

Saint John the Baptist Parish

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13th 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 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

Monday, June 28, 2021

Feast of St. Irenaeus, Bishop and Martyr

8:00 a.m. Fernanda Boticelli
12:00 noon Bill Sullivan

Tuesday, June 29, 2021

Feast of Sts. Peter and Paul Apostles

8:00 a.m. Assunta Petrozza
12:00 noon Christine O'Connell and Noreen
MacDonald

Wednesday, June 30, 2021

Feast of the First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church

8:00 a.m. Adriano Vieira
12:00 Noon Vincent Connolly

Thursday, July 1, 2021

Feast of St. Junipero Serra, Priest

8:00 a.m. Richard Donato
12:00 noon Demenica Botte

Friday, July 2, 2021

8:00 a.m. Frank Giardina
12:00 noon Joseph Economico

Saturday, July 3, 2021

Feast of St. Thomas, Apostle

8:30 a.m. Ann and John Kelly

Saturday, July 3, 2021

Vigil: Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. Peter Bernardini

Sunday, July 4, 2021

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Independence Day

8:30 a.m. Louis Falsetta, Jr.
10:30 a.m. Nreka and Deda Markic
12:30 p.m. Mass for the Parishioners
of St. John the Baptist

WEDDING BANNES

III. Anthony Cicchetti and Cristina Campana

III. Michael Pierro and Herendira Mejia

II. Vincenzo Pizzuti and Bianca Darminio

I. Franklin Pimentel and Janet Ovalle

I. Christopher Clark and Leeanna O'Rourke

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).

Independence Day: Although July 4th falls on a Sunday this year, next weekend will be a long weekend of celebration (because the federal holiday will be celebrated on Monday, July 5th). This is an occasion for legitimate pride in our country and its achievements. It is a time of reflection – on the need to continue to work together to achieve justice and equality, on the need to defend the freedoms which are so precious to us. We should also set aside some time on this Independence Day to give thanks for the religious freedom we enjoy in this country. Let us pray that God will continue to bless this great land of ours.

July 4th Holiday Schedule: Since July 4th falls on a Sunday this year, the official federal holiday marking Independence Day will be on Monday, July 5th; our rectory and school offices will be closed that day. We will have only **one** Mass on July 5th at 8:30 a.m., and the church and the chapel will be closed after that Mass.

A Call to Service: Our Religious Education Program at St. John's is growing! Our Director of Religious Ed., Mrs. Angela Minchilli is looking for volunteers who would be willing to assist us in preparing our children as they grow in faith. You may be able to assist in several ways: **first** as catechists – the men and women who teach in one of our eight grades (Mrs. Minchilli will assist anyone who may need help in preparing for this); **second** as catechetical assistants who are there to help as teacher "aides"; **third** as volunteers who welcome students and parents, direct visitors to classrooms, and generally act as "trouble-shooters." In most of these tasks, no experience is necessary – just a willingness to help. The men of the parish are especially invited to assist the program – and Seniors are most welcome! Just call Mrs. Minchilli at 914-965-2338.

S.J.B. ANNOUNCEMENTS

June 27, 2021

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: The curse of death and God's power to overcome it fill this Sunday's readings. Our first reading (from the Old Testament's Book of Wisdom) shows that God made creation for good. It is sin and those who give in to the temptation to do evil that have brought death into the world.

In today's Gospel (Mark 5:21-43), Jesus cares enough for the life of a little girl and the wholeness of a long-suffering woman that He incurs ritual impurity to restore them. Listen to Jesus' tender concern for the little girl's basic needs, to give her something to eat. We too, do God's work when we feed the hungry and clothe the naked, just as when we gather for weekly worship.

In our second reading (2Cor. 8:7-15), St. Paul reminds us that taking care of the material needs of those in want is an integral part of our Christian commitment. When we have, we share; when we are in need, we receive. Some parishes seem to overemphasize their financial concerns, almost to the exclusion of the Gospel, but we must see material support of those in need as essential to our Christianity.

SPECIAL SAINTS' DAYS THIS WEEK

Monday, June 28th – St. Irenaeus

St. Irenaeus was born around 130 A.D. and became a leader of the 2nd century Church – a Church composed of third generation Christians. He lived at a critically important time and helped keep the Church preserved from the many heresies and alien philosophies that had begun to grow. He emphasized apostolic authority, a clear and orthodox creed and fidelity to scripture and Church teaching – all still critically important in the Church's life.

Tuesday, June 29th – Sts. Peter and Paul

Sts. Peter and Paul are joined in today's celebration of the two great leaders of the first century Church. Peter symbolizes the tradition of the Church and the need for orthodoxy and fidelity; Paul symbolizes the missionary thrust of the Church and the need to be open to changing cultural and social conditions as the Church proclaims its gospel to all peoples in all times and places.

Wednesday, June 30th – First Roman Martyrs

Sts. Peter and Paul (celebrated yesterday) were only the best known of the Christians who perished during the Emperor Nero's brutal attempt to suppress the Church in the second half of the first century Rome. Though we do not remember their names, we honor them for their faith, their courageous witness, and the inspiring example they provide.

Thursday, July 1st – St. Junipero Serra

This day we celebrate the memorial of St. Junipero Serra, the Spanish Franciscan who worked so tirelessly in Mexico and California in the late 18th century. Pope John Paul II called him "an exemplary model of the selfless evangelizer".

Congratulations: We welcome into our parish family the following children who were baptized at St. John's over the past few months: Valerie Morales, Patrick James Yedowitz, Emma Marie Coggiano, Samuel Felix Hauptman, Anna Madhy Pertab, Zadie M. Adan-Munoz, Gianna Luna Tejada, Livia Xhelilay, Nicholas Joseph O'Shea, David Alonso Jimenez-Inman, Olivia Jordyn Ferrara, Gianluca Pasquale Scarogni, Dante Vincent Camporeale, Summer Dior McGorman, Elliot A. Gates, Qadir Dowell Robinson, Luigi Giuseppe Petruolo, Jaylanni Sanchez-Rodriguez, Dylan Michael Wilkens, Talyana Karine Urgiles Narvaez, David Flores, Ethan Alejandro Temaj-Perez, Mia Isabella Brito, Grayson Edward Masterson, Jayleen Valadez-Santos, and Josephine Marilyn Yedowitz. We extend our congratulations and prayers in a special way to their parents and godparents!

Rest in Peace: Let us pray for Sabina Reilly, Jody Virtuoso, Cecilia Paravati and Stephen A. Buccafusca 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. **Our next service will be on Saturday, July 31st.**

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.

Remembering St. John the Baptist: The life of this beautiful Church of our spans most of the twentieth century and thanks to the sacrifices of those who have gone before us it continues to serve people living in the twenty-first century! Please remember to assist St. John’s in its future work by including a gift in your will. Every Christian should have a will so that your loved ones will be provided for and the charitable work you support in life will also be supported after you pass from this life. Simply include a statement like the following in your will: “I leave to the Church of St. John the Baptist, 670 Yonkers Avenue, Yonkers, NY the sum of \$ _____ to be used for its general purposes.” God bless you for your thoughtfulness!

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.