

Saint John the Baptist Parish

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February 7, 2021
5th 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, February 6, 2021

Vigil: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. Marie Pockett

Sunday, February 7, 2021

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. Tina and Raffaele Rinaldi and
Anna Lufrano

10:30 a.m. Mass for the parishioners of
St. John the Baptist

12:30 p.m. Margherita Spataro

Monday, February 8, 2021

*Feast of St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Joseph Bakhita,
Virgin*

8:00 a.m. Kenneth Masiello and the
Masiello Family

12:00 noon Seamus Farrelly

Tuesday, February 9, 2021

8:00 a.m. Catherine and Harry Rottman

12:00 noon Paul Potter

Wednesday, February 10, 2021

Feast of St. Scholastica, Virgin

8:00 a.m. Fortunato Mascetti

12:00 noon Margaret and Thomas Coleman

Thursday, February 11, 2021

Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes

8:00 a.m. Tera Marie Forbes

12:00 noon Marie Crawford and Pat Mondela

Friday, February 12, 2021

8:00 a.m. Daniel Mc Redmond

12:00 noon Theresa Mc Namara

Saturday, February 13, 2021

8:30 a.m. Helen Chanowsky – 1st Anniversary

Saturday, February 13, 2021

Vigil: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. Barbara Vitale

Sunday, February 14, 2021

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. Susan Vanadia

10:30 a.m. Mary and Cosmo Di Noia

12:30 p.m. Frances Fortuna

WEEKLY PARISH CALENDAR

Wednesday, February 10th

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 began on 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

February 7, 2021

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: The readings today give us an opportunity to do some assessment in three areas of our spiritual life. Penance, almsgiving, and prayer, the watch words of Lent, are not reserved to those six weeks only. In today's first reading (Job 7:1-7) it seems as if Job is already enduring his "Lenten penance". The despairing tone of his complaints and the circumstances from which they come pose questions about the role of suffering in the life of believers.

In the letter to the Corinthians, St. Paul's mission of preaching is seen as a contribution to the spiritual life of his listeners: it is, like alms for the poor, a gift given freely for the welfare of others.

In the Gospel (Mk. 1:29-39) Jesus is busy about healing and preaching, only to find that in the midst of His activity He must find a place of solitude for prayer. Thus, the three-fold motto emphasized in Lent finds a place in Scriptural models presented to us today.

SPECIAL SAINTS' DAYS THIS WEEK

Monday, February 8th – St. Jerome Emiliani

Born in Venice in 1486, Jerome was a soldier as a young man, but was increasingly drawn to a more spiritual life. He devoted himself to the care of the poor and orphaned children, eventually establishing a small religious order to continue his work.

Wednesday, February 10th – St. Scholastica

The twin sister of St. Benedict, the founder of Western Monasticism, Scholastica also dedicated her life to prayer and manual labor. She remained a close collaborator with her brother all her life and is the patron of Benedictine nuns.

Thursday, February 11th – Our Lady of Lourdes

On this day in 1858, is recorded the first of a series of apparitions of Our Lady to St. Bernadette near Lourdes, France. Those appearances led to the building of a beautiful basilica which has become a focus of Catholic pilgrimage and a place of miraculous healing.

Advanced Planning: February 17th – a week from this coming Wednesday – is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. Ashes will be blessed and distributed at all our Masses and services that day. We will have two Masses: at 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon. In addition, we will have three prayer services and distribution of ashes at 10:00 a.m., 4:30 and 7:30 p.m. Please mark your calendars. This year – given the serious concerns regarding the spread of Covid-19, the way ashes will be distributed at our St. John's services will be different from the past. The Vatican has recommended a European method of distributing ashes by "sprinkling" ashes on the crown of each penitent's head. We will **not** be doing this at St. John's. At our services we will bless individual "packets" of ashes and distribute one to each penitent. This is what we have done in the past for parishioners who wish to bring ashes to the homebound – and we anticipate many more of our parishioners will wish to do something similar this year. The amount of blessed ashes in each packet should be more than enough for all members of the family. It will be a good family practice for one member to impose ashes on another using the traditional formula ("Remember that you are dust..." etc.) which will be printed on each packet. I am certain that other parishes will use other methods of distributing ashes – but we believe the method we have chosen to be both devotional and safe. Have a good Lent!

Rest in Peace: Let us pray for Jeanette Mastromonico and Anita Mallari 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.

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.**

Sincere Thanks: We would like to express our gratitude to everyone who made a contribution to assist Julian and Diana Della Cruz, the owners of Miracle Cleaners – and faithful members of our parish who lost everything in the terrible fire several weeks ago. Julian and Diana wish to extend their thanks to all of you who prayed for them and made a financial sacrifice. If anyone wishes to make a gift, just make a contribution to St. John’s – and on the check or envelope simply note: for Miracle Cleaners. We will see to it that Julian and Diana receive your gift. God bless you!