

THE EUCHARISTIC COMMUNITY AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JEAN BAPTISTE

Bread Broken for a New World

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 12-13, 2017

1 KINGS 19:9A, 11-13A; ROMANS 9:1-5; MATTHEW 14:22-23

GATHER HYMNAL # 1034

The Pastor's Reflections

We're going to reflect on Matthew's account of the storm at sea. He begins his narrative with a quick introduction. *"After he had fed the people, Jesus made his disciples get into a boat and precede him to the other side (of the lake) while he dismissed the crowd"* (Matthew 4:22). Look closely at this introductory statement. Jesus had just performed an incredible miracle. He fed five thousand men, not counting the women and children, with five loaves of bread and two fish and, after everyone had eaten, there was enough food to fill twelve baskets with what was left over. But immediately after the left over food had been collected Jesus MADE his disciples leave the scene. He directed them to get into a boat and go to the opposite side of the lake. He remained behind to dismiss the crowd. Why would Jesus want to separate himself from his disciples?

If we look to another account of the multiplication of the loaves and fish we can come up with an interesting answer. *"When the people saw the sign he had done, they said, 'Truly this is the Prophet, the one who is to come into the world.' Since Jesus knew that they were going to carry him off to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain alone"* (John 6:14-15).

We have to remember that the Jewish population was not happy under Roman rule. Periodic insurrections occurred and were brutally suppressed. The feeding of the five thousand could have stoked up the people's hope that Jesus was indeed the messiah who would lead Israel to independence. Matthew reported an incident involving James and John. Their mother came to Jesus pleading that they be placed in the two top positions of his kingdom. (Matthew 20:20-28) The other Gospels also

report the disciples bickering over which one of them would take a place of honor in Jesus' kingdom. They, along with the people, expected Jesus to set up a Jewish kingdom that would be free of Roman domination. This miracle of the multiplication



of the loaves and fish could have become dangerously political.

Jesus dismissed his disciples demanding that they meet him on the other side of the lake because he most likely feared that they would become intoxicated by the people's excitement. His kingdom wasn't an earthly kingdom at all. There would be no conquering armies. There would be no first or second in command.

Jesus' kingdom, the new Israel, would be built on the foundation of the old Israel, and would con-

tinue to be nurtured by God. More profoundly, perhaps, the twelve baskets of bread and fish that were left over represented God's first gift to all those who would internalize the kingdom, Jew and Gentile alike. Jesus' kingdom would conquer the world through self-sacrifice and loving hearts.

While Jesus walked along the shore of the lake to meet with the disciples, they were in their boat making little headway because of the strong wind of a sudden storm. Jesus had sent them away from the political storm, but another and more powerful storm struck them. It was a crisis of faith.

It was the fourth watch of the night when the storm was at its strongest. The night was divided into four watches. The fourth watch was between

3 am and 6 am. This was considered the "darkest" time of the night. Even today, the night shift in a hospital is called the "death" shift.

Though the kingdom was to be built on self-giving and loving hearts, it doesn't mean that Jesus' disciples would cruise through life continually enjoying the sun and fine weather. The disciple had to have a strong faith in Jesus. This incident at sea testified that he would continue to journey with them even through the darkest of times and the strongest of storms.

Consumed by their fear, the disciples couldn't believe that Jesus was walking toward them oblivious of the strong wind and the rough sea. Instead of being joyful upon seeing him they feared him, thinking that he was a ghost. But he broke through their fear by encouraging Peter to walk on the water with him. Peter did walk on the water until his faith weakened and the sea began to swallow him. But Jesus reached out to him. A mere touch of his hand was enough to save him.

John's Gospel relates a powerful teaching that Jesus presented at the Last Supper, one we must never forget. *"In the world you will have trouble, but take courage, I have conquered the world"* (John 16:33b). We will all face storms. Not one of us will go through life without experiencing upheavals and crises. Sometimes even our lives or the lives of people we love may be in danger of being swallowed up by the dark waters of the world. Our faith is the only thing that will save us. We must always look beyond the storms that will come. We must, as true and committed disciples, keep our eyes focused on the kingdom Jesus promised because our faith is the leaven that Jesus mixes into the darkness of the world. Eventually it will grow. Eventually it will conquer the world transforming it into the kingdom *"so that God may be all in all"* (1 Corinthians 15:28b).

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

The Sunday collection amounted to **\$ 4,247.00**

ParishPay amounted to \$ 1,437.82

Total: \$5,684.82

The collection for the Propagation of the Faith amounted to: \$429.00

RED ALERT: Please keep St. Jean's in mind when you travel or vacation. We rent every possible space in the complex in order to make up for our yearly shortfall. The weekly collection barely covers half the Parish expenses. When our collection dips below \$10,000 we feel a terrible strain on our cash flow. Please commit to the support of the parish. Thank you.



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SCHEDULE OF RELIGIOUS SERVICES

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT DAILY

MASSES

WEEKDAYS

7:30 – 12:15

SATURDAY

12:15 – 5:30 Vigil Mass

SUNDAY

9:00 – 11:00 – 5:30 – 7:30

HOLY DAYS

7:30-12:15-7:00pm

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

RECITED ON WEEKDAYS

8:00 AM and 5:00 PM

SUNDAY

5:00 PM

RECONCILIATION

WEEKDAYS

11:45 until 12:10

SATURDAY

11:45 until 12:10

5:00 until 5:30

ROSARY

WEEKDAYS AT 11:55

NOVENA PRAYERS

St. Anne – Tuesday after the 12:15 Mass

St. Peter Julian Eymard –

Thursday after the 12:15 Mass

JOIN OUR FAITH COMMUNITY

Please register at the parish house, 184 East 76th Street any day during office hours from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM daily or fill out a registration card found at the rear of the church.

BAPTISM & MARRIAGES

To schedule a baptism or a marriage please contact the parish office to speak with Fr. John Kamas.



COMMUNION TO THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND

Please call the parish office to schedule a home visit with one of the priests. 212-288-5082 Ext. 10

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC OR AN ADULT NEEDING COMMUNION AND/OR CONFIRMATION?

Make an appointment with Joan Prenty, Director of Religious Education, through the Parish Office by calling 212-288-5082 ext 30. Leave your contact information and she will get back to you to set up an appointment.

CHARISMATIC PRAYER MEETING

TIME AND VENUE:

The Charismatic Prayer Meeting will be held every Sunday from 2:30 PM-4:30 PM in Wave Café of the High School, 173 East 75th Street. You may enter through the ramp on 76th Street at the east end of the rectory building .



MUSIC OF THE LITURGY

The scripture readings may be found in GATHER at No. 1034

HYMN OF GATHERING:

No. 583 "We Walk By Faith"

KYRIE

GLORIA

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *"Lord, Let Us See Your Kindness,
And Grant Us Your Salvation."*

SECOND READING

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

GOSPEL READING

HOMILY

CREED, NO. 143

INTERCESSIONS

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS:

No. 596 "Be Not Afraid"

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

ACCLAMATION

*When We Eat This Bread and Drink This Cup,
We Proclaim the Death of the Lord
Until He Comes Again*

THE GREAT AMEN

MUSIC AT COMMUNION:

No. 634 "Shelter Me O God"

BLESSING and DISMISSAL

RECESSIONAL:

No. 593 "On Eagles Wings"

**MUSICIANS
WANTED!**



If you sing or play an instrument, come join the music ministry. We always welcome new volunteers to join us at the Sunday Masses: 11:00 AM, 5:30 PM or 7:30 PM. This is a perfect time to dust off your instrument or clear your throat to praise the Lord in song. Contact Richard Owen for more information.

ADULT CHOIR OF ST. JEAN BAPTISTE:

11:00 AM Sunday Mass; Rehearsal Sunday 10:00 AM ,
Choir Room.

5:30 PM Sunday Mass; Rehearsal 5:00 PM. Choir Room.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR:

11:00 AM Sunday Mass (first Sunday of the month);
Rehearsal Wednesday 5-5:30 PM, Choir Room

MODERN ENSEMBLE :

7:30 PM Sunday Mass; Rehearsal 7:00 PM, in the Church

*Richard Owen, Jr., Director of Music Ministries & Organist
email: owenrick@aol.com; mobile: 845-729-4986
website: RichardOwenJr.com*

THE 7:30 SUNDAY MASS

Processional: No. 583 “We Walk By Faith”

Offertory: No. 596 “Be Not Afraid”

Communion: No. 634 “Shelter Me O God”

Recessional: “Your Grace Is Enough”

Great is Your faithfulness oh God
You wrestle with the sinner's heart
You lead us by still waters and to mercy
And nothing can keep us apart

**So remember Your people
Remember Your children
Remember Your promise
Oh God**

**Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough for me**

Great is Your love and justice God of Jacob
You use the weak to lead the strong
You lead us in the song of Your salvation
And all Your people sing along

So Remember...(repeat above)



FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY



On November 1, 1950 Pope Pius XII declared the dogma of the Assumption of Mary proclaiming that the Virgin Mary, *“having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory”* (Munificentissimus Deus, the Papal Bull defining the dogma).

In the United States this feast is celebrated as a holy day of obligation on August 15th. As we contemplate Mary being taken to heaven we reflect on our destiny to follow her into heavenly glory. We encourage everyone to celebrate this feast day by joining the community at the table of the Eucharist, the foretaste and promise of the heavenly banquet God has prepared for each of us. Mary has led the way; we are called to follow.

MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION TUESDAY, AUGUST 15TH

7:30 AM – Mass
11:50 AM – Rosary
12:15 PM – Mass
7:00 PM – Mass

RELIGIOUS LIFE IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH 2017

As very young children, my brother and I would dress up and play we were a priest and religious sister. At the time who would have thought that the pretend would become a reality for both of us!

I feel very fortunate to have been educated in my elementary, high school, and college years by three different communities of Religious Sisters. Although I did have a slight yearning in high school that I was being called by God to a religious vocation, I was not sure and pursued my college degree. I enjoyed dating during my high school and college years, but always felt like there was something missing. In my senior year of college, I began to feel more deeply God’s invitation to Religious Life. Although as I mentioned, I had sisters from three different communities, once I said, “Yes” to God’s invitation, the choice of which community I would enter was already made ~ the Congregation of Notre Dame, the Sisters who taught me at Saint Jean Baptiste High School.

For many years after my Profession, I had the joy of teaching all the academic subjects to youngsters in the Primary Grades. Several of those years, I prepared the children for the reception of the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Eucharist, which I felt was a real privilege. Community leadership asked me to assume the role of Assistant Principal, which I did for a number of years in two different schools.

My ministry for the past ten years has been as Administrative Assistant in the Office of the Permanent Diaconate at Saint Joseph Seminary. In my role, I have been fortunate to assist two married Permanent Deacons. One Deacon is the *Director of the Diaconate Formation Program*, for the men preparing to become Deacons. It is a five year program, emphasizing five aspects ~ human, spiritual, intellectual and pastoral. Once the men are ordained to the Sacred Order of Deacon, they are under the direction of the second Deacon I assist, the *Director of Ministry and Life*.

After celebrating 56 years of Religious Profession, I have never regretted my “Yes,” to God’s invitation. Have there been difficult times in my life ~ of course! But God never abandoned me. He has always walked beside me or carried me when I was not able to journey on my own.

No matter what our walk in life, God continues to call each of us daily to greater love, fidelity, and service assuring us of His unconditional love of each of us, His children.

Sr. Patricia Graham, CND

Healing Mass to celebrate the Feasts of the Blessed Mother Mary

Monday, August 14, 2017 – Vigil of the Feast of Assumption



In his August, [2004](#) homily given at [Lourdes](#), [Pope John Paul II](#) quoted **John 14:3** from the Bible as a scriptural basis for understanding the dogma of the Assumption of Mary, where Christ, in his Last Supper discourses, explained that *"When I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am, there you may be also". Mary is the pledge of the fulfillment of Christ's promise.*

Friday, Sept. 8, 2017 – Birthday of Mother Mary



TIME: Rosary at 6:30 pm - Holy Mass at 7:00 pm
PLACE: St. Jean Baptiste Church, 76th off Lexington Avenue

*Sponsored by the
Our Lady of Peace Prayer Group at St. Jean Baptiste Church*
For information: call Lennix 212 288 5082 x 14 or Estela 917 617 5688

ALL ARE WELCOME !



ADULTS



Join Mrs. Elizabeth Brim, MA, DRE and Professor at St. John's University for a day of reflection of the Old Testament on Wednesday, August 16 from 9:00 AM until 5:00 PM in the Eymard Room. Please RSVP, details below.

RCIA



Are you interested in exploring Catholicism for yourself, or perhaps you know someone who might be interested in finding out more about our faith?

Were you baptized in another Christian Church, and are thinking about becoming a Catholic? Are you Catholic, but never received Confirmation or First Communion? Please consider joining the RCIA program.

RELIGIOUS ED FOR CHILDREN AND TEENS



Join the Religious Ed family at St. Jean Baptiste. St. Jean Baptiste welcomes all children and adults for religious education. Classes for children are held on Wednesdays, but we will try to accommodate all!

For RSVP or for more information on the above, contact Ms. Joan T. Prenty, DRE at 212-288-5082 ext. 30 or stjeanbaptistereligioused@gmail.com

TODDLER PLAY GROUP



We are enjoying a most successful year with the Toddler Play Group. Eighty children ranging from 18 months to 3 1/2 years old are having their first "school" experience in our well-equipped and friendly play room. The program runs until June and reservations for the upcoming year, which begins in mid-September, have started to come in. If you, or any friends, will be looking for a place for the Fall, we urge you

to reserve now.

Call the St. Jean's Toddler Play Group Director, Pauline Reenock at 212-472-2853 Ext. 2 for more information or to plan a visit.

SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR THE EDUCATIONAL NEEDS OF THE CONGREGATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT



This weekend, August 12th and 13th, we will be taking up the annual collection for the support of the educational needs of the Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament. Mr. Riley Arnemann, who has been associated with the Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament for several years as an aspirant, will be speaking at all the Masses this weekend. Mr. Arnemann has been working at St. Jean's last summer and this summer to help himself through college. Please be generous in this special collection.

COMMUNITY CENTER SCHEDULE

AUGUST 7– AUGUST 13

MONDAY:

9:30-3:00 **Applause Summer Camp** (Community Center)
6:00-8:00 **LA Meeting** (Toddler Center)

TUESDAY:

9:30-3:00 **Applause Summer Camp** (Community Center)

WEDNESDAY:

9:30-3:00 **Applause Summer Camp** (Community Center)
1:00-2:00 **Senior Luncheon** (Eymard Room)

THURSDAY:

9:30-3:00 **Applause Summer Camp** (Community Center)
6:00-10:00 **Elegant Dance** (Great Hall)

FRIDAY:

9:30-3:00 **Applause Summer Camp** (Community Center)
10:00-2:00 **Senior Bingo** (Eymard Room)
6:00-10:00 **Manhattan Dance** (Great Hall)

SATURDAY:

NO EVENTS

SUNDAY:

1:00-3:00 **Elegant Dance** (Toddler Center)

The Center is available for seasonal and special events, parties, business meetings, wedding receptions, lectures and birthdays. For information as to availability and rates, contact the Director: Mr. Antonio Boccia at (212) 472-2853, ext. 1.

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, August 13

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 Peter Gaine
11:00 Thomas Hogan
5:30 Douglas Duncan Robertson
7:30 Frank Cassar

MONDAY, August 14

SAINT MAXIMILIAN KOLBE

7:30 John Librizzi
12:15 Elena O'Neil & Alice Conway
7:00 Healing Mass—Vigil of the Assumption

TUESDAY, August 15

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

7:30 For the Parishioners
12:15 In Honor of St. Anne
7:00 For the Parishioners

WEDNESDAY, August 16

7:30 Enelia Perez De Garzon
12:15 Mrs. Elizabeth Ebel

THURSDAY, August 17

7:30 Special Intentions
12:15 Special Intentions

FRIDAY, July August 18

7:30 Special Intentions
12:15 The Zocche Family

SATURDAY, August 19

12:15 Special Intentions
5:30 Gaia Noria Ruvo Falcone

THE NEW YORK COMMON PANTRY



New York Common Pantry is dedicated to reducing hunger throughout New York City while promoting dignity and self-sufficiency. St. Jean's is one of the early benefactors of the program and continues to support the distribution of healthy, nourishing food to those in need.

PLEASE ASSIST THE WORK OF THE PANTRY

by leaving donations of non-perishable food at St. Joseph's altar. The pantry picks up regularly from the Parish Office.

CELEBRANTS FOR AUGUST 19-20

Saturday

5:30 – Rev. George Dunne, SSS

Sunday

9:00 – Rev. John Kamas, SSS
11:00 – Rev. John Kamas, SSS
5:30 – Rev. John Kamas, SSS
7:30 – Rev. George Dunne, SSS

ATTENTION!

Please visit our website to view photos of the St Anne Novena and festivities. Also photos of the prayer group barbecue fellowship that was held last week.

RENEW AND REBUILD CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

We're underway! We've signed contracts with PASCOM SOUND to conclude the upgrading of the sound system in the church. This involves a great deal of digital programming, and the installation of two major speakers (one is 15 feet long and the other 7 feet), and replacing and repositioning the present speakers in the church. This has a price tag of \$59,985. We're budgeting an additional \$10,000 for electrical work. The school auditorium is getting a completely new system. We've budgeted \$75,000 for the sound system and electrical work.

Both the church and the auditorium are daunting projects because of the amount of reverberation in both spaces. The church has the additional challenge of the many columns that interfere with the streaming of direct sound. To address that issue, we're going to add new speakers on the columns.



We don't have a date for the installation work yet. We've given a down payment of \$40,000 to purchase the speakers from the manufacturer.

A sidewalk bridge has been erected along 76th street. Over the next few weeks we'll be scaffolding the dome in preparation for some stone repair at the base of the cooper roof, and the recaulking, painting and sealing of the 12 stained glass windows. The construction of the scaffold will take about a month, the window and stonework about 6 weeks, and another month to take down the scaffold. (That's if everything goes as planned. Enough said!) The down payment for the scaffolding was \$100,000 with another \$26,000 to be paid at the conclusion of the job. The window repair and restoration was estimated at \$60,000. The stone work can't be estimated until the stone is inspected after the scaffold has been erected.

Finally, FELIX CHAVEZ, INC. is currently working in the vestibule of the church repainting parts of the walls that have been damaged over the years. The company is also restoring the exterior doors that aren't in good shape. They suffer from extensive exposure to rain and snow. This is a \$25,000 project.

We thank everyone who donated to the 2016-17 RENEW AND REBUILD CAMPAIGN that the diocese initiated. We're presently waiting for the first check from the diocese, about \$100,000. Concerned and generous parishioners give regularly for the maintenance of the church building. We managed to squirrel away \$179,000 outside the RENEW AND REBUILD CAMPAIGN for restoration maintenance. We're using this money to jumpstart the present projects. Thank you for your stewardship and dedication to the maintenance of this architectural gem and monument to the Catholic faith.

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