

THE EUCHARISTIC COMMUNITY AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JEAN BAPTISTE

Bread Broken for a New World

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 10-11, 2018

GATHER HYMNAL #914

2 CHRONICLES 36:14-16, 19-23 EPHESIANS 2:4-10 JOHN 3:14-21

The Pastor's Reflections



“There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. He came to Jesus at night. (John 3:1-2)” This is the context of our Gospel passage this week. As a Pharisee, Nicodemus was a member of an exclusive brotherhood that publically vowed to observe every detail of the thousands of laws the scribes had extracted from bible texts. Jesus condemned this religious legalism and those who fostered them saying, *“They tie up heavy burdens hard to carry and lay them on people’s shoulders. (Matthew 23:4)”*

Nicodemus was also a member of the Sanhedrin, a court with seventy members. It was Israel’s Supreme Court. It had authority over all Jews, and had the exclusive authority to determine if a person was a false prophet. Hence, throughout the Gospels, we witness the Pharisees and scribes following Jesus around judging the orthodoxy of every word he spoke.

Nicodemus was a wealthy man. After Jesus’

death he assisted Joseph of Arimathea in Jesus’ burial by bringing a mixture of one hundred pounds of myrrh and aloes. Only a very wealthy person could have afforded to buy such a large quantity.

It’s so strange that Nicodemus, a wealthy, ultra-orthodox Pharisee and member of the exclusive, and, very powerful Sanhedrin, would secretly meet with Jesus to discuss religious topics. Jesus was highly suspect by both the Pharisees and the Sanhedrin. It’s no surprise that Nicodemus visited Jesus under the cover of darkness. The heart of this passage contains two of Jesus’ most profound mystical teachings.

“No one can see the kingdom of God without being born again from above. (John 3:3)” Nicodemus was perplexed by this statement. A person cannot re-enter the womb. There must be something more behind this statement. Jesus added an additional layer to the teaching. *“One must be born again of water and the Spirit. (John 3:5)”* You can hear both frustration and amazement in Nicodemus’ response, *“How can this happen? (John 3:9)”* Jesus’ answer was a challenge. Jesus was about to open a scripture to him *“You are the teacher of Israel and you do not understand this? (John 3:10)”*

We must remember that this wasn’t a hostile meeting. Nicodemus was risking a great deal by coming to Jesus. He was attracted to Jesus and his teachings. But there was more. Nicodemus was a dedicated Jew – a deeply religious man. Something about his spiritual journey seemed to be lacking. He was looking for more. Deep down he hoped that Jesus could open a spiri-

tual door for him. Jesus presented a powerful image for Nicodemus to contemplate.

“Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. (John 3:14-16)”

Jesus reminded Nicodemus of a passage from the Book of Numbers. The people of Israel had been journeying through the desert hoping to find the Promised Land. Even though God gave them water from a rock that Moses struck with his staff, and rained manna into their camp to feed them in the morning and even though God sent flocks of quail to fly over the camp for their food in the evening, the people turned their eyes back to the life they had in Egypt. *“With their patience worn out by the journey, the people complained against God and Moses, ‘Why have you brought us up from the land of Egypt to die in this desert?’ (Numbers 21:5)”* In punishment God sent serpents into their camp that bit and killed many of the people. They turned to Moses and begged him to do something to save them. He prayed, and God told him to make a serpent out of bronze, to place it on a pole, and to lift it up for all the people to see. Anyone who was bitten and looked up at the serpent recovered.

Jesus was making a clear reference to his crucifixion, and the redemption that would be won for everyone who saw the true meaning of his death. His crucifixion, being spawned from the violence and injustice of the world, would not condemn the world. The world had already condemned itself by not believing in him. Being lifted up on the cross, Jesus would offer every person the opportunity to see God’s love. *“For God so loved the world that he gave his Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. (John 3:16)”*

Jesus was teaching Nicodemus that he was the incarnation of God’s love. The sight of that love lifted up in glory on the cross would bring new life to everyone who believed in that love – they would be born again through that love.

At the conclusion of John’s account of the Passion he added an unforgettable image. When the soldiers *“came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs, but one soldier thrust his lance into his side, and immediately blood and water flowed out. (John 19:33-34)”* John presented Jesus as a woman giving birth – the water and the blood anticipating the birth.

The cross invites us to enter the mystery of God’s love in the person of Jesus crucified – the Paschal Mystery through which we are reborn to eternal life.

SCHEDULE FOR HOLY WEEK

PALM SUNDAY

Saturday
5:30 PM – Vigil Mass

Sunday
9:00 AM
11:00 AM – Choir Mass
5:30 PM
7:30 PM

HOLY THURSDAY

7:00 PM – Church Opens
8:00 AM – MORNING PRAYER
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
until 5:30 PM
5:00 PM – EVENING PRAYER
7:30 PM – **MASS OF THE LORD’S SUPPER**
– **Washing of the Feet**
Adoration at the Repository
following the Liturgy until Midnight.

GOOD FRIDAY

7:00 AM – Church Opens
8:00 AM – MORNING PRAYER
11:30 AM until 1:00 PM – Confessions
NOON – STATIONS OF THE CROSS
3:00 PM – **LITURGY OF THE LORD’S PASSION** – **Veneration of the Cross and Communion**
5:00 – EVENING PRAYER
7:30 PM – TENEDRAE SERVICE

HOLY SATURDAY

8:00 AM – Church Opens
9:00 AM – TENEBRAE SERVICE
12:00 PM until 1:00 PM – Confessions
The church remains in silence throughout the day in commemoration Christ in the Tomb
7:30 PM – **EASTER VIGIL – Lighting the New Fire, Ceremony of Light and Rite of Baptism and Easter Mass**

EASTER SUNDAY

8:00 AM – Church Opens
9:00 AM – Mass
11:00 AM – Choir Mass
5:30 PM – Mass
The Church will close at 6:30 PM

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

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday after the 12:15 Mass.

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

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? ARE YOU AN ADULT DESIRING FIRST 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. 914

HYMN OF GATHERING:

No. 513 *"I Want To Walk As A Child Of The Light"*

KYRIE

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *"Let My Tongue Be Silenced, If I Ever Forget You!"*

SECOND READING

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

GOSPEL READING

HOMILY

CREED, NO. 143

INTERCESSIONS

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS:

No. 504 *"I Have Loved You"*

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. 586 *"Amazing Grace"*

BLESSING and DISMISSAL

RECESSIONAL:

No. 496 *"How Great Thou Art"*

"A person who sings prays twice." --St. Augustine



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: 11:00 AM Sunday Mass; Rehearsal Sunday 10:00 AM

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:

"Open The Eyes Of My Heart"

*Open the eyes of my heart, Lord
Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see You
I want to see You (REPEAT)*

*To see You high and lifted up
Shinin' in the light of Your glory
Pour out Your power and love
As we sing holy, holy, holy*

[Repeat]

*Holy, holy, holy
holy, holy, holy
holy, holy, holy
I want to see you
(REPEAT)*

Offertory: No. 504

"I Have Loved You"

Communion: No. 586

"Amazing Grace"

Recessional: No. 496

"How Great Thou Art"

IT'S ALWAYS SOMETHING...

Last Saturday, about 6:45 PM, a taxi careened out of control and ran into the church fence at the corner of 76th and Lexington. The impact broke several of the iron posts and pushed the entire 50 foot fence about one half inch down 76th street. This disturbed the wall in the well below which goes down to the theater and compromised the coping stones supporting the iron fence.

We are waiting for a time line to be set up to complete the repairs. Our insurance should be covering the entire scope of work. (Thank God!)





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SECOND SCRUTINY



As we continue on our Lenten path, those who are to receive the sacraments at the Easter Vigil continue their journey toward Christ and his Church during the second Scrutiny.

This week we pray along with them as they look toward the light of Christ and we implore the

Holy Spirit to continue to guide them on the path of right faith. Please join us as we celebrate the Second Scrutiny Sunday at the 11 am Mass.

NYC MASTER CHORAL CONCERT

LET THERE BE LIGHT!

Friday, March 23, 2018, 8PM
St. Jean Baptiste Church
1065 Lexington Avenue

Dusty Francis, conductor
Helen Karloski, mezzo-soprano

Tickets start at \$25
nycmasterchorale.org/box

THE AHERNE SHEEHAN SCHOOL OF IRISH DANCE

Invites you to celebrate St. Patrick's Day with us
Traditional Irish Breakfast

Saturday, March 17, 9:30am-12:00PM
St. Stephen's School, 408 East 82nd St



Presale tickets available online
ahernesheehan.com/breakfast
Adults:\$20 Kids under 12:\$10
Kids under 5 are free

Tickets available at the door
Adults:\$25 Kids under 12:\$15

ALL PROCEEDS RAISED WILL BENEFIT THE AHERNE SHEEHAN PARENTS ASSOCIATION



ENERGEY 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.

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.

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.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

The Sunday collection.....Checks: **\$2,945.00**
Cash: **\$5,123.00**

WeShare donations amounted to: **\$2,165.00**

Total: \$10,233.00

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

USHER/GREETER NEEDED



Ushers/greeters are needed for ALL THE WEEKEND Masses but.....

WE ARE IN DESPERATE NEED OF USHERS FOR THE 5:30 AND 7:30 MASSES ON SUNDAY.

Please contact the Parish Office if you are willing to help. 212-288-5082 ext. 10.

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.

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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



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

MARH 12- MARCH 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)
4:00-5:00 **Broadway Babies** (Toddler Center)
3:00-9:00 **Broadway Babies** (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, March 11

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

9:00 Kurt Corrigan
11:00 Vikki Phillips
5:30 William Kelly
11:00 Peter Gaine

MONDAY, March 12

7:30 Emmanuel Henry
12:15 Blanca Lilia Perez Viuda De Castaneda

TUESDAY, March 13

7:30 For the Parishioners
12:15 For all enrolled in the Shrine of St. Anne

WEDNESDAY, March 14

7:30 Vincent McDonnell
12:15 Patrick & Kate Killeen & John Hynes

THURSDAY, March 15

7:30 The Zocche Family
12:15 August Bosetti
5:30 Memorial Mass For Terry Giunta
6:30 Annual Mass for the Order of St. Lazarus

FRIDAY, March 16

7:30 Patricia Donovan
12:15 Rita Sherman

SATURDAY, March 17

12:15 Russell Battaglia
5:30 Patricia Kelly

CELEBRANTS FOR MARCH 17-18

Saturday 5:30 Fr. John Kamas, SSS

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



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