

# Saint John the Baptist Parish

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September 13, 2020  
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 p.m.  
**Saturday:**  
8:30 a.m.

**Sacrament of  
Penance**  
**Saturday:**  
4:00 p.m.

**Sacrament of  
Marriage**  
Make arrangements six months  
prior to wedding

**Sacrament of  
Baptism**  
Every Sunday  
after the 12:30 Mass

## **S.J.B. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**September 13, 2020**

**TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:** Two weeks ago we were asked to accept the hardships involved in fidelity to our Christian commitment. Last week, we were called to loving mutual correction. Today, a new dimension is added to an already demanding lifestyle: we must let go of anger, harbor no resentments, cling to no past wrongs.

In today's first reading from the Old Testament (Sir. 27:30-28:7) Sirach urges us to forgive others if we want the Lord to forgive us. He points out the hypocrisy of seeking mercy for ourselves when we are not merciful to others. Remembering the mortality we all share should not only keep us from sin; it helps us to "set enmity aside."

In today's gospel (Mt. 18:21-35) Our Lord's parable of the unforgiving servant contrasts the infinite nature of the forgiveness God extends to us and the petty grievances we hold against one another. Matthew seems to suggest that our treatment of those who wrong us is a powerful factor in determining our final destiny.

In the second reading (Rom. 14:7-9) St. Paul for his part gives, in a few phrases, a magnificent summary of the beauty of the Christian life. "While we live, we are responsible to the Lord, and when we die, we die as the Lord's servants." Another aspect to today's readings is the totality of our Christian commitment. We may not pick and choose which of Jesus' values we will embrace. If we call ourselves Christians, we must embrace them all. Here again we will often find ourselves at odds with the broader society, but we must determine to be faithful to our baptismal promises. If we value life, then we value all life, "from womb to tomb"; if we value justice, then we work for justice for all people, regardless of inconvenience; if we say we value truth, then we must embrace truth, even when it hurts. Then we can truly proclaim with the psalmist, "The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger and rich in compassion."

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### **SPECIAL LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK**

#### **Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup> – 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.

#### **Tuesday, September 15<sup>th</sup> – 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!

#### **Wednesday, September 16<sup>th</sup> – Sts. Cornelius and Cyprian**

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

#### **Thursday, September 17<sup>th</sup> – St. Robert Bellarmine**

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

#### **Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup> – St. Januarius**

A martyr in the fourth-century Naples, San Gennaro is mostly noted for the annual phenomenon of the liquefaction of his blood. Whatever the mystical or scientific explanation of this, the worshipping throngs in Naples' cathedral today can remind us of the centrality of blood in our ecclesial life. Appreciation of this core symbol can perhaps deepen and broaden our participation in the Eucharist.

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## MASS INTENTIONS

*Saturday, September 12, 2020*

*Vigil: Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

5:00 p.m. Elizabeth and John O'Connor

*Sunday, September 13, 2020*

*Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:30 a.m. John G. Kenney

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

12:30 p.m. Margie and Tony Longinetti

*Monday, September 14, 2020*

*Feast of The Exaltation of the Holy Cross*

8:00 a.m. Modestina Rinaldi

12:00 noon Angela, Elissh and Elio Di Benedictis

*Tuesday, September 15, 2020*

*Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows*

8:00 a.m. Rory O'Flaherty

12:00 noon Angelina and Michael Massari; Anna  
and Salvatore Colicci and Spencer  
Peroni

*Wednesday, September 16, 2020*

*Feast of St. Cornelius, Pope and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs*

8:00 a.m. Leona Esposito

12:00 noon Frank Zito

*Thursday, September 17, 2020*

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

8:00 a.m. Michael Mullins

12:00 noon Fernanda Botticelli -- Birthday

*Friday, September 18, 2020*

8:00 a.m. Elissh Di Benedictis

12:00 noon Deceased members of the  
Cardone Family

*Saturday, September 19, 2020*

*Feast of St. Januarius, Bishop and Martyr*

8:30 a.m. Chester Gogola

*Saturday, September 19, 2020*

*Vigil: Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

5:00 p.m. Sophia Naryniecki

*Sunday, September 20, 2020*

*Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:30 a.m. Ana M. Arias

10:30 a.m. Evelyn and Alfred Moccio

12:30 p.m. Maria and Luigi Milizia

## WEDDING BANNES

*III. Michael Thomas and Emilia Twomey*

## WEEKLY PARISH CALENDAR

*Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup>*

Penance Service – 4:00 p.m.

### St. John's Mass Schedule:

- a) **Daily Mass:** As of Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, we resumed our 12:00 noon Mass, and we also moved our 8:30 a.m. Mass back to 8:00 a.m. Our new daily Mass schedule for the rest of 2020 and continuing into 2021 will be: two daily Masses (Monday – Friday) at 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon. On Saturday our one daily Mass in the morning will be at 8:30 a.m.
- b) **Sunday Mass:** Because of the ongoing need to allow time between Masses to properly sanitize our church, we have decided to **permanently change** our Mass schedule on Sunday to **three** Masses: at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.; the Saturday vigil Mass remains the same at 5:00 p.m.

**Sacrament of Penance/Reconciliation:** This sacrament is celebrated every Saturday afternoon at St. John's at 4:00 p.m. We will not be using our traditional "confessionals" (they would have to be sanitized after each penitent left the confessional.) In order to maintain social distancing we will be offering this sacrament as part of a penance service – so all who wish to participate should arrive (wearing the required mask) at 4:00 p.m. The service will include prayers, a reading from scripture, a short homily and the presentation by each penitent of a written statement of personal sins which will be handed individually to the priest (no words spoken). A communal act of contrition will follow – with penance and absolution during which the penitent papers will be burned. A final blessing will conclude the service.

**Rest in Peace:** Let us pray for Rosemary Ann Chita and Carmela Marante who were buried from our church this past week. Our prayers go out to their family and friends.

**Second Collection – Summer and Fall 2020:** In order to limit the interaction between ushers and parishioners at Mass, we will eliminate second collections until further notice. If a second collection is scheduled for a particular Sunday, we will announce that at the beginning of Mass as usual – however, we will have the ushers pass the baskets only once – at the usual time. We ask envelope users to place both envelopes for that Sunday in that collection basket – and we ask everyone to be as generous as their means permit.

**Practical Matters:**

1. The **Weekly Collection** remains absolutely essential to our parish operations. Parishioners may contribute via WeShare (go to [sjbyonkers.org](http://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. Our parish office is open Monday – Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
3. Please consult our parish website ([www.sjbyonkers.org](http://www.sjbyonkers.org)) for updates on parish events and activities.

**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. The 2020-2021 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) are interested in learning more about our program, please leave your name at the rectory 963-1486.

**Religious Education News:** Registration for all classes for the 2020-21 academic year officially closed as of Monday, August 31<sup>st</sup>. Parents may inquire about a possible “waiting list” for some grade levels (not 3<sup>rd</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>!); there might be a few students who move in the next week or so. The program will begin on Wednesday, October 7<sup>th</sup> – the first day of class.

**CCD Assistance:** We could still use some help with our 2020-21 Religious Education Program! If you are reading this, chances are that you are someone who participates in Sunday worship, knows the “basics” of our Catholic faith, and is/was an effective teacher of your own or others’ children. Would you like to discuss volunteering in our Religious Education or R.C.I.A. programs? Please Call Angela Minichilli at 914-965-2338 if you would like to explore this exciting and spiritually rewarding ministry.

**Job Opportunity:** Yonkers Public School is looking to hire per diem nurses. Please contact Irene Tartas, M.P. at 914-376-8226.

**Welcome to St. John’s:** Registering in a parish is a declaration of your desire to be part of a Catholic community and a commitment to the life of the parish family. Being a registered parishioner makes things much easier when it is time for infant baptism, school registration, weddings, and when asked to be a baptismal or confirmation sponsor. We are often asked to provide affidavits for baptismal and confirmation sponsors. We can only do this if a person is a registered, active, and contributing member in our parish. Registration forms are available at the exits of the church and in the rectory.

**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](mailto:victimassistance@archny.org). Information can also be found on the Archdiocesan website, [www.archny.org](http://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.