

Saint John the Baptist Parish

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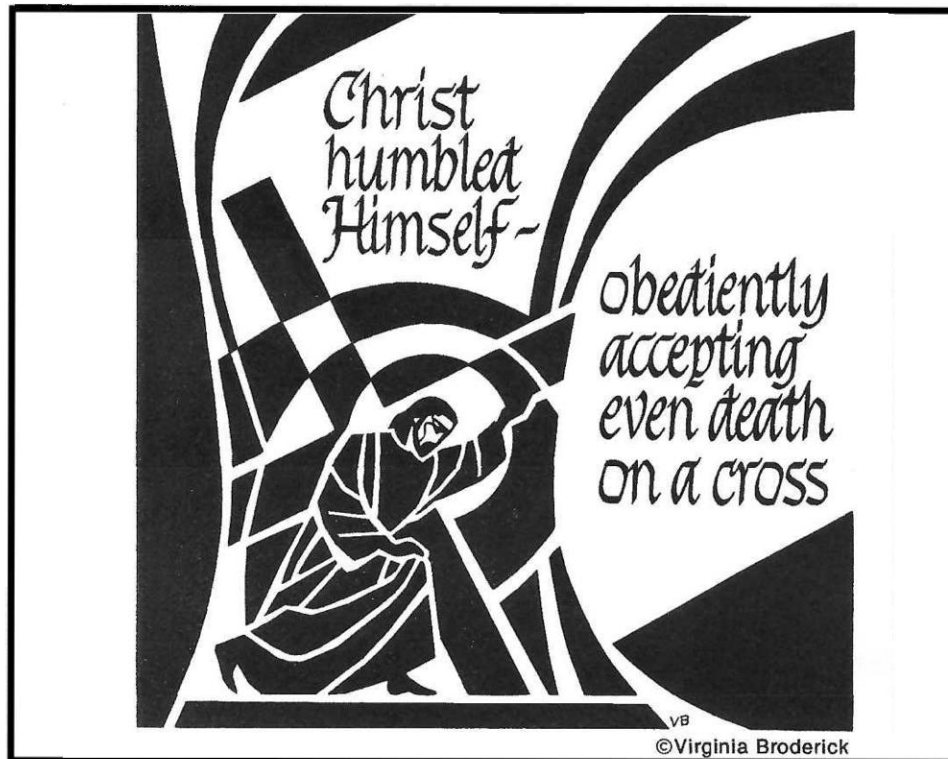
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September 27, 2020
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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:
8:00 a.m., 12:00 noon

Saturday:
8:30 a.m.

**Sacrament of
Penance**
By appointment only

**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 27, 2020

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: The entrance antiphon sets the tone for today's liturgy: "O Lord, you had just cause to judge us as you did, because we sinned against you and disobeyed your will." How unfashionable in today's world, this idea of accepting full responsibility for our choices and actions!

Passing the buck, blaming anyone but ourselves is not unique to our day. Listen to the prophet Ezekiel in our first reading (Ez. 18:25-28) scolding the Israelites as they grumbled about their exile in Babylon. It is easy, humanly, to understand the exiles' complaint that "the Lord's way is not fair." Although the prophet tries to offer hope and comfort to people who are in great distress, at the same time he holds them accountable for their infidelity.

In today's reading (Phil. 2:1-11) Saint Paul calls for true unity as a mark of the Christian community. He begs the Philippians (and us) not to think of ourselves as superior to others since we are all in such great debt to the loving Creator. To underscore Christ's attitude, which he urges on all of us, St. Paul cites an early hymn which beautifully summarizes the whole mystery of the Incarnation. This humble surrender of self will unite us with Jesus, not just in His life and death, but in the glory of His resurrection. In today's gospel (Mt. 21:29-32), Jesus' story of the two sons warns us against the self-satisfied complacency that sadly marks many Christians and also offers hope to all of us who, on occasion, stamp our foot and refuse God's demands, only to think better of it and do what God wants.

SPECIAL SAINTS' DAYS THIS WEEK

Monday, September 28th – St. Wenceslaus

A familiar Christmas carol reflects this saint who was King of Bohemia in the 10th century ("Good King Wenceslaus went out on the feast of St. Stephen"). He was known for his concern for the poor and his dedication to the Church.

Tuesday, September 29th – Michael, Gabriel and Raphael - Archangels

The Archangels are portrayed as ministering spirits who protect and watch over us, each in his own way. They also serve as intermediaries, carrying our hymns and prayers to the Lord. In the 13th century, St. Thomas Aquinas (called the "Angelic Doctor") wrote that each angel is its "own order in the universe, far greater than a star".

Wednesday, September 30th – St. Jerome

Born in Dalmatia in 340 A.D., Jerome studied in Rome where he was baptized. He returned to the East, became a monk and because of his reputation as a scholar, he was asked by the Pope to translate the Bible from Hebrew and Greek into Latin. His translation, known as the Vulgate, remained in use for over a thousand years. He lived a life of prayer and asceticism. He once wrote "Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ". He died in Bethlehem in 420.

Thursday, October 1st – St. Therese of Lisieux

Although she died over 100 years ago, the saint known as the "Little Flower" remains as beloved as she was at the end of the 19th century. She lived only 24 years but the impact of her life of prayer and devotion to Our Lord has been enormous. Along with Joan of Arc, she is the patron saint of France.

Friday, October 2nd – Guardian Angels

Today the Church honors the angels whom God gives us as our special protectors. They are a reminder of God's care and concern for each one of us.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 26, 2020

Vigil: Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. Deceased members of the Sankar and
Greene Families

Sunday, September 27, 2020

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. Bridget McGarvey
10:30 a.m. Maria and Francesco Viadante
12:30 p.m. Maria Milizia

Monday, September 28, 2020

*Feast of St. Wenceslaus, Martyr; St. Lawrence Ruiz
and Companions, Martyrs*

8:00 a.m. Modestina Rinaldi
12:00 noon John Rossetti Jr.

Tuesday, September 29, 2020

Feast of Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels

8:00 a.m. Vincenzo Fontana
12:00 noon Deceased members of the Badolato,
Costanzo and Pfau Families

Wednesday, September 30, 2020

Feast of St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church

8:00 a.m. Richard Daniel Strickrodt
12:00 noon Betty Lane

Thursday, October 1, 2020

*Feast of St. Therése of the Child Jesus, Virgin and
Doctor of the Church*

8:00 a.m. Marie and Melvin Long and
Andrew Skirkanich
12:00 noon Francis Cunningham

Friday, October 2, 2020

Feast of the Holy Guardian Angels

8:00 a.m. Daniel O'Connor
12:00 noon Elvira Fata

Saturday, October 3, 2020

8:30 a.m. Kevin Mc Garvey

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Vigil: Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. Egidia and Giuseppe Di Mauro

Sunday, October 4, 2020

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. Geraldine Purdy -- Birthday
10:30 a.m. Deceased members of the Ramoni and
Viadante Families
12:30 p.m. Carolina and Sabino Morano

WEDDING BANNES

II. Anthony Scuderi and Kristen Robertson

St. John's Mass Schedule:

- a) **Daily Mass:** As of Tuesday, September 8th, we resumed our 12:00 noon Mass, and we also moved our 8:30 a.m. Mass back to 8:00 a.m. Our new daily Mass schedule for the rest of 2020 and continuing into 2021 will be: two daily Masses (Monday – Friday) at 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon. On Saturday our one daily Mass in the morning 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.

Sacrament of Penance/Reconciliation: The Archdiocese of New York has determined that this Sacrament should only be celebrated individually. Therefore we will no longer hold our Saturday afternoon Penance Service. For the foreseeable future, since we are unable to use confessionals, the Sacrament of Penance will be available by appointment only. Please call the rectory for further details.

October's Coming: Some of the events that were part of our October calendar at St. John's will have to be postponed to October 2021. The First Friday of October is this Friday, October 2nd. However we will not be having our usual First Friday devotions or the Holy Hour. In fact, we are not sure when First Friday devotions will resume.

October – designated “Respect Life” month has been marked at St. John's by our “Baby Bottle Drive.” We will not be having the drive this year. October has usually been the month for our RAS/HNS “Communion Breakfast” but that has been suspended this year.

We will still be honoring Our Blessed Mother in a special way since October is traditionally the Month of the Rosary. We will include a hymn to Our Lady at all our weekend Masses. We encourage everyone to pray the rosary during October.

Important Reminder: We make every effort to sanitize our church before and after every Mass – and we offer sanitizers at our church entrances for those who don't have their own. We ask all of our parishioner to wear masks while they are in church. This is a requirement by both the archdiocese of New York and New York State. Just as importantly it is an example of practical charity; even if we find wearing a mask difficult, our concern for the health and wellbeing of others should overcome our personal preferences. In addition, we ask everyone to observe “social distancing” both in where we sit in church and especially in coming to communion. What we want to avoid is making people feel anxious about coming to St. John's for Mass.

Rest in Peace: Let us pray for Thomas Valentino and Luigi Di Nardo who were buried from our church this past week. Our prayers go out to their families and friends.

Second Collection: In order to limit the interaction between ushers and parishioners at Mass, we will eliminate second collections until further notice. The ushers will pass the baskets only once – at the usual time. If a second collection has been scheduled, we ask envelope users to place both envelopes for that Sunday in the 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.

Religious Education News: Registration for all classes for the 2020-21 has been completed. The program will begin on Wednesday, October 7th – the first day of class.

K. of C. Membership: In honor of the upcoming beatification of its founder, Fr. Michael McGivney, for a limited time the Knights of Columbus is offering Catholic men in New York State one year of **FREE** online membership. By selecting the “**Join**” menu at www.kofc.org and entering **NYKOFC** in the promo code, busy Catholic family men and professionals can instantly be part of the largest Catholic fraternal benefit society for **FREE**. No credit card will be required. Catholic men aged 18 and up are encouraged to take advantage of this no-risk opportunity. Online members have the option of transitioning to traditional, council-based membership with a local council. For more information contact Bob Maffucci at **917-319-5525** or email robert.maffucci@kofc.org.

H.S. Open Houses: Most high schools will probably be hosting some form of “Open House” this fall. The only one we have heard from so far is Regis H.S. a school for Catholic boys in Manhattan. They are holding a Virtual Open House on Thursday, October 8th from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. To register, the website link is: <https://www.regis.org/section/?id=21>.