

# Saint John the Baptist Parish

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29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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**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 18, 2020**

**TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:** Today's readings suggest two powerful questions which have caused people to lose sleep for countless generations. Just how important is God in the unfolding of human history? What is the proper relationship between church and state, or between our spiritual and our civic duties?

Our first reading from the prophet Isaiah (Is. 45:1-6) sees God at work in a very direct way, using Cyrus the Persian, a non-Jew, to rescue the Israelites, end the exile, and show forth the greatness of Yahweh. As spokesmen for God, prophets arose at times of crisis, and their God is an intervening, saving God, one who plays a decisive role in the working out of human history. The later Wisdom literature of the Old Testament on the other hand places responsibility squarely on human shoulders. So the Bible chooses to be ambiguous. Our God is both the Yahweh who parts the water and the God who tells us we must take care of our world.

Likewise, in today's Gospel (Mt. 22:15-21) Our Blessed Lord may disappoint some who hope to hear that Christians have some sort of privileged exemption from the duties of citizenship. No, Jesus seems to say, even though you are citizens of the Kingdom, you are also citizens of your home country, bound by its laws and owing it proper allegiance. In fact, the Biblical worldview demands involvement so that in each generation human needs may be met and the Kingdom of God may become more visible on earth. This Biblical mandate for involvement, moreover, demands that we respect the differences that exist in a pluralistic society. The real challenge is to live a life of Christian commitment, being true to our gospel values, without looking down on or judging those who do not share our beliefs.

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

#### **Monday, October 19<sup>th</sup> – St. Isaac Jogues and Companions**

The “North American Martyrs” commemorated today bring the ancient Church's heroic witness of martyrdom to the shores of the New World. These 8 martyrs (Jesuit priests and lay missionaries) worked with the Huron and Iroquois nations in the early 17<sup>th</sup> century.

#### **Tuesday, October 20<sup>th</sup> – St. Paul of the Cross**

Born in Italy at the end of the 17<sup>th</sup> century, Paul and a group of associates dedicated themselves to caring for the poor and the sick. The group eventually was recognized as a religious order – known as the Passionists -- whose primary work is retreats and parish missions.

#### **Thursday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> – St. John Paul II**

Pope John Paul II is one of the best loved popes of the modern era – a Pope who truly left his mark on the world – most of which he visited personally in the course of his twenty-eight year pontificate. He will be remembered for his love for people – especially young people as well as his devotion to the Blessed Mother. He was honored – even in his lifetime – as a brilliant teacher, an eloquent preacher, and a fierce defender of the Gospel of life amidst a culture of death.

#### **Friday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> – John of Capistrano**

In the 15<sup>th</sup> century, John became a reformer within his Franciscan Order and preached devotion to the Holy Name of Jesus. John is the patron saint of military chaplains.

#### **Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup> – St. Anthony Mary Claret**

Born in Spain in 1807, Anthony founded a society of missionary priests (“the Claretians”): he became a bishop in Cuba and was noted for his preaching and for championing spiritual and social reforms.

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## MASS INTENTIONS

*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

*Monday, October 19, 2020*

*Feast of St. John Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests  
and Companions, Martyrs*

8:00 a.m. Rory O’Flaherty

12:00 noon Noah Michael Mc Donagh

*Tuesday, October 20, 2020*

*Feast of St. Paul of the Cross, Priest*

8:00 a.m. Philip Federico, Sr.

12:00 noon Rosa Salva

*Wednesday, October 21, 2020*

8:00 a.m. Federica Mamuri

12:00 noon Peter Bernardini, Sr.

*Thursday, October 22, 2020*

*Feast of St. John Paul II Pope*

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

12:00 noon Louis Pucillo

*Friday, October 23, 2020*

*Feast of St. John of Capistrano*

8:00 a.m. Ludwik Kuznicki

12:00 noon Louis Falsetta

*Saturday, October 24, 2020*

*Feast of St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop*

8:30 a.m. Dominico Branca and Family

*Saturday, October 24, 2020*

*Vigil: Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

5:00 p.m. Deceased members of the  
Masiello Family

*Sunday, October 25, 2020*

*Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:30 a.m. Raffaele Rinaldi

10:30 a.m. Deceased members of the  
Fortuna Family

12:30 p.m. Henry, Catherine, Rae and Anthony  
Tavernia

## WEDDING BANNs

*II. Matthew McPartland and Danielle Tomaselli*

*I. Salvatore Delvecchio and Briana Limitone*

## WEEKLY PARISH CALENDAR

*Wednesday, October 21<sup>st</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.

**A Little While:** Hard as it is to believe, we have reached the end of Msgr. Birkle’s annual sojourn at St. John’s. 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.

**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 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.

**Mission Sunday:** This Sunday 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. Envelopes are available at the exits of the church for those who have not received them in the mail.

**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.

**Time Change:** For many years, Daylight Savings Time ended and we returned to Standard Time on the last Sunday in October; however, a few years ago, Congress in its wisdom decided to extend D.S.T. for one week. Which means that D.S.T. will end on Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup> at 2:00 a.m. Clocks should be turned **BACK** by 2:00 a.m. on November 1<sup>st</sup> (so better do it before going to bed on Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup>). Remember: “Spring Ahead! Fall back!” This means we gain an hour of sleep.

**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 an in person Open Houses on Wednesday, October 21<sup>st</sup> (5:00 to 8:00 p.m.) Registration is essential – see their website: [sacredhearths.org](http://sacredhearths.org); (2) Maria Regina virtual Open House is 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.