





# Saint John the Baptist Parish

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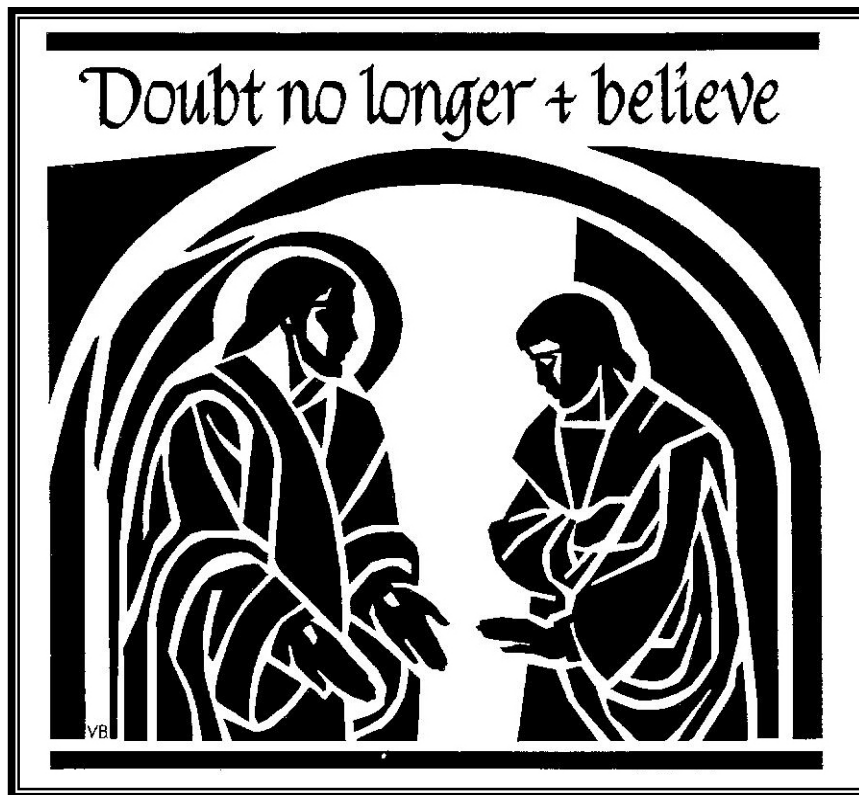
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*Divine Mercy Sunday*  
*April 8, 2018*

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John Stufano

**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. & 12:00 noon

**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, April 7, 2018*

*Vigil: Second Sunday of Easter*

5:00 p.m. John and Maria Mc Kenna

*Sunday, April 8, 2018*

*Second Sunday of Easter*

8:00 a.m. Mass for the parishioners of  
St. John the Baptist

9:30 a.m. Deceased Members of the  
Menchen and Donaghy Families

11:00 a.m. Saverino and Maria Teresa Ferrari

12:30 p.m. Martino Olivieri

*Monday, April 9, 2018*

*Feast of the Annunciation of the Lord*

8:00 a.m. Peter and Helen Duggan

12:00 noon Deceased members of the  
Sullivan and Whalen Families

*Tuesday, April 10, 2018*

8:00 a.m. Mary Ann Davis

12:00 noon Patrick Cunningham

*Wednesday, April 11, 2018*

*Feast of St. Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr*

8:00 a.m. Lina Ali Femia

12:00 noon Deceased Members of the  
S. J. B. Senior Leisure Club

*Thursday, April 12, 2018*

8:00 a.m. Deceased members of the  
Longinetti Family

12:00 noon Phyllis Sbordone

*Friday, April 13, 2018*

*Feast of St. Martin I, Pope and Martyr*

8:00 a.m. Angelo Prisco

12:00 noon Louann and Maria Cardone

*Saturday, April 14, 2018*

8:00 a.m. Maria Albano Pesce

*Saturday, April 14, 2018*

*Vigil: Third Sunday of Easter*

5:00 p.m. Rosemary D'Addato

*Sunday, April 15, 2018*

*Third Sunday of Easter*

8:00 a.m. Mass for the parishioners of  
St. John the Baptist

9:30 a.m. Allen and Geraldine Purdy

11:00 a.m. Joseph Barberi – 7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

12:30 p.m. Josephine and Salvatore Miceli

## WEEKLY PARISH CALENDAR

*Tuesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>*

Confirmation Rehearsal -- 4:00 p.m. -- Church

*Wednesday, April 11<sup>th</sup>*

Seniors Leisure Club – 12:00 noon – lower Church  
R.E. Grades 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> -- 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. – School  
R.E. Grades 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> -- 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. – School

*Thursday, April 12<sup>th</sup>*

Cub Scout Meeting – 2:30 p.m. – lower Church  
8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation – 5:00 p.m. -- Church

## ALTAR SERVERS

*Saturday, April 7<sup>th</sup>*

5:00 p.m. – L. Calhoun, A. Cassidy and C. Maher

*Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup>*

8:00 a.m. – C. Gilsenan and C. Murphy

9:30 a.m. – A. Farrelly and N. Gilligan

11:00 a.m. – A. Burke and K. Burke

12:30 p.m. – A. Carroll and M. Mc Laughlin

*Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup>*

5:00 p.m. – M. Colaiacovo and D. Odume

*Sunday, April 15<sup>th</sup>*

8:00 a.m. – G. Boynes and C. Komosinski

9:30 a.m. – M. Albanese and N. Crisp

11:00 a.m. – R. Peter and R. Peter

12:30 p.m. – F. Albano and D. Liberatore

**Thanks:** To all those in our parish community who assisted in making our Holy Week Services so beautiful and so inspiring, we thank you. We note our servers, ushers, lectors, Eucharistic ministers – our staff in the rectory and the talented members of both our adult and children's choirs (under the excellent leadership of Mr. John Stufano).

**New Life:** We congratulate those who were initiated into full membership of our Church by receiving the sacraments of Baptism and/or Confirmation at our Easter Vigil Service. We are inspired by their profession of faith and assure them of our prayers. They are: Tara Christine, Milagros Leonardo-Cordero, Jillian Sacheli, Arlene Tavarez and Marlene Tavarez.

**Operation Rice Bowl:** Our Parish Lenten Program has come to an end. Please return all rice bowl donations no later than April 13<sup>th</sup>. Check should be made payable to: St. John the Baptist Church and on the memo line, write "2018 CRS Rice Bowl". Donations can be placed in an envelope and write on front "CRS Rice Bowl" and put in the collection basket at Mass or return boxes to the rectory or school office. Thanks for helping with this worthy cause.

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

*April 8, 2018*

**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER:** Today's theme is deceptively simple: Christian community, the mutual support expressed in Greek by the word *koinonia*. The theme is deceptive in its simplicity because living a truly communal life-style involves so much more than simple physical sharing.

In today's first reading (Acts 4:32-35) a description of the life-style of the earliest disciples of Jesus follows Peter's courageous Pentecost speech. A further description of the group follows a confrontation between Peter and John and the leaders of the Sanhedrin.

Our second reading (1 Jn. 5:1-6) reinforces the point that what we believe and the way we live are intertwined and inseparable. So, this faith of ours that conquers the world is not simply a matter of intellectual assent to doctrine, but a total immersion in a whole new way of living.

As he nears the end of his gospel, St. John describes two appearances of the Risen Jesus to His disciples. It is moving to hear that the followers of Jesus were gathered in the upper room behind doors that were locked "for fear of" further trouble. The mutual support that a community offers is evident here. Just as the disciples were reluctant to accept the testimony of the women about the empty tomb, Thomas would prefer personal experience to the words of a colleague. Nor should this surprise us. The commitment Thomas had made could-and would-cost him his life. Jesus seems to accept Thomas' hesitation without impatience or rebuke.

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### **SPECIAL SAINTS' DAYS THIS WEEK**

#### **Monday, April 9<sup>th</sup> – The Annunciation**

Nine months before the Feast of Christmas, the Church celebrates the day the incarnation began – when Mary, in response to God's invitation, said "Let it be done to me according to your word" – and the child Jesus was conceived. Today we celebrate Mary's "fiat" – and God's love for all mankind. Due to the feast of the Annunciation falling on Palm Sunday this year, it was transferred to April 9<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Wednesday, April 11<sup>th</sup> – St. Stanislaus**

Born in Poland in 1030, Stanislaus studied in Paris, was ordained a priest and eventually was named Archbishop of Cracow (the very same position Pope John Paul II held before he was elected Pope). Stanislaus was devoted to the poor -- and when he confronted Poland's king for his sinful behavior, he was put to death.

#### **Friday, April 13<sup>th</sup> – St. Martin I**

Martin was a native of Italy who was elected Pope in 649 during a time of controversy over the nature of Christ. The heresy he opposed was known as Monothelism – but it was just another variation of the confusion many had about the human and divine natures of Christ; and the Church today benefits from those who struggled and suffered in order to preserve orthodoxy.

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**The Meaning of the Easter Season:** The word Easter, derived from Old English, means "to shine," especially to shine like the dawn, and suggests both an action and a beginning, a new day. Thus, the Jesuit poet Gerard Manley Hopkins, speaking of Christ, uses *easter* as a verb in "The Wreck of the Deutschland": "Let him *easter* in us, be a dayspring to the dimness of us, be a crimson-cresseted east . . ." Hopkins provides a helpful attitude or disposition for us as we enter into Easter Time, the 50 days from Easter Sunday to Pentecost Sunday. Although this liturgical time is considered one feast and is called the Great Sunday, we observe several significant moments. We begin with the robust return of the Alleluia, a song of joy and praise that Christ is risen; He has conquered death, and we delight in the full participation of those newly Baptized and Confirmed. Just as they need this liturgical time as a period of growth in their experience of the sacraments they have just received, we as a Church community need this liturgical time to deepen our understanding and participation in the Paschal Mystery.

The Sunday Liturgies can be a form of catechesis about the meaning of the Fifty Days for the entire community. The Easter symbols of the white vestments, the presence of the Paschal candle, and the use of holy water are tangible signs of Baptism and of the new life we celebrate.

The sheer scope of the liturgical time explains why we can't sustain the intense joy of Easter Sunday but, like the disciples, we too may experience doubt or fear as we realize with what we, as followers of Jesus, are charged. Fortunately, the Scripture readings during this special season guide and inspire us as we listen to accounts of Jesus' post-Resurrection appearances, his Ascension, the coming of the Holy Spirit, and the growth of the early Church.

**Sunday Report:** At our Masses for Easter Sunday we welcomed over 2,955 parishioners and visitors. Our collection totaled a little over \$25,000 – for which we are very grateful. This will allow us to pay some bills we have been putting off. Thank you for all your sacrifices for St. John's!

**Rest in Peace:** Let us pray for Lenora Clark who was buried from our church this past week. Our prayers go out to her family and friends.

**S.J.B. School Registration:** School Registration for September 2018 has begun. Students for the Pre-K must be 4 years old by December 1, 2018. Applications may be picked up in the school office between 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. For more information, please call Mrs. Sanchez at 914-965-2356.

**R.A.S. Card Party!** St. John the Baptist presents the Annual Card Party “*An Evening at Tiffany's*” on Friday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the lower Church. Admission will be \$20.00 per person which includes sandwiches, salads, snacks, beverages, dessert and coffee. For additional information or to make a donation, contact Tina Osso at (914) 879-2975.

**Silver and Gold:** St. John's congratulates all our married parishioners who are celebrating their 25<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> (or even 60<sup>th</sup>!) anniversary this year (2018). We invite all these jubilarians to join us for Mass (followed by a reception in their honor in the lower church) on Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>. They are invited to attend the 12:30 Mass where they will renew their vows and then join us for the reception that follows. If you are celebrating such an anniversary, please contact the rectory **NO LATER THAN April 16<sup>th</sup>**. [N.B.: *Couples celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary are invited to attend a Golden Jubilee Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral on June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2:15 p.m. Please contact the rectory a.s.a.p. if you wish to attend – but no later than Friday, May 11<sup>th</sup>.*]

**V.B.S. Volunteers Needed:** Adults, college and high school students are needed to volunteer for Vacation Bible School on Monday, July 16<sup>th</sup> to Friday, July 20<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Enjoy a fun-filled week of playing games, music, teaching and serving snacks and drinks. Forms will be distributed in school and R.E. for students who will be entering 8<sup>th</sup> grade in September and current 8<sup>th</sup> Graders seeking to volunteer for service hours. For more information call or text Jim Maistre 914-309-3135.

**Vacation Bible School Registration:** S.J.B. Vacation Bible School children's registration has begun. VBS will be on Monday, July 16<sup>th</sup> to Friday, July 20<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The children will enjoy having fun playing games, music, classes, snacks and drinks. Registration forms will be available in the school and Rectory or call or text Jim Maistre, 914-309-3135. Register early for reduced fee.

**Easter Collection:** We ask for your special generosity to St. John's on Easter. We depend on your special sacrifice at times like Christmas and Easter to help us defray the cost of flowers that decorate our church at this time -- as well as some of the other expenses we incur during this special season. Special Easter envelopes are available at the exits of the Church for those who have not received them in the mail.

**Formal Ladies Tea Party:** The Rosary Altar Society would like to invite you to a Formal Ladies Tea Party/Spring Fashion Show on April 15<sup>th</sup> following the 11:00 a.m. Mass in the lower Church. Come join us for tea, tea sandwiches and entertainment. As you sip your tea you will be updated with the latest fashions and trends for the season. Admission is \$20.00 per person. Please make checks payable to Rosary Altar Society and send to the School or Rectory to Priscilla Orellana's attention in c/o Maggie Orellana. Ages 4 and up please and advance payment is recommended to plan accordingly. We hope to see you there! Any questions please call Maggie at 914 619 7536.

**Local Mass:** A Mass for Healing will be celebrated at Holy Rosary Church, Hawthorne, on Monday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. Msgr. Edward Barry will be the celebrant. This is an opportunity to bring your spiritual and physical needs to the Lord.

**Flea Market:** St. Paul the apostle is sponsoring a Jumbo Flea Market on Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup> in the school cafeteria from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**50/50 Raffle:** The St. John the Baptist Holy Name Society is having a 50/50 raffle. Only 100 tickets will be sold for \$100 per ticket. The drawing will be held on June 2<sup>nd</sup> at the parish picnic. The winner will receive \$5,000. If interested in purchasing a raffle ticket, please contact Timmy Mc Garvey at (914) 806-4290 or email tim9004@nyp.org.

**Local H.S. Productions:** 1) Sacred Heart H.S. Drama Club presents a production of “Footloose” in the Church Hall (Convent Ave.) on Friday and Saturday (April 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>) at 7:00 p.m. and on Sunday (April 22<sup>nd</sup>) at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are \$10.00 for general admission and \$8.00 for students and senior citizens. 2) Stepinac H.S. Drama presents the Tony award winning hit “Ragtime, the Musical.” Show dates are: April 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, May 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. and a matinee on May 6<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are \$22.00 for adults and \$18.00 for children under 12 and senior citizens. For ticket reservations, please call 914-946-4800 ext. 200. For further information email [theatre@stepinac.org](mailto:theatre@stepinac.org).

**Respect Life: Healing after Abortion:** A “Day of Prayer and Healing” offers the opportunity to experience the love and mercy of God and to heal the wound of abortion. For dates, location and confidential registration, or to talk to a Sister, please call the Sisters of Life at 866-575-0075 or email [hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org](mailto:hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org).

**Bereavement Support Group:** St. Augustine Church (Larchmont) will hold a Bereavement Support Group every Monday from April 9<sup>th</sup> through June 4<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. For more information please call Sr. Muriel at 914-834-1220 ext. 23 or [srmuriel@staugustineny.org](mailto:srmuriel@staugustineny.org)

**Knights of Columbus:** Become a Knight! Members of the Knights of Columbus will be available at the exits of the church on Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup> to talk to you about their mission. Refreshments will be served in the lower Church after Sunday Masses. Men 18 years and older come join us!