

Saint John the Baptist Parish

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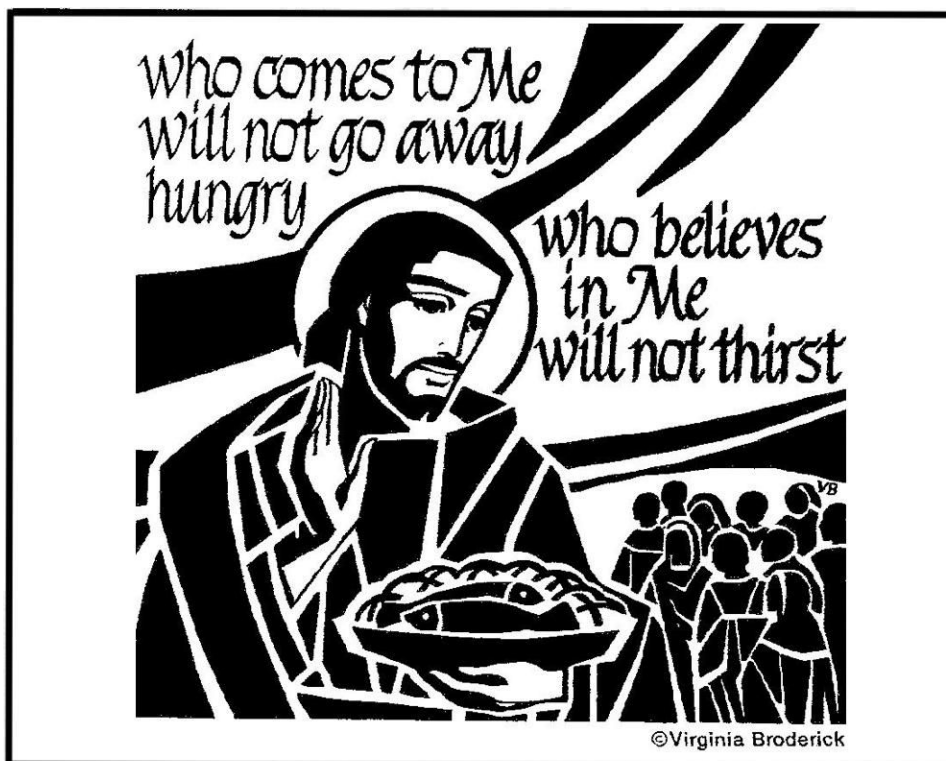
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August 2, 2020
18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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

August 2, 2020

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: Statisticians report that for at least two thirds of the world's population, hunger is a daily experience – not the slight twinge which may occur if a meal is skipped or delayed, but the deep, painful, sunken-eyed, body-emaciating type of hunger which is virtual starvation. Every hour of every day at least 1,500 people die of hunger or hunger related causes.

In America there are pockets of hunger, but generally Americans contribute far more to another statistic – the billions of dollars spent annually on a variety of weight loss products and programs.

It is within these two contrasting contexts that today's readings speak to us of God's invitation to come and be filled at His banquet table. Of course, though it is physical appetites that are spoken of, clearly mankind's spiritual hunger is the primary focus.

First associated with the covenant which was sealed with a shared meal in God's presence, the idea of a grand banquet for all peoples was later associated with the messianic era – and it is clearly the vision presented in today's first reading from the prophet Isaiah (Is. 55:1-3). In the second reading (Rom. 8:35-39) St. Paul speaks of God's extraordinary love for us – a love that is made concrete in today's gospel reading (Mt. 14:13-21) where Jesus feeds the 5,000 with a few loaves and fish – a clear prefiguring of the far greater miracle of love we have in the Eucharist.

SPECIAL LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK

Tuesday, August 4th – St. John Mary Vianney

Born in France in 1786, St. John faced many difficulties before he was ordained a priest. He was sent to a small rural parish in a town called Ars because it was not expected that he would be able to do very much harm there.

But his preaching, his prayerfulness, his genuine goodness slowly began to have an effect and before long people from all over France were coming to be ministered to by the one who came to be called the "Cure d'Ars."

Wednesday, August 5th – The Dedication of St. Mary Major

The basilica of St. Mary Major is located in Rome on one of the seven hills of the city. It is one of the most ancient churches in Rome, and the first among the churches dedicated to Our Lady. On this day, we celebrate Mary as Mother and Model of the Church.

Thursday, August 6th – The Feast of the Transfiguration

Today the Church celebrates the day when Jesus was transformed before Peter, James and John. This was a special moment in Our Lord's ministry when His divinity broke through his humanity and His glory was revealed. The feast reminds us that those who follow His way will one day share His glory.

Friday, August 7th – Pope St. Sixtus II and Companions

Pope Sixtus and four deacons were arrested in 258 by order of Emperor Valerian; they were martyred that very day.

Saturday, August 8th – St. Dominic

Born in Spain in 1170, Dominic fought ignorance by preaching and good example. He founded the Order of Preachers (the "Dominicans") to carry on his work. Like St. Francis of Assisi, Dominic taught the Church the importance of living the poverty of the gospel. He died in 1221.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 1, 2020

Vigil: Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. Carmela and Antonio Falsetta

Sunday, August 2, 2020

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. Patricia Sullivan

10:30 a.m. Christopher Joyce

12:30 p.m. Margaret Linton

Monday, August 3, 2020

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

8:30 a.m. Marian, Michael and Leakaicia
Golonka

Tuesday, August 4, 2020

Feast of St. John Vianney Priest

8:30 a.m. Mary Koller

8:30 a.m. Carroll Mc Grath

Wednesday, August 5, 2020

*Feast of the Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary
Major*

8:30 a.m. Antonella Paolo

8:30 a.m. Donato De Angelis

Thursday, August 6, 2020

Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

8:30 a.m. Gail and Nicholas Kopcik

8:30 a.m. Rita Hoey

Friday, August 7, 2020

*Feast of St. Sixtus II, Pope and Companions, Martyrs;
St. Cajetan, Priest*

8:30 a.m. Seamus Ward

8:30 a.m. Deceased members of the Albanese
and Bucci Families

Saturday, August 8, 2020

Feast of St. Dominic, Priest

8:30 a.m. Kathleen Doherty

Saturday, August 8, 2020

Vigil: Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. Rosemary D'Addato

Sunday, August 9, 2020

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. Antonio Catolano

10:30 a.m. Deceased members of the
Grady Family

12:30 p.m. Rui George

WEDDING BANNES

III. Ronald Coleman II and Alicia Waldie
III. Krystian Witkowski and Jessica Arabia
II. Frank Morales and Jennifer Gomez

WEEKLY PARISH CALENDAR

Saturday, August 8th

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: This sacrament is celebrated every Saturday afternoon at St. John's at 4:00 p.m. 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, knows 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 Dominic Jean Prophete who was buried from our church this past week. Our prayers go out to his families and friends.

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.

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.

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.

Feast of the Assumption: Most years we celebrate this feast as a holy day of obligation; however, when August 15th falls on a Saturday (as it does this year) or a Monday our Bishops have determined that attending Mass for this feast is not a matter of obligation for Catholics. As a result, we will have only **one** Mass for the Feast of the Assumption this year: on Saturday, August 15th at 8:30 a.m. There will be no vigil Mass on Friday evening; nor will there be a noon Mass on Saturday. We encourage everyone to honor our Blessed Mother in some way on August 15th – if not by attending Mass, then by praying the rosary that day.

Making it Happen: Thanks to some prudent advanced planning – and a “little bit of luck” – we here at St. John’s were able to celebrate the sacraments of confirmation and First Holy Communion before the end of June. Confirmation had originally been scheduled in April – but the Covid-19 closures made that impossible. At the time we had discussed with Bishop Walsh an “alternative” date of June 23rd – which (up until a week before) also seemed unlikely. But then we entered a “new phase” and suddenly both Confirmation on June 23rd and First Holy Communion on June 27th became possible! We did have some restrictions on the numbers who could attend those celebrations – but the important thing was that our youngsters in both our school and Religious Education programs (in 8th grade and 3rd grade respectively) could celebrate the sacraments they had been preparing for since last September. We congratulate the youngsters and their parents – as well as the teachers who worked so hard to prepare them. Please keep all of them in your prayers.