

Saint John the Baptist Parish

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15th 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

July 12, 2020

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: Today our Scripture readings focus on the power of God's word – and our need to be attentive to that word. Ancient Israel perceived God's word as an expression of His revealed will for mankind, intervening again and again like a “hammer shattering rocks” (Jer. 23-29). Once proclaimed, God's word proved to be a decisive force, guiding the course of Israel's history. In today's first reading (Is. 55:10-11) the prophet Isaiah celebrates the power and effectiveness of God's word. As surely as rain brings growth and fruitfulness to the earth, so God's word will realize the purpose for which it was spoken. St. Paul in our second reading (Rom. 8:13-23) calls on believers to accept the suffering which is part of any acceptance of God's word; present pain will be overwhelmed by joy and glory. Finally in today's gospel (Mt. 13:1-23) Our Blessed Lord tells the familiar parable of the sower which teaches the importance of being attentive and receptive to God's word. The lesson challenges us to examine whether in our own case the soil of a resistant heart prevents God's word from taking full root in our life.

SPECIAL SAINTS' DAYS THIS WEEK

Monday, July 13th - St. Henry

Henry II was born in Bavaria in 973 and was later elected Emperor. He worked tirelessly to assist the poor; he encouraged Church reform and missionary activity. He died in 1024. He is the patron saint of Finland.

Tuesday, July 14th – St. Kateri Tekakwitha

Known as the “Lily of the Mohawks”, Kateri is certainly a powerful example of someone who welcomed God's word into her heart and bore a harvest of holiness. Her perseverance in spite of obstacles, opposition and persecution is an inspiration to all of us. Kateri was canonized in 2012; she is the first native American saint.

Wednesday, July 15th – St. Bonaventure

Today we honor a 13th century Franciscan theologian and doctor of the Church who did so much to advance philosophy and theology within Catholicism. Because his life and thought were so filled with the joyous and gentle Franciscan spirit, he is often referred to as the “Seraphic Doctor”.

Thursday, July 16th – Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

This feast celebrates the day in 1251 when St. Simon Stock, the Superior of an order of hermits known as the Carmelites (because they were centered at Mount Carmel in Galilee), had a vision of the Mother of God in which she gave him a piece of clothing which came to be called a scapular. Perhaps we might celebrate this feast of Our Lady by saying all or part of her rosary on Wednesday.

Saturday, July 18th – St. Camillus de Lellis

Born in Italy in 1550, Camillus entered military service, then had a change of heart – a religious conversion – and entered the seminary, was ordained and spent his life caring for the poor and the sick. He eventually founded a religious order that established hospitals throughout Italy.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (popularly known as “RCIA”) is the process designed by the Church for adults to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion. The goals are to give a complete overview of Catholic teaching and practice and to begin to deepen a Christian spiritual life centered in the Sunday Scripture readings. The sacraments are received at the Easter Vigil Mass. **It is open to adults who:**

- Have never been baptized; they would be preparing for all three sacraments.
- Were baptized in a non-Catholic Christian denomination who are interested in becoming Catholic; they would be preparing for Confirmation and First Communion.
- Were baptized Catholic but never received Confirmation and/or Communion; they would be preparing for the sacraments they have not yet received.

The 2020-2021 program at St. John's which prepares adults (and older adolescents) to receive sacraments will begin in October. However, if you (or anyone you know) is interested in learning more about our program, please leave your name at the rectory 963-1486.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 11, 2020

Vigil: Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. Deceased members of the D'Addato
and Mazzanti Families

Sunday, July 12, 2020

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. Giovanni Verbene

10:30 a.m. Bruce Pisano

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

Monday, July 13, 2020

Feast of St. Henry

8:30 a.m. Martha Colombini

8:30 a.m. Barbara Mallin

Tuesday, July 14, 2020

Feast of St. Kateri Tekawitha, Virgin

8:30 a.m. Rory O'Flaherty

8:30 a.m. Maria Iemma

Wednesday, July 15, 2020

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

8:30 a.m. Katherine Massell

8:30 a.m. Gerry Cork

Thursday, July 16, 2020

Feast of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

8:30 a.m. Joseph Esposito – 10th Anniversary

8:30 a.m. Emilia Kovacev – 1st Anniversary

Friday, July 17, 2020

8:30 a.m. Richard Uffer

8:30 a.m. Pasqualina Crecco

Saturday, July 18, 2020

Feast of St. Camillus de Lellis

8:30 a.m. Norma Palta

Saturday, July 18, 2020

Vigil: Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. Andy Monte

Sunday, July 19, 2020

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. Deceased members of the Zangrilli
Family

10:30 a.m. Georgina Kerr

12:30 p.m. Maria Brusco

WEDDING BANNES

II. Nicholas Vazquez and Leila Zambrano

I. Thomas Arciuolo and Gina Traub

WEEKLY PARISH CALENDAR

Saturday, July 11th

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.

Quarantine: After returning two weeks ago from his missionary work in Florida, Msgr. Birkle faced a Governor Cuomo imposed quarantine, although he had been cleared of any virus. He has been self-isolating and praying for all of us, but is ready to rejoin us in ministry. However, we remind all who are concerned about coming to church at this time that they should remain at home until they are ready. We are very happy that Msgr. Birkle is safely returned to his newly sterilized room in the rectory. Welcome back – finally!

Rest in Peace: Let us pray for John Mazucco and Joseph Meaney 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.

Help Needed: Share your faith! If you are reading this, chances are that you are someone who participates in Sunday worship, know the "basics" of our Catholic faith, and is/was an effective teacher of your own or others' children. Would you like to discuss volunteering in our Religious Education or R.C.I.A. programs? Please Call Angela Minichilli at 914-965-2338 if you would like to explore this exciting and spiritually rewarding ministry.

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: We have noted in previous bulletins the work we were able to accomplish in our church during the imposed Covid-19 shutdown. Other work continues this week and the weeks to follow. The cleaning and repair of our stained glass windows began last week; also last week we began a project of "mold remediation" in the lower church which involves the removal of all contaminated sheet rock and disinfecting of the entire basement area; finally, the scaffolding on the front of the church will allow the repair of some of the stone work and pointing of the façade. None of this would be possible without the generous contributions that were made – and continue to be made – to our Renew and Rebuild campaign last year. This is your sacrifice at work – to ensure that our beautiful church can continue to serve the Yonkers community for years to come! God love you!

Welcome to St. John's: Registering in a parish is a declaration of your desire to be part of a Catholic community and a commitment to the life of the parish family. Being a registered parishioner makes things much easier when it is time for infant baptism, school registration, weddings, and when asked to be a baptismal or confirmation sponsor. We are often asked to provide affidavits for baptismal and confirmation sponsors. We can only do this if a person is a registered, active, and contributing member in our parish. Registration forms are available at the exits of the church and in the rectory.

Academic Awards: At our graduation, the following members of the Class of 2020 received the following awards:

A Valedictory Medal was presented to **Emily Ruge Howard** who had the highest grade point average in the 8th grade. A Salutatory Medal was presented to **Matthew Albanese** who had the second highest grade point average.

Medals were presented to the following graduates for superior work in the following areas of study and service:

Religion:	Kristie Nolan
Language Arts:	Ryan Mc Laughlin
Literature:	Angelo Di Fonzo
Mathematics:	Padraig Coyle
Science:	Amrita Nair
Social Studies:	Sinead Mc Govern
Divine Compassion:	Ryan Crothers
Senior Club Award:	Emily Ruge-Howard and Matthew Albanese
Vincent Vanadia, Sr. Service Award	Kate Postighone
American Academy of University Women:	Emily Ruge- Howard, Kristie Nolan and Amrita Nair

We congratulate these graduates on their achievements!