

# Saint John the Baptist Parish

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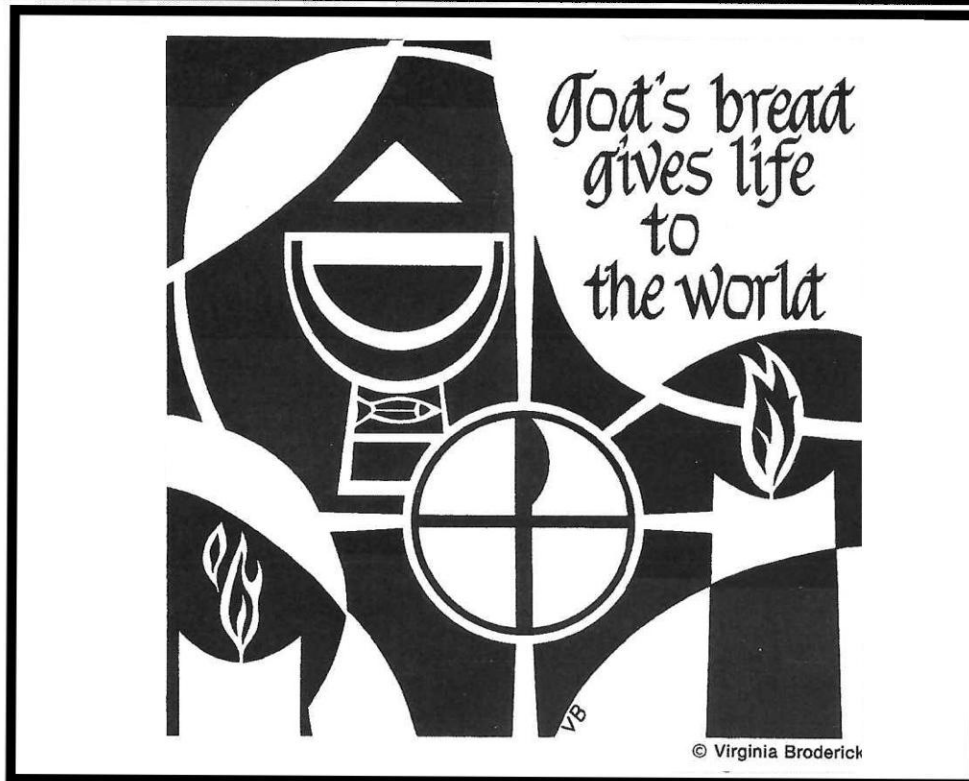
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August 1, 2021  
18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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 31, 2021*

*Vigil: Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

5:00 p.m. Deceased Members of the Magretti,  
Gallery and Bologna Families

*Sunday, August 1, 2021*

*Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:30 a.m. Mass for the Parishioners of  
St. John the Baptist

10:30 a.m. Margaret Linton

12:30 p.m. Luigi Quintieri and Giovanni  
Mesoraca

*Monday, August 2, 2021*

*Feast of St. Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop;*

*St. Peter Julian Eymard, Priest*

8:30 a.m. Carmella and Antonio Falsetta

8:30 a.m. Grazia Gizzo

*Tuesday, August 3, 2021*

8:30 a.m. Deceased members of the Albanese  
and Bucci Families

*Wednesday, August 4, 2021*

*Feast of St. John Vianney, Priest*

8:30 a.m. Richard Byman

*Thursday, August 5, 2021*

*Feast of the Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major*

8:30 a.m. Antonella Paolo

*Friday, August 6, 2021*

*Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord*

8:30 a.m. Joseph Economico

8:30 a.m. Peter Bernardini

*Saturday, August 7, 2021*

*Feast of St. Sixtus II, Pope and Companions, Martyrs;*

*St. Cajetan, Priest*

8:30 a.m. Ger Keane

*Saturday, August 7, 2021*

*Vigil: Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

5:00 p.m. Rosemary D'Addato

*Sunday, August 8, 2021*

*Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:30 a.m. Deceased members of the Shabman  
and Duran Families

10:30 a.m. Deceased members of the Grady  
Family

12:30 p.m. Julia Campione

## WEDDING BANNES

*III. Frank Morales and Jennifer Gomez*  
*II. Anthony Carpentieri and Lauren Spence*

**Renew and Rebuild:** Thanks to your continuing fulfillment of the pledges made two years ago during our Renew and Rebuild Campaign, we have been able to start work on one of the projects outlined during that campaign: our parking lot area. The fence surrounding the parking lot has been repaired and painted and work has begun on the wall outside the parking lot along the sidewalk on St. John's Avenue. Once work begins on the repair and resurfacing of the parking lot itself we will alert everyone – because during that week we will have to close the parking lot. We are very grateful to everyone who made a sacrifice to our R. & R. Campaign: Thanks to you we are able to make these necessary repairs and improvements to our “infrastructure”.

**First Friday:** This Friday, August 6<sup>th</sup>, is the First Friday of the month of August. The first Friday of the Month Devotions to the Sacred Heart of Jesus is a relatively recent development in the history of the Church – they are only about four hundred years old! Although the origins of the devotion to the Sacred Heart can be traced back to Our Lord's ministry of selfless love and especially to His sacrificial death on the Cross, the shape of the Catholic celebration of First Friday developed over the centuries – as our Church Fathers and later medieval Theologians reflected on the importance of the humanity of Jesus. Then in France in the 17<sup>th</sup> century, an extraordinary woman, St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, was granted visions from Our Lord Himself which prompted her to advance the cause of devotion to the Sacred Heart. It took almost a hundred years (the Church moves carefully and cautiously when it comes to promoting “new” devotions) but eventually St. Margaret Mary's dream (and Our Lord's words) came to pass: the practice of receiving Holy Communion on nine consecutive First Fridays “in reparation for sins against Christ's loving heart” was established. Eventually an “Apostleship of Prayer” was developed and with it the custom of a First Friday Holy Hour that included exposition and benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. At the beginning of the twentieth century, Pope Leo XIII consecrated the world to the Sacred Heart. *We hope to be able to have our First Friday devotions this fall – we will advise everyone what that date will be.*

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

**August 1, 2021**

**EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:** Today's liturgy focuses primarily on food – on the human need for food and God's generosity in providing for all human needs. This fundamental physical need becomes the basis for the realization that there is also a fundamental spiritual need for love, meaning, grace – which spiritual need is only satisfied by Jesus, who gives us of His life so that we might live everlastingly.

In today's first reading (Ex. 16:2-15) the Israelites grumble against Moses and Aaron – but their anger is really directed at God; God understands that their hunger has gotten the better of them, so He sends them manna to eat – a miracle which pre-figures the even greater miracle of the Eucharist.

Today's gospel (Jn. 6:24-35) begins what may be described as the more specifically “eucharistic” section of the Bread of Life discourse which is the subject of the entire sixth chapter of St. John's gospel. Here, too, the crowd comes looking for physical bread (as did their ancestors in the desert), but Jesus begins to teach them about a different kind of bread – the bread from heaven that gives life to the world.

In the second reading (Eph. 4:17-24) St. Paul reflects on the “new-ness” of Christ and insists that since we have been made new in Him, we must put aside our old ways of thinking and acting.

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### **SPECIAL LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK**

#### **Monday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> – St. Eusebius and St. Peter Eymard**

Today we honor two saints who lived in far different eras in Church history. St. Eusebius lived in the 4<sup>th</sup> century and spent much of his ministry (as priest and bishop) battling against the Arian heresy. St. Peter lived in the 19<sup>th</sup> century and was a great leader in promoting devotion to the Blessed Sacrament.

#### **Wednesday, August 4<sup>th</sup> – St. John Mary Vianney**

Born in France in 1786, St. John faced many difficulties before he was ordained a priest. He was sent to a small rural parish in a town called Ars because it was not expected that he would be able to do very much harm there. But his preaching, his prayerfulness, his genuine goodness slowly began to have an effect and before long people from all over France were coming to be ministered to by the one who came to be called the “Cure d'Ars.”

#### **Thursday, August 5<sup>th</sup> – The Dedication of St. Mary Major**

The basilica of St. Mary Major is located in Rome on one of the seven hills of the city. It is one of the most ancient churches in Rome, and the first among the churches dedicated to Our Lady. On this day, we celebrate Mary as Mother and Model of the Church.

#### **Friday, August 6<sup>th</sup> – The Feast of the Transfiguration**

Today the Church celebrates the day when Jesus was transformed before Peter, James and John. This was a special moment in Our Lord's ministry when His divinity broke through his humanity and His glory was revealed. The feast reminds us that those who follow His way will one day share His glory.

#### **Saturday, August 7<sup>th</sup> – Pope St. Sixtus II and Companions**

Pope Sixtus and four deacons were arrested in 258 by order of Emperor Valerian; they were martyred that very day.

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### **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.

**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, August 21<sup>st</sup>.**

**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 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.

**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.

**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!

**Bequests:** In preparing your will or considering a bequest, please keep in mind the Church of St. John the Baptist. The fact that this magnificent church exists and has been able to serve so many during its more than 100 years of Catholic ministry here in Yonkers has been made possible by the tremendous sacrifices – financial and personal – of those who have gone before us. Please help to ensure that the work of preaching the gospel, handing on the faith and administering the sacraments will be continued for years to come! A simple statement like “I give the Church of St. John the Baptist the sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to be used for its general purposes” is sufficient. Remember to pray for all our benefactors. (Bequests to your parish are fully deductible for Federal estate tax purposes.)