughran	Kate Postighone
Padraig Coyle	Owen Luby	Hobie Ramkissoon
Ryan Crothers	Sinead McGovern	Emily Ruge-Howard
Angelo DiFonzo	Ryan McLaughlin	Giulio Santelia
Alexa Garrido	Ian Motyka	Caroline Spisak
Niamh Gilligan	Cody Murphy	Peter Winter
Conor Gilsenan	Amrita Nair	

We also wish to congratulate the boys and girls who have successfully completed the Religious Education Program prescribed by the Catechetical Office of the Archdiocese of New York:

Clara Baldwin	Odhran Lafferty	Connor Riale
Brianna Blanchfield	Aidan Maher	Benjamin Rodriguez
Vincent Cipriano	Briana Martinez	Wilfred Roldan
Daniel Cummins	Conor Mc Cormack	Kayla Rooney
Jolene Harvey	Audrey Mc Elhatton	Lea Roxas
Ryan Harvey	Thomas Mc Mahon	Nora Sharkey
Ethan Heneghan	Laura Mulgrew	Enya Walsh
Rhianna Hughes	John Nellickel	Heather Woods
Matthew Jenczko	Mairead Peel	