

Saint John the Baptist Parish

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August 23, 2020
21st 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 23, 2020

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: In today's first reading from the Old Testament's Book of the Prophet Isaiah (Is. 22:15-23) God exercises covenant accountability. Because the existing leader is unable to rule with authority, his authority is taken away and given to another. It is God's work that we must do, and if we cannot complete what has been asked, God will find another servant.

The servant presented in today's gospel (Mt. 16:13-20) is the apostle who only a few Sundays ago was nearly drowned when his bravado led him out into the stormy sea. This Sunday, Peter is a transformed, self-assured leader who is the first to call Jesus the Son of God. Once again Peter is called to the life of disciple, but with new authority, new blessing. In knowing the identity of Jesus, he discovers that his own identity is changed. He is now the rock upon which the Church will be established.

Little did Peter understand the reverberations that were set loose when he tried to answer the question of Jesus, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" Peter's answers were dogmatically correct, but they only skimmed the surface. The question centered on the continuation of the redemption and the conversion of the world.

That question is still asked today. How we answer it reflects how we see ourselves in the universe, and consequently, in our life with Jesus. Like Peter, we become keystones by which Jesus can build the many bridges and walls and houses and doors of the kingdom. With that same power, we all have a key to those doors.

SPECIAL SAINTS DAYS THIS WEEK

Monday, August 24th - St. Bartholomew

Tradition tells us that Bartholomew preached the Gospel in Arabia and gave his life for the message of Christ. From his life and that of the other apostles, we learn lessons of unwavering zeal and commitment to Christ and His teaching. They demonstrated the kind of discipleship "that keeps on going". Pray today from the reading from Revelation in thankful praise for the life of Bartholomew, the apostles, and for those martyrs of today who preach the message of justice and peace in the midst of discord and strife.

Tuesday, August 25th - St. Louis

Born in 1214, Louis became king of France at age 22; as Louis IX he provided a model of what a good, just, honest and honorable leader can be. He was a faithful husband, a loving father and a man of deep spirituality.

Thursday, August 27th - St. Monica

Although married to a pagan, Monica was convinced that Jesus Christ and the Christian faith was the way to salvation. Her prayers and faith in the saving power of God eventually had the power to renew in faith her son, St. Augustine, truly one of the greatest teachers in the history of the Church.

Friday, August 28th - St. Augustine

Sinner, scholar, and bishop, St. Augustine is an example of the infinite and unconditional love that God has for all people. Following his conversion to Christ, he seemed to see with x-ray vision the complete holiness of all creation. Let us pray today for the gift of reverence, respect, and love that sees all creation as a gift from God and all of life as graced.

Saturday, August 29th - The Martyrdom of John the Baptist

Within two months we recall the both birth and death of the herald of Jesus. The celebration of the martyrdom of John the Baptist invites us to sing of our salvation in the Lord. We pray with the psalmist and with John the Baptist depending on God and praising His name above all earthly things.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 22, 2020

Vigil: Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. Deceased members of the Bologna,
Magretti and Gallery Families

Sunday, August 23, 2020

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. Susan Vanadia
10:30 a.m. Teresa Ramoni
12:30 p.m. Vincenzo Fontana

Monday, August 24, 2020

Feast of St. Bartholomew, Apostle

8:30 a.m. Rev. Msgr. Thomas J. McCormack –
97th Birthday
8:30 a.m. Lucia Savona -- Birthday

Tuesday, August 25, 2020

Feast of Sts. Louis and Joseph Calasanz, Priest

8:30 a.m. James Kavanagh
8:30 a.m. Eileen Dillon

Wednesday, August 26, 2020

8:30 a.m. Kenneth Masiello
8:30 a.m. Antonio Blasetti

Thursday, August 27, 2020

Feast of St. Monica

8:30 a.m. Deceased members of the Musante,
Fanelli, Vitale and Soracco Families
8:30 a.m. Eileen Dillon

Friday, August 28, 2020

Feast of St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:30 a.m. Kathleen Rattigan

Saturday, August 29, 2020

Feast of The Passion of St. John the Baptist

8:30 a.m. Lillian and Orlando Camejo and
Narciso Rosa

Saturday, August 29, 2020

Vigil: Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. Christine O'Connor and
Noreen Mac Donald

Sunday, August 30, 2020

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. Deceased members of the
Swatowy and Parish Families
10:30 a.m. Deceased members of the Cocco Family
12:30 p.m. Albert J. Lombardo

WEDDING BANNES

*II. Edgar Oswaldo Suarez and
Maria Montes DeOca*

WEEKLY PARISH CALENDAR

Saturday, August 29th
Penance Service – 4:00 p.m.

Rest in Peace: Let us pray for Anthony Guido, Christopher J. Ficaro, Bernardina Cipollone, Fortunato Mascetti and Antonia Siciliano who were buried from our church this past week. Our prayers go out to their families and friends.

Religious Education News: Currently our 3rd and 8th grades are full and we are not accepting any students into those CCD classes. We are very close to reaching the total number of students we will be able to take in other classes as well. Registration will close no later than August 31st. Our program will begin classes on Wednesday, October 7th. Any questions, please call the Director of Religious Education at St. John's, Mrs. Angela Minchilli at 914-965-2338.

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 Schedule – Summer 2020: In order to properly clean our church between Masses, 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

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.

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.

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

Advanced Planning: Two weeks from this Monday is Labor Day (September 7th), a national holiday and a time to celebrate the efforts of millions of men and women who contribute to our free economy and make our country great. Please note: Our parish office will be closed on Labor Day. The church will be open for our 8:30 a.m. Mass; after the 8:30 a.m. Mass, the church and chapel will be closed.

Fall Mass Schedule: After Labor Day and after school begins, we will return to a more regular daily Mass schedule. As of Tuesday, September 8th, our daily Masses (Monday – Friday) will be at 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon. On Saturday, our one daily Mass will be at 8:30 a.m. Our weekend Mass schedule will remain the same as our summer schedule: vigil Mass on Saturday at 5:00 p.m.; Sunday Masses at: 8:30 and 10:30 a.m.; and 12:30 p.m.

Job Opportunity: Yonkers Public School is looking to hire per diem nurses. Please contact Irene Tartas, M.P. at 914-376-8226.