

THE EUCHARISTIC COMMUNITY AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JEAN BAPTISTE

Bread Broken for a New World

THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 10-11, 2018

GATHER HYMNAL # 996

LEVITICUS 13:1-2 1 CORINTHIANS 10:31-11:1, MARK 1:40-45

The Pastor's Reflections

The first chapter of Mark's gospel gives us an account of the beginning of Jesus' ministry. It started off with a bang. The people in the synagogue at Capernaum were impressed by the powerful and unique approach of his teaching. He broke from the teaching style used by the religious lawyers, the scribes, and spoke from his heart. He also drove out an unclean spirit from a man in the synagogue. As the spirit left the man he called out to Jesus, "*I know who you are – the Holy One of God!*" Word of what he had done, and what had happened that day, spread quickly.

Leaving the synagogue, Jesus went to stay at the home of Simon and Andrew. They found that Simon's mother-in-law was suffering from a debilitating fever. Jesus' simply touched her and she was cured. She got up and waited on them. After sunset, when the Sabbath was over, a crowd gathered at the house seeking healing. Early in the morning, before sunrise, Jesus went to a deserted place to pray. Simon found him and told him that everyone was looking for him. Jesus gathered the disciples and began a preaching tour of the neighboring villages.

Mark ends this first chapter of his Gospel with a dramatic cure. "*A leper came to Jesus, and kneeling down begged him and said, 'If you wish, you can make me clean.'*" We have to understand the man who is pleading with Jesus to understand how powerful this scene is.

The first reading for this Sunday is taken from the book of Leviticus. It gives medical guidelines for diagnosing leprosy. Should a blotch or sore appear on the skin and remain, or begin to erupt on other parts of the body, the person was to be brought to one of the

priests who would determine if the skin condition was leprosy. In the ancient world leprosy was the most feared disease. The disease itself was frightening with the eruption of sores, the gradual disfigurement of the body,



the loss of feeling, and sometimes, the loss of fingers and toes. But the most horrific aspect of a diagnosis of leprosy was the social isolation that came with it. "*The one who bears the sore of leprosy shall keep his garments rent and his head bare, and shall muffle his beard; he shall cry out, 'Unclean, unclean!'*" As long as

the sore is on him he shall declare himself unclean, since he is in fact unclean. He shall dwell apart, making his abode outside the camp.”

Later interpretations of this law exaggerated this isolation. A leper was forbidden to stand closer than a hundred feet from a healthy person if the wind was blowing in the direction of that person. The leper could never again return to family or friends, and was banished from contact with society.



These regulations may seem primitive and cruel, but we only have to look at the American leper colony at Moloka'i established in the late nineteenth century to see that the attitude toward the disease continued. Being sent there was a death sentence. The government was lax in providing proper medical care, food and shelter. It wasn't until Father Damian of Moloka'i volunteered to minister to the people in the leper colony that some respect, compassion and care was introduced to them.

To understand the power of the account of Jesus' cure of the leper we must understand how shocking his actions were to the people who witnessed it. First of all, the leper who approached Jesus acted in a bold and aggressive way. The people with Jesus were certainly screaming at the man to keep his distance. Lepers were forbidden to approach healthy people. This man was ritually unclean. Any physical contact with him would render a person unclean. He would not be able to touch others, eat with them from the common dish, or pray with them until he had undergone rites of purification. In the account, the leper came right up to

Jesus. He may have heard about Jesus' power to heal. He may have seen in him a compassion that broke down his fear to approach him. This man, suffering from a horrific and incurable disease, had tremendous faith in Jesus.

“If you wish, you can make me clean.” He had no doubt that Jesus could cure him. He only hoped that Jesus would *“wish”* to cure him.

Secondly, Jesus not only wished to cure him – he touched the man. This was absolutely unheard of. Jesus dismissed any concern of ritual impurity – or physical contamination. Without hesitation, *“he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said, ‘I do will it. Be made clean.’”*

Thirdly, even though Jesus admonished him not to tell anyone about his cure except the priest who would have to certify his cure, the man began to *“publicize the whole matter.”* How could anyone keep this healing a secret?! This man was not only cured of the most horrible of diseases, but he was given a new life. He could return to his family. He could re-enter society. This cure made Jesus so well known that *“it was impossible for him to enter a town openly.”* He remained in outlying and deserted places, but the people found him.

What can this account teach us?

First and foremost, that we need to overcome our fear of approaching Jesus. We must approach him in faith. We don't have to be perfect to approach him. He loves us exactly as we are.

Secondly, that we must believe that Jesus will not hesitate *“to touch”* us. He will never find us repulsive. No matter how we judge ourselves, or how others see us, Jesus always recognizes our beauty and our God-given dignity. No matter how many mistakes we've made, Jesus will freely open his heart to us. He will envelop us with his love.

Lastly, we must have faith that Jesus' touch can bring us back to health – physically, emotionally, and spiritually.

Jesus' touch will bring us a new and restored life. We only need to approach him. We only need to trust.



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

NEW INTERCESSORY PRAYER GROUP

Every Sunday, the Our Lady of Peace Prayer Group leads an hour of intercessory prayer from 1 o'clock until 2 o'clock in the church. Everyone is invited to join them.

We ask all parishioners to submit the names of friends or relatives who need prayers for whatever reason. You may bring your intentions to the group personally on Sunday, or leave them with the parish receptionist who will pass them on to the group. Praying for each other is a powerful ministry.

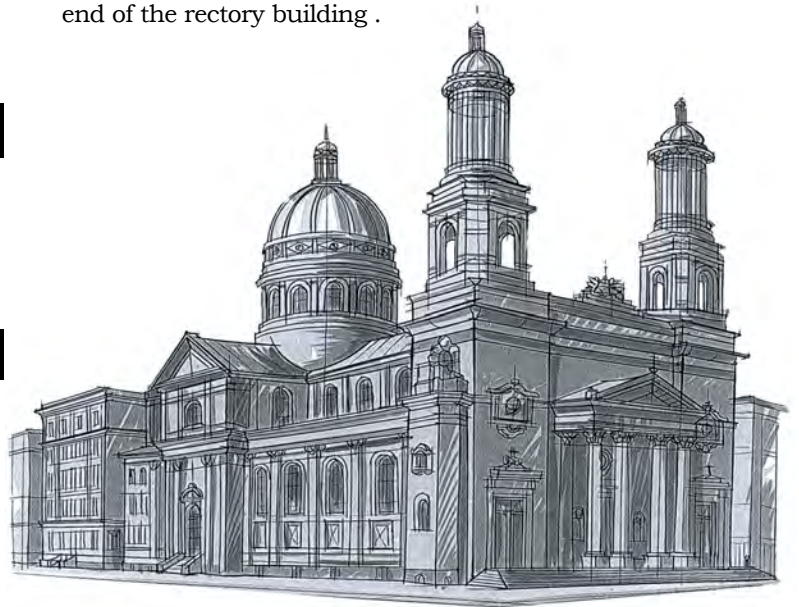
Please consider joining the group for the prayer. But also remember to bring your intentions to them or to the rectory office.

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

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. 996

HYMN OF GATHERING:

No. 826 "Alleluia, Sing To Jesus"

KYRIE

GLORIA

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *"I Turn To You, O Lord, In Time Of Trouble, And You Fill Me With The Joy Of Salvation."*
#996

SECOND READING

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

GOSPEL READING

HOMILY

CREED, NO. 143

INTERCESSIONS

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS:

No. 627 "You Are Mine"

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. 531 "Praise, My Soul, The King Of Heaven"



MUSICIANS WELCOME

If you sing or play an instrument, come join the music ministry. We always welcome new volunteers to join us at the Sunday Masses:

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
(1st Sunday Each 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



7:30 PM

Processional: No. 826 "Alleluia, Sing To Jesus"

Offertory: No. 627 "You Are Mine"

Communion: No. 578 "We Remember"

Recessional: No. 494 "The King Of Glory"



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CARDINAL'S
ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL
Sharing God's Gifts

The 2018 *Cardinal's Appeal* has begun!



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So then, while we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, and especially to those who are of the household of the faith

— Galatians 6:10

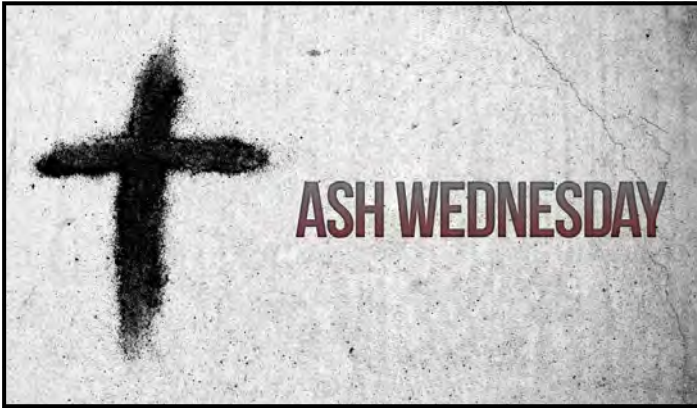
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As disciples of Christ, we are called to help one another and be merciful, as Jesus taught us. It is only with **your help** that the *Cardinal's Appeal* continues its good work in our communities. Through our ministries and charities the *Cardinal's Appeal* continues to be a beacon of hope for our brothers and sisters in faith.

MAKE AN ONLINE GIFT TODAY!

www.cardinalsappeal.org

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SCHEDULE FOR ASH WEDNESDAY- FEBRUARY 14TH

The Church will open at 6:30 AM.

Ashes will be distributed throughout the day beginning at 6:30 AM and concluding at 7:00 PM. Ashes will be distributed after the homily during the Masses.

MASS 7:30 AM

Morning Prayer 8:00 AM

Confessions – 11:45 AM until 12:15 PM

Rosary – 11:50 AM

MASS – 12:15 PM

Evening Prayer – 5:00 PM

MASS – 6:00 PM

The church will close at 7:00 PM.

FAITH IN ACTION TALK

“Where There’s Health, There’s Hope”

An evening with Deo Niyizonkiza,

Founder/CEO Village Health Works,
Burundi and Cathryn Christensen, MD, MPH

Tuesday, February 13, 2018 at 7:00 PM

St. Thomas More Rochester Room
65 East 89th Street
212 876-7718

ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAM

St. Jean’s will be taking part in a program sponsored by Con Ed to improve energy efficiency, and to help relieve the strain on the city’s electric grid. Con Ed will assist us in upgrading our plant. This will involve replacing many of our present lighting fixtures with LED compatible ones.

The cost to upgrade the **Rectory** is \$37,485.00. Our portion of the bill will be \$12,552.60.

The cost to upgrade the **Community Center** will be \$14,745. Our portion of the bill will be \$6,137.50. At the present time the many theatrical lights in the theater cannot be upgraded but we are studying the possibility of purchasing more energy efficient fixtures.

The entire **Church** cannot be upgraded at the present time because we have a number of theatrical lights (for the altar), high wattage lights (in the pendants) and exterior lights (for the exterior lighting of the church building), that are not yet able to be upgraded to LED fixtures. (The color of the light is an important factor.) We are looking into the possibility of replacing the present interior pendants with LED friendly fixtures, but this project is down the road. We will, however, be replacing all the fixtures we can. The present project for the church will cost \$28,650.00. Our portion of the bill is \$8,747.20.

Our cost for the entire project – upgrading the church, rectory and community center is \$27,437.30. We should recoup our investment in one year.

PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, February 19, 2018 in observance of Presidents’ Day, and will re-open on Tuesday, February 20, 2018.



USHER/GREETER NEEDED



Ushers/greeters are needed for the Saturday and Sunday evening Masses. Please contact Joan Prenty director of St. Jean Baptiste Religious Education at 212-288-5082 ext. 30

SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP



Following the 11:00AM Mass each Sunday we invite everyone in the church to gather for coffee, juices, bagels and fellowship in the High School Auditorium. Enter the Auditorium through the large doors behind the

organ area. We look forward to having you join us.

CALLING ALL SENIORS!

All are welcome at the Senior Luncheons which take place every Wednesday at 1:00 PM in the Great Hall of the Community Center. Donation: \$3.00.

THE OIL BILL JUST CAME IN

We just received the oil bill covering the last two weeks of December and the first two weeks of January - a whopping \$12,750.18! This bill is only for the Church building and the rectory. The school pays its own oil bills.

If you are inclined to do so, could you add a little to you weekly donation this weekend? Every extra dollar you give will help to put a dent in this extraordinary bill. Thanks so much.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

The Sunday collection.....Checks: **\$5,293.00**

Cash: **\$3,225.00**

WeShare donations amounted to: **\$2,142.00**

Total: \$10,660.00

Please take note: All user data, scheduled recurring donations, and scheduled one-time donations are now handled by WeShare another online giving service.

FAMILY LIFE

TODDLER PLAY GROUP

Our Toddler Play Group is in session in the Community Center From September through June.

The children enjoy their first "school" experience in our well-equipped and friendly play room.

For information call the Play Group Director Pauline Reenock, at 212-472-2853 Ext. 2

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education classes are available for children preparing for First Holy Communion and Confirmation and their continuing religious education.

For more information call Ms. Joan T. Prenty, Director of Religious Education, at 212-288-5082, ext 30, or email her at:

stjeanbaptistereligioused@gmail.com.

FAMILY MASS 2018 CALENDAR



March 4, 2018

April 8, 2018

May 6, 2018

Every Family Mass will be held at 11:00 AM followed by a reception in the SJB High School Auditorium immediately following the Mass. All are welcome!

--VERY IMPORTANT--

Please remember to bring a non-perishable food item to benefit the New York Common Pantry. The children will have the opportunity to bring these to the Altar.

COMMUNITY CENTER SCHEDULE

FEBRUARY 12-FEBRUARY 18

MONDAY:

9:00-1:00 **Toddler Program** (Toddler Center)
4:00-6:30 **Broadway Babies** (Toddler Center)
4:00-9:00 **Broadway Babies** (Great Hall)
6:00-8:00 **LA Meeting** (Toddler Center)

TUESDAY:

9:00-1:00 **Toddler Program** (Toddler Center)
4:00-5:00 **Broadway Babies** (Toddler Center)
3:00-9:00 **Broadway Babies** (Great Hall)

WEDNESDAY:

9:00-1:00 **Toddler Program** (Toddler Center)
1:00-2:30 **Senior Luncheon** (Great Hall)
3:00-5:00 **Broadway Babies** (Toddler Center)
4:00-6:00 **Broadway Babies** (Great Hall)
6:00-10:00 **AAII Meeting** (Great Hall)

THURSDAY:

9:00-1:00 **Toddler Program** (Toddler Center)
3:15-6:00 **Broadway Babies** (Toddler Center)
4:00-5:00 **Broadway Babies** (Great Hall)
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:

9:00-6:00 **Broadway Babies** (Toddler Center)
9:00-6:00 **Broadway Babies** (Great Hall)

SUNDAY:

11:00-5:00 **Broadway Babies** (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.

ABOUT OUR WEBSITE

The website for the Church of St. Jean Baptiste, www.stjeanbaptisteny.org, now has an active "DONATE" feature. You may now use your credit cards to donate or pay fees for programs at the church. These include:

1. Building Maintenance and Restoration
2. General Support
3. Concert Tickets
4. Religious Education Fees
5. Toddler Program Tuition
6. Support for Scholarships for SJB High School

You may also designate whether you would like to give a one-time gift, a bi-weekly gift, a monthly gift or yearly gift. A "comments" section also allows you to relay further information concerning your gift. An e-mail confirmation is sent to you upon completion of your transaction.

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, February 11

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 Lennix Lewis
11:00 Lourdes Galvez Hurttlen
5:30 Janet Elder
7:30 Margaret Daleo

MONDAY, February 12

7:30 The Zocche Family
12:15 Philippe Camire

TUESDAY, February 13

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

WEDNESDAY, February 14

ASH WEDNESDAY

7:30 Vincent McDonnell
12:15 Maria Aponter

THURSDAY, February 15

7:30 Adora Tidalgo
12:15 Cacique Mohale Relekhetho

FRIDAY, February 16

7:30 Robert Amori
12:15 Frances Baldwin

SATURDAY, February 17

12:15 James Venedam
5:30 Peter J. Nardoza

CELEBRANTS FOR FEBRUARY 17-18

Saturday 5:30 Fr. John Kamas, SSS

Sunday 9:00 Fr. Bernard Camiré, SSS
11:00 Fr. John Kamas, SSS
5:30 Fr. John Kamas, SSS
7:30 Fr. John Kamas, SSS



2nd Annual PASTA BOWL

Join us in providing warm, nourishing winter meals for hungry New Yorkers.



In 2017 the SOUP-er Bowl Food Drive became the PASTA Bowl. The competition was fierce and it's time for our teams to bring their best again!

Please help us stock up for the **PASTA BOWL** by:

1) Donating PASTA*

- Use this form to schedule a food pick-up: <http://bit.ly/2jchaup>
 - Contest for participating schools ends Wednesday, February 14th.
 - Last day for pickups is Friday, February 16th.
 - Questions? Please contact: PastaBowl@nycommonpantry.org
- * DRY pasta only, Whole Wheat preferred.

2) Helping NYCP purchase PASTA

- \$1 = 1 pound of pasta
- Donations accepted in any amount

by **CREDIT CARD**

- Visit www.nycommonpantry.org & click "DONATE NOW".
 - Select "PASTA BOWL" in the Donation Category,
 - Enter School Name in "This donation is in honor of".

by **CHECK**

- Make payable to "New York Common Pantry".
- Send to NYCP, 8 East 109th Street New York, NY 10029, Attn: Neill Bogan.
- Please indicate Pasta Bowl and School Name in the memo line.

HAPPY PASTA BOWL — MAY THE BEST TEAM WIN!**

** Participating school scores will be posted online.

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