

Saint John the Baptist Parish

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January 24, 2021
3rd 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 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 Gleason,
Herlihy and Flynn Families

12:30 p.m. Madeline Elwood

Monday, January 25, 2021

Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle

8:00 a.m. James Mc Gettigan

12:00 noon Beth Bove

Tuesday, January 26, 2021

Feast of Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops

8:00 a.m. Rose White

12:00 noon Anthony Guido, Jr.

Wednesday, January 27, 2021

Feast of St. Angela Merici, Virgin and Religious

Founder

8:00 a.m. Elisabetta Garieri

12:00 noon Evelyn Roesner – 10th Anniversary

Thursday, January 28, 2021

*Feast of St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the
Church*

8:00 a.m. Antonio De Luca

12:00 noon Laura Fegan

Friday, January 29, 2021

8:00 a.m. Christopher Ficaro

12:00 noon Anthony Guido, Jr.

Saturday, January 30, 2021

8:30 a.m. William O'Connor

Saturday, January 30, 2021

Vigil: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Sunday, January 31, 2021

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. Ita Kelly -- Birthday

10:30 a.m. Luise Lyddy and Breeda Flynn

12:30 p.m. Anna Olivieri – 18th Anniversary

WEEKLY PARISH CALENDAR

Wednesday, January 27th

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

Holy Communion for the sick and Homebound:

Before Covid-19 it was our practice here at St. John's to have Eucharistic Ministers visit the homes and bring the Eucharist to parishioners who requested it. Obviously visits to the home by non-family members is not possible under current conditions. Should someone wish communion at home we ask a family member to contact the rectory; Deacon Ramoni will arrange to meet that person and instruct him or her on how to bring communion to the sick or homebound individual. We will also provide a pyx (the vessel which holds the host).

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.

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.

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.

S.J.B. ANNOUNCEMENTS

January 24, 2021

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: The Gospel this Sunday (Mark 1:14-20) continues the first chapter of the Gospel of Mark, emphasizing the three-fold message about vocation, ministry, and Jesus as the one who calls us, shows us what to do and encourages us on the way!

Look to the psalmody today for an uplifting message of praise (Psalm 98), promise (Psalm 25) and gladness of heart (Psalm 34). Psalm 98, “Sing a New Song,” is given as the Entrance antiphon today. It is a psalm of praise for God’s power. It reminds us that beauty and truth surround God and enfold us as well. The psalm that follows the First Reading pleads for the direction God provides. Psalm 34, the Communion Antiphon, bids us be glad in the Lord.

The vocation story of the Gospel of Mark is more urgent than that of the other gospel writers. To follow Jesus is a sure way to “reform your life and be served.” The immediacy of the response from these fishermen is impressive. The first reading, on the other hand, about the call to repentance issued by Jonah, does not include the part about Jonah’s initial reluctance to follow the call to bring that message (Jon. 3:1-5; 10).

The Opening Prayer makes it clear that it is God’s work that we all must do. It is the work of God to bring the kingdom of unity and peace to all people. Direct your love that is within us, we pray. We are affirmed in the vocation to which we are called and, therefore, given the grace to act in God’s loving name.

SPECIAL SAINT’S DAY THIS WEEK

Monday, January 25th – Conversion of Paul

This feast celebrates one of the greatest conversions of all time. Saul, a fierce persecutor of the Church became – almost overnight – just as fiercely devoted to Christianity and in a matter of a few years the greatest Christian evangelist in history. Let us pray today for all those who are preparing to enter the Catholic Church.

Tuesday, January 26th – Sts. Timothy and Titus

These two men lived in the very first century of the Christian era; they were disciples and associates of St. Paul and they were appointed bishops of the Church in Ephesus and Crete. The letters written to them in the New Testament give us extraordinary witness to the life of the Church at the very beginning.

Wednesday, January 27th – St. Angela Merici

In the late 15th century, Angela founded a congregation of women (the Ursulines) dedicated to teaching children and caring for the poor – two of the tasks that have been an essential part of the Church’s mission in every age.

Thursday, January 28th – St. Thomas Aquinas

Thomas was the son of noble Italian parents who intended for him to be a Benedictine monk. Thomas was attracted to the newly formed Order of Preachers (Dominicans) and eventually made his way into their ranks. A great scholar and man of prayer, Thomas preferred a humble way of life. His legacy has prevailed as one of the greatest theologians in the Church. Known as the “Angelic Doctor”. Thomas is the patron of schools and colleges.

Miracle Cleaners: It's been 5 years since Julian and Diana Della Cruz took over "Miracle" Dry Cleaners on Yonkers Avenue across from our church and school. In those years they established themselves as responsible members of our community, noted for their excellent service and positive attitudes. They also moved to an apartment on Seminary Avenue, joined our parish and baptized their first child at St. John's. Julian has also been an active member of our Holy Name Society. Over a week ago their cleaning establishment was wiped out by a terrible fire. They have very little insurance and their savings was invested in their store. Anyone who wishes to help Julian and Diana directly can do so by contributing to St. John the Baptist (in the check "memo" put "Miracle Cleaners"). We will make sure all donations go directly to Julian and Diana. Please keep them in your prayers.

Rest in Peace: Let us pray for Victoria Guorriello-Aurighio, Patrick Gervino and Antoinetta Garofalo 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 –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) for updates on parish events and activities.

Remembering St. John the Baptist: The life of this beautiful Church of ours spans most of the twentieth century and thanks to the sacrifices of those who have gone before us it continues to serve people living in the twenty-first century! Please remember to assist St. John's in its future work by including a gift in your will. Every Christian should have a will so that your loved ones will be provided for and the charitable work you support in life will also be supported after you pass from this life. Simply include a statement like the following in your will: "I leave to the Church of St. John the Baptist, 670 Yonkers Avenue, Yonkers, NY the sum of \$ _____ to be used for its general purposes." God bless you for your thoughtfulness!

Cardinal's Appeal: Cardinal Dolan has begun this annual Archdiocesan Stewardship Appeal. Some of our parishioners have already received information about the appeal in the mail; many more will receive such information in the days and weeks to follow. In a few weeks we will have our annual "In Pew Sunday" which will give everyone an opportunity to participate in this vital campaign which does so much to assist the Church's pastoral, charitable, and educational efforts throughout our Archdiocese. In the meantime we ask everyone to pray for the success of this appeal.

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.