

Saint John the Baptist Parish

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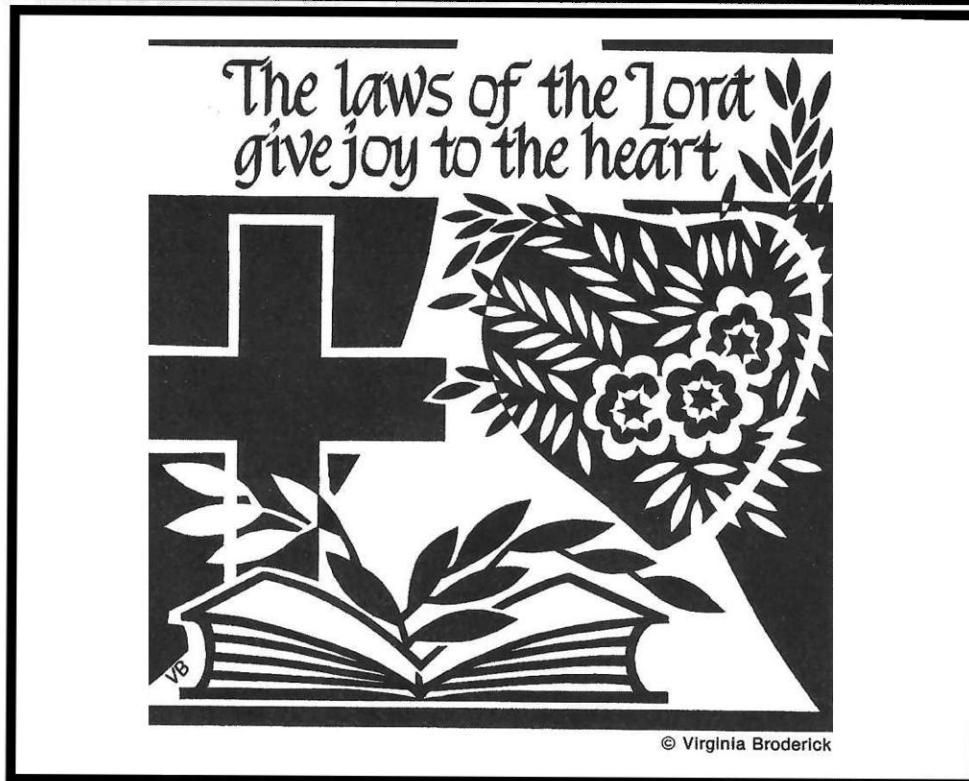
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September 26, 2021
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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 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

Monday, September 27, 2021

Feast of St. Vincent de Paul, Priest

8:00 a.m. Jack Rafferty

12:00 noon Patrick Spellman

Tuesday, September 28, 2021

*Feast of St. Wenceslaus, Martyr; St. Lawrence Ruiz
and Companions, Martyrs*

8:00 a.m. Maria and John De Vasto

12:00 noon Leonard Bellini

Wednesday, September 29, 2021

*Feast of Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael,
Archangels*

8:00 a.m. Joseph Bennati

12:00 noon Assunta Petrozza

Thursday, September 30, 2021

Feast of St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church

8:00 a.m. Dorothy Ward

12:00 noon Richard Daniel Strickrodt

Friday, October 1, 2021

*Feast of St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and
Doctor of the Church*

8:00 a.m. Richard Dunne

12:00 noon Euthne O'Donohoe

Saturday, October 2, 2021

Feast of the Holy Guardian Angels

8:30 a.m. Adriano (Andy) Vieira

Saturday, October 2, 2021

Vigil: Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. Maria Brusco

Sunday, October 3, 2021

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. Sante Zangrilli

10:30 a.m. Assunta Petrozza

12:30 p.m. Sabino Morano

WEDDING BANNES

I. Bernabé Luna and Sofia Tezca

WEEKLY PARISH CALENDAR

Wednesday, September 29th

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

Saturday, October 2nd

Penance Service -- 4:00 p.m. -- Church

Special Collection: All of our parishioners who receive envelopes will know that this weekend 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 this 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 this weekend we welcome Nicholas Clemente, a second theologian who is studying to become a priest at Dunwoodie for the Diocese of Brooklyn. Nicholas will speak briefly about his vocation, life at the seminary, and the importance of this collection. 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 26, 2021

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: The readings from Sacred Scripture last week were a call to examine our understanding of collegiality and cooperation; today's readings powerfully speak of ecumenism and the willingness to let the Spirit blow where He will.

Both today's first reading from the Old Testament's Book of Numbers (Nm. 11:25-29) and the selection from St. Mark's Gospel (Mk. 9:38-48) remind us of what an author has called the "unbounded Spirit". Moses explains to Joshua as Jesus does to His followers that the multiplication of spiritual gifts is not a bad thing. "Would that all people of the Lord were prophets!" "Anyone who is not against us is with us."

In today's second reading (Jas. 5:1-6) St. James adds the element of social justice. Even within a single community, deep divisions along social and economic lines are possible. Before reaching out to other Christians, we had best examine our own attitudes toward those among us who are less fortunate. St. James has particularly harsh things to say to the wealthy whose prosperity is the result of exploitation.

SPECIAL SAINTS' DAYS THIS WEEK

Monday, September 27th – St. Vincent de Paul

In 17th century France, Vincent established religious groups to care for the spiritual and physical needs of the poorest of the poor. It is a tribute to his life and mission that to this day organizations all over the world continue to serve the poor in his name.

Tuesday, September 28th – St. Wenceslaus

A familiar Christmas carol reflects this saint who was King of Bohemia in the 10th century ("Good King Wenceslaus went out on the feast of St. Stephen"). He was known for his concern for the poor and his dedication to the Church.

Wednesday, September 29th – Michael, Gabriel and Raphael - Archangels

The Archangels are portrayed as ministering spirits who protect and watch over us, each in his own way. They also serve as intermediaries, carrying our hymns and prayers to the Lord. In the 13th century, St. Thomas Aquinas (called the "Angelic Doctor") wrote that each angel is its "own order in the universe, far greater than a star".

Thursday, September 30th – St. Jerome

Born in Dalmatia in 340 A.D., Jerome studied in Rome where he was baptized. He returned to the East, became a monk and because of his reputation as a scholar, he was asked by the Pope to translate the Bible from Hebrew and Greek into Latin. His translation, known as the Vulgate, remained in use for over a thousand years. He lived a life of prayer and asceticism. He once wrote "Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ". He died in Bethlehem in 420.

Friday, October 1st – St. Therese of Lisieux

Although she died over 100 years ago, the saint known as the "Little Flower" remains as beloved as she was at the end of the 19th century. She lived only 24 years but the impact of her life of prayer and devotion to Our Lord has been enormous. Along with Joan of Arc, she is the patron saint of France.

Saturday, October 2nd – Guardian Angels

Today the Church honors the angels whom God gives us as our special protectors. They are a reminder of God's care and concern for each one of us.

Rest in Peace: Let us pray for Leonor Ruge, John Sanchez and Joseph Thomas Potter 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.

October “Suspensions”: Some of the events that were part of our October calendar at St. John’s will have to be postponed due to ongoing pandemic concerns. The First Friday of October is this Friday, October 1st. However, we will not be having our usual First Friday devotions or the Holy Hour. In fact, we are not sure when First Friday devotions will resume.

October – designated “Respect Life” month has been marked at St. John’s by our “Baby Bottle Drive.” We will not be having the drive this year. October has usually been the month for our RAS/HNS “Communion Breakfast” but that has been suspended this year.

We will still be honoring Our Blessed Mother in a special way since October is traditionally the Month of the Rosary. We will include a hymn to Our Lady at all our weekend Masses. We encourage everyone to pray the rosary during October.

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.

H.S. Open Houses: Most local Catholic high schools will be holding some form of “open house” in the coming weeks – either virtual or in person: 1) Fordham Prep on Thursday, October 14th (6:00 p.m.) and Saturday, October 30th (11:00 a.m.); 2) The Ursuline School on Saturday, October 23rd (11:00 a.m. or 2:00 p.m. and Wednesday, November 3rd (6:30 p.m.).