

Saint John the Baptist Parish

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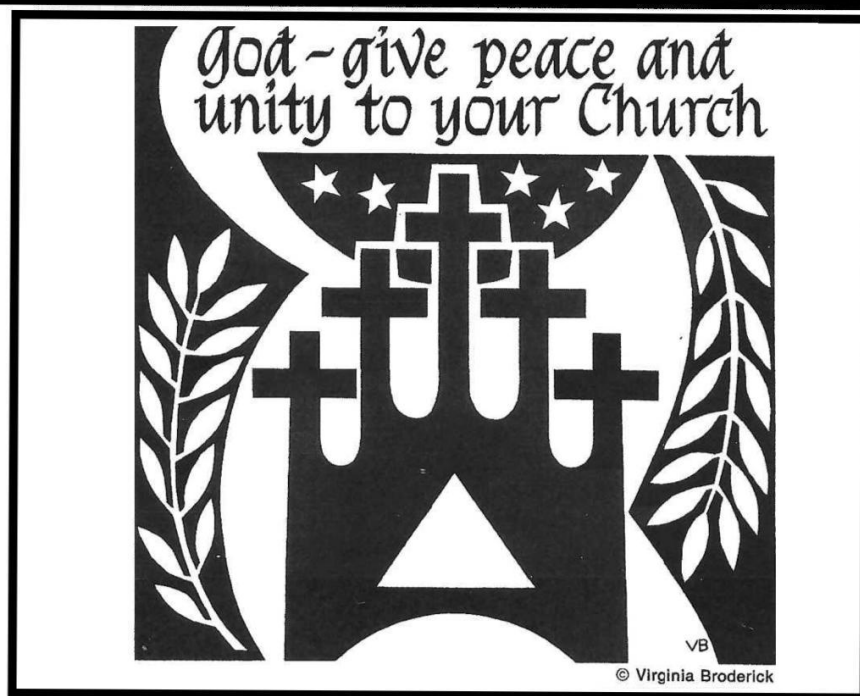
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August 22, 2021
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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, August 21, 2021

Vigil: Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. Maria Carmela Federico

Sunday, August 22, 2021

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. Vincent Fontana

10:30 a.m. Florence and Vincent Scaturico

12:30 p.m. Nelson Leone

Monday, August 23, 2021

Feast of St. Rose of Lima, Virgin

8:30 a.m. Domenico Iemma

Tuesday, August 24, 2021

Feast of St. Bartholomew, Apostle

8:30 a.m. Assunta Petrozza

Wednesday, August 25, 2021

Feast of St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz, priest

8:30 a.m. Salvatore Caruso

Thursday, August 26, 2021

8:30 a.m. Antonio Blasetti

Friday, August 27, 2021

Feast of St. Monica

8:30 a.m. Costantino Valvano

Saturday, August 28, 2021

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

8:30 a.m. Paul Budz

Saturday, August 28, 2021

Vigil: Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. Marianne Monopoli

Sunday, August 29, 2021

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. Deceased members of the Swatowy and Parish Family

10:30 a.m. John McCarthy

12:30 p.m. Sabino Morano

Covid-19 Update: Most of us were hoping and praying that at least by September we would be seeing the final stages of a disease that has claimed so many lives, caused so much sickness and suffering and disrupted nearly every aspect of what we used to consider “normal life.” Sadly – as the continuing report make clear – we are not anywhere near a return to life as we knew it. Though the vaccines have certainly made a significant difference (praise God and modern medicine), we are still having (at times) to wear masks and are urged to continue the hygienic methods (hand washing, sanitizing, distance at social gatherings, etc.) which were enjoined upon us in the first stages of this pandemic. Here at St. John’s – at least for a little while longer – we will be continuing to “deep clean” the church once a week and sanitize the pews after each liturgy. We will continue to “mark off” some of our pews so we allow those who may still be unvaccinated – to keep a proper distance. We will continue to omit the “exchange of peace” at Mass; we will not fill holy water fonts; and we will insist on communion “in the hand.” Our liturgical ministers (priests, deacons, etc.) have been fully vaccinated – but we will continue to ask our ministers to wear masks during the distribution of communion. Anyone who is still not vaccinated is expected to wear a mask in church and although they are not required to do so, we understand if those who have been vaccinated prefer to wear their mask at Mass. Let us pray for an end to this terrible curse!

Baby Bottle Drive: For the past several years our parish “Right to Life” committee sponsored a very successful “Baby Bottle” fundraiser during the month of October (“Respect Life Month”). The proceeds always went to a local pro-life group. We are grateful to all of those who assisted with this worthy cause. Last year – blame the pandemic! – we suspended that fundraiser. Sadly, once again, it has been decided that it is necessary for us to suspend the fund raiser for another year. The fund raiser will be resumed when we can conduct it safely.

S.J.B. ANNOUNCEMENTS

August 22, 2021

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: Today our readings remind us that we can either accept or reject all that the Lord has given us. In today's first reading from the Book of Joshua (Jos. 24:1-18), as the Israelites settle in the Promised Land and begin to meet the challenges of their changing society, Joshua invites them to take a stand. They can either choose the way of other nations or the way of the Lord. The people remembered all the ways in which the Lord had fed them and nourished them on this journey and they declared that they, too, would serve the Lord.

As we listen to the conclusion of the sixth chapter of St. John's gospel (Jn. 6:60-69) some people are unable to understand what the Lord is asking. Those who choose to believe in him are convinced and follow him more closely. Those who refused to believe left him.

It is in the Eucharist that we are nourished and renew our commitment to Christ and His Church. It is to be hoped that our five week reflection on Our Lord's Bread of life discourse has helped us to make that spiritual re-commitment.

SPECIAL SAINTS' DAYS THIS WEEK

Monday, August 23rd – St. Rose of Lima

The first canonized saint of the Americas, Rose was born in Lima, Peru in 1586; she lived a life of prayer, penance and virtue, caring selflessly for the homeless, the poor, the elderly and the sick. She died in 1617.

Tuesday, August 24th - St. Bartholomew

Tradition tells us that Bartholomew preached the Gospel in Arabia and gave his life for the message of Christ. From his life and that of the other apostles, we learn lessons of unwavering zeal and commitment to Christ and His teaching. They demonstrated the kind of discipleship "that keeps on going". Pray today from the reading from Revelation in thankful praise for the life of Bartholomew, the apostles, and for those martyrs of today who preach the message of justice and peace in the midst of discord and strife.

Wednesday, August 25th – St. Louis

Born in 1214, Louis became king of France at age 22; as Louis IX he provided a model of what a good, just, honest and honorable leader can be. He was a faithful husband, a loving father and a man of deep spirituality.

Friday, August 27th – St. Monica

Although married to a pagan, Monica was convinced that Jesus Christ and the Christian faith was the way to salvation. Her prayers and faith in the saving power of God eventually had the power to renew in faith her son, St. Augustine, truly one of the greatest teachers in the history of the Church.

Saturday, August 28th – St. Augustine

Sinner, scholar, and bishop, St. Augustine is an example of the infinite and unconditional love that God has for all people. Following his conversion to Christ, he seemed to see with x-ray vision the complete holiness of all creation. Let us pray today for the gift of reverence, respect, and love that sees all creation as a gift from God and all of life as graced.

Back to School: St. John the Baptist School welcomes its wonderful students in their school uniforms according to the following schedule:

Wednesday, September 8 th	-- PK through 8 th from 8:30 – 11:30 a.m. Alphabetically A - K
Thursday, September 9 th	-- PK through 8 th from 8:30 – 11:30 a.m. Alphabetically L – Z
Friday, September 10 th	-- PK through 8 th from 8:30 – 11:30 a.m. All Students
Monday, September 13 th	-- PK through 8 th from 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. All Students

Rest in Peace: Let us pray for Florence Berardi, Walter DeMaio, Karl Niebling 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, September 11th.**

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.

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.

Advanced Planning: Two weeks from this Monday is Labor Day (September 6th), a national holiday and a time to celebrate the efforts of millions of men and women who contribute to our free economy and make our country great. Please note: Our parish office will be closed on Labor Day. The church will be open for our 8:30 a.m. Mass; after the 8:30 a.m. Mass, the church and chapel will be closed.