

# Saint John the Baptist Parish

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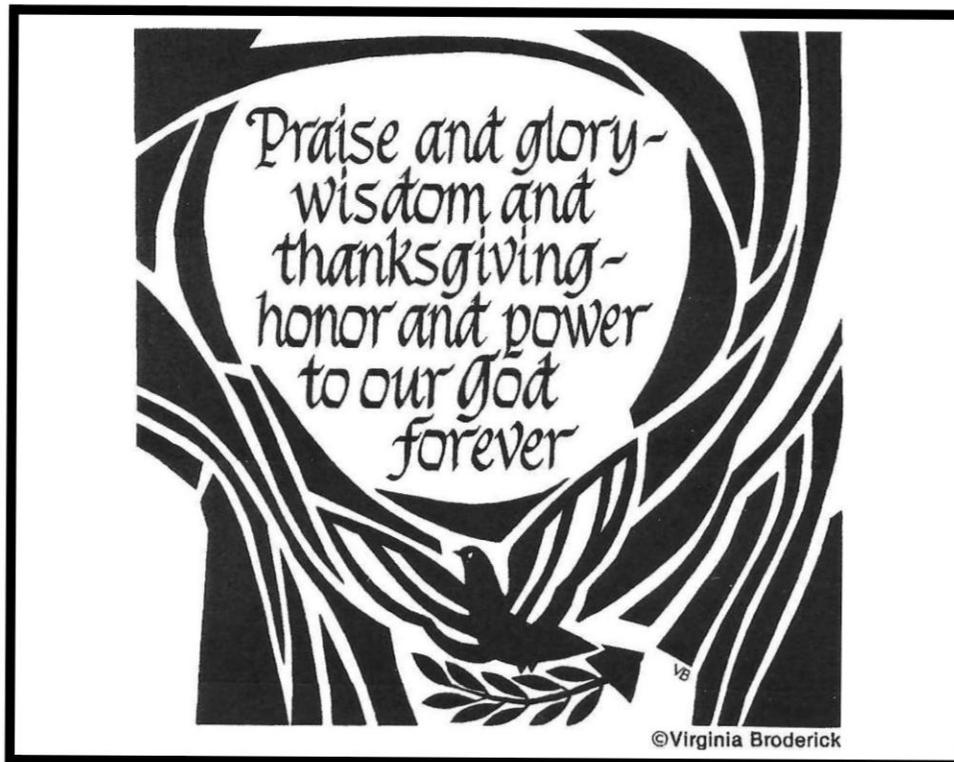
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November 1, 2020  
All Saints Day

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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**

**November 1, 2020**

**All Saints:** Everyone has his favorite saints – and most of us have names of saints; throughout the Church’s year we celebrate the feast days of the best known saints – ones who have been publically and officially honored by the Church. Today’s feast includes all of them – but it is really about the multitude of saints whose names only God knows. Today we are reminded that we are all called to live lives of holiness – to be saints.

In today’s first reading from the Book of Revelation (7:2-14), St. John describes his vision of heaven where a huge crowd from “every nation, race, people, and tongue” gathers to worship God with one voice. No one is excluded from this heavenly company except by his or her individual choice.

St. John speaks again to us – now the words are taken from his first epistle (1 Jn. 3:1-3) – about God’s love for us and His plan for our eternal happiness when “we shall be like Him for we shall see Him as He is.”

Finally in the gospel (Mt. 5:1-12) Jesus teaches His way to holiness – His “Beatitudes” – the simple yet challenging paths we can take to reach the blessedness that God has prepared for those who love Him.

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

#### **Monday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> – All Souls Day**

The feast of All Souls is rooted in the belief that not everyone who is saved is immediately admitted to heaven.

Hints of this can already be gleaned from the Old Testament. Later Christian theology built on this belief as it envisioned an intermediate time of spiritual cleansing. Just as the saints can help us in our struggles and trials on earth, so we believe we can help the holy souls as they make their final preparation for eternal glory. The assurance of salvation and our firm belief in the Communion of Saints allow us to declare with St. Paul: “O death, where is your sting?” The mystery of death is not resolved, nor is the sorrow at the loss of a loved one or the uncertainty of our own passing removed, but this faith in eternal life helps us to overcome our anxieties and compels us to reaffirm our faith in a God who wants all of us to be saved.

#### **Tuesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> – St. Martin de Porres**

Born in 1639 in Lima, Peru, Martin was the son of a Spanish father and a black slave mother. He joined the Dominican order as a lay brother and spent his life caring for the poor and the sick.

#### **Wednesday, November 4<sup>th</sup> – St. Charles Borromeo**

Charles was a dynamic leader of the Church during the tumultuous 16<sup>th</sup> century. As archbishop of Milan, he reformed the clergy and religious life; as cardinal and Secretary of State under Pope Pius IV, he brought these reforms to the universal Church. He is the patron of catechists and catechumens.

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**Election Day:** This Tuesday, Americans will go to the polls to determine the leadership and policies which will guide local, state, and federal governments in the years ahead. Voting is a vitally important moral and civic responsibility. Catholics must be informed, active, and responsible participants in the political process if we are to ensure the religious freedom and moral values that have been such an important part of this country’s heritage. Catholics should examine the character and philosophy of candidates for office as well as their positions on a wide range of issues – especially their positions regarding the sacredness of human life, the position of the family in society, support for education (religious and public), health care, etc. Let us not forget to pray for our country and her leaders on this Election Day.

## MASS INTENTIONS

*Saturday, October 31, 2020*

*Vigil: Feast of All Saints*

5:00 p.m. Mass for the Parishioners of  
St. John the Baptist

*Sunday, November 1, 2020*

*Feast of All Saints*

8:30 a.m. Settimia, Angelo and Enzo Soprano  
10:30 a.m. Deceased members of the Slattery and  
Kerby Families and Richard A.  
Gueren  
12:30 p.m. Patricia Rath

*Monday, November 2, 2020*

*The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed --  
All Souls Day*

8:00 a.m. Mass for All Souls  
12:00 noon Mass for All Souls

*Tuesday, November 3, 2020*

*Feast of St. Martin de Porres, Religious*

8:00 a.m. Deceased Members of the  
Eves Family  
12:00 noon Elisa Cianiglione

*Wednesday, November 4, 2020*

*Feast of St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop*

8:00 a.m. Estrella Jimenea and Parfireo Tanoy  
12:00 noon Sarah Menchen

*Thursday, November 5, 2020*

8:00 a.m. Ann Marie Guiry -- Living  
12:00 noon Michele Lovecchio

*Friday, November 6, 2020*

8:00 a.m. Anthony Capobianco  
12:00 noon Joseph Economico

*Saturday, November 7, 2020*

8:30 a.m. Peter Brennan

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*Vigil: Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time*

5:00 p.m. John Antonaccio

*Sunday, November 8, 2020*

*Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:30 a.m. Maria Hinostriza  
10:30 a.m. James, Catherine and Sr. Joanne  
Murphy  
12:30 p.m. Franco Milizia

## WEDDING BANNES

*III. Salvatore Delvecchio and Briana Limitone*

### WEEKLY PARISH CALENDAR

*Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup>*

Knights of Columbus Raffles – following Mass

*Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup>*

Knights of Columbus Raffles – following all Masses

*Wednesday, November 4<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

**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.

**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.

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

**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.

**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.

**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.

**National Holiday:** Thanksgiving Day this year falls on Thursday, November 26<sup>th</sup>. As is our custom, we will have a special Vigil Mass on Wednesday evening, November 25<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. and one Mass on Thursday, Thanksgiving Day at 8:30 a.m. However, because of the many restrictions and concerns caused by Covid-19, our Thanksgiving Masses will be different this year. Children from our Religious Education Program and our school will not be assisting at our Vigil Mass on Wednesday evening; nor will our youth choir be singing (although we will have our organist Mr. John Stufano and one or two cantors at the Vigil Mass). We have also decided that it would not be wise for us to prepare breads that would ordinarily be blessed and distributed at our Thanksgiving Masses. This is one more sacrifice demanded by this pandemic. However what is most important is that we gather together as a community of faith to pray for each other, to pray for the sick among us (as well as those who care for them), to pray for our country and to give thanks to Almighty God for the blessings we have received – especially the opportunity to share the Eucharist! On the Friday after Thanksgiving we will have one Mass at 8:30 a.m. There will be no noon Mass on Friday, November 27<sup>th</sup>. Both the rectory and school office will be closed on Friday.

**H.S. Open Houses:** Most high schools will probably be hosting some form of “Open House” this fall (1) Ursuline virtual open house is 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.

**Knights of Columbus:** The Knights of Columbus will be selling raffles at the exits of the church this weekend after all Masses.