

Saint John the Baptist Parish

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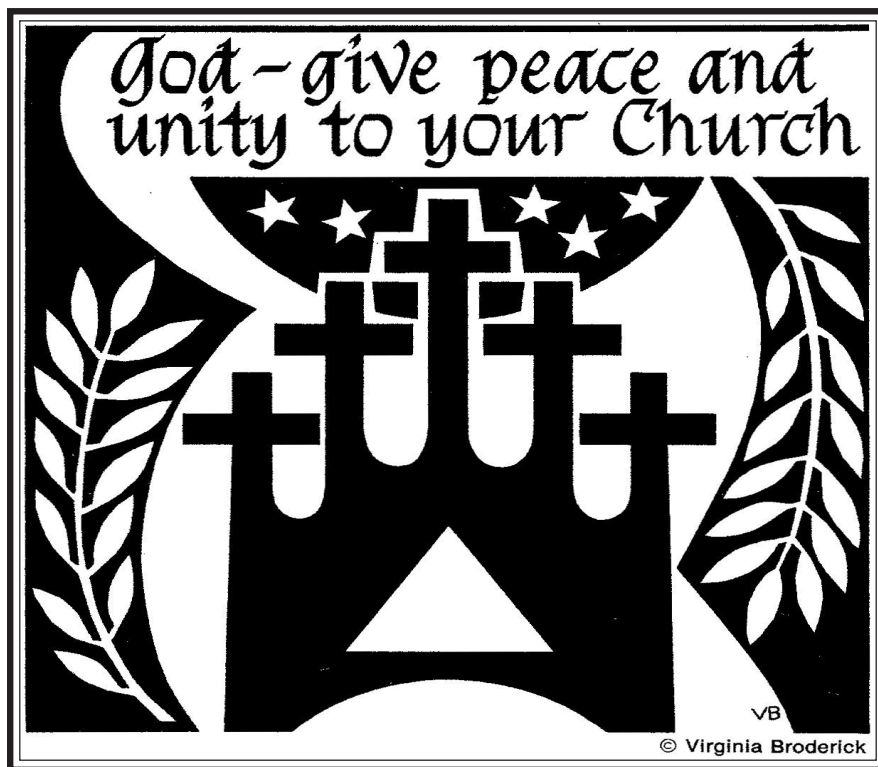
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Twenty- First Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 23, 2015

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Masses
Saturday Vigil:
5:00 p.m.

Sunday:
8:00, 9:30,
11:00 a.m., 12:30 p.m.

Monday thru Friday:
8:00 a.m. & 9:00 a.m.

Saturday:
8:00 a.m.

**Sacrament of
Penance**
Saturday:

4:00 - 4:45 p.m.

**Sacrament of
Marriage**

Make arrangements six months
prior to wedding

**Sacrament of
Baptism**

Every Sunday
after the 12:30 Mass

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 22, 2015

Vigil: Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. Joseph and Maria Carmela Federico

Sunday, August 23, 2015

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. George and Rose Milder

**9:30 a.m. Mass for the Parishioners of
St. John the Baptist**

**11:00 a.m. For the Deceased Members of the
Doohan Family**

12:30 p.m. Saverio Dentini

Monday, August 24, 2015

Feast of St. Bartholomew, Apostle

8:00 a.m. Dan Sullivan -- Living

9:00 a.m. Providencia Santiago

Tuesday, August 25, 2015

Feast of St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest

**8:00 a.m. For the Deceased Members of the
DeSignore, Franck and Iazzetta Families**

9:00 a.m. Denis and Catherine O'Sullivan

Wednesday, August 26, 2015

8:00 a.m. Tom Gannon

9:00 a.m. Walter Grochowski

Thursday, August 27, 2015

Feast of St. Monica

8:00 a.m. Consuelo Rosarios

9:00 a.m. Felice Dandrea

Friday, August 28, 2015

Feast of St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:00 a.m. In Honor St. Jude

9:00 a.m. Howard and Arthur Matelli

Saturday, August 29, 2015

Feast of The Passion of St. John the Baptist

8:00 a.m. Jordan Kovacev

Saturday, August 29, 2015

Vigil: Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

**5:00 p.m. For the Deceased Members of the
Flynn and Brown Family**

Sunday, August 30, 2015

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Enzo Pellegrini and Clorinda Valleni

9:30 a.m. Pat Petitti

**11:00 a.m. Mass for the Parishioners of
St. John the Baptist**

**12:30 p.m. For the Deceased members of the
Hughie and Cooney Families**



Wedding Banns

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III. William Kachmar and Lynda Vlad

***III. Jesus Angel Rodriguez and
Christina Manzano***

II. Andrew Gachelian and Kristine Glori

I. Thomas Parry and Stephanie Iannuzzo

I. Wilson Sanchez and Tatiana Mercado

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday, August 22nd

5:00 p.m. – Colaiacovo and N. DeMatteo

Sunday, August 23rd

8:00 a.m. – E. Loughran and M. Loughran

9:30 a.m. – F. Albano, C. Esposito and S. Osso

11:00 a.m. – N. Camacho and S. Cruz

12:30 p.m. – M. DiRosa and P. DiRosa

Saturday, August 29th

5:00 p.m. – C. Castaldi and O. Castaldi

Sunday, August 30th

8:00 a.m. – M. Graham

9:30 a.m. – E. Higgins and R. Peter

11:00 a.m. – C. Collins and R. Duffy

12:30 p.m. – E. Lent and E. McLaughlin

Pope Francis in New York: As you know, Pope Francis will be visiting the U.S. in September and part of his itinerary involves a visit to New York where he will celebrate a public Mass at Madison Square Garden on Friday, September 25th at 6:30 p.m. The Archdiocese has announced it will allot tickets for the Mass to every parish. The precise number has not yet been announced.

If you are interested in attending the Mass, we ask you to contact the rectory and leave your name and telephone number with one of the secretaries. Only parishioners who have been officially registered at St. John's before August 20, 2015 will be eligible. No more than 2 tickets will be given to any parishioner. Once we receive the tickets, we will put all the names in a "hat" and have a drawing supervised by Deacon Olivieri at a date to be announced.

S.J.B. ANNOUNCEMENTS

August 16, 2015



TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: Today our readings remind us that we can either accept or reject all that the Lord has given us. In today's first reading from the Book of Joshua (Jos. 24:1-18), as the Israelites settle in the Promised Land and begin to meet the challenges of their changing society. Joshua invites them to take a stand. They can either choose the way of other nations or the way of the Lord. The people remembered all the ways in which the Lord had fed them and nourished them on this journey and they declared that they, too, would serve the Lord.

As we listen to the conclusion of the sixth chapter of St. John's gospel (Jn. 6:60-69) some people are unable to understand what the Lord is asking. Those who choose to believe in him are convinced and follow him more closely. Those who refused to believe left him.

It is in the Eucharist that we are nourished and renew our commitment to Christ and His Church. It is to be hoped that our five week reflection on Our Lord's Bread of life discourse has helped us to make that spiritual re-commitment.



SPECIAL SAINTS' DAYS THIS WEEK

Monday, August 24th - St. Bartholomew

Tradition tells us that Bartholomew preached the Gospel in Arabia and gave his life for the message of Christ. From his life and that of the other apostles, we learn lessons of unwavering zeal and commitment to Christ and His teaching. They demonstrated the kind of discipleship "that keeps on going". Pray today from the reading from Revelation in thankful praise for the life of Bartholomew, the apostles, and for those martyrs of today who preach the message of justice and peace in the midst of discord and strife.

Tuesday, August 25th - St. Louis

Born in 1214, Louis became king of France at age 22; as Louis IX he provided a model of what a good, just, honest and honorable leader can be. He was a faithful husband, a loving father and a man of deep spirituality.

Thursday, August 27th - St. Monica

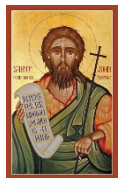
Although married to a pagan, Monica was convinced that Jesus Christ and the Christian faith was the way to salvation. Her prayers and faith in the saving power of God eventually had the power to renew in faith her son, St. Augustine, truly one of the greatest teachers in the history of the Church.

Friday, August 28th - St. Augustine

Sinner, scholar, and bishop, St. Augustine is an example of the infinite and unconditional love that God has for all people. Following his conversion to Christ, he seemed to see with x-ray vision the complete holiness of all creation. Let us pray today for the gift of reverence, respect, and love that sees all creation as a gift from God and all of life as graced.

Saturday, August 29th - The Martyrdom of John the Baptist

Within two months we recall the both birth and death of the herald of Jesus. The celebration of the martyrdom of John the Baptist invites us to sing of our salvation in the Lord. We pray with the psalmist and with John the Baptist depending on God and praising His name above all earthly things.



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

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| Wed., Thurs. & Fri., Sept. 2 nd , 3 rd , 4 th | -- Grades 1 st through 8 th from 8:30 – 11:30 a.m. |
| Wednesday, September 2 nd | -- Pre-K & K - (last name) A to K (only) from 8:30 – 11:30 a.m. |
| Thursday, September 3 rd | -- Pre-K & K - (last name) L to Z (only) from 8:30 – 11:30 a.m. |
| Friday, September 4 th | -- <u>All</u> Pre-K & K -- from 8:30 --11:30 a.m. |
| Tuesday, September 8 th | -- <u>All</u> Pre-K & K and 1 st through 8 th from 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. |

N.B.: Registration for new students is ongoing; please call 965-2356 for information.



Parish Website: It is long overdue, but this summer we have been working on a parish website that we now invite our parishioners to look at and comment on. Under the wise supervision of Mr. Bob Dowgiallo, a long time parishioner and Holy Name Society member, a very young and talented member of our parish has been working for the past several weeks to complete the website. His name is Tony Makaj: he just graduated from St. John's school in June and will be attending Stepinac in the fall, but he has developed (for one so young) an amazing talent. The website is still "under construction" so we are open to suggestions and ideas on how to improve it. To access it, you have to put <sjbyonkers> into a Google "search" (putting "St. John the Baptist" won't do it – something we're working on). Our web address is www.sjbyonkers.org and if you wish to email us, our email stjohnsp@optonline.net. One thing we hope to do is add some more pictures – but for now, we want to make sure that we have essential (and correct) information about our parish. Please note: Our school is developing its own website; once it's ready, we'll link both websites.

Sunday Report: Last weekend 1,095 parishioners attended Mass; our collection totaled \$7,188.00; average contribution: \$6.56 Thank you for your continued financial support of St. John's and its many needs. Your generosity is essential and greatly appreciated.

Rest in Peace: Let us pray for Donald W. Hoyle who was buried from our church this past week. Our prayers go out to his family and friends.



Religious Education Program: 2015-2016 Registration for new families is well underway. As of this bulletin, **1st grade has reached capacity.** Classes meet on Wednesdays: Grades 1-5, 4:00-5:30; grades 6-8, 7:00-8:30pm. Please call Sr. Mary Beth at 965-2338. At times when the office is closed during the summer, please leave a message including your phone number and Sister Mary Beth will get back to you as soon as possible. Preference is given to S.J.B. parishioners, so kindly be prepared to bring your envelope number and also baptismal certificate for each child to be enrolled. We look forward to having you join us.

Second Collection: This weekend we will take up our monthly special collection to support our school and maintain our school facilities. The school is not only used for our grammar school children, our CCD classes and our RCIA program, but for a variety of community and parish activities. It is vital that we keep our school facilities in excellent condition. We ask for a contribution of \$7.00 in this monthly collection and once again express our appreciation for your generosity.



Holy Name Society Scholarship Golf Tournament: The H.N.S. will be holding their annual Scholarship Golf Tournament at Sprain Lake Golf Course on Friday, September 18th. Tee times start at 10:00 a.m. This tournament funds two scholarships that are given annually to graduating 8th graders from St. John's. The price per golfer is \$160.00. This includes the round of golf, breakfast, lunch, cocktail hour, dinner, greens and cart fees. Reservations and payment must be made by September 7th and are on a first come basis. Become a sponsor by making a donation to the Holy Name Society Scholarship Fund. For more information, please call Vinny Vanadia at 646-721-0700.



Senior Outreach Program: The "Help a Senior Outreach Program" needs additional helpers. Help will be needed for friendly visiting e.g. companionship; telephone reassurance (friendly listening, checks on safety/well-being); transportation/escort (medical appointment, Mass, shopping); chores (simple home repairs, light housekeeping, yard work); respite (caring for frail seniors to allow their caregivers to take a break). If you are available to help, contact Deacon Olivieri at 914-423-4859 to register.

Being and Becoming Catholic: Do you know someone who:

- Has not been baptized and would like to be baptized in the Catholic Faith;
- Has been baptized in a Christian denomination and would like to become a Catholic;
- Has been baptized Catholic but has not received the sacraments of Confirmation and/or First Communion.



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:**

- Have never been baptized; they would be preparing for all three sacraments.
- Were baptized in a non-Catholic Christian denomination who are interested in becoming Catholic; they would be preparing for Confirmation and First Communion.
- Were baptized Catholic but never received Confirmation and/or Communion; they would be preparing for the sacraments they have not yet received.

The 2015-2016 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.