

Saint John the Baptist Parish

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16th 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 19, 2020

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: In marked contrast to the forbearance and patience of God, there is a tendency among His creatures to distinguish, discriminate and, all too often, disparage and even dispose of one another. This human tendency – at its worst extremes – has provoked some of the darkest periods in the history of mankind. The readings for today’s liturgy offer each of us a personal opportunity to examine our consciences on how we view other people.

Today’s first reading from the Old Testament’s Book of Wisdom (Wis. 12:13-10) reminds us that we are all sinners; we have all been recipients of God’s loving mercy and forgiveness. That should be a sufficient reminder of how we, in turn, must be kind to others.

St. Paul in our second reading (Rom. 8:26-27) insists that God’s gift of His Spirit should sustain a prayerful communion which unites us to Him and with one another.

Finally in today’s gospel (Mt. 13:24-43) the parable of the weeds and wheat attests how God reaches out patiently to all, encouraging the good to persevere and the sinful to make a new start. Conscious of the many weeds (bad habits) that can stifle God’s life in us, we must continue to reform and renew ourselves so that we might be faithful to God’s will.

SPECIAL SAINTS’ DAYS THIS WEEK

Monday, July 20th - St. Appollinaris

This second century bishop and martyr was the first bishop of the city of Ravenna, Italy. Two churches in that city bear his name – and they contain some of the most beautiful mosaics in the world. We know little about his life, but anyone who could inspire such art and beauty must have been a powerful influence for good.

Tuesday, July 21st – St. Lawrence of Brindisi

St. Lawrence lived in the 16th century and was able to combine personal holiness, academic scholarship and pastoral leadership. He brought many Jewish converts into the Church because of his mastery of scripture and his personal example.

Wednesday, July 22nd – Mary Magdalene

Mary was a faithful disciple and St. John in his gospel records that she was the first person to encounter the risen Jesus – and brought news of the resurrection to the apostles. As a result, she has often been called the “apostle to the apostles”. Although she often is identified as the woman taken in adultery (whom Jesus saved from stoning), most scripture scholars claim this is a mistake. She is revered for her devotion to Our Lord and her total commitment to His gospel.

Thursday, July 23rd – St. Bridget of Sweden

This extraordinary woman lived in the 14th century in Sweden. She was a devoted wife and mother – and one of her eight children is also a saint! After her husband’s death, she continued to care for her family; she lived simply and devoutly and started a small congregation of women devoted to prayer and good works.

Friday, July 24th – St. Sharbel Makhluf

A Lebanese priest, St. Sharbel who lived from 1828 – 1898 is hardly a household name for most Catholics. Part of the reason is that he started no religious community and lived the last 25 years of his life as a hermit. However, his holiness made such an impression on his fellow countrymen that he was canonized in 1977 and is revered as the “Hermit of Lebanon.”

Saturday, July 25th – St. James

James, the brother of John, is called “The Greater” because he answered the call to follow Jesus before the other apostle named James. This James and his brother John were known as “sons of Zebedee” in the gospels. James was one of the apostles who were closest to Jesus during his life. James was the first of Our Lord’s disciples to suffer martyrdom – he was executed by King Herod in 42 A.D. in Jerusalem. However, there is a strong tradition that James traveled to Spain and evangelized there. His remains are honored in the town in Spain called Compostella where a beautiful basilica is named in his honor.

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday, July 20, 2020

Feast of St. Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr

8:30 a.m. Catherine and John Kuhnbaum

8:30 a.m. Pasquale, Nunccia and Lucia Albanese

Tuesday, July 21, 2020

Feast of St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest, Doctor of the Church

8:30 a.m. Deceased members of the Soracco,
De Martini, Garaventa and Morea
Families

8:30 a.m. Thomas Vitale

Wednesday, July 22, 2020

Feast of St. Mary Magdalene

8:30 a.m. Salvatore Sbordone

8:30 a.m. Angelina Lagana

Thursday, July 23, 2020

Feast of St. Bridget, Religious

8:30 a.m. Sabina Eves

8:30 a.m. Peter Bernardini – 1st Anniversary

Friday, July 24, 2020

Feast of St. Sharbel Makhluf

8:30 a.m. Donnie O'Connor

8:30 a.m. Anna Procaccino – 8th Anniversary

Saturday, July 25, 2020

Feast of St. James, Apostle

8:30 a.m. Pete Mamuri

Saturday, July 25, 2020

Vigil: Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. Deceased members of the Gullotta Family

Sunday, July 26, 2020

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. Nora, John and Michael Mee

10:30 a.m. Michael and Guy Bastardi and
Daniel Longo – 11th Anniversary

12:30 p.m. Edward Makowski – Birthday
and Ann and Daniel Fama

WEDDING BANNs

III. Nicholas Vazquez and Leila Zambrano

II. Thomas Arciuolo and Gina Traub

I. Ronald Coleman II and Alicia Waldie

I. Krystian Witkowski and Jessica Arabia

WEEKLY PARISH CALENDAR

Saturday, July 18th

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.

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 Minchilli at 914-965-2338 if you would like to explore this exciting and spiritually rewarding ministry.

Rest in Peace: Let us pray for Roberto Haro who was buried from our church this past week. Our prayers go out to his family 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.

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.

N.Y.S. Phase Four: As our area begins to “re-open” according to New York State guidelines, religious services are no longer limited to 25% of capacity – but now are permitted to allow one third capacity. St. John's Mass attendance has been well below this.

A Prayer While Taking a Summer Walk

The pace is easy. There is so much beauty to explore in the time of this summer walk.
Seeds are already blowing in the breeze, rising and falling, seeking a place to rest, a place to become.
Small flowers bloom on the most insignificant of plants, and when examined reveal an intricate beauty.

There is a voice of a prophet echoed in the creation that unfolds before me.

This prophet speaks of arrival at a new land at the journey's end.

It is the land of promise that all things will be made new!

It is the covenant promise that God so loves His creation
that He will preserve it and bring it to fullness of life.

I am a part of this journey. I am a part of the journey of all creation.

I do not walk alone today, I walk with all creation.

I do not walk to see the wonders of creation, I walk to discover my place in creation.

I come to know myself as I walk among that which speaks to me of my origin.

Lord, creator of my journey,
who gifts me with the opportunity and ability to walk along this path on this remarkable summer day,
help me find myself in this and along the way to meet You, my Lord, my Savior.

Amen.

Father Gabriel Zeis, T.O.R.