



The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

June 24, 2018



"Behold, one is coming after me; I am not worthy to unfasten the sandals of His feet." ~Acts 13:25

Weekly Mass Intentions



Saturday – June 23

8:00am~† Father's Day Novena

5:00pm- † Virgilio Talaid ~1st Anniversary~

By: Our Parish Community

Offered by: Family

Sunday – June 24

8:30am- † Msgr. Augustin J. DiBlasi

Offered by: Family

10:00am-† Desmond Trimm

By: OLMC Faculty & Staff

11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions

1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Monday – June 25

8:00am~† Samantha Marie Hare

Offered by: Thomas Healey

12:05pm~ People of our Parish

Offered by: OLMC Parish

Tuesday – June 26

8:00am~ People of our Parish

Offered by: OLMC Parish

12:05pm~ People of our Parish

Offered by: OLMC Parish

Wednesday – June 27

8:00am~† Mary & Michael Romano
~70th Anniversary~

Offered by: Romano Family

12:05pm~ People of our Parish

Offered by: OLMC Parish

Thursday – June 28

8:00am ~† Rosendo Cintron

Offered by: daughters

12:05pm~ People of our Parish

Offered by: OLMC Parish

Friday – June 29

8:00am ~ People of our Parish

Offered by: OLMC Parish

12:05pm~† Ann Virga

Offered by: Joe & Nina Lopez

Saturday – June 30

8:00am~ People of our Parish

Offered by: OLMC Parish

5:00pm- † Rowena Garcia

By: M/M Carey & Family

Sunday – July 1

8:30am~ People of our Parish

Offered by: OLMC Parish

10:00am- † Vincent Marinello

By: Debra Mouton & Family

Weekly Memorials

Bread & Wine

~ FOR ALL

Tabernacle Candle

~ SOULS

Memorial Candle

~ IN PURGATORY

Memorial Candle



Liturgical Minister's Schedule JUNE 2018

Saturday 5:00 PM

Lector: Linda Graves & Linford Smith (carry Gospel Book)

E.M.: Linford Smith, Peg & Tom Ventruado

Sub: Cinderella Wonsewitz

Sunday 8:30 AM

Lector: Joan Knighton & Delemter Carey (carry Gospel Book)

Sub: Jonathan Codipilly

Eucharistic Ministers: Delemter Carey, Joan Fortunato & Samuel Torres

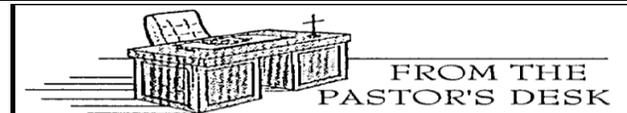
Sub: Linda Torres

Sunday 10:00 AM

Lector: Thelma Washington (carry Gospel Book)

Eucharistic Ministers: Alexis Crowdell, Dianne Murphy & Cresencia Pascua

Sub: Emmanuel Fode



"I will make you a Light to the Nations"

(Isaiah 49: 6)

Today the Church celebrates with joy the Solemnity of the Birth of Saint John the Baptist. In the figure of John, we can look at the parallel history of Jesus. In a way, celebrating John's birth is preparing us to celebrate the birth of Jesus six months later. Like Jesus, the story of John goes back even before his birth. Indeed, John was chosen before he was born to be the one who prepares the way of the Lord. As we celebrate the birth of John, let us remember our own baptism and the beginnings of our Christian faith.

John, while he was in his mother's womb was called to prepare the people for the coming of the Lord. In the first reading of the prophet Isaiah we find his vocation even before he was born. Although we have not been called by God so dramatically, by virtue of our baptism, we are each called to share Christ's saving mission. Today is a good day to reflect on the call of God in our lives. Today is the day to become aware that we are the image of the Incarnate God. Today we are called to witness the goodness of God in our lives.

We can see that both the prophet Isaiah and Saint Paul devoted much of their lives to preaching the greatness of God. Isaiah prophesied about the one who would be sent by God who would come to save the Chosen People. Paul on the other hand spread the Good News of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles. Curiously, even though they preached 700 years apart, the two coincide in the message of salvation. For Isaiah the Lord "wants his salvation to reach to the ends of the earth." Paul says that "to us this word of salvation has been sent." In our Christian faith we proclaim the salvation that Jesus, the Messiah of God, gives to each one of us. Isaiah and Paul, like St. John the Baptist, proclaimed this message to all people. Our challenge is to proclaim in action the same message of salvation and mercy that only comes from God.

As we celebrate the birth of John the Baptist, we celebrate his vocation and testimony that began even before he was born. St. Luke tells us that John was filled with the Holy Spirit in his mother's womb. We should not forget that we are the temple of the Holy Spirit from the moment we were baptized. Pope Francis wants us to revive our memory and pray for the parish where we were baptized and for the priest who baptized us. The Pope also wants our Christian vocation to "develop throughout life as it implies a personal and not a borrowed response."

Fr. Hernán, SJ.

When we celebrate Saint John the Baptist, we imitate his life and dedication to God throughout our lives: Let us pray that: we can be purified as He purified himself in the desert; we can carry a message of repentance, forgiveness and mercy to all those around us; and that just like John we should be honest and generous in order to prepare the way of the Lord here and now.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

These readings are found complete on our parish web page (www.olmcsi.org). Click on "USCCB Daily Readings."

June 24: The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

Isiah 49:1-6
Psalm 139:1B-3, 13-14AB, 14C-15
Acts 13:22-26

July 1: Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24
Psalm 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11, 12, 13,
2 Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13-15



TRIP to CAMELBACK MOUNTAIN WATER PARK – Thursday, July 12th there is a parish trip scheduled to go to Camelback Beach Water Park. Leaving the church at 8am. The cost for the trip, which includes bus transportation and park entrance, is \$55. Anyone over 48 inches is required to pay. If you are interested in going, please stop by the rectory to register.

O.L. MT. CARMEL – ST. BENEDICTA SCHOOL 2018-2019 - If you are considering a Private/Catholic school for your children, Mt. Carmel is the perfect choice. Students are inspired and educated in the image of God. Free Pre-K and financial assistance is available to students from K-8th grade. If you are interested please contact the school at (718) 981-5131, private tours are available by appointment.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM 2018-2019 – Parents interested in registering their children for our CCD program can do so by visiting our Parish Rectory. First Communion and Confirmation preparation require two full years of instruction before receiving the sacrament. Please bring with you your child's baptismal certificate when registering. All children are welcome at our program. We have a great service for children with developmental challenges. Please call us to learn more about how we can serve your family.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS – First Holy Communion and Confirmation photos are now available in the rectory; and any DVD orders. Please stop by the rectory to pick them up this week. Any child that missed last day of class should contact the rectory to make arrangements to pick up their report card and/or any summer assignments. ***You may also purchase additional group pictures for FHC or Conf. in the rectory!**

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA) - Have you or anyone you know expressed an interest in becoming a Catholic? Were you baptized a Catholic but never received the sacraments of Communion and Confirmation. We offer the opportunity for people to come together in small groups to learn more about The Catholic Faith. These sessions center on the teachings and experiences of the Gospels and the Church while preparing individuals to celebrate the sacraments of baptism, communion and confirmation. Candidates will make their sacraments during the Easter season. Call the rectory if you or someone you know is interested for more details.

THEOLOGY ON TAP - This Monday, June 25th at 7:30PM, Flagship Brewery on Staten Island will be hosting its Theology on Tap event. Adults between the ages of 21-39 are invited to talk about different aspects of the Catholic faith in a relaxed setting. The doors open at 7PM and the Archdiocese of NY's Office of Young Adult Outreach will be providing Pizza. If you are interested please RSVP to MaryElise.Zellmer@archny.org

ST. JOSEPH RETREAT CENTER - "Experience the Holy Land", Tuesday, June 26th from 6:00 - 8:30pm. Fee is \$25 per person. Facilitated by Barbara Santillo. The blood, sweat and tears of Jesus remain rooted in the soil of the Holy Land. Join us on a reminiscent tour of this most sacred place on earth. Visit: SJRetreatCenter.org or call 718-720-1097 for more information.

COLLECTIONS: June 17: \$3,966; Second Collection: \$1,316; Father's Day: \$185; Mary's Meals: \$699. *Thank you for your continued generosity to our Parish!*

JOHN THE BAPTIST - Since June 24 falls on a Sunday this year, the Church has the opportunity for a more intense celebration of the birth of John the Baptist, who is often described as the last of the Old Testament prophets and the bridge between Judaism and Christianity. More commonly, John is known as the "precursor" of our Lord Jesus Christ. All the Gospels report John's basic message: Repent, the kingdom is near at hand. One greater than I is coming. Though he was a wandering preacher who dressed in camel skins and ate grasshoppers, John's legacy is one of true royalty. His origins are similar to those foretold by God through the prophet Isaiah: "You are my servant, he said to me, Israel through whom I show my glory" (Isaiah 49:3). John's humility—"I am not he"—was surpassed only by that of his Lord Jesus, the humble servant who followed. —Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION - It's midsummer day! We have the advantage of celebrating one of the great hidden treasures of our liturgical calendar on a Sunday this year. There are only three "nativity" feasts on our calendar: for the Lord, the Blessed Mother (September 8), and today's birth of the Baptist. Today's date is anchored by the Annunciation (March 25), when Mary learns not only of her own child's advent, but of Elizabeth's child. We are exactly half a year away from Christmas Eve. There are strong traditions around this feast. Just as the winter solstice provides a rich vocabulary for Christmas, so does the abundance of light at midsummer inform this celebration. Just as at Christmas, a religious festival spills over into culture. As summer light reaches its peak, the sun-drenched zones of northern Europe see people staying up all night, lighting "St. John's fires" in the long summer twilight. Bonfires seem to be the unifying force in all these celebrations, kindled along the shores of the St. Lawrence in Quebec and Montreal, with harbor illuminations in France. You may be most interested in the custom in San Juan, Puerto Rico; the Baptist's own city. People there will leap into the sea between midnight and dawn to honor John. Why not find your way to a pool, a lake, or a sandy beach today and plunge in to recall your baptism? It's a tradition! —Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DePAUL GIVES BACK - Our parish could share in the profits. For each car, truck or van,

running or not that is donated the Society will give back to our church \$75/\$200 per vehicle. Maybe you don't have a vehicle, but a family member, friend or neighbor has an old or neglected vehicle in their driveway that they would like to dispose of. Call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul at 718 491-2525.

PROTECT OUR CHILDREN – Anyone who needs 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 is asked to contact Sr. Eileen Clifford, O.P., at 212-371-1000, x2949 or Deacon George J. Coppola at 917-861-1762. Both may also be reached via e-mail at victimassistance@archny.org. Information can also be found on the website of the Archdiocese – 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.

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