

Saint John the Baptist Parish

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25th 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 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

Monday, September 20, 2021

*Feast of Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gõn, Priest and Paul
Chõng Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs*

8:00 a.m. Stephen Masiello and the
Masiello Family

12:00 noon Michael Munchak, Jr.

Tuesday, September 21, 2021

Feast of St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

8:00 a.m. Michael Paganelli

12:00 noon Thomas Valentino

Wednesday, September 22, 2021

8:00 a.m. Robert Terraforte

12:00 noon Maria Siciliano Navarro

Thursday, September 23, 2021

Feast of St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

8:00 a.m. Mary Farrelly

12:00 noon Yolanda Guglielmi and Ernestina
Di Cioccio

Friday, September 24, 2021

8:00 a.m. Salvatore Moschetta

12:00 noon Martin Moran

Saturday, September 25, 2021

8:30 a.m. John De Vasto

Saturday, September 25, 2021

Vigil: Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. Carmela and Pasquale Colaiacovo

Sunday, September 26, 2021

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. Bridget Mc Garvey

10:30 a.m. Deceased members of the Joyce,
Holland, Horne, O'Boyle and Boyce
Families

12:30 p.m. Maria and Luigi Milizia

WEDDING BANNES

III. Victor Cunha and Kristine Martin

III. Rajesh Jose and Christine Varghese

III. Philip Karl and Francesca Fauzarano

WEEKLY PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, September 19th

Catechetical Sunday Mass – 10:30 a.m. – Church

Wednesday, September 22nd

R.E. Grades 1st through 5th -- 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. – School

R.E. Grades 6th through 8th -- 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. – School

Special Collection: All of our parishioners who receive envelopes will know that next Sunday (September 26th) is the date for the annual Archdiocesan collection to support St. Joseph's Seminary. We will not be taking up two collections next Sunday – we are continuing to have just a single collection at our weekend Masses. We ask envelope users to put both envelopes for next Sunday into the single collection. We also ask anyone who is not an envelope user to put their donation for the seminary into an envelope that you mark as St. Joseph's Seminary. At all Masses next weekend there will be a seminarian from St. Joseph's who will speak about life at the seminary. Please be generous!

2021-2022 Music Program: The adult choir season is ready to begin under the direction of Mr. John Stufano. All parishioners wishing to join are invited to visit the choir loft after any weekend Mass to introduce themselves. The adult choir sings at the 10:30 a.m. Mass every Sunday and at many special events throughout the year. Rehearsals will be held on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. in the church beginning on September 23rd. Being part of the choir is a wonderful way to participate more fully in the Sacred Liturgy. Please consider making the commitment and being part of what promises to be an exciting new season.

S.J.B. ANNOUNCEMENTS

September 19, 2021

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: Today's readings from Sacred Scripture give us the opportunity to reexamine our attitudes about Church governance and to reflect prayerfully about the essential nature of our Church in this new millennium. Vatican II and its challenge of personal and ecclesial reform has been in place for more than a half-century, yet its challenges remain, in many cases, poorly understood and only partially implemented.

Written roughly a century before Christ's birth, the Old Testament's Book of Wisdom from which today's first reading (Wis. 2:12-20) is taken reflects the division in the Egyptian city of Alexandria between those Jews who were strict adherents of the law and tradition and those who felt compromise was possible between Jewish faith and Greek culture. In today's second reading (Jas. 3:16-4:3) St. James speaks of conflict within the Christian community, a conflict that has its roots in false wisdom. Earlier in the third chapter, St. James insists that true wisdom manifests itself in humble service. False wisdom, however, leads to arrogance and jealousy.

In today's gospel (Mk. 9:30-37) St. Mark assures us that even those closest to Jesus fell into the trap of envy and competition. Knowing that they had been arguing about which one of them was the most important, Jesus offers one criterion of greatness, namely, the willingness to serve others. Using a child as a model emphasizes His point, since children had little or no status in the society of Jesus' day.

SPECIAL SAINTS' DAYS THIS WEEK

Monday, September 20th – St. Andrew Kim and Companions

In the middle of the 19th century, Andrew, born in Seoul Korea, a convert and the first native Korean priest, and over a hundred other men and women evangelized the people of Korea and were martyred for their heroic witness.

Tuesday, September 21st – St. Matthew

This Jewish man – a despised tax collector who worked for the occupying Romans, was called by Jesus to be one of the first apostles. He is the one credited with the gospel that appears first in the New Testament; his gospel indicates the way Jesus fulfilled the promises God made to the Jewish people as recorded in the Old Testament.

Wednesday, September 22nd – St. Padre Pio

This Capuchin priest born in Italy in 1887 spent fifty years of his life in a monastery far from the capitols of the world, where he worked, prayed, was a spiritual mentor to thousands and inspired millions by the courage with which he bore the "stigmata" – the sign of the Lord's wounds – in his own body.

Congratulations: We welcome into our parish family the following children who were baptized at St. John's over the past few months: Michael Thomas Vincenzo, Eliana Grace Pisanichik, Alexander Cordero, Gianna Marie Nicotina, Franklin Benjamin Zumba, Alexander Vazquez, Liam Tomas Cleary, Daniella Rose Covino, Kenneth Seger, Daniel Joseph Vushaj, Olivia Aeon Vushaj, Milo Muniz, Ethan Arthur Pierro, Alexis Sabino, Milan Sabino, Connor Christian Gross, Eloise Burke Leeds, Sofia Flores Castro, Elena Salazar, Mikkell Torres, James Gerald Murphy, Jessie Elvira Curbelo, Ian Gabriel Santana, Daniel Aquilar, Rebecca Rose Jankovic, Jack Bernardino Baldini, Luca Dominic Giamei, Greysen Ortiz, Luis Ortega Flores, Allison Ortega Flores, Dylan Vincent Colicci, Emma Blake Jerris, Antonio Sebastian Munoz, Michael Roger Piparo, Charlotte MacKenzie Ribeiro, Lisa Michelle Teelan, Matias Ramales, Steven Moran, Eliza Valentina Calle, Ferran Sebastian Calle, Mercedes Sky Gerena, Francesca Sofia Nardone, Mero Antonio Calderon, Harley Grace David Bayer, Jessa Theresa Crowley, Maeve Regina Brennan and Colton Cash Urban . We extend our congratulations and prayers in a special way to their parents and godparents!

Rest in Peace: Let us pray for Edward Yandoli, Margaret Corrente and Luci Lavaia 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, October 2nd.**

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.

Religion Education Program Mass: Our Religious Education Program begins this Sunday, 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 22nd. Grades 1 – 5, 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. and Grades 6 – 8, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

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 the scouting experience.

Mandated Announcement: To report an alleged incident of sexual abuse of a minor by a priest, deacon, religious or lay person serving in the Archdiocese of New York anyone may contact the victims assistance coordinator, Mrs. Eileen Mulcahy at 646-794-2949 or via e-mail at victimassistance@archny.org. Information can also be found on the Archdiocesan website, www.archny.org. In keeping with the Archdiocesan policy regarding sexual abuse of minors, this information is provided to ensure that our children remain safe and secure.

Local Holy Hour: The Sisters of Life welcome all to join them for The Source Holy Hour - a time of Eucharistic adoration with silence and music. There will be opportunities for confession available as well. Please join us on Thursday, September 23rd at 7:00 p.m. at St. Paul the Apostle Parish (602 McLean Ave., Yonkers, NY). All are welcome.