

Saint John the Baptist Parish

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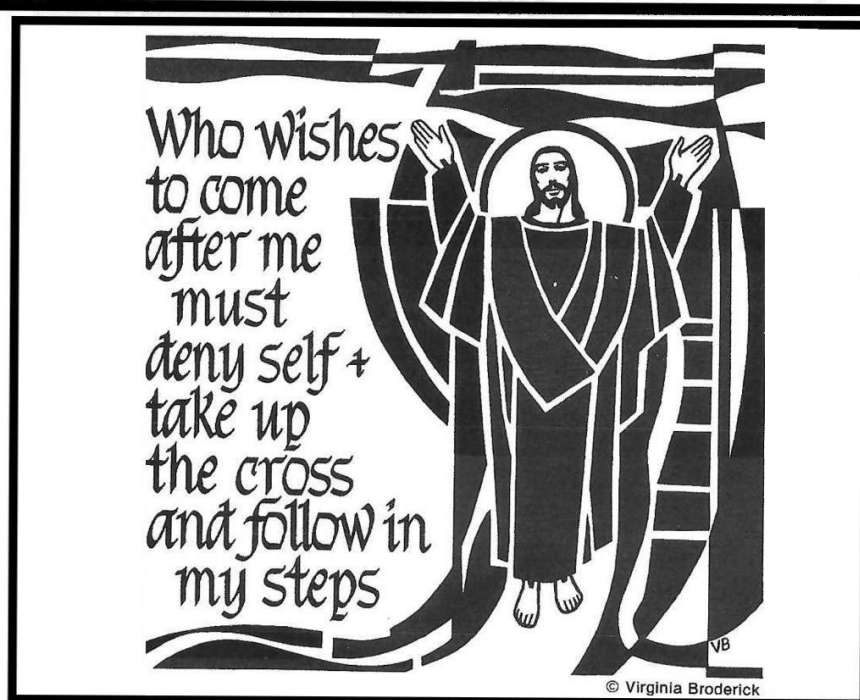
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September 12, 2021
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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:
8:00 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, 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 Malandrucolo

Monday, September 13, 2021

Feast of St. John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

8:00 a.m. Salvatore Moschetta

12:00 noon Diane Telesca

Tuesday, September 14, 2021

Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

8:00 a.m. Rory O'Flaherty

12:00 noon Nick Raptis

Wednesday, September 15, 2021

Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows

8:00 a.m. John Summerville

12:00 noon Deceased members of the Cardone Family

Thursday, September 16, 2021

Feast of Sts. Cornelius, Pope and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

8:00 a.m. Mary Farrelly

12:00 noon Delia and Joseph Potter

Friday, September 17, 2021

Feast of St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:00 a.m. Adriano Vieira

12:00 noon Constantino Valvano

Saturday, September 18, 2021

8:30 a.m. Thomas Valentino – 1st Anniversary

Saturday, September 18, 2021

Vigil: Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. Deceased members of the Sullivan and Whalen Families

Sunday, September 19, 2021

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. John Kenny

10:30 a.m. Sophia Naryniecki

12:30 p.m. Maria and Luigi Milizia

WEDDING BANNES

II. Victor Cunha and Kristine Martin

II. Rajesh Jose and Christine Varghese

II. Philip Karl and Francesca Fauzarano

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.

Being and Becoming Catholic: Very shortly we will begin a series of meetings that will prepare teenagers and adults to receive the sacrament of baptism, communion, and/or confirmation. Often adult and young adult Catholics (for a variety of reasons) have never received confirmation. In other cases, persons from another (non-Catholic) Christian tradition wish to become Catholics; such persons are prepared for reception into the Church by this program. Finally, there are individuals who were never baptized who may wish to become Catholics – this group is meant for them as well. If you know any such an individual, please have him or her contact the rectory at 963-1486.

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.

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

S.J.B. ANNOUNCEMENTS

September 12, 2021

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: In today's first reading (Is. 50:4-9) the prophet Isaiah graphically announces a new kingdom as he prophesies in the eighth century B.C. how the blind will see and the deaf will hear. He made this proclamation shortly before the exile, so the realization of the prophecy just might have to be delayed. The Messiah will come only after the captivity has been dissolved and Israel is established once again. How the Messiah is viewed and how the Messianic promise will be fulfilled becomes a matter of speculation and argument.

There was never so much discussion of the Messianic promise as there was during the time of Jesus. Jesus comes preaching a kingdom of sacrifice, forgiveness, and mercy – not exactly what the folks in Caesarea Philippi were demanding. He prophesies that he must suffer much and that he would be put to death. He would then rise to life again after three days. This last claim was too much for Peter to handle.

In today's gospel (Mk. 8:27-35) Jesus confronts Peter and makes absolutely clear what the cost of discipleship will be: "if you wish to come after me, you must deny your very self, take up your cross and follow in my steps." The nature and program of this Messiah was not exactly what the Jewish leadership had in mind. Not at all. Something would have to be done.

SPECIAL LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK

Monday, September 13th – St. John Chrysostom

Elected Bishop of Constantinople in 397, John was an eloquent preacher, a deeply prayerful and kindly "shepherd of souls" who defended Catholic doctrine so persuasively that he was nicknamed "Golden-mouth".

Tuesday, September 14th – Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Today's feast has its origin in the dedication of a basilica erected by Constantine in 335 on the site of the crucifixion – Mt. Calvary. The basilica remains one of the most important Christian shrines in the world.

Wednesday, September 15th – Our Lady of Sorrows

Today we honor not only the personal sorrows of Mary, Mother of Jesus – but the sufferings she shares as Mother of the Church with all the poor, the persecuted, the oppressed of the world. May her faith and courage inspire us in our trials!

Thursday, September 16th – Sts. Cornelius and Cyprian

Both these men lived in the 3rd century and were engaged in the struggles of the early Christian Church against internal heresies and external persecution. Both were martyred for the faith.

Friday, September 17th – St. Robert Bellarmine

This brilliant Jesuit scholar, preacher, writer and theologian lived in the 17th century, and promoted the Christian education of youth. He is the patron of catechists and catechumens.

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 Donata Persichetti who was buried from our church this past week. Our prayers go out to her 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, October 2nd.**

Religion Education Program Mass: Our Religious Education Program will begin on Sunday, September 19th 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.*

Local Group: The Catholic Widows and Widowers of Yonkers is a social, religious and bereavement organization which helps to meet the needs of its membership. We meet on the third Thursday of the month at St. Ann’s Church in Father Anthony Hall, 31 College Place, Yonkers at 1:00 p.m. Our next meeting will be on September 16th. For more information, please call Desta at 914-423-5331 or email CatholicWWofYonkers@gmail.com. New members are welcome!

Scouting Info Night: Friday, September 24th at 7:00 p.m. in the St. Paul the Apostle (77 Lee Ave.) All boys grades 6th to 12th are invited to attend and find out more about scouting and about the activities and adventures that are an essential part of scouting.