

# Saint John the Baptist Parish

**Pastor:** Msgr. J. Christopher Maloney

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Corpus Christi  
June 6, 2021

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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, 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

*Monday, June 7, 2021*

8:00 a.m. Helen and Peter Duggan

12:00 noon Erma and Fred Moynihan

*Tuesday, June 8, 2021*

8:00 a.m. Walter Naryniecki

12:00 noon Justin Abraham – Birthday -- living

*Wednesday, June 9, 2021*

*Feast of St. Ephrem, Deacon and Doctor of the Church*

8:00 a.m. Anthony Capobianco

12:00 Noon Rosanna Ciardullo

*Thursday, June 10, 2021*

8:00 a.m. Mamie Mc Auliffe

12:00 noon Tina and John Manning

*Friday, June 11, 2021*

*Feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus*

8:00 a.m. Rev. John W. Lennon

12:00 noon Catherine Garbowski

*Saturday, June 12, 2021*

*Feast of the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin*

*Mary*

8:30 a.m. William O'Connor – 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary

*Saturday, June 12, 2021*

*Vigil: Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*

5:00 p.m. Deceased Members of the Savino and Marra Families

*Sunday, June 13, 2021*

*Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:30 a.m. Angelo Soprano and Enzo, John and Libero Rubbo

10:30 a.m. James Linton

12:30 p.m. Special Intention to St. Anthony

## WEDDING BANNES

*III. Eric Murphy and Christie Zekanovic*  
*III. Joseph Dieguez and Pierina Rodriguez*  
*I. Michael Staropoli and Diana Triglia*  
*I. Christopher Vingo and Nicole Caldararo*

**Special Guests:** This Sunday at our 10:30 a.m. Mass we will welcome the members of our graduating class of 2021 who will receive their diplomas at a special ceremony later in the week. We pray for them and we thank their parents and teachers for all they have done for those youngsters.

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

**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 19<sup>th</sup>.**

**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:** 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 25<sup>th</sup>. 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 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.

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

**June 6, 2021**

**FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI:** The origin of this feast (now celebrated as the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ) is traced to the special devotion to the Blessed Sacrament that developed during the twelfth century. At that time to combat certain ideas that had arisen about the Eucharist, special emphasis was placed on the real presence of Christ “whole and entire under the forms of bread and wine”. The celebration of the feast which began in France quickly spread until Pope Urban IV extended the feast to the entire church in 1264. It has remained part of the Church’s calendar and an integral part of Catholic devotion ever since. It is both fitting and proper for the Church to set aside a special day to honor our Blessed Lord in the Eucharist and to give thanks for this permanent memorial of His life-giving love for us.

It was exactly one year ago that after months of separation from Mass and the Eucharist, Catholics in the Archdiocese of New York could finally begin to return to Mass and the sacraments – although there were a number of restrictions and protocols that we had to follow.

A year later – as vaccines have become more and more available, we are slowly returning to a way of celebrating Mass that we used to consider “normal.” Some restrictions remain – but we are beginning to see “light at the end of the tunnel!”

This time of “Eucharistic separation” (which some who must be especially careful because of “underlying conditions” continue to experience) might be turned into a “positive,” if it helps all of us to appreciate anew this wondrous gift which can – unfortunately – be taken for granted! May it be so!

Today’s first reading from the Old Testament’s Book of Exodus (Ex. 24-3-8) recalls the time when Moses presented God’s Law to the people of Israel and they respond “with one voice,” promising to observe faithfully the Law God has given them. The blood of the sacrificial bull is then sprinkled on the people as the sign of their covenant pledge.

In our second reading from the Letter to the Hebrews (Hb. 9:11-15), the author turns our attention to the Blood of Christ which initiated a new covenant of deliverance from sin.

Finally, today’s Gospel (Mk. 14:12-26) recounts the Passover meal Jesus shared with His disciples – the Last Supper at which He instituted the Eucharist. We are aware that to share the one bread is to become one body, one People of God, called to go forth to love and serve.

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### **SPECIAL LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK**

#### **Wednesday, June 9<sup>th</sup> – St. Ephrem of Syria**

St. Ephrem lived in the fourth century; he was a deacon and theologian who lived a life of prayer, sacrifice and scholarship. His writing and teaching in defense of the faith eventually led to his being honored as a “Doctor of the Church” – the only Syrian so honored. He has the title, “Harp of the Holy Spirit”.

#### **Friday, June 11<sup>th</sup> -- The Sacred Heart of Jesus**

This feast, celebrated every year on the Friday after the Feast of Corpus Christi, has strong ties to the Passion of Christ which is also celebrated on a Friday. The heart is the traditional symbol for love, tenderness and care.

Those same attributes are embodied in the ancient near eastern shepherd who knows his sheep and treats them with tenderness and care. Jesus is that shepherd willing to take the extravagant risk of leaving the 99 to find the one lost sheep. He brings this image to life in His death and resurrection, reconciling God’s people.

As we journey through life, his tender compassion sustains us.

#### **Saturday, June 12<sup>th</sup> – The Immaculate Heart of Mary**

In 1996 this celebration was raised to the rank of an obligatory memorial. From its beginnings in the seventeenth century, this feast was closely linked to the feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Devotion to Mary under this title was strongly encouraged by Pope Pius XII (1939-1958). The conclusion of the Gospel today reminds us that Mary “kept all these things in memory”.

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**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 Audrey Fallon 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.

**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. 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.

**Knights of Columbus News: Online Membership:** In 1882, Father Michael J. McGivney founded an organization to ensure the future of Catholic families devastated by the death of the family breadwinner. From those humble beginnings, the Knights of Columbus has grown into the largest Catholic fraternal benefit association and one of the most respected charitable organizations in the world. The Knights of Columbus continues to protect Catholic families today through its top-rated insurance arm which also contributes greatly to the overall charitable giving by the Order each year. Thanks to the online membership program at [kofc.org/joinus](http://kofc.org/joinus) it is now easier than ever to for busy Catholic family men, students and professionals to gain access to the Knights of Columbus insurance program. Contact Bob Maffucci at 917-319-5525 or [Robert.maffucci@kofc.org](mailto:Robert.maffucci@kofc.org) for a promotional code that will waive the online membership fee for one year. Bob can also assist those men interested in traditional membership with Knights of Columbus Council 3995 in Yonkers.