

# Saint John the Baptist Parish

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May 16, 2021  
Seventh Sunday of Easter

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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, May 15, 2021*

*Vigil: Seventh Sunday of Easter*

5:00 p.m. Giuseppe Gullotta – 17<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

*Sunday, May 16, 2021*

*Seventh Sunday of Easter*

8:30 a.m. Nora and James O’Keefe

10:30 a.m. Susan Vanadia

12:30 p.m. Edward Makowski and  
Ann and Dan Fama

*Monday, May 17, 2021*

8:00 a.m. Frederick Greco

12:00 noon Deceased members of the  
Di Benedetto Family

*Tuesday, May 18, 2021*

*Feast of St. John I, Pope and Martyr*

8:00 a.m. Rory O’Flaherty

12:00 noon Regina Capobianco

*Wednesday, May 19, 2021*

8:00 a.m. Cecilia Stewart

12:00 Noon Catherine and Henry Tavernia

*Thursday, May 20, 2021*

*Feast of St. Bernadine of Siena*

8:00 a.m. Joseph Meaney

12:00 noon Francis A. Lalley

*Friday, May 21, 2021*

*Feast of St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and  
Companions, Martyrs*

8:00 a.m. Mary Riordan

12:00 noon Mary Bernardini -- living

*Saturday, May 22, 2021*

*Feast of St. Rita of Cascia, Religious*

8:30 a.m. Bridie O’Connor

*Saturday, May 22, 2021*

*Vigil: Feast of the Pentecost*

5:00 p.m. Virginia De Lucci

*Sunday, May 23, 2021*

*Pentecost Sunday*

8:30 a.m. Settimia Soprano and Nancy Rubbo

10:30 a.m. Lucia and Martino Olivieri

12:30 p.m. Vincent Gabbamonte

## WEDDING BANNES

*III. Oscar Moscoso and Wendy Ochoa  
I. Kevin Mahoney and Carly Callaghan*

**Calling All Eucharistic Ministers:** We have decided to begin asking our Eucharistic Ministers to return to their special ministry of assisting us with the distribution of Holy Communion at our Sunday and weekday Masses. We will be doing this on a limited basis at first – and then if the grip of Covid-19 cases and the current restrictions loosen, we may not be so limited. For now if you are already a trained Eucharistic Minister – **and if you have been fully vaccinated against Covid-19** – and you wish to return to your former ministry, please contact the rectory to indicate your willingness to participate. At that time, please let us know the Masses you would be available for: weekend: 5:00 p.m. Saturday Vigil; Sunday: 8:30; 10:30 a.m.; 12:30 p.m. and/or weekday (Monday – Friday: 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon). It will make it easier if you can give us more than one choice. Naturally, all our ministers of the Eucharist must follow the usual protocols of wearing a mask and sanitizing before and after distribution. We are most grateful for your help!

**Religious Education for New Families:** 2021 - 2022 registration for new families for the St. John the Baptist Religious Education Program will begin on Tuesday, June 1<sup>st</sup>. To obtain a New Family Registration Form (for your child): please email [Stjohnthebaptistred@gmail.com](mailto:Stjohnthebaptistred@gmail.com). When completing the registration, a copy of your child’s Baptismal Certificate will be necessary; families must, of course, be members of our parish. Registration fees are included in the Registration materials.

**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. **Our next service will on Saturday, June 19<sup>th</sup>.**

## **S.J.B. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**May 16, 2021**

**SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER:** The Church is essentially the people of God, the gathering of all those who believe in Jesus' message and accept the responsibility of spreading that message throughout the world. Catholics worship together, profess a common faith, and are united by bonds of faith, hope and charity. The Church, however, is also an institution which needs some kind of organizing structure if it is to endure.

In today's first reading (Acts 1:15-26) we hear of the early Church's solution to the vacancy left among the Twelve with the betrayal and death of Judas Iscariot. The one chosen had to have been with the group from the beginning, from Jesus' baptism by John to the Ascension. In this way, then, the Spirit is manifested in and through institutional procedures that help it run smoothly.

Our second reading (1 Jn. 4:11-16) however, quickly draws us into the more essential manifestation of the Spirit in the Church: the love that unites the members and makes them truly one body. Without this love, all institutional procedures are just so many empty formalities.

The gospel today (Jn. 17:11-19) is taken from Our Lord's Prayer for his disciples during the Last Supper. While it is comforting to be assured of Jesus' continuing love and care, we must also remember that "the world" for Jesus was actually a good and holy place, filled with the presence of the God who created it. Perhaps the concept that we are "not of the world" could be applied best to the need to be countercultural – not to buy into the materialism and consumerism that mark a large part of contemporary society.

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### **SPECIAL SAINTS' DAYS – SEVENTH WEEK OF EASTER**

#### **Tuesday, May 18<sup>th</sup> – St. John I**

Born in Tuscany, John was elected Pope in 523. John preached the orthodox teaching about the true nature of Jesus Christ (both human and divine) in a Church still plagued by the Arian heresy. He was imprisoned and starved to death for his heroic witness.

#### **Thursday, May 20<sup>th</sup> – St. Bernardine of Siena**

Bernardine was born in Tuscany; he joined the Franciscan Order and spent his life preaching and giving missions throughout Italy in the early 15<sup>th</sup> century. He fostered devotion to the Holy Name of Jesus.

#### **Friday, May 21<sup>st</sup> – St. Christopher Magallanes and Companions**

In the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, Christopher – along with a group of priests and laymen – were executed for their leadership in the "Cristero" movement in Mexico. The "Cristero" movement promoted religious teaching and practice in the face of persecution by the anti-Catholic Mexican government at the time. The "Cristero" motto was "Long live Christ the King and the Virgin of Guadalupe!"

#### **Saturday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> – St. Rita of Cascia**

Born in 1381 in Umbria, Rita married a man who turned out to be a violent, abusive man. He was murdered in a fight and Rita urged forgiveness despite the prevailing code of "vendetta." After her sons were grown, Rita became an Augustinian nun and spent the rest of her life in prayer and service to the poor. She is a patron saint of desperate situations. She died in 1457.

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

**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.

**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.

**Honor Thy Father:** This year father’s Day falls on Sunday, June 20<sup>th</sup>. This is a day to honor all fathers – living and dead. This is a day to express our thanks for all they have done for us. It is a day to tell them how much we love them and to ask for their prayers even as we assure them of ours. For those fathers who have gone before us into the fullness of life with God, we give thanks to God for them as we recall their memories this day. On Father’s Day we begin a Triduum of Masses for those fathers whose names are enrolled with us. Starting next week, special Father’s Day cards and envelopes will be available at the exits of the Church or in our rectory office. Envelopes can be placed in the collection basket. Let us pray that Joseph, the father of Jesus, will bless all fathers.

**Easter Traditions: Easter Candy:** Although Easter is a religious holiday – perhaps the most important celebration in the Church’s liturgical year – the celebration has also become a festive occasion, in which everyone can participate – especially children – and so Easter has seen the proliferation of less clearly religious elements: bright colored spring dresses for girls, rabbits, colored eggs – and, of course, candy! In fact, Easter is the second best-selling candy holiday in America, after Halloween. Among the most popular sweet treats associated with this day are chocolate eggs, which date back to early 19<sup>th</sup> century Europe. Eggs have long been associated with Easter as a symbol of new life and Jesus’ resurrection. Another egg-shaped candy, the jelly bean, became associated with Easter in the 1930’s (although the jelly bean’s origins reportedly date all the way back to a Biblical-era concoction called a Turkish Delight). According to the National Confectioners Association, over 16 billion jelly beans are made in the U.S. each year for Easter, enough to fill a giant egg measuring 89 feet high and 60 feet wide. For the past decade, the top-selling non-chocolate Easter candy has been the marshmallow Peep, a sugary, pastel-colored confection. Bethlehem, Pennsylvania-based candy manufacturer Just Born (founded by Russian immigrant Sam Born in 1923) began selling Peeps in the 1950’s. The original Peeps were handmade, marshmallow-flavored yellow chicks, but other shapes and flavors were later introduced, including chocolate mousse bunnies. Our guess is that this is one Easter tradition that even a global pandemic cannot diminish or deny!

**Advanced Planning:** May 31<sup>st</sup>, two weeks from this Monday, is Memorial Day, a national holiday. On that day we will **NOT** have a 12:00 noon Mass. We will have one Mass at 8:30 a.m. In addition to our announced intentions, we will be praying not only for our war dead, but for the men and women who are in the military services and who put their lives on the line for our freedoms. May God bless America! In addition, our school and parish offices will be closed for the Memorial Day holiday.

**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 already in the St. John the Baptist Religious Education Program has begun. Registration forms were given out to the children on Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>. Registration fees are included in the Registration materials.

**Summer Theology Courses:** Our neighbors “up the hill” at St. Joseph’s Seminary will be offering classes on various aspects of the Catholic faith to interested Catholics – either in person or (via zoom) to any location – even your home! Classes run from June 1<sup>st</sup> – July 14<sup>th</sup> with 50% off tuition for new students. For more information: [www.dunwoodie.edu](http://www.dunwoodie.edu).

**Lincoln H.S. Class of 1981:** This June will be 40 years since we graduated from LHS. We are trying to put together a list of all classmates. Email Lori Albanese at [lori310@aol.com](mailto:lori310@aol.com) so we can get you on our list. With Covid restrictions, we are going to try for this fall but most likely next spring.