

Saint John the Baptist Parish

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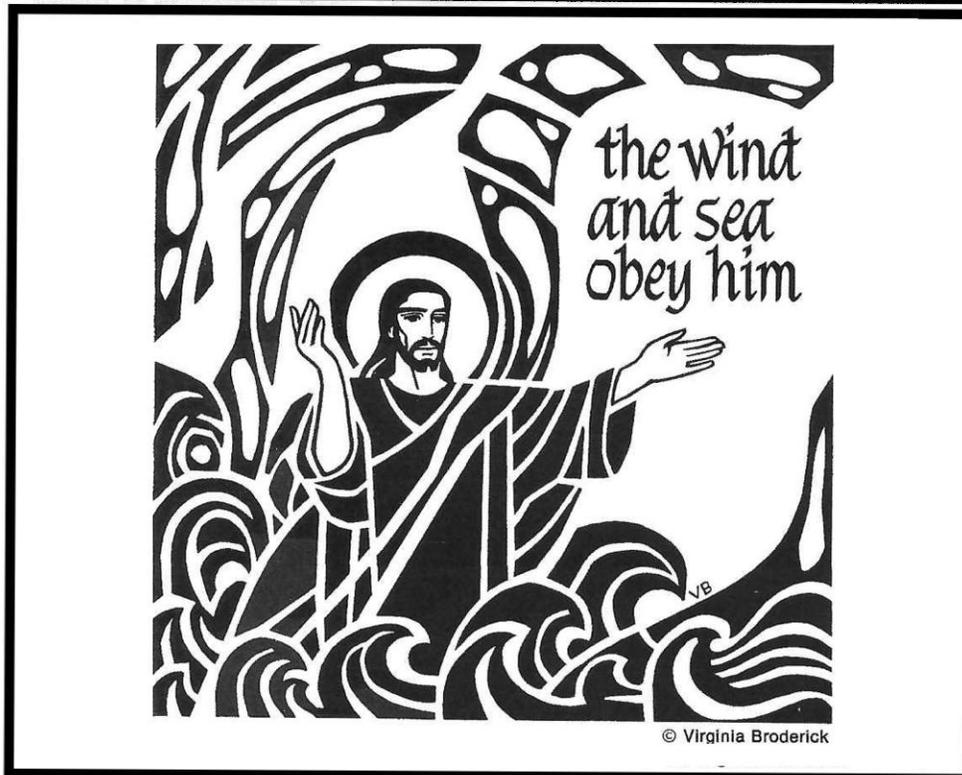
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June 20, 2021
12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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, June 19, 2021

Vigil: Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. Tom McCarthy
John Avellino

Sunday, June 20, 2021

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Father's Day

8:30 a.m. Michael O'Connor
10:30 a.m. Father's Day Mass
12:30 p.m. Henry, Catherine, Rae and Anthony
Tevernia

Monday, June 21, 2021

Feast of St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious

8:00 a.m. Father's Day Mass
12:00 noon Julia Deegan

Tuesday, June 22, 2021

*Feast of St. Paulinus of Nola, Bishop; Sts. John
Fisher, Bishop and Thomas More, Martyrs*

8:00 a.m. Salvatore Caruso
12:00 noon Father's Day Mass

Wednesday, June 23, 2021

8:00 a.m. Louisa Leone
12:00 Noon Pat O'Connor

Thursday, June 24, 2021

Feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist

8:00 a.m. Adriano Vieira
12:00 noon Loreto Recine

Friday, June 25, 2021

8:00 a.m. Diane Telesca
12:00 noon Mary Hoffer

Saturday, June 26, 2021

8:30 a.m. Manuel Guerrero

Saturday, June 26, 2021

Vigil: Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. James Catherine and Sr. Joanne
Murphy

Sunday, June 27, 2021

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. June Kenny
10:30 a.m. Roger Mancini
12:30 p.m. John Ricciardi

WEDDING BANNES

III. Michael Staropoli and Diana Triglia
III. Christopher Vingo and Nicole Caldararo
II. Anthony Cicchetti and Cristina Campana
II. Michael Pierro and Herendira Mejia
I. Vincenzo Pizzuti and Bianca Darminio

Honor Thy Father: This Sunday is Father's Day. 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. Envelopes can be placed in the collection basket. Let us pray that Joseph, the father of Jesus, will bless all fathers.

Farewell and Hail: Our good neighbor – and the pastor of St. Ann's Church for the past 12 years – Fr. Andrew Carozza is leaving St. Ann's at the end of the month. He has been named the pastor of St. Denis's Parish in Hopewell Junction effective July 1st. We wish Fr. Carozza well in his new assignment and we thank him for his exemplary pastoral ministry here in Yonkers. Replacing Fr. Carozza at St. Ann's is Fr. Stephen Norton, currently the pastor of St. Benedict's parish in the Bronx. We welcome Fr. Norton to Yonkers and assure him of our prayers.

Special Event: Our own Fr. Cleary, Professor of Scripture at St. Joseph's Seminary is speaking at a luncheon meeting of the Serra Club (a Catholic organization that promotes vocations to the priesthood and religious life) on Wednesday, June 23rd at 12:00 noon. Fr. Cleary's topic: "The Seminary today: Preparing Our Future Priests" and all are welcome. The cost of the luncheon (at the Eastwood Manor at 3371 Eastchester Rd., Bronx, NY) is \$35.00. For information call (914)346-7606.

Summer Mass Schedule: As we do every summer at St. John's, our daily Mass schedule (Monday – Friday) will be changed slightly. Instead of having Mass at 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon, our one daily Mass will be at 8:30 a.m. – starting Monday, July 5th. This extends until Tuesday after Labor Day (September 7th).

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, July 31st.**

S.J.B. ANNOUNCEMENTS

June 20, 2021

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: Today's reading (Jb. 38:1-11) is the famous passage in which God responds to Job's complaints that his suffering is undeserved. God, in effect, refuses to dignify Job with an answer – and so, at least in the Old Testament, the perennial problem of human suffering remains unresolved.

In our second reading (2Cor. 5:14-17), St. Paul turns our focus from our problems to the new challenge posed by our being made into a “new creation” by the death and resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ: we must no longer live for ourselves, but for Him!

Finally, in the Gospel (Mark 4:35-41), we have an example of the power of Jesus that mirrors the power that God displays in today's first reading: Jesus calms the raging storm at sea. Here we have a clue to the resolution to the problem posed by Job: the power of Jesus to overcome spiritual and physical evil will become the source of hope and salvation for all mankind.

SPECIAL SAINTS' DAYS THIS WEEK

Monday, June 21st – St. Aloysius Gonzaga

This Jesuit seminarian ministered to victims of the plague and contracted the disease himself in 1591. His early death and life-long innocence caused many in past years to propose him as a patron of youth. Now an increasing number of Jesuits and health care workers would like to see him declared the patron of those with AIDS. We can at least use his memorial as an opportunity to pray for young people and for those living with AIDS.

Tuesday, June 22nd – St. John Fisher and St. Thomas More

These two English saints (John a Bishop and Chancellor of Cambridge University; Thomas a husband and father and Lord Chancellor of England) lived in the 16th century England when Henry VIII ruled as king. He ordered John and Thomas to be executed because they refused to accept his divorce and his claim to be head of the Church of England. They are martyrs for the integrity of the Sacrament of Matrimony and the divine origin of the Petrine ministry exercised by our popes. We need the prayer and witness of these good saints again as we struggle to preserve marriage and support the authority of the Holy Father.

Thursday, June 24th – Nativity of St. John the Baptist

Two solemnities celebrated at the end of June, the Nativity of John the Baptist and Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul, are mentioned in the most ancient liturgical texts preserved for the city of Rome. John the Baptist is seen as the last of a long line of prophets who proclaimed the coming of ultimate revelation of God in Jesus Christ. Since this feast is celebrated at the time of the summer solstice (in contrast with the celebration of Christmas near the winter solstice), St. Augustine saw in this date a cosmic confirmation of John's words, “He must increase, but I must decrease” (John 3:30). The stories of John in the Scriptures speak of one who calls the people of Israel to repentance in order to be ready for salvation in Christ. Today's celebration can be the occasion for us to reflect on the power of announcement embodied in his life. For every Christian, the call is to repent and believe and proclaim the power of Christ's victory over sin and death.

Academic Awards: At our graduation, the following members of the Class of 2021 received the following awards:

A Valedictory Medal was presented to **Chelsea Bungay** who had the highest grade point average in the 8th grade. A Salutatory Medal was presented to **Emilianna Gonzalez** who had the second highest grade point average.

Medals were presented to the following graduates for superior work in the following areas of study and service:

Religion:	Juan Lao
Algebra:	Thomas Lao
Language Arts:	Sofia Muoio
Literature:	Ryan Boynes
Mathematics:	Chidi Odume
Science:	Jasmina Muratovic
Social Studies:	Chloe Murray
Divine Compassion:	Jasmina Muratovic
Senior Club Award:	Chelsea Bungay and Emilianna Gonzalez
Rosary Altar Society:	Aisling Conlon and Emilianna Gonzalez
Holy Name Society:	Ryan Boynes and William Milite

We congratulate these graduates on their achievements!

Rest in Peace: Let us pray for Sabina Reilly, Jody Virtuoso and Cecilia Paravati 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.

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 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 began 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.

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 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 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.

Mandated Announcement: To report an alleged incident of sexual abuse of a minor by a priest, deacon, religious or lay person serving in the Archdiocese of New York anyone may contact the victims assistance coordinator, Mrs. Eileen Mulcahy at 646-794-2949 or via e-mail at victimassistance@archny.org. Information can also be found on the Archdiocesan website, www.archny.org. In keeping with the Archdiocesan policy regarding sexual abuse of minors, this information is provided to ensure that our children remain safe and secure.

Covid-19 Update: At all the Masses several weeks ago 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.