

Saint John the Baptist Parish

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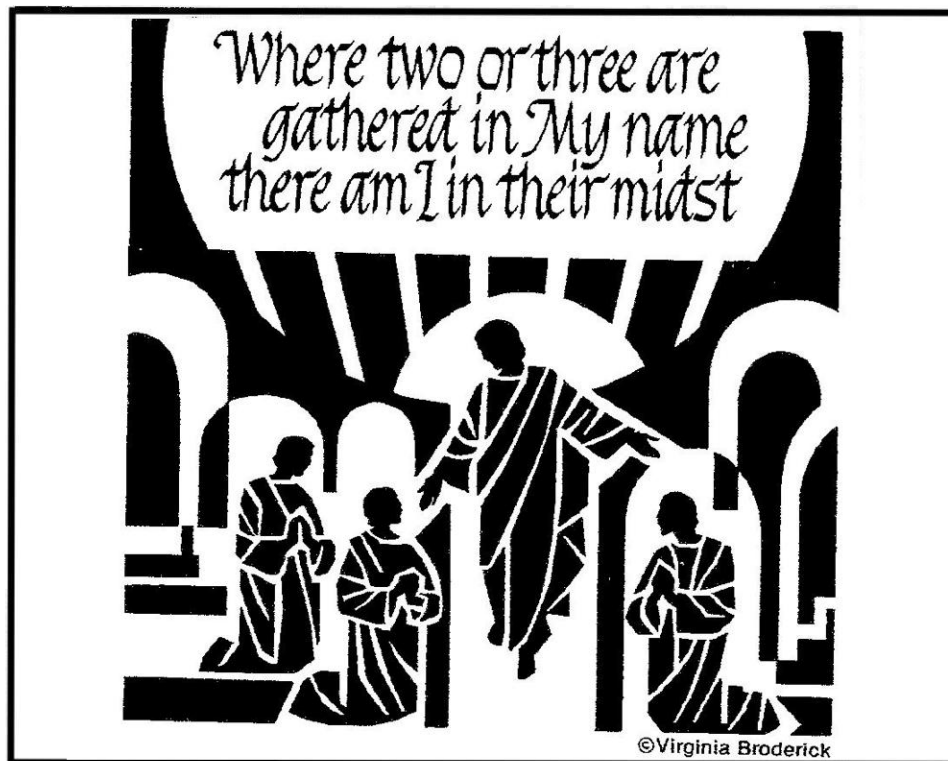
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September 6, 2020
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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

September 6, 2020

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: If it is difficult to live a life of witness, to espouse values that run counter to the society around us, how much more difficult can it be to call others to account!

In today's first reading (Ex. 33:7-9), the prophet Ezekiel insists that we must show others where they are straying from God's path lest we ourselves be held accountable for the spiritual death of a neighbor. In the gospel (Mt. 18:15-20) Jesus likewise instructs us to point out another's fault, privately at first but publicly if necessary. For most of us, however, the giving – and receiving – of criticism is one of the hardest aspects of human life. We don't like to be reminded that we're not perfect, and we find it hard to discuss others' imperfections with them.

Motive is a key factor in approaching mutual correction. In today's second reading (Rom. 13:8-10) St. Paul reminds us of the only valid motive for admonishing one another to greater fidelity: love. True Christian love will enable us to help each other along the path to perfection without an attitude of superiority. Reconciliation is rooted in Latin words meaning to "remove the eyelashes." Love helps us to remove the eyelashes, the blind spots, that keep all of us from greater fidelity to our Christian commitment; and it enables us to do so gently, like a mother or father tenderly cleaning the face of an infant.

Notice, too, that we are all to be on guard; we are all expected to call out the necessary warning. Not just those in positions of authority must watch over the rest of us. Everyone in the community must be willing to give – or receive – loving admonition from others. In that way our offering will bring true worship and make us one with the God of peace and love.

SPECIAL SAINT'S DAY THIS WEEK

Tuesday, September 8th-- Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Although we do not know the precise date of Mary's birth, Christians have celebrated it on this day since the seventh century. This is one of the three birthdays celebrated in the Christian calendar (the other two are the birth of St. John the Baptist on June 24th and the birth of Our Lord on Christmas day). All three birthdays are celebrated because they are such important dates in the history of salvation.

Wednesday, September 9th – St. Peter Claver

Born in Spain in 1580, St. Peter became a Jesuit and volunteered to do missionary work. He spent his years of priesthood ministering to black slaves in Columbia, South America. He vowed to become "a slave among slaves". He died in 1654 and is the patron saint of Columbia.

Saturday, September 12th – The Most Holy Name of Mary

Our late Holy Father, Pope John Paul II restored this celebration to the liturgical calendar. Because of her special role in salvation history, Mary's name is a name of honor, a holy name; today we celebrate her role as Mother of the Church.

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday, September 7, 2020

Labor Day

8:30 a.m. Antonio Blasetti

Tuesday, September 8, 2020

Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 a.m. Peter Bernardini

12:00 noon Fernanda Botticelli

Wednesday, September 9, 2020

Feast of St. Peter Claver, Priest

8:00 a.m. Joseph Esposito

12:00 noon Delia and Joseph Potter

Thursday, September 10, 2020

8:00 a.m. Deceased members of the Doherty
and Lalor Families

12:00 noon. Roy McLaughlin – 5th Anniversary

Friday, September 11, 2020

8:00 a.m. Julia and John Soracco

12:00 noon Georgina Kerr

Saturday, September 12, 2020

Feast of the Most Holy Name of Mary

8:30 a.m. Marie Deangelo

Saturday, September 12, 2020

Vigil: Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. Elizabeth and John O'Connor

Sunday, September 13, 2020

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. John G. Kenney

10:30 a.m. Deceased members of the Joyce,
Horne, Holland, O'Boyle and
Boyce Families

12:30 p.m. Margie and Tony Longinetti

WEDDING BANNES

II. Michael Thomas and Emilia Twomey

WEEKLY PARISH CALENDAR

Monday, September 7th

Rectory Closed

Saturday, September 12th

Penance Service – 4:00 p.m.

Labor Day: This Monday, (September 7th), is Labor Day -- 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. In his encyclical "On Human Work", our late Holy Father, Pope (now Saint) John Paul II, emphasized the reality that labor's value does not lie in the work itself, but in the person who does the work. Through work people express themselves, fulfill their needs and contribute to the well-being of the community. Let us keep those men and women in our prayers – especially those who struggled to build this country and now rest from their labors. 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.

Religious Education News: Registration for all classes for the 2020-21 academic year officially closed as of last Monday, August 31st. Parents may inquire about a possible "waiting list" for some grade levels (not 3rd and 8th!); there might be a few students who move in the next week or so. The program will begin on Wednesday, October 7th – the first day of class.

CCD Assistance: We could still use some help with our 2020-21 Religious Education Program! 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.

Rest in Peace: Let us pray for Rosemary Ann Chita, Margarida Rendo and Epifania Quinones 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.

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.

Remembrance: This Friday, September 11th, as we are all well aware, is the nineteenth anniversary of the terrorist attacks that caused so much loss of life and destruction. It will be a solemn day of mourning, remembrance, prayer, and commitment for New Yorkers, for Americans and for all people who are dedicated to freedom and justice. We will remember those who died in the terrorist attacks and those who gave their lives trying to rescue them. We will ask God to give strength and hope to families who lost loved ones. We will pray for the men and women of the Armed Forces who are defending freedom against terrorism. We will pray for our leaders – that they will be wise, prudent and courageous. May God bless America!

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

Back To School Prayer

Heavenly Father
Please put a hand of protection this school year
on all our children, teachers, and staff.
Watch over them, protect them and keep them safe in your loving care.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

