

# Saint John the Baptist Parish

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September 5, 2021  
23rd 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, September 4, 2021*

*Vigil: Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
5:00 p.m. Egidia and Giuseppe Di Mauro

*Sunday, September 5, 2021*

*Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
8:30 a.m. Chris Vetere  
10:30 a.m. Elizabeth and John O'Connor  
12:30 p.m. Thomas Donnelly

*Monday, September 6, 2021*

*Labor Day*  
8:30 a.m. Catherine and John Kuhnbaum

*Tuesday, September 7, 2021*

8:00 a.m. Paudie Marrinan  
12:00 noon Ruth Gordon

*Wednesday, September 8, 2021*

*Feast of The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary*  
8:00 a.m. Assunta Petrozza  
12:00 noon Peter Bernardini

*Thursday, September 9, 2021*

*Feast of St. Peter Claver, Priest*  
8:00 a.m. Joseph Esposito  
12:00 noon Antonio Blasetti

*Friday, September 10, 2021*

8:00 a.m. Julia and John Soracco  
12:00 noon Peter Bernardini

*Saturday, September 11, 2021*

8:30 a.m. Catherine Fulmer and  
Kellen Hodges

*Saturday, September 11, 2021*

*Vigil: Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
5:00 p.m. For those who were killed in the  
terrorist attacks

*Sunday, September 12, 2021*

*Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
8:30 a.m. Helen Mc Avoy  
10:30 a.m. Gemma Guglielmo  
12:30 p.m. Santina and Raniero  
Malandruccolo

## WEDDING BANNES

*I. Victor Cunha and Kristine Martin*  
*I. Rajesh Jose and Christine Varghese*  
*I. Philip Karl and Francesca Fauzarano*

## WEEKLY PARISH CALENDAR

*September 11<sup>th</sup>*

Penance Service – 4:00 p.m. -- Church

**Labor Day:** This Monday, (September 6<sup>th</sup>), is Labor Day -- 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. In his encyclical "On Human Work", our late Holy Father, Pope (now Saint) John Paul II, emphasized the reality that labor's value does not lie in the work itself, but in the person who does the work. Through work people express themselves, fulfill their needs and contribute to the well-being of the community. Let us keep those men and women in our prayers -- especially those who struggled to build this country and now rest from their labors. 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.

**Daily Mass:** As of (this Tuesday) September 7<sup>th</sup>, we will resume our 12:00 noon Mass. Our daily schedule of Masses (Monday – Friday) will be 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon. Daily Mass on Saturday will be at 8:30 a.m.

**Remembrance:** This Saturday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, as we are all well aware, is the twentieth anniversary of the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001 that caused so much loss of life and destruction. It will be a solemn day of mourning, remembrance, prayer, and commitment for New Yorkers, for Americans and for all people who are dedicated to freedom and justice. We will remember those who died in the terrorist attacks and those who gave their lives trying to rescue them. We will ask God to give strength and hope to families who lost loved ones. We will pray for the men and women of the Armed Forces who are defending freedom against terrorism. We will pray for our leaders -- that they will be wise, prudent and courageous. May God bless America!

**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 11<sup>th</sup>.**

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

**September 5, 2021**

**TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:** Today's readings, offer a powerful challenge to a culture that often equates the good life with consumerism and selfish pleasure.

In our first reading (Is. 35-4-7) the prophet Isaiah has the task of reassuring the survivors of the Babylonian Exile. His message is entirely one of comfort and compassion: "Be strong, fear not! Here is your God." The signs of God's presence, however, have not changed: "The eyes of the blind will be opened, the ears of the deaf be cleared, the lame will walk and the dumb will sing."

In today's gospel too (Mk. 7:31-37) we see the connection between faith and Our Lord's healing of the body as a sign of an even greater miracle: the conversion of the human heart.

Finally, in our second reading (Jas. 2:1-5) St. James insists on the practical application of Jesus' command of universal love. Among Christians there must be no favoritism. Everyone is a beloved child of God, made in His image and likeness.

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### **SPECIAL SAINT'S DAY THIS WEEK**

#### **Wednesday, September 8<sup>th</sup> – Nativity of Mary**

Although we do not know the precise date of Mary's birth, Christians have celebrated it on this day since the seventh century. This is one of the three birthdays celebrated in the Christian calendar (the other two are the birth of St. John the Baptist on June 24<sup>th</sup> and the birth of Our Lord on Christmas day). All three birthdays are celebrated because they are such important dates in the history of salvation.

#### **Thursday, September 9<sup>th</sup> – St. Peter Claver**

Born in Spain in 1580, St. Peter became a Jesuit and volunteered to do missionary work. He spent his years of priesthood ministering to black slaves in Columbia, South America. He vowed to become "a slave among slaves". He died in 1654 and is the patron saint of Columbia.

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

Wednesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>

-- PK through 8<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 – 11:30 a.m. Alphabetically A - K

Thursday, September 9<sup>th</sup>

-- PK through 8<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 – 11:30 a.m. Alphabetically L – Z

Friday, September 10<sup>th</sup>

-- PK through 8<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 – 11:30 a.m. All Students

Monday, September 13<sup>th</sup>

-- PK through 8<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. All Students

**Rest in Peace:** Let us pray for Dermot A. Nally and Felicia Di Bisceglie 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.

**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.

**Renew and Rebuild:** The work in and around our parking lot is finished – just in time to begin a new school year. Everyone seems to agree that it makes a part of our facilities (which were looking a bit of the worse for wear) look like new! There is more “infra-structure” work to be done (we need to repair and restore the stained glass windows on “St. John’s” side of the church, for example) but that will probably have to wait until spring – we shall see. In the meantime, we once again thank those who sacrificed for our Renew and Rebuild Campaign two years ago – and for all who continue to fulfill their pledges so faithfully.

**Religious Education News:** The Parent Handbook for Religious Education is now on the parish website. A special Thank You goes to Michael Slattery, Lisa Marie Slattery, Betty Ann Menchen, and Anthony Makaj who worked with Mrs. Angela Minchilli, our D.R.E., to make this project a reality.

**The Vatican and Vaccines:** Pope Francis has recently appealed to all people of goodwill to avail themselves of any Covid-19 vaccine “authorized by the competent authorities.” Pope Francis went on to declare that “being immunized... is an act of love. Vaccination is a simple but profound way of promoting the common good and caring for each other, especially the most vulnerable.” Cardinal Dolan joins the Holy Father in urging all those eligible to be vaccinated to do so.

**Religion Education Program Mass:** Our Religious Education Program will begin on Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup> at the 10:30 a.m. Mass. This is “Catechetical Sunday” – the day when all the teachers and associates in our Religious Education Program are formally commissioned for their important work on handing on the faith to the younger generation. All the catechists will be present and we expect our students to be there as well. We ask the parents to make every effort to attend this Mass with your children and support the teachers in our Religious Education Program. ***N.B. Any child not yet registered for Religious Education should contact Angela Minchilli, DRE A.S.A.P at 914-965-2338.***

**Religious Education Program:** We welcome our children for the 2021 – 2022 Religious Education Program on Wednesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>. Grades 1 – 5, 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. and Grades 6 – 8, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.