

# THE EUCHARISTIC COMMUNITY AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JEAN BAPTISTE

*Bread Broken for a New World*

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
SEPTEMBER 2-3, 2017

JEREMIAH 20:7-9; ROMANS 12:1-2; MATTHEW 16:21-27  
GATHER HYMNAL # 1043

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## *The Pastor's Reflections*

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Jesus had just praised Simon for his answer to the question, “Who do you say that I am?” Simon had declared, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” Jesus was so impressed by him and his answer that he changed Simon’s name to Peter, and gave him the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Strangely, however, Jesus strictly “ordered his disciples to tell no one that he was the Messiah.” By observing what took place immediately following this dramatic moment we can understand why Jesus demanded that his disciples tell no one that he was the Messiah.

“From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer greatly from the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed and on the third day raised again.” Peter and the disciples were glowing with joy when Jesus announced that he was the Messiah, but now he was putting a damper on their excitement by talking about suffering and being

killed! The Messiah was to enter Jerusalem as Israel’s conquering hero. He would crush the Romans. Israel would rise again strong and independent. He would inaugurate a golden age! What’s this talk about suffering and death? Again, Peter was the first to speak.

“God forbid, Lord! No such thing shall ever happen to you.” Peter was such a good guy. He was telling Jesus that he, and all of Jesus’ followers, would never allow that to happen to him. He would be safe with them. He would, indeed, enter Jerusalem as a victorious hero. What a reaction he received! “Get behind me, Satan!”

Poor Peter. His heart was in the right place. He loved Jesus. He didn’t want anything to happen to him. He had to try to stop Jesus’ negative thinking. But he wasn’t listening; he was reacting. Jesus was unveiling his God-given destiny. “You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do.” Jesus wasn’t angry with Peter. He was heartbroken. This was the second temptation Jesus experienced, the temptation to abandon his mission and to take on the role of the conquering hero. His colleagues were the tempters.

Jesus experienced three powerful temptations in the course of his ministry. The first took place immediately after his baptism in the Jordan River. The Spirit descended upon him and his Father proclaimed him “beloved” from heaven in a voice that everyone present could hear. “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.” That moment affirming Jesus and his mission lasted only a short time. “Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the Devil.” In the desert he confronted the demons within him.

The first demon arose from his physical hunger. “If you are the Son of God turn these stones

*into loaves of bread.*” No, his bodily needs would never override his deeper hunger for *“every word that comes from the mouth of God.”*

The second demon took the form of adulation from an adoring crowd. The temptation came as he stood on the parapet of the temple. *“If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down.”* The angels would protect him from any harm, and the people would go wild over this incredible feat. No, he would never heal or perform miracles as an ostentatious show of his abilities. *“You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.”*

The third demon was the darkest of all the demons, the temptation of power, absolute power. Standing on a high mountain he saw all the kingdoms of the world. *“All these I shall give you, if you will prostrate yourself and worship me.”* His response to the demon of power was clear and stern. *“Get away, Satan! It is written: ‘The Lord your God shall you worship and him alone shall you serve.’”* His inner demons conquered, *“behold, angels came and ministered to him.”*

Now, Peter initiated a second round of temptation. Jesus had revealed that he was indeed the Messiah. But no one ever dreamed what it would mean to take on that mission. His mission involved his rejection by the religious leaders and a terrible, violent death. I can picture Peter, hearing Jesus prophesy his own death, running over to him, putting his arms around him like a father trying to comfort his crying child after a nightmare. No, no. This is just a dream. *“No such thing shall ever happen to you.”*

Jesus needed Peter to get his back. He didn't need another temptation. He needed to hear, *“How can I support you?”* His mission wasn't easy. He wanted friends and colleagues to give him strength. It may seem cruel, but Jesus couldn't let Peter continue with his delusion. *“Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle to me.”*

The third and most difficult temptation

took place after he had eaten his last supper with his disciples. They all followed him to Gethsemane. There he took his special friends, Peter, James and John, away from the others to support him while he prayed. He opened his heart to them. *“My soul is sorrowful even to death. Remain here and keep watch with me.”* He left them, fell to the ground and prayed to his Father suffering his last temptation. *“Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet, not as I will, but as you will.”* It was the moment to meet his destiny. Judas had betrayed him to the religious leaders. Peter had just declared, *“Even though I should have to die, I will not deny you.”* And all the disciples spoke likewise. But twice Peter, James and John were asleep when he returned from his prayer. Soon they would all flee. Abandoned, he would enter the crucible.

When Jesus begged Peter to *“Get behind me,”* he was inviting Peter and the others to share his mission. It wasn't easy for him, and it wouldn't be easy them. It won't be easy for us. *“Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.”*

A final thought. I've always interpreted this statement of Jesus' metaphorically. A cross was any burden that I might carry. It could be illness, my own or a family member's. It could be problems in my family. It could be a financial crisis. But I never imagined that I would hear reports of Christians being crucified in Syria. I never imagined that I would see a video of Coptic Christians being marched to a beach in Libya and beheaded.

The birthplace of Christianity is crying out the prayer of Jesus, *“My God, why have you abandoned me?”* The martyrs have taken up the cross. They've followed him. Their witness is a gift to us. They're pleading with us to follow them, to strengthen our faith, our commitment. We must not remain asleep. They're crying out to us, *“Watch and pray that you may not undergo the test.”*

## 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 –

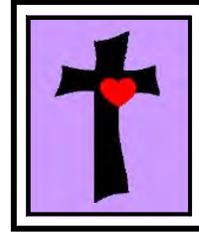
Thursday after the 12:15 Mass

## 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. 1043

HYMN OF GATHERING:

*No. 742 "Gather Your People"*

KYRIE

GLORIA

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *"My Soul is Thirsting For You, O Lord, Thirsting For You, My God."*

SECOND READING

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

GOSPEL READING

HOMILY

## CREED, NO. 143

INTERCESSIONS

## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS:

*No. 696 "Now We Remain"*

EUCHARISTIC 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. 578 "We Remember"*

## BLESSING and DISMISSAL

RECESSIONAL:

*No. 785 "Life High The Cross"*

**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  
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website: RichardOwenJr.com*

**THE 7:30 SUNDAY MASS**

**Processional: No. 742 “Gather Your People”**

**Offertory: No. 696 “Now We Remain”**

**Communion: No. 578 “We Remember”**

**Recessional: “Come Magnify The Lord With Me”**

The musical score is written in treble and bass clefs with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). It includes guitar chords and lyrics for the recessional song.

**Chords:** E, A/E, B/E, E, E, F#m/E, D, B, E, A/E, B/E, E, F#m, B, E, G#, C#m, G#, C#m, G#, C#m, G#, D, B, B4, B, G#, C#m, G#, C#m, G#, C#m, B4, B, G#, C#m, D, B4, B, G#, C#m, G#, C#m, G#, C#m, D, B4, B.

**Lyrics:**  
 Come mag-ni-fy the Lord with me, Come bless his ho-ly name  
 He does a-maz-ing things for me and for you He does the same.  
 1. For He looks up-on his ser-vant in her low-li-ness. From now on all ge-ne-ra-tions,  
 call me great-ly blest. 2. The migh-ty God works mar-vels for me,  
 ho-ly is his name. His mer-cy for all who fear Him, lasts from age to  
 a-ge. 3. He stret-ches out his migh-ty arm, and scat-ters the proud of  
 heart. He pulls down prin-ces from their thrones and lifts the low-ly up, high  
 up. 4. He fills the starv-ing with good things, sends the rich, emp-ty a-way. To  
 is-ra-el He is pro-tect-or, re-mem-ber-ing his mer-cy.

**SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP**

Each Sunday, after the 11 o'clock Mass, a dedicated group of mostly new parishioners organize a buffet table of coffee, tea, OJ and tasty snacks for our community in the school auditorium. It's a lovely opportunity to meet and greet fellow worshipers at St. Jean's. We're seeing long time church members sitting down together, but also welcoming the many new members from the recently closed Our Lady of Peace and St. John the Martyr churches. It is actually due to their efforts that this has become a weekly event here.

Access to the auditorium is easily available through the big double doors behind the choir stalls on the south side of the church. There is no charge and you might even have a chance to make suggestions to our new Music Director, Richard Owen or to tell our Pastor, Father John, about your reactions to his homily.

Treat yourself and allow a little time to enjoy some socializing on Sunday.

**SENIOR LUNCHEONS RESUME**

The regular Wednesday luncheons for Seniors of the community will resume on September 6th at 1 PM in the Community Center Great Hall. A delicious 3-course meal is served in a friendly atmosphere of good cheer. The suggested donation is only \$3. All are welcome.

**PARISH OFFICE**



The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, September 4, 2017 in observance of Labor Day, and will reopen on Tuesday, September 5, 2017.

**OFFERING ENVELOPES**

The offering envelopes will be mailed on the week of September 18th, Please call the office should you not receive it by September 25th.



## ADULTS

### COMING SOON...

Weekly study program on the ACTS OF THE APOSTLES with Jeff Cavins beginning in October. In house and online study available. Contact Ms. Prenty for more information.

### SACRAMENTS FOR ADULTS-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



#### REGISTER NOW. CLASSES BEGIN SEPT. 14

Registration on weekdays in the parish office Wednesday, Sept. 6 from 4-5:30 pm and Sunday, Sept. 17 after 11 am Mass in the School auditorium.

#### Volunteers Needed!



Adults and teens are needed for Wednesday Afternoon Religious Education Program. If you are interested, please call Ms. Joan T. Prenty DRE at 212-288-5082, ext 30, or email [stjeanbaptistereligioused@gmail.com](mailto:stjeanbaptistereligioused@gmail.com).

### BAPTIZING YOUR BABY AT ST. JEAN?

Baptism classes available for new parents and godparents. Classes are twice a month. Thursday, September 14 at 1 pm or Sunday, September 17 at 1 pm. Please see a priest and then contact Ms. Prenty.

## STEWARDSHIP REPORT

The Sunday collection amounted to \$ 7,168.00  
ParishPay amounted to \$ 2,090.50

**Total: \$ 9,258.50**

**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.

A heart-felt **THANK YOU** to all of you who are catching up with your weekly summer donations. It really helps the cause.

## 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.



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information and updates on  
services and activities.

Visit our website at:  
[www.stjeanbaptistenyc.org](http://www.stjeanbaptistenyc.org)

**COMMUNITY CENTER SCHEDULE**

**AUGUST 28– SEPTEMBER 3**

- MONDAY:**  
6:00-8:00 LA Meeting (Toddler Center)
- TUESDAY:**  
No Events
- WEDNESDAY:**  
No Events
- THURSDAY:**  
6:00-10:00 Elegant Dance (Great Hall)
- FRIDAY:**  
6:00-8:00 OA Meeting (Room #2)  
6:00-10:00 Manhattan Dance (Great Hall)
- SATURDAY:**  
No Events
- SUNDAY:**  
1:00-3:00 Elegant Dance (Great Hall)

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.

**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.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

- SUNDAY, September 3  
TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
9:00 Peter Gaine  
11:00 Michael Duignan  
5:30 Angela Wonson  
7:30 Peter Gaine
- MONDAY, September 4  
LABOR DAY  
10:00 John M. Gallagher
- TUESDAY, September 5  
7:30 For the Parishioners  
12:15 In Honor of St. Anne
- WEDNESDAY, September 6  
7:30 The Zocche Family  
12:15 Jack Gallagher
- THURSDAY, September 7  
7:30 Isabella Zocche  
12:15 Antoine Massoud
- FRIDAY, September 8  
THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY  
7:30 Enelia Perez De Garzon  
12:15 Rosendo Nate Sr. & Teodora Venancio
- SATURDAY, September 9  
THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY  
12:15 Flordeliz Josue  
5:30 Richard Owen

**CELEBRANTS FOR SEPTEMBER 9-10**

- Saturday  
5:30 – Rev. John Kamas, SSS
- Sunday  
9:00 – Rev. Norman Pelletier, SSS  
11:00 – Rev. Norman Pelletier, SSS  
5:30 – Rev. John Kamas, SSS  
7:30 – Rev. John Kamas, SSS



## 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 76<sup>th</sup> street. Over the next few weeks we'll be scaffolding the dome in preparation for some stone repair at the base of the copper 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.

## WHAT IS PARISH PAY?

**ParishPay** is an alternative means of fulfilling your stewardship commitment to St. Jean Baptiste that benefits both you and the parish.

Instead of weekly and special collection envelopes, the program collects your contribution from your checking, savings or credit account on the date and frequency you specify. The funds you designate are deducted from your account, and directly credited to St. Jean's. No more checks to write, and no more fumbling for cash.

Enrollment is easy, friendly, secure and most of all there is **no cost** to you for using **ParishPay**. **We STRONGLY encourage all our parishioners to register with ParishPay for your weekly giving.**

### BENEFITS TO YOU

You don't have to worry about bringing your envelope and checkbook to Mass every week.

You can provide regular ongoing support to St. Jean's even when you are away or unable to attend Mass.

You can easily adjust the amount of your contribution anytime via the secured website.

You receive email reminders in advance of your scheduled contributions.

You receive a year-end summary of your donations for tax purposes.

### BENEFITS TO ST. JEAN BAPTISTE CHURCH

It provides a more predictable stream of income that will help the church do a better job of forecasting and budgeting.

It reduces the expense of mailing and processing of regular weekly donation envelopes.

**It ensures consistency in giving during the lean summer months when parishioners travel and are away.**

It insures an accurate and consistent record for generating tax letters.

### IT'S EASY TO SIGN UP!

The easy-to-use website lets you enroll in just a few short minutes. Simply go to **www.parishpay.com** and click on the **Make a Donation** button. A window will open with the first step of registration. Type **St. Jean Baptiste Church** on the search bar and click **Search**. The **St. Jean Baptiste Church New York 10021 NY** option will show up. Click on **Select** and it will bring you to another window. Click on **Start Giving** and fill out your donation information. And you are all set!

## **PARISH STAFF**

John A. Kamas, SSS Pastor  
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