

Saint John the Baptist Parish

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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 29, 2021

Vigil: The Most Holy Trinity

5:00 p.m. Sr. Mary Edward Zipf

Sunday, May 30, 2021

The Most Holy Trinity

8:30 a.m. Lorraine and Edward Swatowy

10:30 a.m. Joseph Barberi

12:30 p.m. Marguerite and Anthony Longinetti

Monday, May 31, 2021

Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Memorial Day

8:30 a.m. Assunta Petrozza

Tuesday, June 1, 2021

Feast of St. Justin, Martyr

8:00 a.m. June Masiello and the

Masiello Family

12:00 noon Angelo Maiello

Wednesday, June 2, 2021

Feast of St. Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs

8:00 a.m. Thomas Valentino

12:00 Noon Alfred DalPino

Thursday, June 3, 2021

Feast of St. Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs

8:00 a.m. Richard Daniel Strickrodt

12:00 noon Domenica and Leo Luca

Friday, June 4, 2021

8:00 a.m. Joseph Economico

12:00 noon Michael Cefola

Saturday, June 5, 2021

Feast of St. Boniface, Bishop and Martyr

8:30 a.m. Antonio DeLuca - Birthday

Saturday, June 5, 2021

Vigil: The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

5:00 p.m. Joseph Giardina

Sunday, June 6, 2021

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

8:30 a.m. Helen and John McAvoy

10:30 a.m. Anthony DiPaola

12:30 p.m. Salvatore Spataro

WEDDING BANNES

III. Kevin Mahoney and Carly Callaghan

II. Eric Murphy and Christino Zekanovic

II. Joseph Dieguez and Pierina Rodriguez

WEEKLY PARISH CALENDAR

Monday, May 31st

Rectory Office Closed

Pastoral "Extension": Ordinarily the term of a pastor or administrator of a parish in the Archdiocese of New York ends on June 30th of a priest's 80th year. However Cardinal Dolan has extended Msgr. Maloney's tenure at St. John's until after Christmas (Msgr.'s 80th birthday is on December 24th).

Holiday Schedule: This Monday, May 31st, 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.

Memorial Day: This Monday is a holiday which was first observed in 1868 when it was officially designated as the day on which the graves of American soldiers would be decorated (which is why the day is also known as "Decoration Day"). The holiday was originally devoted to honoring the memory of those who fell in the Civil War, but is now also dedicated to the memory of all war dead. Let us pray for them and pray for peace on this special day.

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.

S.J.B. ANNOUNCEMENTS

May 30, 2021

FEAST OF THE HOLY TRINITY: Following the glorious celebration of Pentecost the Church reminds us of the fullness of God's majesty with the Feast of the Holy Trinity, the Great mystery of the relationship of the Three Persons in One God. The readings today are reminders of not only the relationship of the Father, the Son and the Spirit but also of the relationship that God has established with His People. The origins of this feast can be traced back to the Christological and Trinitarian controversies of the fourth and fifth centuries when the Church had to proclaim the truth of the Divinity of Christ and the truth of the Three Persons in one God against a variety of heresies.

Today our Scriptures all reflect on different aspects of the Most Holy Trinity – the great mystery of our faith that believes that God is one and God is also three. But the doctrine of the Church that there are Three Persons in one Divine Nature is not some abstract, philosophical teaching. It teaches us that God is essentially a Supreme Being whose identity is a relationship of love – the love of Father and Son which (because that love is divine) is expressed in a Third reality which we refer to as the Holy Spirit.

This Trinitarian Love has created a whole world that has its origin in love. Indeed, that world is most beautiful and most real when it is faithful to the love which keeps it in being: God's Trinitarian love invites us to examine our own lives – and the lives of our families, our communities, our nation. Do they reflect love – and peace – and understanding? Let us pray that when we finally come out from under this pandemic, we will be better persons, better Catholics and better Americans.

SPECIAL SAINTS' DAYS THIS WEEK

Monday, May 31st – The Visitation of Mary

Today, the Church remembers the visit the Virgin Mary paid to her cousin Elizabeth who was expecting a child – a boy who would grow up to be St. John the Baptist. The visit shows Mary's concern and compassion – but is also marked the occasion when Elizabeth, inspired by the Holy Spirit, recognized Mary as the Mother of the Savior. Mary, inspired in a similar way, prayed the beautiful words of the "Magnificat" on that occasion.

Tuesday, June 1st – St. Justin

St. Justin, philosopher and martyr, was born of pagan parents in Syria at the beginning of the 2nd century. Following this conversion to the faith, he wrote many works in defense of religion. He also opened a school at Rome in which public debates were held. Justin was martyred along with several companions during the reign of Marcus Aurelius around the year 165.

Wednesday, June 2nd – Sts. Marcellinus and Peter

There were many Christian martyrs during the terrible persecution of the Church during the reign of Roman Emperor Diocletian at the end of the 3rd and the beginning of the 4th centuries. Both of these men, leaders in the Christian community in Rome, were beheaded in 303 A.D.

Thursday, June 3rd – St. Charles Lwanga and Companions

These martyrs of Uganda who died in a bloody persecution in the 1800's were young – mostly in their teens or early twenties. But they showed a maturity beyond their years in the willingness to suffer and die for their faith.

Saturday, June 5th – St. Boniface

Today we celebrate another martyr – an Englishman who left the British Isles in the early part of the 8th century to work as a missionary on the continent of Europe. He combated both paganism and lax Christianity – and was killed for his efforts. He is known as the "apostle of Germany".

Covid-19 Update: At all the Masses last weekend Msgr. Maloney announced new Covid-19 “protocols” for attendance at Masses at St. John’s based on new guidelines from the Archdiocese of New York:

A. FIRST: WHAT WILL NOT CHANGE:

- i) We will continue—at least for the time being-- to leave the pew separations that we have had in place for the last several months; we will review that as we see how things develop;
- ii) We will continue to have a weekly deep cleaning of the church; and we will sanitize the church after every Mass; we will also maintain our current Mass schedule which allows for such sanitizing;
- iii) We will ask our ushers to wear masks when they take up the collection—even if they are fully vaccinated;
- iv) Our priests, deacons & Eucharistic Ministers—all of whom are fully vaccinated—will continue to wear masks during distribution of communion; they will also sanitize their hands before and after distribution; Holy Communion will continue to be distributed only in the hand & we will still omit the “exchange of peace”;

B. SECOND WHAT WILL CHANGE:

- i) Fully vaccinated persons will not have to wear masks when they attend Mass—though they are free to continue doing so if they so choose;
- ii) Those who are not fully vaccinated must wear a mask in church and must keep socially distant from anyone not an immediate family member;

WE ARE NOT GOING TO CREATE A SEPARATE SECTION IN CHURCH WHERE THE NOT YET FULLY VACCINATED MUST SIT; NOR ARE WE GOING TO DEMAND PROOF OF THE FULLY VACCINATED PERSON’S STATUS. IF WE CANNOT HAVE AN HONOR SYSTEM IN CHURCH THEN WE HAVE FAR MORE SERIOUS PROBLEMS THAN COVID-19.

Rest in Peace: Let us pray for Ronald Lapinsky who was buried from our church this past week. Our prayers go out to his 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. **Our next service will be on Saturday, June 19th.**

Honor Thy Father: This year father’s Day falls on Sunday, June 20th. 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. Special Father’s Day cards and envelopes are 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.

Religious Education Program: I.) 2021 - 2022 registration for families whose children are currently in 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. II.) 2021-2022 registration for **new families** for the St. John the Baptist Religious Education Program will begin on Tuesday, June 1st. To obtain a New Family Registration Form (for your child): please email 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.