

Saint John the Baptist Parish

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2nd 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

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 16, 2021

Vigil: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. Rev. John Lennon

Sunday, January 17, 2021

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. Joseph Economico

10:30 a.m. Jen Wbanski

12:30 p.m. Barbara Keller – 5th Anniversary

Monday, January 18, 2021

Dr. Martin Luther King

8:00 a.m. Kitty McIntyre

Tuesday, January 19, 2021

8:00 a.m. Rory O’Flaherty

12:00 noon Paul Donoghue

Wednesday, January 20, 2021

Feast of St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr;

St. Sebastian, Martyr

8:00 a.m. Francesca and Vincenzo Zambito

12:00 noon Faye D’Eufemia

Thursday, January 21, 2021

Feast of St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr

8:00 a.m. Lynvel Heather Malunes - Living

12:00 noon Catherine Morrissey

Friday, January 22, 2021

8:00 a.m. Rita DeLuca -- Birthday

12:00 noon Alfred Schwartz

Saturday, January 23, 2021

Feast of St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr

8:30 a.m. Pad Dineen

Saturday, January 23, 2021

Vigil: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. Barbara Vitale

Sunday, January 24, 2021

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. Joseph Flynn – 5th Anniversary

10:30 a.m. Deceased members of the Gleeson,
Herlihy and Flynn Families

12:30 p.m. Madeline Elwood

WEEKLY PARISH CALENDAR

Monday, January 18th

Rectory Closed

Wednesday, January 20th

R.E. Grades 1st through 5th -- 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. – School

R.E. Grades 6th through 8th -- 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. – School

Dr. Martin Luther King: is honored by a national holiday this Monday, on January 18th. May it be for all of us – whatever our race, color or ethnic background – an occasion to rededicate ourselves to the ideals for which he lived and died: justice for all: freedom for the oppressed; an end to violence, intolerance and prejudice. Dr. King seized every opportunity to remind us: “Do not model yourselves on the behavior of the world around but let your behavior change, modeled by your new mind” (Romans 12:2). Dr. King’s marches, his imprisonments, his writings, his speeches, his eloquent witness serve to stir our hearts and prod our consciences. May his dream live forever.

Holiday: This Monday, January 18th is Martin Luther King Jr. Day, a national holiday. On that day we will not have a 12:00 noon Mass. In addition to our announced intentions, we will be praying for an end to bigotry, prejudice and racial violence in our country. In addition, our school and parish office will be closed for the MLK holiday.

New Parishioners: If you are new to our parish community here at St. John’s we welcome you and invite you to become an active member of our parish – participating in any of the parish societies or organizations which may interest you. Please make sure to register with us. You can find new parishioner registration forms in the back of the church or in the rectory. Once completed, you can give them to one of the priests or ushers – or you may drop them off at the rectory during the week.

S.J.B. School Registration: School Registration for September 2021 will begin on Monday, January 25th. Students for the Pre-K must be 4 years old by December 1, 2021. For more information, please call Mrs. Sanchez at 914-965-2356.

S.J.B. ANNOUNCEMENTS

January 17, 2021

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: The Synoptic Gospels (Matthew, Mark and Luke) are usually prominent during Ordinary Time in the Church's year. Since we are currently in the second year of the Church's three year cycle ("year B") we would expect our gospel readings on Sunday to be from St. Mark. However, because St. Mark is the shortest of the four gospels, we often find selections from St. John's gospel read during year "B" and that is the case today.

Like an overture to an opera, today's readings are an invitation to live the Christian life begun in Baptism. Our first reading (1 Sam 3:3-10) is the story of the call made to young Samuel – God's call to become a prophet. The older prophet, Eli, helps the boy to understand what was being asked of him; in a similar way older Catholics should be models of the faith for younger Catholics. Eli teaches young Samuel how to say "yes" when God calls.

In the second reading (1 Cor. 6:13-20) St. Paul tells us that God doesn't only dwell in churches and sanctuaries: He dwells in our bodies – which have been made holy by his spirit. Respect for our bodies and the bodies of others is part of our Baptismal call.

Finally, in today's gospel (Jn. 1:35-42) John the Baptist identifies Jesus as the Lamb of God; John points to the essence of who Jesus is: by His sacrificial death – and by sharing His body and blood with His followers – Jesus brings salvation. Jesus then invites a fisherman on the shores of Galilee to see where He dwells.

From the early Church we understand that where we live is "in Christ." From the wisdom of the Old Testament we learn that how we live is by "listening and responding" to God's direction.

SPECIAL SAINT'S DAY THIS WEEK

Wednesday, January 20th – St. Sebastian

Sebastian is often depicted in art at the moment of his heroic death – his athlete's body pierced by many arrows.

Sebastian was an officer in the Roman Legion who became a convert to Christianity, one of the many martyrs put to death under the Emperor Diocletian in the late third century. He is the patron saint of athletes.

Thursday, January 21st – St. Agnes

As a young teenager, Agnes died during the persecution of Christians by the Roman Emperor Diocletian in the early fourth century. Her pagan captors tried to get Agnes to renounce her faith and her virginity but even in the face of death, Agnes refused to give in.

Friday, January 22nd – St. Vincent

Vincent suffered martyrdom during the brutal persecution of Christians by the Emperor Diocletian in the late third and early fourth centuries. Vincent was a deacon who served in his native Spain; he died in Valencia.

Ordinary Time: Last Sunday's feast of the Lord's Baptism marked the official end of the Christmas Season; "Ordinary Time" (as it is called in the Church's liturgical calendar) began on Monday, January 11th. After weeks of high festivity, it might seem as if Ordinary is just a slump into business as usual. In fact, there is a refreshing simplicity to Ordinary Time that feels good after all the exertions of the Christmas season. It's a little like coming home after an exciting trip. You appreciate the wallpaper. The fact that everything is in its accustomed spot seems not dull, but pleasant in an excellent way. This Sunday will be the first time that the whole community will participate in the new season. Green is the color of Ordinary Time. Christmas decorations will soon be gone (though some Christmas flowers may remain). We pray that the special season of Christmas brought all of the members of St. John's family many graces and blessings.

Special Year: Last December 8th, Pope Francis declared that this would be the “Year of St. Joseph.” At the time Pope Francis published an Apostolic Letter describing the reasons for his actions – coming as it does on the 150th anniversary of the Church’s declaration of St. Joseph as the Patron of the Universal Church. Pope Francis sees a special relevance of devotion to St. Joseph – the protector and guardian of the Holy Family – for the family of the Church whose members are threatened by a deadly pandemic. Pope Francis offers this prayer to be used throughout this special year:

**Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary!
To you God entrusted His only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Jesus became a man.**

**Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen.**

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

Mandated Announcement: Anyone who needs to report an alleged incident of sexual abuse of a minor by a priest, deacon, religious or lay person serving in the Archdiocese of New York may contact the victims’ assistance coordinator, Ms. Eileen Mulcahy at 646-794-2949 or victimassistance@archny.org. Information can also be found on the Archdiocesan website, www.archny.org. In keeping with the Archdiocesan policy regarding sexual abuse of minors, this information is provided to ensure that our children remain safe and secure.

Invitation to Teachers: Each year the Catechetical Office of the Archdiocese sponsors a Day of Recollection for Catholic teachers in public schools. This year it is inviting those teachers to a “Virtual Day of Prayer” on Saturday, January 30th from 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. It will be led by Bishop Gerald Walsh. To register email zelide.ceccagno@archny.org and include your name, telephone number and email.

Mass Requests for 2022: The Mass “book” for 2022 will be open for reservations as of Tuesday, February 23rd. Because of the number of Parishioners who wish to arrange Masses at St. John’s, we must request that Mass reservations be made in person. On February 23rd those seeking to make Mass reservations should do so in the lower church (not the rectory) starting at 9:00 a.m. Someone will be there all morning and in the afternoon until 3:00 p.m. After February 23rd, Mass requests for 2022 should be made in the rectory, Monday-Friday from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Our office staff is simply unable to handle requests by phone if they are to complete the regular volume of work they have. In addition, individual Mass reservations are **limited to three on February 23rd** so we may accommodate as many parishioners as possible. **(After the initial day, more Mass reservations may be made at the rectory later in the week.)** We remind everyone that there are a number of retired priests who are able to take Mass requests – even for 2021. We are happy to provide Mass cards for these Masses; however, they will not be celebrated here at St. John’s. **MASKS ARE REQUIRED.**

H.S.A. Fundraiser: St. John’s Home School Association is sponsoring a Super Bowl LV 50/50 Fundraiser. If anyone is interested in purchasing a box or for more information please contact Julie Egan at 646-709-2342.