

Saint John the Baptist Parish

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July 11, 2021
15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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great is the hope
to which we are called

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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:
8:30 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 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

Monday, July 12, 2021

8:30 a.m. Angelina Lagana

Tuesday, July 13, 2021

Feast of St. Henry

8:30 a.m. Sharon Abraham – Living

8:30 a.m. Barbara Mallin

Wednesday, July 14, 2021

Feast of St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin

8:30 a.m. Maria Iemma

8:30 a.m. Grace Brogan

Thursday, July 15, 2021

Feast of St. Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:30 a.m. Assunta Petrozza

Friday, July 16, 2021

Feast of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

8:30 a.m. Joseph Esposito – Anniversary

8:30 a.m. Denise Sauer

Saturday, July 17, 2021

8:30 a.m. Anthony Marinaccio

Saturday, July 17, 2021

Vigil: Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. Deceased Members of the
D'Addato and Mazzanti Family

Sunday, July 18, 2021

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. Patricia and Bill Ferguson

10:30 a.m. Carolina Morano

12:30 p.m. Joan Gibson

WEDDING BANNES

III. Franklin Pimentel and Janet Ovalle

III. Christopher Clark and Leeanna O'Rourke

II. Daniel McKenna and Shannon Ray

I. Joseph R. Curbeio and Alfreiny Stengel

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).

Renew and Rebuild: We hope very soon to begin work on our parking lot and the wall outside the parking lot along St. John's Avenue. The parking lot – as you know – is used not only for parking for our church services but also (during the school year) for our children during their “lunch breaks” and even (when weather permits) gym classes. When we know the exact dates of the work we will alert everyone – because there will be some “disruption” because the parking lot will have to be closed for a few days as work goes on. We will do everything we can to limit the disruptions.

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.**

Devotion and Decorum: We continue to ask everyone to make a special effort to arrive at church before Mass begins and to wait until the priest celebrant left the sanctuary (until the final hymn is concluded) before exiting the church. In addition – to allow parishioners who wish to pray and reflect – we ask everyone to maintain a respectful silence in the main body of the church before and after Mass.

S.J.B. ANNOUNCEMENTS

July 11, 2021

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: Assignments and directives are the course of action for today's liturgy. In today's first reading (Am. 7:12-15) the Old Testament prophet Amos protests that he is not a prophet, but he is given a prophet's assignment. He gives in and agrees that it is the Lord who called him!

In our Gospel (Mk. 6:7-13) Jesus the teacher gives the disciples their directions and assignments, sending them out in pairs. He tells them very strongly not to stay where they are not welcome! And our second reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians (Ephesians 1:3-10) confirms the blessings of those who are chosen in Christ to bring the news of salvation everywhere. Amos, the disciples – and the followers of Christ today – all fit into the same category. We are called to bring the healing message of Christ to others. We are encouraged to go forth with companions and we are clearly instructed to move on when our words are not received.

Today's readings are not only a source of encouragement, but also a serious reminder that we are called to be bearers of the message of the Gospel. If we only bring the message to places where we will be accepted, we have not gone far enough. The Gospel invites us to live among those to whom we bring the message, so that both the message and the messenger can be trusted.

SPECIAL SAINTS' DAYS THIS WEEK

Tuesday, July 13th - St. Henry

Henry II was born in Bavaria in 973 and was later elected Emperor. He worked tirelessly to assist the poor; he encouraged Church reform and missionary activity. He died in 1024. He is the patron saint of Finland.

Wednesday, July 14th – St. Kateri Tekakwitha

Known as the “Lily of the Mohawks”, Kateri is certainly a powerful example of someone who welcomed God's word into her heart and bore a harvest of holiness. Her perseverance in spite of obstacles, opposition and persecution is an inspiration to all of us. Kateri was canonized in 2012; she is the first native American saint.

Thursday, July 15th – St. Bonaventure

Today we honor a 13th century Franciscan theologian and doctor of the Church who did so much to advance philosophy and theology within Catholicism. Because his life and thought were so filled with the joyous and gentle Franciscan spirit, he is often referred to as the “Seraphic Doctor”.

Friday, July 16th – Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

This feast celebrates the day in 1251 when St. Simon Stock, the Superior of an order of hermits known as the Carmelites (because they were centered at Mount Carmel in Galilee), had a vision of the Mother of God in which she gave him a piece of clothing which came to be called a scapular. Perhaps we might celebrate this feast of Our Lady by saying all or part of her rosary on Wednesday.

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.

The Torch is Being Passed: The Archdiocese of New York has announced that Fr. Stephen Norton – newly appointed pastor of St. Ann’s Church – will also assume the role of pastor of St. John the Baptist on January 1, 2022 (Msgr. Maloney’s term will end on December 31, 2021 – a few days after he celebrates his 80th birthday). Fr. Norton is an experienced pastor and educator, having served as Principal of John F. Kennedy H.S. (Somers) before serving 12 years as Pastor of St. Benedict, in the Bronx. Both St. John’s and St. Ann’s will continue as separate parishes (this is not – at this time – a merger) although they will have the same pastor. Please keep Fr. Norton in your prayers.

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. 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) 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.

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. 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.

Pastoral Care of the Sick: Anyone who is unable to come to Mass because of illness, age, or physical disability is asked to call the rectory if you wish to receive the sacraments of Penance, Holy Communion or Anointing at home. Also, we ask any parishioner to notify us if you are required to spend time in a hospital. We try to visit our parishioners if it is at all possible, but often we are not notified about a hospital stay until it is over.