

Saint John the Baptist Parish

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July 18, 2021
16th 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:
8:30 a.m.

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 17, 2021

Vigil: Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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

Monday, July 19, 2021

8:30 a.m. Rory O'Flaherty

8:30 a.m. Carolina Morano

Tuesday, July 20, 2021

Feast of St. Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr

8:30 a.m. Anthony DiPaola

Wednesday, July 21, 2021

*Feast of St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor of
the Church*

8:30 a.m. Bartholomew ("Barry") Meilan

8:30 a.m. Thomas Vitale

Thursday, July 22, 2021

Feast of St. Mary Magdalene

8:30 a.m. Adriano Vieira

Friday, July 23, 2021

Feast of St. Bridget

8:30 a.m. Pete Mamuri

8:30 a.m. Concetta Carrea

Saturday, July 24, 2021

Feast of St. Sharbel Makhluf

8:30 a.m. Donnie O'Connor

Saturday, July 24, 2021

Vigil: Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. Deceased Members of the
Gullotta Family

Sunday, July 25, 2021

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. Deceased Members of the
Martinelli Family

10:30 a.m. Christopher Joyce – 4th Anniversary

12:30 p.m. Edward Makowski and
Ann and Daniel Fama

WEDDING BANNES

III. Daniel McKenna and Shannon Ray
II. Joseph R. Curbeio and Alfreiny Stengel
I. Frank Morales and Jennifer Gomez
I. Mayell Rosas and Zumaira Rios Guijosa

Helping Our A/C: During the summer months we try to keep the church as comfortable as we can. When we have very hot and humid days, that effort is only partially successful. Our church is large, and inevitably, the church doors are opened frequently as people enter and leave the church. We do try to keep our "outside" doors closed – except at the end of Mass, when many parishioners leave together. The doors leading to Yonkers Avenue are usually closed by the ushers, once most parishioners have left the church. The door leading out to St. John's Avenue from the chapel is usually not staffed by an usher – and some individuals insist on "hooking that door open" – an act of kindness that results in hot air coming into the chapel and the church – and effectively reducing the comfort level in the church. Con Edison gets quite enough from us, without our having to pay to "cool" St. John's Avenue. Please help!

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

July 18, 2021

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: Christ as our shepherd is the prevalent theme for this Sunday's liturgy. Upon return from the missionary journey Jesus had sent them on, the disciples in today's Gospel (Mark 6:30-34) attempt to get away with Jesus to a place for prayer and reflection, but the crowd has other ideas. They are so hungry for the Word that they follow wherever Jesus and the disciples go. The image that Mark chooses to describe this is that the crowd is like "sheep without a shepherd."

This same theme appears in today's first reading from the prophet Jeremiah (Jer. 23:1-6) – a rebuke to those who have been entrusted with the task of shepherding God's people; those false shepherds will be punished, and the remnant of the flock that has remained will be gathered by God to wait for the shepherd who will properly lead them. In today's second reading (Eph. 2:13-18), Paul further shows the effect of Jesus: all have been united, those who have been far off have been brought near, and all divisions have ceased.

SPECIAL SAINTS' DAYS THIS WEEK

Tuesday, July 20th - St. Apollinaris

This second century bishop and martyr was the first bishop of the city of Ravenna, Italy. Two churches in that city bear his name – and they contain some of the most beautiful mosaics in the world. We know little about his life, but anyone who could inspire such art and beauty must have been a powerful influence for good.

Wednesday, July 21st – St. Lawrence of Brindisi

St. Lawrence lived in the 16th century and was able to combine personal holiness, academic scholarship and pastoral leadership. He brought many Jewish converts into the Church because of his mastery of scripture and his personal example.

Thursday, July 22nd – Mary Magdalene

Mary was a faithful disciple and St. John in his gospel records that she was the first person to encounter the risen Jesus – and brought news of the resurrection to the apostles. As a result, she has often been called the "apostle to the apostles". Although she often is identified as the woman taken in adultery (whom Jesus saved from stoning), most scripture scholars claim this is a mistake. She is revered for her devotion to Our Lord and her total commitment to His gospel.

Friday, July 23rd – St. Bridget of Sweden

This extraordinary woman lived in the 14th century in Sweden. She was a devoted wife and mother – and one of her eight children is also a saint! After her husband's death, she continued to care for her family; she lived simply and devoutly and started a small congregation of women devoted to prayer and good works.

Saturday, July 24th – St. Sharbel Makhlof

A Lebanese priest, St. Sharbel who lived from 1828 – 1898 is hardly a household name for most Catholics. Part of the reason is that he started no religious community and lived the last 25 years of his life as a hermit. However, his holiness made such an impression on his fellow countrymen that he was canonized in 1977 and is revered as the "Hermit of Lebanon."

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.

Rest in Peace: Let us pray for James Bazzini, Joan Diaferia, Barbara Trick, Isabel Robles and Mary T. Schiavetta 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. 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.

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.**

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. This extends until Tuesday after Labor Day (September 7th).

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.

Welcome to St. John’s: Registering in a parish is a declaration of your desire to be part of a Catholic community and a commitment to the life of the parish family. Being a registered parishioner makes things much easier when it is time for infant baptism, school registration, weddings, and when asked to be a baptismal or confirmation sponsor. We are often asked to provide affidavits for baptismal and confirmation sponsors. We can only do this if a person is a registered, active, and contributing member in our parish. Registration forms are available at the exits of the church and in the rectory.

CRS Rice Bowl Update: A check in the amount of \$803.00 has been sent to Catholic Relief Services for our annual Lenten program. Many thanks to everyone who had participated to help those in need.