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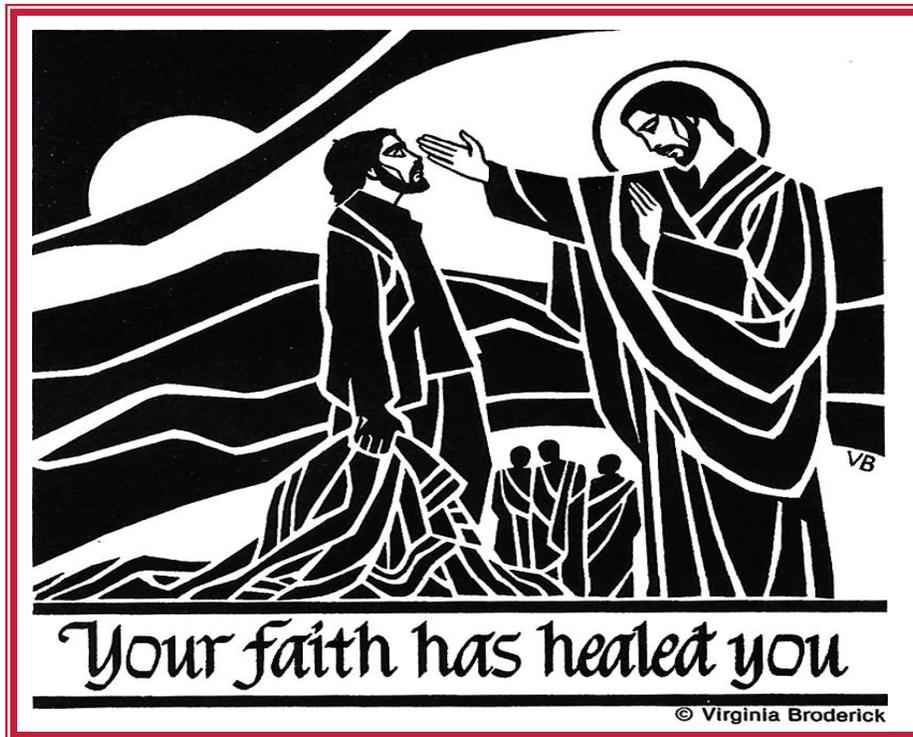
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Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 24, 2021

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Masses
Saturday Vigil:
5:00 p.m.

Sunday:
8:30, 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
By appointment only

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 23, 2021

Vigil: Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. Deceased members of the
Fitzpatrick and Denny Family

Sunday, October 24, 2021

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. Antonio Cartolano
10:30 a.m. Ludwik Kuznicki
12:30 p.m. Kay and Tony Morrissey

Monday, October 25, 2021

8:00 a.m. Thomas Gleason
12:00 noon Daniel O'Connor

Tuesday, October 26, 2021

8:00 a.m. Salvatore Moschetta
12:00 noon Christopher Ficaro, Alfred Sullo
and Reginald J. Velez

Wednesday, October 27, 2021

8:00 a.m. John O'Sullivan
12:00 noon Alex Borgogna

Thursday, October 28, 2021

Feast of Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles

8:00 a.m. Richard Andrew Gueren
12:00 noon Miriam Vega

Friday, October 29, 2021

8:00 a.m. Michael Healy
12:00 noon Richard Sullivan -- Birthday

Saturday, October 30, 2021

8:30 a.m. Anna Canale

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Vigil: Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. Geraldine and Allen Purdy

Sunday, October 31, 2021

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. John De Vasto
10:30 a.m. Allen T. Purdy – 40th Anniversary
12:30 p.m. Patricia Roth

WEDDING BANS

II. Anthony Pujia and Christina Buonocore

I. Patrick Boggi and Megan Biancardi

WEEKLY PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, October 24th

8th Grade Confirmation Covenant Mass – 8:30 a.m.
– Church

Wednesday, October 27th

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

Special Guests: At our 8:30 a.m. Mass this Sunday we welcome the boys and girls from the 8th grade of our school and our Religious Education program. At this Mass they will each present their “Confirmation Covenant” which outlines their personal, spiritual goals for their year of preparation before receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation next April. At this Mass they will each receive a Holy Bible as part of their commitment to be guided by the Word of God throughout this year of preparation and – we hope! – for the rest of their lives. Let us keep these boys and girls in our prayers.

Mission Sunday: This Sunday is Mission Sunday – the day we are invited to pray for missionaries and to support by our contributions the tremendous work being done all over the world by priests, religious, and lay people who are part of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. They have dedicated their lives to serving the poorest of God’s people. Since we will have only one collection, envelope users should put the “Mission Sunday” envelope in that collection; non-envelope users: please put any donations for the Missions in an envelope which you mark “missions. Thanks for your generosity.

Special Month: October is considered the Month of the Holy Rosary – a time for special devotion to Our Lady. During our sung Masses this month our Communion Hymn will be a Marian hymn. We encourage everyone to pray the rosary during October.

S.J.B. ANNOUNCEMENTS

October 24, 2021

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: It is difficult at first to see any clear connection between today's readings. Jeremiah's joy at the end of the Exile, the Letter to the Hebrews' description of the role of the high priest, and Jesus' cure of the blind man on the road from Jericho seem disparate. Perhaps the only connection is the element of faith, an unrelenting trust in a loving and compassionate God.

Jeremiah's long ministry extended from the terrible days of the rise of Babylon through the destruction of Jerusalem in 587 and the exile of its prominent citizens. Through it all, the prophet never lost faith in God. Today's reading (Jer. 31:7-9) depicts the joyous homecoming that awaits those who remain faithful. It is a beautiful passage, full of consolation and encouragement for the sorrowing exiles.

The author of the Letter to the Hebrews (our second reading – Heb. 5:1-6) again refers to the Jewish high priest, observing that it is his function to be the people's representative before God, to offer sacrifices, and to "deal patiently" with sinners, since he is one, too. Now Jesus Christ is our external high priest, although He neither sought this office nor took it for Himself; even Christ's priesthood is a ministry bestowed by God.

In today's gospel (MK. 10:46-52) the cure of the blind beggar is important because it shows us how miracles can lead to faith. When, in reply to Jesus' question, Bartimaeus says simply, "I want to see," Jesus responds just as simply, "your faith has healed you." The physical miracle is not as important as the spiritual reality to which it points.

SPECIAL SAINT'S DAY THIS WEEK

Thursday, October 28th – Sts. Simon and Jude

These two saints are numbered among the chosen twelve – but they are apostles about whom we know very little. Simon is the "zealot" (not Simon Peter) who is said to have preached in Egypt; Jude (or Thaddeus) is known today as the saint of impossible cases.

All Saints Day: This annual feast falls on Monday, November 1st. On this day, the Church celebrates not only our canonized saints but all those who have reached their heavenly glory. Since this feast falls on a Monday this year, it is not a Holy Day of obligation. As a result there will be no Vigil Mass on Sunday evening, and we will have our regular daily Mass schedule on November 1st: 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon.

All Souls Day: November is the month that we pray for all our dearly departed. On All Souls Day, November 2nd, we remember our friends and loved ones who have gone before us into eternal life. Those whose names are returned to us on All Souls envelopes will be remembered at all Masses at St. John's during the month of November. Envelopes are available at the exits of the church for those who have not received them in the mail.

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, November 13th.**

Local Bible Study: St. Ann's is beginning a Bible Study group and inviting anyone in our community to take part. They meet in the main church (31 College Place) on Tuesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. (They begin at 7:00 p.m. with the rosary). All are welcome!

Rest in Peace: Let us pray for Mary Capobianco and Daniel Salvati who were buried from our church this past week. Our prayers go out to their family 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 fall 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.

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 Saturday, October 30th (11:00 a.m.); 2) The Ursuline School on Wednesday, November 3rd (6:30 p.m.).

2021-2022 Music Program: The adult choir season has just begun 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 are held on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. in the church. 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.

Time Change: For many years, Daylight Savings Time ended and we returned to Standard Time on the last Sunday in October; however, a few years ago, Congress in its wisdom decided to extend D.S.T. for one week. Which means that D.S.T. will end in two weeks, on Sunday, November 7th at 2:00 a.m. Clocks should be turned **BACK** by 2:00 a.m. on November 7th (so better do it before going to bed on Saturday, November 6th). Remember: “Spring Ahead! Fall back!” This means we gain an hour of sleep.

Election Preparation: All Catholics should be active informed citizens who participate in our democratic process by voting for all local, state, and national officials. It is important to know a candidate’s position on critical issues of our time – issues regarding our defense against terrorism, our economy, education and health care. Catholics should demand that candidates maintain high standards of personal character and ethics. In addition, Catholics have a particular obligation to be informed about positions of candidates (especially for state and national offices) on such matters as abortion, partial-birth abortion, care of the elderly and infirm, and affordable medical care. In this Respect Life Month of October, Catholics should make sure that their voices are heard clearly in the political process. In their statement, “Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship,” the Bishops of the United States wrote: “As Catholics, we should be guided more by our moral convictions than by our attachment to a political party or interest group. When necessary, our participation should help transform the party to which we belong; we should not let the party transform us in such a way that we neglect or deny fundamental moral truths. We are called to bring together our principles and our political choices, our values and our votes, to help build a better world.”

Special Benefit: A local group “Deirdre’s Village” is sponsoring a benefit on Sunday, November 7th from 2:00 to 10:00 p.m., to raise funds to aid Deirdre O’Connor, a leader in the Irish Community who has been diagnosed with leukemia and requires expensive medical treatment. The benefit will be held at Ned Devine’s (940 McLean Ave.). For information, call John Stack (914-469-2800).

Hold the Date: Saturday June 4th the Saint John The Baptist Parish Picnic will return after two very long years! We’ve missed all of you! Of course we’ll be looking to make it bigger and more exciting. We look forward to seeing everyone. The rain date is Sunday June 5th. Please keep checking the Parish website for more detailed updates as we get closer.

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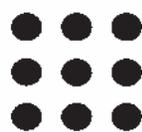
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