

# Saint John the Baptist Parish

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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**

**October 11, 2020**

**TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**: Back in the days before Covid-19 made flying much less frequent, there came a point in most flights when the flight attendants instructed us to make “remote preparations” for landing. The end of the trip is near, but certain procedures had to be followed if the landing is to be a safe and happy one. That seems to be what the Church is calling us to do in today’s readings. In a few short weeks, our liturgical year will draw to a close. It is time to begin our spiritual remote preparations.

In today’s first reading (Is. 25:6-10) the prophet Isaiah uses the image of the messianic banquet, describing the delights of the joyous feast awaiting God’s faithful followers at the end of time. Disunity and death will be destroyed; tears will be wiped away; all the just will rejoice. The beautiful and familiar worlds of Psalm 23 provide a fitting response to such a picture.

In the Gospel (Mt. 22:1-14) Our Blessed Lord also describes a banquet, a wedding banquet. Such an image could not fail to bring to mind the relationship between God the bridegroom and Israel the bride. But all is not well here. Those who have received the invitations refuse to come. Election again passes from those who reject Jesus to those who accept Him. The description of the devastation and slaughter has been taken by some to be a prophecy of the destruction of Jerusalem in 70 A.D., but the message of the parable is timeless. All who are called must clothe themselves properly. It is not enough to be invited, we must live a life worthy of the invitation.

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### **SPECIAL SAINTS’ DAYS THIS WEEK**

#### **Wednesday, October 14<sup>th</sup> – St. Callistus**

Callistus, born at the end of the first century, was a Roman slave, a convert to Christianity and eventually a pope! He established the first cemetery on the outskirts of Rome – and the catacombs that bear his name are still visited by pilgrims to the Eternal City. He was martyred in 222.

#### **Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup> – St. Teresa of Avila**

Teresa lived in Spain in the 16<sup>th</sup> century and along with another famous mystic, St. John of the Cross, founded the reformed order of Carmelite friars and nuns. The author of several religious classics, Teresa was the first of three women to be named “Doctor of the Church”. She is also the patroness of Spain.

#### **Friday, October 16<sup>th</sup> – St. Margaret Mary**

Margaret Mary Alacoque lived in the 17<sup>th</sup> century France and spent most of her life in a convent where she lived, worked and prayed as a Visitation nun. She is remembered as a mystic whose devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus was principally responsible for the spread of that devotion to the entire Church.

#### **Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup> – St. Ignatius of Antioch**

One of the greatest and earliest martyrs, Ignatius was bishop of Antioch when he was brought to Rome for execution and martyred there (by being thrown to wild animals) under the Emperor Trajan in the year 107. On his way to Rome he wrote seven letters (still extant) to different Churches on the Christian life and the need for faith and courage in the face of adversity.

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## MASS INTENTIONS

*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 11, 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

*Monday, October 12, 2020*

*Columbus Day*

8:30 a.m. Catherine Economico

*Tuesday, October 13, 2020*

8:00 a.m. Rocco, Providenzo and  
George Todoro  
12:00 noon Edward Locksa

*Wednesday, October 14, 2020*

*Feast of St. Callistus I, Pope and Martyr*

8:00 a.m. Maria and John Mc Kenna  
12:00 noon Delia and Joseph Potter

*Thursday, October 15, 2020*

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

8:00 a.m. Joe Flynn – 9<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
12:00 noon Sam Aiello

*Friday, October 16, 2020*

*Feast of St. Hedwig, Religious; St. Margaret  
MaryAlacoque, Virgin*

8:00 a.m. Vincent Streva  
12:00 noon Rory O'Flaherty

*Saturday, October 17, 2020*

*Feast of St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr*

8:30 a.m. Roland Shuler

*Saturday, October 17, 2020*

*Vigil: Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

5:00 p.m. Cesare Recine – 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary

*Sunday, October 18, 2020*

*Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:30 a.m. Anna Lufrano  
10:30 a.m. Giovanni Verbene  
12:30 p.m. Deceased members of the  
Mancuso Family

## WEDDING BANNES

*II. Matthew McPartland and Danielle Tomaselli*

## WEEKLY PARISH CALENDAR

*Wednesday, October 14<sup>th</sup>*

R.E. – Grades 1-5, 4:00 – 5:30 p.m. – School

R.E. – Grades 6-8, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. – School

### 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.

**Columbus Day 2020:** This Monday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, is Columbus Day. Even though there will be no parades this year it remains a holiday and here at St. John's we will follow our holiday schedule: we will not have a noon Mass on Monday; we will have **one** Mass at 8:30 a.m. Both our school and parish offices will be closed on Monday. Please pray for our nation!

**Rest in Peace:** Let us pray for Assunta Petrozza who was buried from our church this past week. Our prayers go out to her family 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.

**Special Month:** October is considered the Month of the Holy Rosary – a time for special devotion to Our Lady. During our sung Masses this month our Communion Hymn will be a Marian hymn. We encourage everyone to pray the rosary during October.

**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 soon. However, if you (or anyone you know) are interested in learning more about our program, please leave your name at the rectory 963-1486.

**A Little While:** Hard as it is to believe, we are coming to the end of Msgr. Birkle’s annual sojourn at St. John’s. Next Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, will be his last Sunday with us until May! On Tuesday, October 20<sup>th</sup> he will begin his trip to Florida where he will spend the winter assisting at St. Patrick’s parish in Palm Beach Gardens and missing all of us at St. John’s desperately! We thank him for his priestly service among us and wish him “Bon Voyage!” Please keep Msgr. Birkle in your prayers.

**Mission Sunday:** Next Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup> is Mission Sunday – the day we are invited to pray for missionaries and to support by our contributions the tremendous work being done all over the world by priests, religious, and lay people who are part of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. They have dedicated their lives to serving the poorest of God’s people. We hope and pray that God will bless the work of their hands!

**All Souls Day:** November is the month that we pray for all our dearly departed. On All Souls Day, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, we remember our friends and loved ones who have gone before us into eternal life. Those whose names are returned to us on All Souls envelopes will be remembered at all Masses at St. John’s during the month of November. Starting next week, envelopes will be available at the exits of the church for those who have not received them in the mail.

**Special Rosary:** All are invited to join “Rosary Coast to Coast” on Sunday, October 11<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. on Oakland Beach (95 Dearborn Ave., Rye, NY0 with speaker Rev. Fidelis, CFR.

**H.S. Open Houses:** Most high schools will probably be hosting some form of “Open House” this fall. (1) 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: [sacredhearts.org](http://sacredhearts.org); (2) Maria Regina virtual Open House on Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m.; register at [mariaregina.org](http://mariaregina.org) (3) Fordham Prep provides admission and virtual events information at [fordhamprep.org/admissions](http://fordhamprep.org/admissions) (4) Ursuline virtual open house on Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup> and Wednesday, November 4<sup>th</sup>; register at [www.ursulinenewrochelle.org/admissions](http://www.ursulinenewrochelle.org/admissions) or call 914-500-6227.