

Saint John the Baptist Parish

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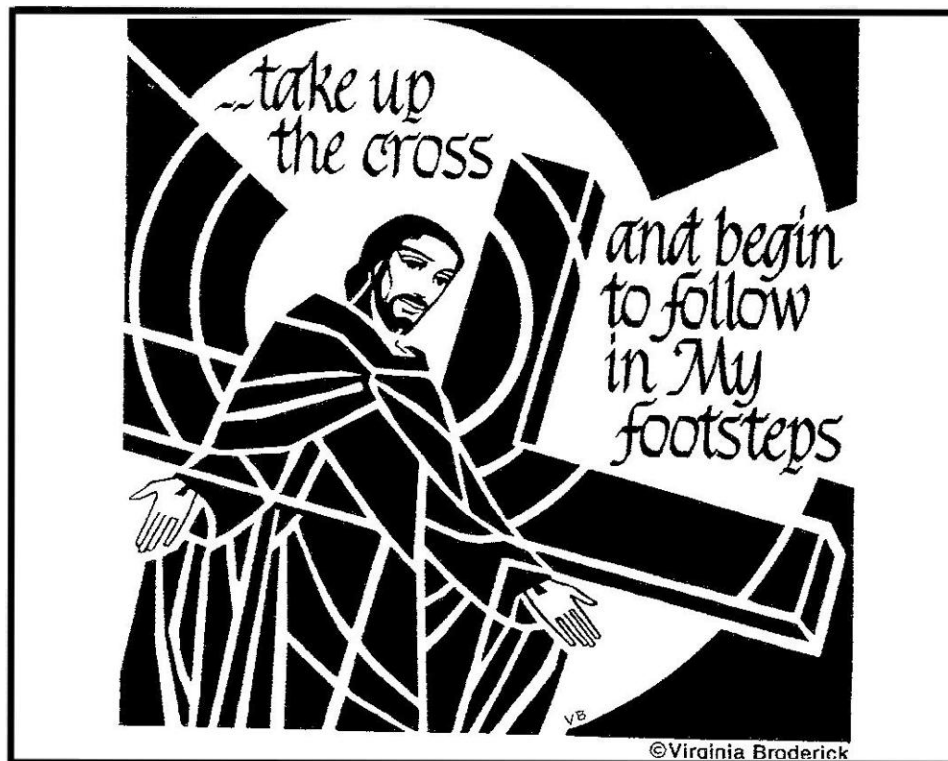
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August 30, 2020
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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 30, 2020

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: How dramatically today's readings demonstrate the extraordinary nature of "ordinary" time! When we drape ourselves in Lenten purple, we can resonate with the psalmist's *Miserere*: have mercy on us, sinners! The triumphant white of Easter snatches us up into the feast of victory of our King; while Christmas candles light up our winter darkness and transport us to the moment when it all began. But we do not live either in the valley of repentance or on the mountain of exultation. We spend most of our time on the plain of everyday life. And it is here, in "ordinary" time, that much of our work as disciples is done.

Thank God for the prophet Jeremiah! He is so human, so honest. Utterly convinced of his prophetic call, he is at the same time utterly repulsed by the stubbornness of the people among whom he works. Much as he would like to abandon his chosen path, he cannot. Holding in the word of God is, ultimately, more painful than the human scorn he must endure when he proclaims it. So proclaim it he does, in the midst of a complacent generation of Israelites who cannot see how their lack of fidelity is destroying them.

St. Paul and St. Matthew also insist on the necessity of proclaiming God's word even though society dismisses the message as irrelevant and naïve. How readily we can apply all three of today's readings to the present scene. "Do not conform yourself to this age, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind." "What profit is there if we should gain the whole world and ruin ourselves in the process?" We must constantly ask ourselves if we are influencing those around us or if we are being caught up in the values of an increasing self-centered world.

SPECIAL SAINT'S DAY THIS WEEK

Thursday, September 3rd – St. Gregory the Great

Born in Rome in 540, St. Gregory started out as a public official who showed great promise as a civic leader. However, God had other plans for this gifted young man. He entered a monastery, but the Church recognized that he had extraordinary leadership qualities. In 590 he was elected Pope and spent the next fourteen years promoting the Church's missionary work; encouraging the care of the poor; working for reform – particularly of the moral life of the Church. One of his reforms focused on Church music and his name to this day is associated with that special choral music known as "Gregorian Chant". About twenty years ago Benedictine monks in Spain produced a CD of Gregorian Chant that sparked a renewed interest in the wonderful treasure which has been a part of the Church's repertory for 1500 years. Unfortunately in some places in the late 20th century that wonderful musical tradition was completely replaced in favor of trendy, more "contemporary" tunes. We are blessed to know, however, that the "ever ancient, ever new" beauty of Gregorian Chant has not been lost and is now experiencing a renaissance.

St. John's Mass Schedule

- a) **Daily Mass:** We will continue our summer Mass practice of having **only one** daily Mass (Monday – Saturday) until Labor Day (Monday, September 7th). As of Tuesday, September 8th, we will return to our daily Mass schedule of **two** Masses (at 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon); on Saturday, however, our morning Mass will be at 8:30 a.m.
- b) **Sunday Mass:** Because of the ongoing need to allow time between Masses to properly sanitize our church, we have decided to **permanently change** our Mass schedule on Sunday to **three** Masses: at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.; the Saturday vigil Mass remains the same at 5:00 p.m.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 29, 2020

Vigil: Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. Christine O'Connell 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

Monday, August 31, 2020

8:30 a.m. Cecilia Stewart

8:30 a.m. Martin Joe Coyne -- Birthday

Tuesday, September 1, 2020

8:30 a.m. Teodora D'Ippolito

8:30 a.m. Sylvester M. Grillo

Wednesday, September 2, 2020

8:30 a.m. Harry Gable

8:30 a.m. Eileen Dillon

Thursday, September 3, 2020

*Feast of St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the
Church*

8:30 a.m. Beverly Deichert

8:30 a.m. Kathleen Rattigan

Friday, September 4, 2020

8:30 a.m. Deceased members of the Fornaby
Capobianco, McKenna and Fusco
Families

8:30 a.m. Peter Bernardini

Saturday, September 5, 2020

Feast of St. Teresa of Calcutta

8:30 a.m. Duncan Armstrong

Saturday, September 5, 2020

Vigil: Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. Peter Crudele

Sunday, September 6, 2020

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. Jordan Kovacev

10:30 a.m. Vincenzo DiSapia

12:30 p.m. Deceased members of the Moriarty
and Preston Families

WEDDING BANNES

*III. Edgar Oswaldo Suarez and
Maria Montes DeOca*

I. Michael Thomas and Emilia Twomey

WEEKLY PARISH CALENDAR

Saturday, August 29th

Penance Service – 4:00 p.m.

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 this Monday, 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.

Advanced Planning: A week 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.

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. 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) are interested in learning more about our program, please leave your name at the rectory 963-1486.

Rest in Peace: Let us pray for Sophie Germano and Wendy Rodriguez Costa who were buried from our church this past week. Our prayers go out to their families and friends.

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 and Fall 2020: In order to limit the interaction between ushers and parishioners at Mass, we will eliminate second collections until further notice. 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.

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

Back to School: St. John the Baptist School welcomes its wonderful students in their school uniforms according to the following schedule:

Wednesday, September 9 th	-- PK through 8 th from 8:30 – 11:30 a.m. Alphabetically A - K
Thursday, September 10 th	-- PK through 8 th from 8:30 – 11:30 a.m. Alphabetically L – Z
Friday, September 11 th	-- PK through 8 th from 8:30 – 11:30 a.m. All Students
Monday, September 14 th	-- PK through 8 th from 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. All Students

PRAYER DURING A HEALTH CRISIS

Compassionate and loving Father,
in the face of confusion and concern
impart to us the calm of Your presence.
In You, allow us to find hope and healing.
Be with those who serve the sick and give them Your caring hands.
Be with those who lead and give them Your Spirit of wisdom.
Be with those who have fallen ill and give them Your comforting heart.
Wrap Your arms around our world and hold us in Your love.
Allow us at this time of trial, to then serve as instruments
of that love to all we meet.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.