

Saint John the Baptist Parish

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April 4, 2021
Easter Vigil

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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, April 3, 2021

Vigil: Solemn Easter Vigil Mass

7:30 p.m. Mass for the parishioners of
St. John the Baptist

Sunday, April 4, 2021

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

8:30 a.m. Alfred Dalpino

10:30 a.m. Deceased members of the
Naryniecki and Kozlowski
Families

12:30 p.m. Deceased members of the Urrico
and Gaudio Families

Monday, April 5, 2021

8:00 a.m. Frank O'Rourke

12:00 noon Kevin Mc Garvey

Tuesday, April 6, 2021

8:00 a.m. Ita Kelly – 3rd Anniversary

12:00 noon Antonio Manzo – 7th Anniversary

Wednesday, April 7, 2021

8:00 a.m. Assunta Petrozza

12:00 Noon Christine Ragazzo

Thursday, April 8, 2021

8:00 a.m. Helen and Peter Duggan

12:00 noon Mary Frances Costa

Friday, April 9, 2021

8:00 a.m. Angelina Lagana

12:00 noon Joseph Economico

Saturday, April 10, 2021

8:30 a.m. Lina Ali Femia

Saturday, April 10, 2021

Vigil: Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)

5:00 p.m. Emma and Thomas McCarthy

Sunday, April 11, 2021

Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)

8:30 a.m. Deceased members of the Kelly
and Esposito Families

10:30 a.m. Roger Mancini

12:30 p.m. Anthony Molinaro

WEDDING BANNES

I. John Riviezzo and Deanna Nola

I. Christopher Vece and Jackie Vu

WEEKLY PARISH CALENDAR

Wednesday, March 31st

No Religious Education Classes

Easter Season: The fifty days from Easter to Pentecost are celebrated with joy as one extended feast day by the Church. One of the early Fathers of the Church, St. Athanasius, referred to the 50 day period as one "Great Sunday". These above all others are the days for singing "Alleluia". The first eight days of the Easter season make up the "octave" of Easter and are celebrated as solemnities of the Lord. At Mass during these days, we read the different New Testament accounts of the Lord's resurrection and the early preaching of the disciples who were witnesses to His resurrection.

Easter Candle: The Paschal Candle that we will be using throughout the Easter Season has once again been donated by Mr. Philip Bernardini to honor and memorialize all of our parishioners who have died during this terrible pandemic year. We thank Philip and we pray that all our beloved dead will rest in peace.

S.J.B. Blood Drive: The Knights of Columbus in conjunction with the New York Blood Center are sponsoring a Blood Drive at St. John the Baptist Church next Sunday, April 11th from 8:30 a.m. -- 2:30 p.m. in the lower church. All are welcome! Please let your friends and family know. Appointments can be scheduled by calling 1-800-933-2566 and give sponsor code 10243. Flyers with more information will be at the exits of the church.

Thanks: To all those in our parish community who assisted in making Holy Week Services so beautiful and so inspiring, we thank you. We note our servers, ushers, lectors – our staff in the rectory and the talented members of both our adult and children's choirs (under the excellent leadership of Mr. John Stufano).

S.J.B. ANNOUNCEMENTS

April 4, 2021

EASTER SUNDAY: “The Lord has risen, Alleluia.” The sensory and emotional stimulation of the Easter Vigil gives way to a feeling of confident joy. Jesus has passed from death to life. This is indeed the feast of victory for our King. By recording St. Peter’s speech in today’s first reading from the Acts of the Apostles (10:34-43), St. Luke brings home to us one of the most important messages proclaimed by the early Christians: although He was rejected by many, Jesus remained true to His mission and now He is exalted at God’s right hand. If we too are faithful to God’s will and true to Christ’s gospel, we in turn will share in His risen glory. Everything Jesus had taught about the real meaning of life was proven when He rose from the dead. The resurrection of Jesus speaks a victorious word to us today. In spite of our haunting questions and problems, Easter affirms the mighty truth that God lives in us and we in Him. Easter brings us renewed assurance that God loves us with a love that is greater than we can imagine. Finally, Easter calls us to a new life – a new life of faith in the One who died and rose so that we might live with Him forever. May this Easter vision give us strength for victorious living every day of the year.

Easter Day

*The Easter Day with joy was bright,
The sun shone out with fairer light,
When to their longing eyes restored,
The apostles saw their risen Lord.*

*His risen flesh with radiance glowed;
His wounded hands and feet he showed;
Those scars their solemn witness gave
That Christ was risen from the grave.*

*O Jesus, King of gentleness,
Who with your grace our hearts possess
That we may give you all our days
The willing tribute of our praise.*

*O Lord of all, with us abide
In this our joyful Easter tide;
From every weapon death can wield
Your own redeemed forever shield.*

*All Praise, to You, O risen Lord,
Now both by heaven and earth adored;
To God the Father equal praise,
And Spirit blest, our songs we raise.*

Claro paschal gaudio (Latin – 5th C)
Transl. by John M. Neale, 1818-1866

Rest in Peace: Let us pray for Frank Esposito and Carmen Quinones-Vega who were buried from our church this past week. Our prayers go out to their families and friends.

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.

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.

Sacrament of Penance: Because of continuing Covid-19 restrictions we are still unable to use our confessionals for this sacrament. If you wish to receive the sacrament, please call the rectory to make an appointment. In addition on one Saturday of each month we will have a Penance Service at 4:00 p.m. in the church at which we will provide the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This month our service will be on April 17th.

Easter Collection: We ask for your special generosity to St. John’s on Easter. We depend on your special sacrifice at times like Christmas and Easter to help us defray the cost of flowers that decorate our church at this time -- as well as some of the other expenses we incur during this special season. Special Easter envelopes are available at the exits of the Church for those who have not received them in the mail.

S.J.B. School Registration: School Registration for September 2021 began in January. 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.

Religious Education Program: 2021 - 2022 registration for families for the St. John the Baptist Religious Education Program has begun. Registration forms were given out to the children on Wednesday, March 25th. Registration fees are included in the Registration materials. Registration for **New Families** will be at a later date.

Gold: Couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary are invited to attend a Golden Jubilee Mass at St. Patrick’s Cathedral on Sunday, June 6th at 2:30 p.m. Please contact the rectory by Friday, May 14th if you wish to attend.

Covid-19 Vaccination Update: Our parishioners should know that our pastoral staff – our weekend priests’ associates; our two Deacons (Deacon Olivieri and Ramoni) as well as Msgr. Maloney, Fr. Ulloa, and our Director of Music, Mr. John Stufano, have all completed their vaccinations. We want to do our part to ensure the safety of all our parishioners!