

Saint John the Baptist Parish

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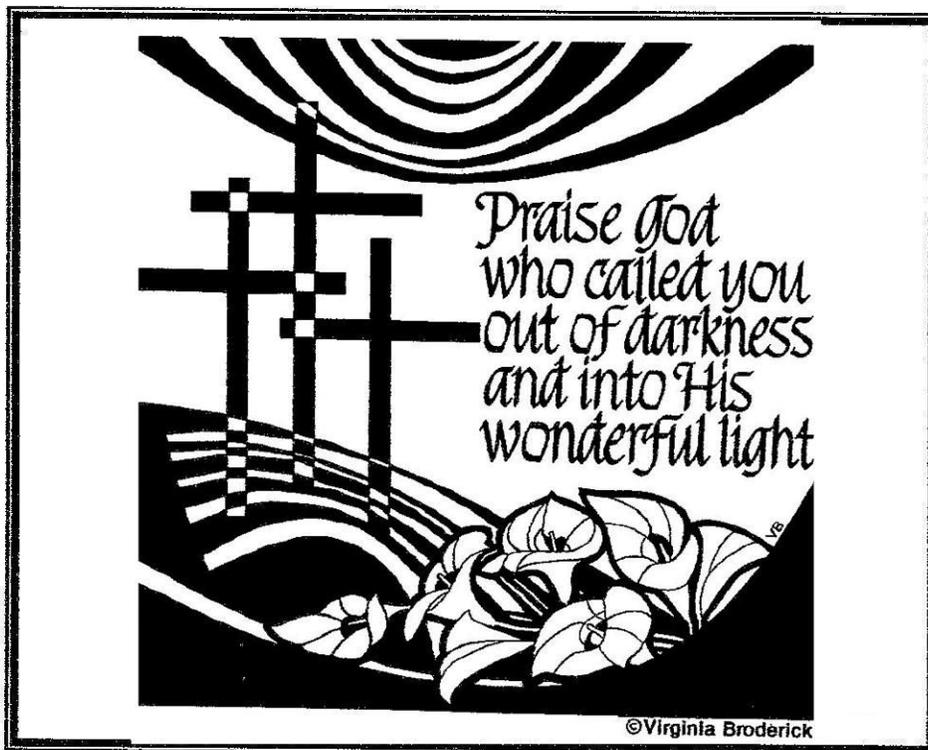
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June 28, 2020
13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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 28, 2020

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: Occasionally when traveling around the country (particularly in small towns and villages) one encounters a very friendly shopkeeper who displays a sign that says: “Welcome! There are no strangers here – only friends we haven’t met yet.” Unfortunately that welcoming spirit does not always find its way into large, urban centers like our own. (Visitors have been heard to complain about New Yorkers’ cold, unfriendly attitudes! Hard to believe!)

Well, hospitality is clearly a theme in today’s Scripture readings, so perhaps today is a good day for each of us to do an “examination of conscience” on how friendly and hospitable we are. In ancient times hospitality was considered a sacred duty – and in today’s first reading (2Kgs. 4:8-11) one woman’s kindness to the prophet Elisha becomes the occasion for a special blessing from God.

In today’s second reading (Rom. 6:3-11), St. Paul, who often encountered hostility and rejection, rejoices in the baptism that has welcomed us into God’s family.

Finally in today’s gospel (Mt. 10:37-42) our blessed Lord reminds us that the welcome we offer to the neediest of our brothers and sisters is offered to Jesus Himself.

SPECIAL SAINTS’ DAYS THIS WEEK

Monday, June 29th – Sts. Peter and Paul

Sts. Peter and Paul are joined in today’s celebration of the two great leaders of the first century Church. Peter symbolizes the tradition of the Church and the need for orthodoxy and fidelity; Paul symbolizes the missionary thrust of the Church and the need to be open to changing cultural and social conditions as the Church proclaims its gospel to all peoples in all times and places.

Tuesday, June 30th – First Roman Martyrs

Sts. Peter and Paul (celebrated yesterday) were only the best known of the Christians who perished during the Emperor Nero’s brutal attempt to suppress the Church in the second half of the first century Rome. Though we do not remember their names, we honor them for their faith, their courageous witness, and the inspiring example they provide.

Wednesday, July 1st – St. Junipero Serra

This day we celebrate the memorial of St. Junipero Serra, the Spanish Franciscan who worked so tirelessly in Mexico and California in the late 18th century. Pope John Paul II called him “an exemplary model of the selfless evangelizer”.

Friday, July 3rd – St. Thomas the Apostle

The feasts of the Apostles, celebrated throughout the Church’s year, are more than the celebration of one person. These feasts remind us of our foundation – the apostolic heritage that formed the Church. During the Easter season we read the story of Thomas (“Doubting Thomas”) and recall his profession of faith. Thomas went on to spread the faith in India where he is honored to this day for his missionary work.

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday, June 29, 2020

Feast of Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles

8:30 a.m. Jeremiah Quill

8:30 a.m. Fernanda Botticelli – 1st

Anniversary

Tuesday, June 30, 2020

*Feast of The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman
Church*

8:30 a.m. Martha Colombini

8:30 a.m. Sofia David

Wednesday, July 1, 2020

Feast of St. Junipero Serra, Priest

8:30 a.m. Eugene Sullivan

8:30 a.m. Giuseppe Lonardo and Family

Thursday, July 2, 2020

8:30 a.m. Frank Giardina

8:30 a.m. Rose De Los Reyes

Friday, July 3, 2020

8:30 a.m. Catherine Economico and Souls in
Purgatory

Saturday, July 4, 2020

Independence Day

8:30 a.m. James White

Saturday, July 4, 2020

Vigil: Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. Louis Falsetta

Sunday, July 5, 2020

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. Bessie Freterd

10:30 a.m. Patricia Sullivan

12:30 p.m. Edward T. Flynn

WEDDING BANNs

I. Gary Manvel and Cynthia Medranda

WEEKLY PARISH CALENDAR

Friday, July 3rd

Rectory and School Office Closed

Saturday, July 4th

Penance Service – 4:00 p.m.

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 during which the penitent papers will be burned. 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.

Welcome Back: This Monday, an old and dear friend will return from winter hibernation in Florida. Yes – Msgr. Walter Birkle is coming back where he belongs. I'm sure he will be prepared with a whole new collection of stories to share with us. Msgr. Birkle will be with us until October. It is a joy to have you back, Msgr. Walter!

Rest in Peace: Let us pray for Helen Marrone, Fay Amicucci and Salvatore Cali 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.

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.

Renew and Rebuild: Some of you may have noticed the improvements we have made in our church during the suspensions of Masses and services due to Covid-19. To be noted are: The cleaning and varnishing of our pews; cleaning of the church carpet; painting, plastering and (in the case of the ceiling) varnishing in the Yonkers Avenue vestibule; refinishing of the chapel and St. John's Avenue church doors. No one could miss the scaffolding on either side of the front of the church to allow masonry work on part of the roof and the façade of the church. Next week we expect work to begin in the lower church and the stained glass windows on “Mary's side” of the church. All of this work is made possible thanks to the sacrifices you made a year ago – and continue to make as you fulfill the pledges you made to our Renew and Rebuild campaign. May God bless you and your generosity!

C.R.S. Rice Bowl: A check in the amount of \$522.00 was sent to Catholic Relief Services. Thank you to everyone that participated this year.

July 3rd and 4th Holiday Schedule: This official federal holiday marking Independence Day falls on Saturday, July 4th. On Friday, July 3rd our rectory and school offices will be closed. In addition, (after the 8:30 a.m. Mass on Friday, July 3rd) the church and the chapel will be closed.

Independence Day: The 4th of July holiday is an occasion for legitimate pride in our country and its achievements. It is a time of reflection – on the need to defend the freedoms which are so precious to us. We should also set aside some time on this Independence Day to give thanks for the religious freedom we enjoy in this country. One very appropriate way to celebrate this freedom is to join with your fellow parishioners here at St. John's on July 4th. Let us pray that God will continue to bless this great land of ours.

A Prayer for Independence Day

God Our Father,

There is no greater joy than to experience the freedom from sin and death that has been won for us by the life, death, and resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ.

Today we live in a country where we are free to worship you.

For this we offer thankful praise.

On this Independence Day all Americans are reminded of those who have sacrificed for our freedom.

We pray this day that we will never take our freedom for granted.

May we always remember that our freedom was purchased at a very high price – our freedom cost others their very lives.

Lord, today, we ask you to bless those who have served our country and continue to give their lives so that America will remain free.

With favor and bounty meet their needs and watch over their families.

Help us to live our lives in a way that glorifies you.

Give us the strength to be a blessing in someone else's life today, and grant us the opportunity to lead others into the freedom that can be found in knowing Your Son.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen