

# Saint John the Baptist Parish

**Pastor:** Msgr. J. Christopher Maloney

**Parochial Vicars:** Rev. Daniel Ulloa, O.P., Rev. Mathew Biby

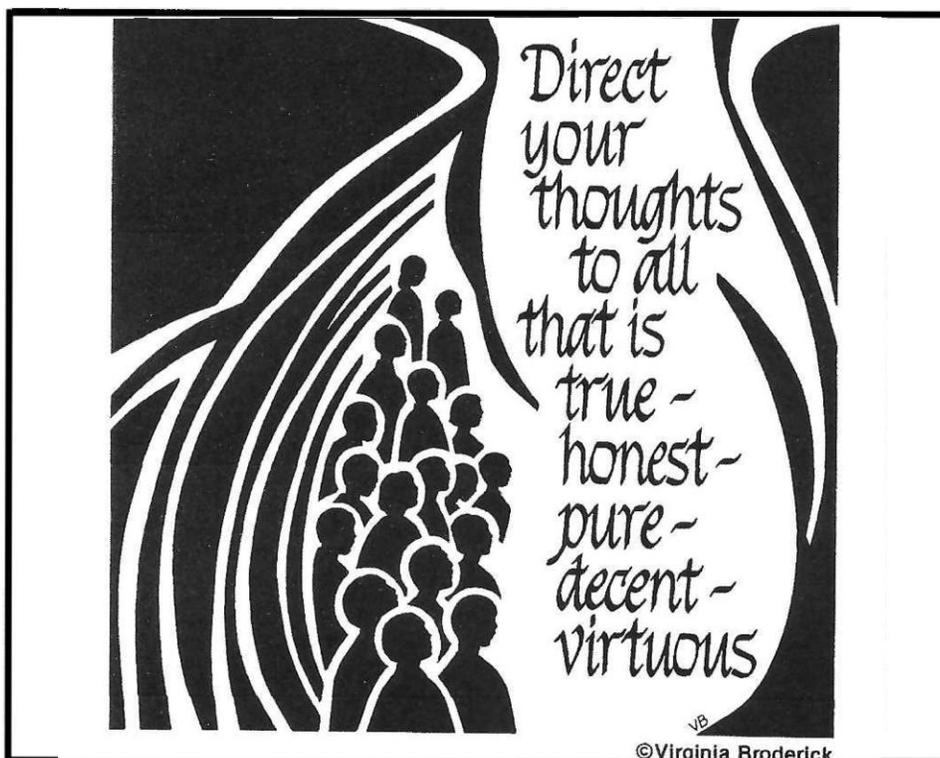
**Associates:** Deacon Martin J. Olivieri, Deacon Nicholas Ramoni

**Retired Priest:** Msgr. Walter A. Birkle

670 Yonkers Ave.  
Yonkers, NY 10704  
www.sjbyonkers.org

October 4, 2020  
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Tel: (914) 963-1486  
Fax: (914) 375-1115  
stjohnsp@optonline.net



**School**  
(914) 965-2356

**Principal**  
Sister Maryalice Reamer, R.D.C.

**Religious Education**  
(914) 965-2338

**Director**  
Mrs. Angela Minchilli

**Director of Music & Organist**  
John Stufano

**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**

**October 4, 2020**

**TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:** If today's readings tell us anything, they tell us that God cannot, ultimately, do everything. In a mysterious way, God chose to be limited by granting human beings freedom to make choices about their behavior.

In today's first reading (Is. 5:1-7) the prophet Isaiah's "song of the vineyard" is a magnificent example of the power of the prophetic imagination. In vivid poetic fashion, Isaiah draws his hearers in until we are totally engrossed in the story of his "friend" and the love and care lavished on this chosen piece of land. But then disappointment: when he looked for the crop, it yielded only sour grapes. And then the punch line: God is the vinedresser and Isaiah's hearers are the vineyard that fails to produce the longed-for-harvest. Saint Paul, too, is in a mood for chiding today. Despite his tireless journeying, his constant preaching, and his numerous letters, the communities he has visited often do not live up to his expectations. We can almost hear the longing in his voice as he begs the Philippians to "live according" to what they have been taught. Like Isaiah, Our Lord in today's gospel (Mt. 21:33-43) turns to the image of a vineyard in order to tell a vivid story of divine election, an election abused and neglected by the chosen people. While Jesus' story is more extended, less poetic, and more violent than Isaiah's story, the end result is the same. Those entrusted with the harvest, those on whom so much attention and care have been lavished, have proven themselves unworthy of the gift, unable to fulfill God's great expectation of them.

---

### **SPECIAL SAINTS' DAYS THIS WEEK**

#### **Tuesday, October 6<sup>th</sup> – St. Bruno**

Born in Cologne in 1035, Bruno was educated in Paris, became a priest and taught theology for several years; however, he felt called to live a more solitary, monastic life and he founded the first Carthusian monastery at Le Grande Chartreuse so that he and his monks might "possess God fully".

#### **Wednesday, October 7<sup>th</sup> – Our Lady of the Rosary**

The origins of this feast lie in the 16<sup>th</sup> century when the Christian armies of Europe won a number of victories over the Muslim Turks. While the battle raged the people of Rome prayed the rosary. In thanksgiving for the victory of the Christian navies at Lepanto on October 7, 1571, the day was dedicated to Our Lady of Victory. The name was later changed to Our Lady of the Rosary. Catholics today do not celebrate a military victory, but rather give thanks for the gift of the rosary. Because of this feast, the month of October has been dedicated to the rosary.

#### **Friday, October 9<sup>th</sup> – St. Denis**

In the middle of the 3<sup>rd</sup> century, Denis came to France from Rome to evangelize the people there; he established a church in Paris and became its first bishop. He and his two companions were martyred there on a hill that is still known as the "Mount of Martyrs" (Montmartre).

---

**Congratulations:** We welcome into our parish family the following children who were baptized at St. John's over the past few months: Jeremy Alexander Garzon-Calle, Leobardo Rodriguez-Silva, Thomas Joseph Yedowitz, Adam Oleszczak, Christian Oleszczak, Ryan Vincent Mc Avoy, Zoie Grace Velasquez, Ryan Barry Forsberg, George Michael Dedi, Casimiro Michael Sanzi, Mateo Morales Nina Diaz Pinto, Enzo Joseph Bisceglia, Lucio Santino Bisceglia, Julia De La Cruz, Gianna Jean Aparo, Antonella Margaret Hein, Lennox Elisa Masterson, Olivia Katzenberger, Mila Grace Morris, Elijah Isaiah Ortiz, Lillie Gallagher, Mia Rose Tocco, Jonathan Michael Ullrich, Ryan Moya, Avelino A. Rosas, McKenna Murray, Izabell Pesantez, Joseph Schneider, Ronan Denis Fernandes, Evelyn Claire Anderson, Maya, Itzel Rosas, Rome Jay Taveras, Isabella Antonia Cruz, Aaron Sanchez, Xavi Sanchez, Thiago Sanchez, Melaney Solis, Amy Solis, Brian Steven Solis, Matthew Adiel Suarez, Sienna Isabelle Delgado, Mario Viciconte, Robert Jonathan Moran, Norevi Prenga, Jack Francis McLaughlin, Daniella Antonia Dinardi, Luke Michael Asturizaga, Joseph Maged Mejalli, Michael Matthew Weinberger, Dominick Anthony Vecchio, Nora Persaud, and Carmela Marie Proca, . We extend our congratulations and prayers in a special way to their parents and godparents!

## MASS INTENTIONS

*Saturday, October 3, 2020*

*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

*Monday, October 5, 2020*

*Feast of Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest*

8:00 a.m. William Sullivan

12:00 noon Seamus Farrelly

*Tuesday, October 6, 2020*

*Feast of St. Bruno, Priest; Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin*

8:00 a.m. Rita De Luca

12:00 noon Shane and Erin Mc Gowan –  
2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary

*Wednesday, October 7, 2020*

*Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary*

8:00 a.m. Rose and Carmine Capobianco

12:00 noon Rhys Timoney

*Thursday, October 8, 2020*

8:00 a.m. Cornelius Gleeson

12:00 noon Ellen and Daniel Harrington

*Friday, October 9, 2020*

*Feast of St. Denis, Bishop and Companions, Martyrs;*

*St. John Leonardi, Priest*

8:00 a.m. Margaret Mc Kenna

12:00 noon Dympna Mc Kenna

*Saturday, October 10, 2020*

8:30 a.m. Elisa Cianfaglione

*Saturday, October 10, 2020*

*Vigil: Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

5:00 p.m. Deceased members of the Savino and Marra Families

*Sunday, October 4, 2020*

*Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:30 a.m. Michael B. O'Keefe

10:30 a.m. Margaret and James Sheehan

12:30 p.m. Peter Bernardini

## WEDDING BANNES

*III. Anthony Scuderi and Kristen Robertson  
I. Matthew McPartland and Danielle Tomaselli*

### St. John's Mass Schedule:

a) Daily Mass: 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: In order to properly sanitize our church, we have changed 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.

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 parishioners 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.

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 Rosary: The S.J.B. Rosary Altar Society – in conjunction with the "America Needs Fatima" campaign – invites all S.J.B. parishioners to join them in a public recitation of the rosary on Saturday, October 10<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 noon on the church's front steps. All are most welcome!

**Renew and Rebuild Report:** As Msgr. Maloney announced after all our Masses two weeks ago, the removal of the scaffolding on the front of our church marked the end of an important phase of the restoration work which started last spring and continued throughout the summer. It included not only work on our roof and façade, but also repair and restoration of the church vestibule, the stained glass windows on Mary’s side of the church and extensive work in our lower church. All of this was possible thanks to your generous support of the Renew & Rebuild Campaign we had two years ago. Please continue to fulfill those pledges—because we have more work to do—and we haven’t paid all the bills for the work just completed.

**Rest in Peace:** Let us pray for Michael J. Munchak, Jr. and Angela Di Maria 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](http://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](http://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 this Wednesday, October 7<sup>th</sup> – the first day of class.

**Please Note:** Due to the Columbus Day holiday, there will be no 12:00 noon Mass next Monday October 12<sup>th</sup>. We will have only one Mass at 8:30 a.m. Both our school and parish offices will be closed that day.

**October’s Planning:** Some of the events that were part of our October calendar at St. John’s will have to be postponed to next year.

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 also been suspended.

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.

**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](http://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](mailto:robert.maffucci@kofc.org).

**H.S. Open Houses:** Most high schools will probably be hosting some form of “Open House” this fall. 1. Regis H.S. a school for Catholic boys in Manhattan. They are holding a Virtual Open House on Thursday, October 8<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. To register, the website link is: <https://www.regis.org/section/?id=21>. 2. Sacred Heart H.S. (Yonkers) is holding two in person Open Houses: Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup> (10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.) and Wednesday, October 21<sup>st</sup> (5:00 to 8:00 p.m.) Registration is essential – see their website: [sacredhearth.org](http://sacredhearth.org).