

Saint John the Baptist Parish

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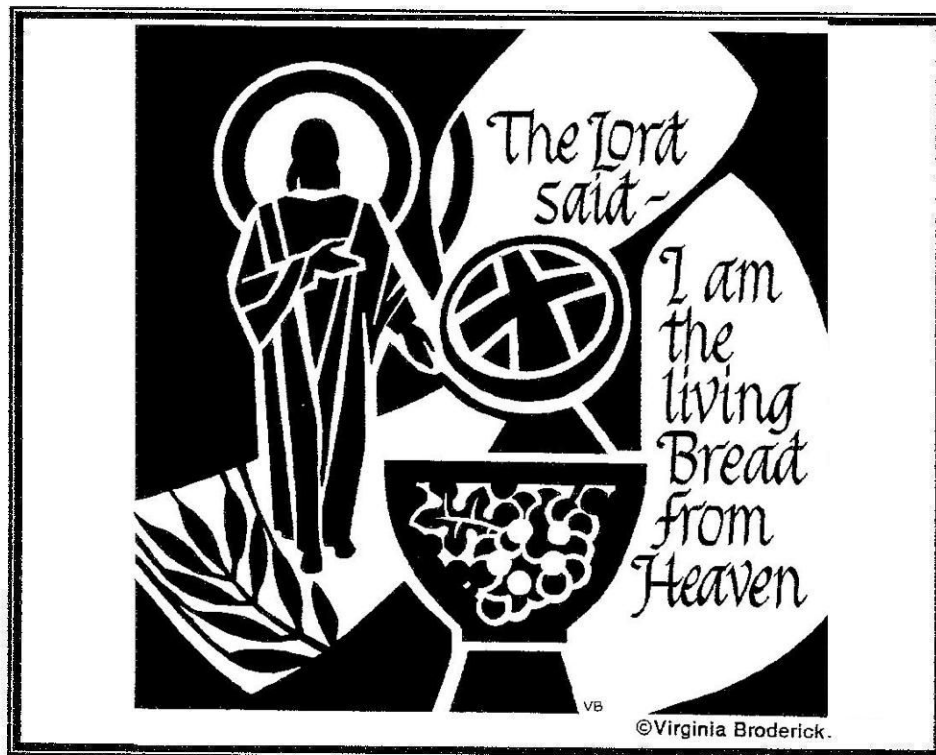
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Corpus Christi
June 14, 2020

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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:
8:30 a.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

June 14, 2020

Feast of Corpus Christi: This feast (now officially called the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ) celebrates the Church's most treasured possession: the Holy Eucharist. However, as we celebrate this feast in the year of Our Lord 2020, the pain and separation we feel is exacerbated – because we as Catholics have been denied the Eucharist for so long – through no fault of our own. This terrible coronavirus which has brought so much sickness and death, so much economic distress has separated faithful Catholics from the Bread of Life.

That painful Eucharistic separation – along with the social isolation that has become so much a part of our lives – has left us without the spiritual nourishment and support that could make this difficult period in our history a little easier to bear.

Perhaps, however, we might on this special occasion, make an effort to find something positive about this painful time; perhaps we can see our Eucharistic separation as an opportunity to appreciate anew this wondrous gift which can unfortunately be taken for granted.

This sacrament – instituted by Our Lord Jesus Christ at the Last Supper – has been, at times – a source of controversy as well as consolation – just like our Blessed Lord Himself. During the time of the Protestant Reformation in the 16th century for example, this Sacrament of Unity became, tragically, an occasion for division and dispute. Throughout it all – in times of peace as well as times of disruption – the Church always emphasized the importance of the Eucharist in the religious life of every Christian. In catechisms and papal letters, in devotions and special feasts (like today's Feast!) the Church promoted this great mystery of faith.

Throughout the Eucharist has brought enemies together in a spirit of forgiveness; it has touched the hearts of children in the intimacy of their First Holy Communion; it has sealed the covenant made by young couples beginning their married life at a nuptial Mass.

The reason for all this is simple: the Eucharist is a symbol that through the power of Our Lord's words ("This is my body...This is my blood.") becomes the reality it signifies. After the words of consecration are spoken at Mass, this bread is Christ's body; this wine is His blood. Whenever Mass is celebrated, Christ comes among us once again – offering Himself as food for each and every one of us.

SPECIAL LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK

Friday, June 19th -- The Sacred Heart of Jesus

This feast, celebrated every year on the Friday after the Feast of Corpus Christi, has strong ties to the Passion of Christ which is also celebrated on a Friday. The heart is the traditional symbol for love, tenderness and care. Those same attributes are embodied in the ancient near eastern shepherd who knows his sheep and treats them with tenderness and care. Jesus is that shepherd willing to take the extravagant risk of leaving the 99 to find the one lost sheep. He brings this image to life in His death and resurrection, reconciling God's people. As we journey through life, his tender compassion sustains us.

Saturday, June 20th – The Immaculate Heart of Mary

In 1996 this celebration was raised to the rank of an obligatory memorial. From its beginnings in the seventeenth century, this feast was closely linked to the feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Devotion to Mary under this title was strongly encouraged by Pope Pius XII (1939-1958).

The conclusion of the Gospel today reminds us that Mary "kept all these things in memory". Through the intercession of Mary, we too, are invited to examine our hearts that we may be purified of that which hinders our constant conversion to Christ.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, June 13, 2020

Vigil: The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

5:00 p.m. Frances Di Paola

Sunday, June 14, 2020

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

8:30 a.m. June Kenny

10:30 a.m. James Linton

12:30 p.m. John Antonaccio

Monday, June 15, 2020

8:30 a.m. Catherine and John Kuhnbaum

8:30 a.m. Salvatore Calvello

Tuesday, June 16, 2020

8:30 a.m. Rory O'Flaherty

8:30 a.m. Denis Bernard

Wednesday, June 17, 2020

8:30 a.m. Moira Cunningham

8:30 a.m. Malachy Lowry

Thursday, June 18, 2020

8:30 a.m. John Ricciardi -- Anniversary

8:30 a.m. James Yedowitz

Friday, June 19, 2020

Feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

8:30 a.m. Alfredo Calvi

8:30 a.m. Leo, Rose and Gloria Savona

Saturday, June 20, 2020

Feast of the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30 a.m. Michael O. Connor

Saturday, June 20, 2020

Vigil: Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. Deceased members of the Savino
and Marra Families

Sunday, June 21, 2020

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Father's Day

8:30 a.m. Raffaele Rinaldi and John Libero

10:30 a.m. Mariann and Robert Castelli

12:30 p.m. Cesare Recine and Michele Lovecchio

DAILY MASSES

Starting this Monday, June 15th, we will have one daily Mass at St. John's – at 8:30 a.m. This single Mass will be celebrated by two priests – each of whom will offer Mass for one of the Mass intentions of the day. There will be no noon Mass in June – and no 9:00 a.m. Mass (starting in July).

This daily Mass will be celebrated in our main church – and we strongly urge our parishioners to “spread out” in the church. Also – please note: the Archdiocese has determined that no missalettes are to be left in the pews. Parishioners are welcome to take a missalette (they are available in the chapel) and bring it with you to Mass. Please do not leave them in the pews.

Once the Mass is over, please leave the church (so it can be cleaned). If you wish to pray after Mass, please use the chapel which will remain open during the day.

SUNDAY MASSES

Starting this weekend we return to having Sunday Masses at St. John's. However, a few changes are necessary.

In order to maintain “social distancing,” we will need to limit attendance at any Sunday Mass at St. John's to well under 200. In order to ensure that the church is thoroughly cleaned before each of our Masses -- we require more time between Masses than we currently have. None of our Masses (either on Sunday or during the week) will include the traditional rite of the ‘exchange of peace’; Holy Communion will be restricted to ‘communion in the hand’ and there will be no holy water in our holy water fonts. The Archdiocese also requires the removal of all Missalettes and hymnals from the pews.

We have decided to reduce our Mass schedule on Sundays from four Masses to three (our Saturday vigil Mass at 5:00 p.m. will remain the same). The new *Summer Sunday* Mass schedule will be: 8:30 a.m.; 10:30 a.m. ; and 12:30 p.m. This should allow us enough time to properly clean each pew after every Mass.

The Archdiocese strongly encourages elderly parishioners with a serious medical condition to remain at home until this pandemic is over; anyone—of any age—who feels ill or who has any of the symptoms associated with the virus should remain home as well. Cardinal Dolan reminds these Catholics that their circumstances relieve them of the obligation to attend Sunday Mass.

WEDDING BANNES

I. Oswin Pereira and Amrita Singh

Sacrament of Penance/Reconciliation: We have begun celebrating the Sacrament of Penance at St. John's on Saturdays at 4:00 p.m. in our main church. However, 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. A final blessing will conclude the service.

Religious Education Program: 2020 - 2021 registration for **new** families for the St. John the Baptist Religious Education Program has begun. **To obtain a New Family Religious Education Registration Form (for your child):** Please email StjohntheBaptistred@gmail.com. When completing the registration, a copy of your child's Baptismal Certificate will be necessary; families must, of course, be members of our parish. Registration fees are included in the Registration materials.

Honor Thy Father: This year father's Day falls on Sunday, June 21st. This is a day to honor all fathers – living and dead. This is a day to express our thanks for all they have done for us. It is a day to tell them how much we love them and to ask for their prayers even as we assure them of ours. For those fathers who have gone before us into the fullness of life with God, we give thanks to God for them as we recall their memories this day. On Father's Day we begin a Triduum of Masses for those fathers whose names are enrolled with us. Special Father's Day cards and envelopes are available at the exits of the Church or in our rectory office. Envelopes can be brought to the rectory or placed in the collection basket that will be available in the church on Sunday. Let us pray that Joseph, the father of Jesus, will bless all fathers.

Family Consecration: The Knights of Columbus is organizing a Consecration to the Holy Family to revitalize our parishes by urging parish families to devote themselves to the ideal model of familial love set by Jesus, Mary and Joseph. The event will run for 10 days beginning on June 14th with prayer at 8:00 p.m. each night via audio/video conference. The Consecration will be on the last day (June 23rd). Please email, call or text our Program Director (Frank Giacoio) to receive more information and to sign up for this devotion. He can be reached via fgiacoio@yahoo.com or on (914) 413-1680. You can also visit our website to see what your Knights are up to... <https://jrko3995.wixsite.com/kofc3995>

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. 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) for updates on parish events and activities.