

# Saint John the Baptist Parish

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

**Parochial Vicars:** Rev. Daniel Ulloa, O.P., Rev. Mathew Biby

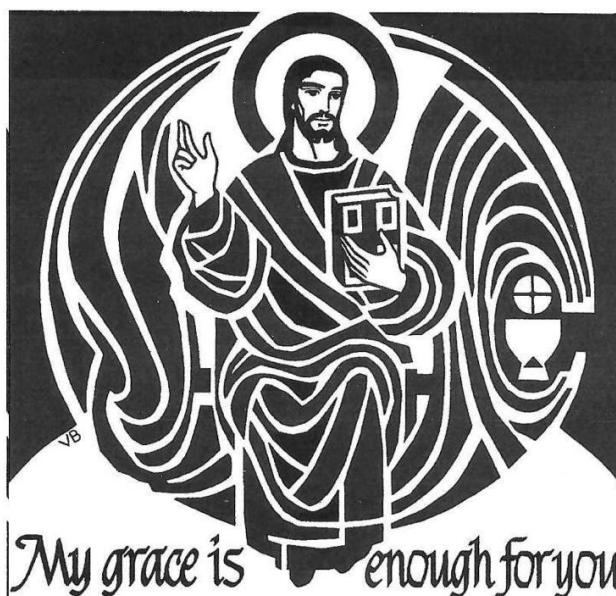
**Associates:** Deacon Martin J. Olivieri, Deacon Nicholas Ramoni

**Retired Priest:** Msgr. Walter A. Birkle

670 Yonkers Ave.  
Yonkers, NY 10704  
www.sjbyonkers.org

July 4, 2021  
14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Tel: (914) 963-1486  
Fax: (914) 375-1115  
stjohnsp@optonline.net



© Virginia Broderick

**School**  
(914) 965-2356

**Principal**  
Sister Maryalice Reamer, R.D.C.

**Religious Education**  
(914) 965-2338

**Director**  
Mrs. Angela Minchilli

**Director of Music & Organist**  
John Stufano

**Masses**  
**Saturday Vigil:**  
5:00 p.m.

**Sunday:**  
8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m.,  
12:30 p.m.

**Monday thru Friday:**  
8:30 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, 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

*Monday, July 5, 2021*

*Feast of St. Anthony Zaccaria, Priest;*

*St. Elizabeth of Portugal*

8:30 a.m. John De Vasto

*Tuesday, July 6, 2021*

*Feast of St. Mary Goretti, Virgin and Martyr*

8:30 a.m. John Avellino

*Wednesday, July 7, 2021*

8:30 a.m. Michele Lovicchio

*Thursday, July 8, 2021*

8:30 a.m. Joseph Meaney

*Friday, July 9, 2021*

*Feast of St. Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest and  
Companions, Martyrs*

8:30 a.m. Pasqua Canale

*Saturday, July 10, 2021*

8:30 a.m. Joseph Lubrano

*Saturday, July 10, 2021*

*Vigil: Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

5:00 p.m. Peter Bernardini

*Sunday, July 11, 2021*

*Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:30 a.m. Elizabeth Gallagher

10:30 a.m. Longinetti Family -- Living

12:30 p.m. Barbara Keller

---

## WEDDING BANNES

*III. Vincenzo Pizzuti and Bianca Darminio*

*II. Franklin Pimentel and Janet Ovalle*

*II. Christopher Clark and Leeanna O'Rourke*

*I. Daniel McKenna and Shannon Ray*

---

## WEEKLY PARISH CALENDAR

*Monday, July 5<sup>th</sup>*

Rectory Closed

---

**Independence Day:** Although July 4<sup>th</sup> falls on a Sunday this year, this will be a long weekend of celebration (because the federal holiday will be celebrated on Monday, July 5<sup>th</sup>). This is an occasion for legitimate pride in our country and its achievements. It is a time of reflection – 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. One very appropriate way to celebrate this freedom is to join with your fellow parishioners here at St. John's on July 4<sup>th</sup>. Let us pray that God will continue to bless this great land of ours.

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

**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 31<sup>st</sup>.**

---

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

**July 4, 2021**

**FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:** Impending rejection coupled with different responses serve to instruct us about the power of God and our response to that power.

In today's gospel (Mk. 6:1-6) after teaching in His own part of the country, it is said of Jesus' own people that they found Him too much for them. Jesus does not stay around, but is motivated by the needs of those in other areas. This unwelcome visitor (Jesus) did not get discouraged, but took His message elsewhere.

The prophet Ezekiel, on the other hand, in today's first reading (Ez.2:2-5) needs coaching from God and the assurance that he will not be run out of town. The power of God's word will be the source of his strength and his teaching: "Thus says the Lord your God!" Paul's acknowledgement of his own weakness, though brief and almost insignificant, is a great source of strength as he admits that it is the Lord who leads him and strengthens him, especially in his weakness (2 Cor. 12:7-10).

To be rejected and vulnerable is not the way of the world. We are encouraged to be strong and take care of ourselves and be a winner! By being a follower of Christ and proclaiming His word in the world, we are winners when we seem to be losers. We are strong – even when we appear to be weak in the eyes of the world.

---

### **SPECIAL SAINTS' DAYS THIS WEEK**

#### **Monday, July 5<sup>th</sup> – St. Anthony Zaccaria and St. Elizabeth of Portugal**

St. Anthony lived in the 16<sup>th</sup> century; born in Cremona (Italy), he studied at Padua, became a priest and founded a small society of priests that was devoted to the reform of people's morality. May the spirit of St. Anthony help our efforts to bring back values and moral standards to our permissive culture!

Born into a Spanish royal family in 1271, Elizabeth married the King of Portugal and raised two children. After her husband died, she devoted herself to the poor. She died in 1331.

#### **Tuesday, July 6<sup>th</sup> - St. Maria Goretti**

Today we honor a 20<sup>th</sup> century saint, Maria Goretti, the young Italian girl who died in 1902 at the age of 12 resisting a sexual assault. Maria was the daughter of a poor Italian tenant farmer; she had no chance to go to school, never learned to read and write. But in a century noted for sexual promiscuity, she became a model of purity and chastity.

At her canonization in 1950, Maria's attacker (who spent nearly 30 years in prison) knelt among the throngs gathered in St. Peter's Square and wept. On this day let us pray for our young people and – in a special way, for victims of rape and sexual abuse.

#### **Friday, July 9<sup>th</sup> – St. Augustine Zhao Rong and Companions**

Newly included in the calendar of saints, Augustine Zhao Rong was a Chinese priest – who (along with 119 other priests, seminarians and catechists) was cruelly tortured and martyred by Chinese authorities who tried to stamp out Christianity in China in the early 19<sup>th</sup> century.

---

**The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (popularly known as "RCIA")** is the process designed by the Church for adults to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion. The goals are to give a complete overview of Catholic teaching and practice and to begin to deepen a Christian spiritual life centered in the Sunday Scripture readings. The sacraments are received at the Easter Vigil Mass. **It is open to adults who:**

1. Have never been baptized; they would be preparing for all three sacraments. 2. Were baptized in a non-Catholic Christian denomination who are interested in becoming Catholic; they would be preparing for Confirmation and First Communion. 3. Were baptized Catholic but never received Confirmation and/or Communion; they would be preparing for the sacraments they have not yet received.

The 2021-2022 program at St. John's which prepares adults (and older adolescents) to receive sacraments will begin in October. However, if you (or anyone you know) is interested in learning more about our program, please leave your name at the rectory 963-1486.

**Rest in Peace:** Let us pray for Mary Cardamone and Gloria Abramo 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](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. Throughout the summer we will continue to have only one collection; if you have two (2) envelopes on any given Sunday, please put both in the one collection.
3. Our parish office is open Monday – Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
4. Please consult our parish website ([www.sjbyonkers.org](http://www.sjbyonkers.org)) for updates on parish events and activities.
5. Upon recommendation of the Archdiocese we will continue not filling holy water fonts; we will maintain the weekly sanitizing of the church (and sanitizing between Masses); there will be no “exchange of peace” and communion will be in the hand.
6. We continue to expect those who are not yet **vaccinated** to wear masks at all Masses and services.

**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 5<sup>th</sup>. This extends until Tuesday after Labor Day (September 7<sup>th</sup>).

**Religious Education Program:** 2021-2022 registration for **new families** for the St. John the Baptist Religious Education Program has begun. 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.

**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.

**Renew and Rebuild:** It has been almost two years since we completed the public phase of our very successful campaign which raised over **one million dollars** (mostly pledges made for five years) to begin major work on our parish “infra structure” (including replacing the floor of our school gym) in and around our church. The first funds from that campaign allowed us to complete the work in our school gym before September of 2019. Any work in our church could not begin until the spring of 2020 – and, paradoxically enough, the closure of our church due to the pandemic allowed us to complete extensive work in the lower church, the church vestibule, the stained glass windows on “Mary’s side” –in addition to the important masonry work which was done on our church roof and façade. We hope to do some work on the small “retaining wall” along St. John’s Avenue outside the parking lot; the black top in the parking lot needs extensive repair as well. We are able to accomplish all this thanks to the generosity of so many of our parishioners who continue to fulfill their five year pledges. God bless you all!

***A Prayer for Independence Day***

*God Our Father,*

*We give you thanks that we live in a country where we are free to worship you.*

*On this Independence Day all Americans are reminded of those who have sacrificed for our freedom.*

*May we always remember that our freedom was purchased at a very high price –  
our freedom cost others their very lives.*

*Lord, we ask you to bless those who have served our country and continue  
to give their lives so that America will remain free.*

*With favor and bounty meet their needs and watch over their families.*

*Help us to live our lives in a way that glorifies you.*

*Give us the strength to be a blessing in someone else’s life today,  
and grant us the opportunity to lead others into the freedom  
that can be found in knowing Your Son.*

*We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*