

THE EUCHARISTIC COMMUNITY

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JEAN BAPTISTE

Bread Broken for a New World

THE TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 6-7, 2018
GATHER HYMNAL #1059
GENESIS 2:18-24; HEBREWS 2:9-11; MARK 10:2-16

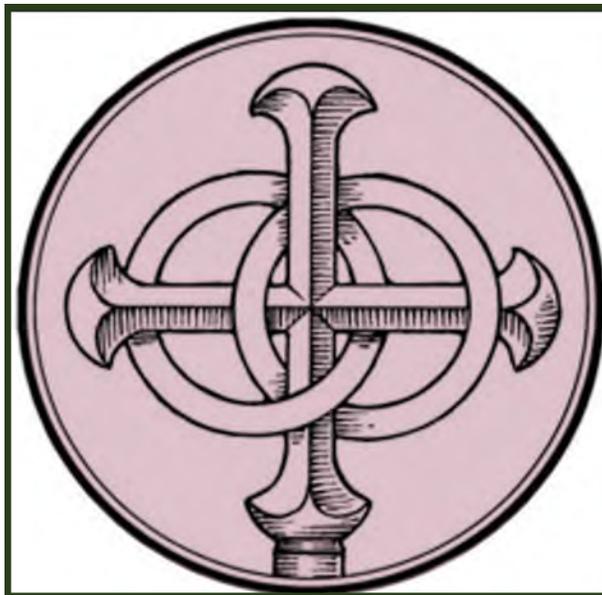
The Pastor's Reflections

Divorce is a very sensitive topic in the Church today. So when I read the Gospel for this Sunday, I thought that I would have to navigate through a minefield to get to the message of the passage. As I began to do some research around divorce at the time of Jesus I discovered some interesting and enlightening facts.

As the account goes a few Pharisees came to Jesus asking, "Is it lawful for a husband to divorce his wife?" Jesus answered them with a question, "What did Moses command you?" They immediately answered, "Moses permitted a husband to write a bill of divorce and dismiss her."

O.K. The Pharisees knew the law. They also knew that there was a great deal of tension surrounding the law's interpretation. They also were aware of the terrible state of marriage in their day.

In ancient Jewish tradition marriage was not only a covenant between a man and a woman, it was a mirror of God's covenant with the Jewish people. There are many passages in the prophets that make this statement. Here is what Isaiah



wrote: "As a young man marries a virgin, your Builder shall marry you; and as a bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so shall your God rejoice in you." This is a mystical interpretation of marriage and it's repeated each time an observant Jew prays. This isn't done verbally. It's spoken symbolically.

Before each daily Morning Prayer a Jewish man ties two leather boxes to his body, one on his forehead, and the other on his arm. The one that he places on his arm is strapped to his body in an interesting way. He begins by wrapping the ring finger of his left hand with a thin leather strap, and continues to wind it up his left arm. The little box is secured to the upper part of his arm by the strap, and held tight against his heart throughout the prayer. The phylactery is his symbolic wedding ring. Inside the box a small scroll states his marriage vow. It's taken from the book of Deuteronomy: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all you soul, and with all your mind." (Deuteronomy 6:8)

Though in theory marriage was held as the highest ideal in Jesus' day, but in reality, mar-

riage was here today and gone tomorrow. In Jewish law, a woman was regarded as a thing. She had no legal rights. The male head of the household could dispose of her at any time. A woman couldn't seek a divorce from a court of law. The most she could do was to ask her husband to divorce her. The law concerning divorce is based on a passage from the Book of Deuteronomy 24:1. *"When a man, after marrying a woman and having relations with her, is later displeased with her because he finds in her something indecent, and therefore writes a bill of divorce and hands it to her, he thus dismisses her from his house."*

There were various schools of thought surrounding this passage, especially the interpretation of *"something indecent."* One school interpreted this very strictly. The passage referred to adultery and nothing else. Another school interpreted it very broadly: if she couldn't cook well, or criticized her husband in the presence of his relatives, or even if she spoke loudly! Well, I'm sure you can guess which school of thought was the most popular!

Today men and women have a more or less equal status when it comes to divorce in many countries. Divorce is more difficult as a result. But in our country 50% of our marriages end in divorce.

So what was Jesus teaching? He said that Moses permitted divorce because of *"the hardness of your hearts."* But he goes on to refer to the Book of Genesis. *"God made them male and female. For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh."* He continued the teaching. *"So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore, what God has joined no human being must separate."*

Jesus clearly saw the state of marriage in his day. He upheld its mystical dignity. In Matthew's Gospel, when this question comes up, Jesus recognizes that adultery by either partner would be grounds for divorce because it destroyed the marriage covenant, and so no longer reflected the faithful marriage of God and God's people.

Where does all this leave us? Marriage is still a struggle today. I know several men and women in their 20's and 30's who say they'll

never marry. They want to be in a loving relationship. They want to have children. They don't want to enter into a legal marriage. I asked why. They all answered the same way. *"I saw my parents get a divorce, and I don't want to go through that."*

Perhaps they're referring to the sometimes devastating legal fees, or the trauma caused to them by witnessing the disintegration of their parent's relationship. Divorce is always rough on the children. Perhaps these young people think it might be easier on their children if they didn't have to go through the legal hell of a divorce should their relationship fall apart.

We all know Catholics who have abandoned the Church because they chose to divorce, and later wanted to marry again, but couldn't. We all know Catholics who feel ostracized by the Church because they're divorced. And remarried. For many, the Church's annulment process is a second humiliation following their legal divorce.

The legal process of divorce and annulment is not within my ability to reform, though I believe it needs reforming. I can suggest, however, that each of us try never to lose respect for marriage as an institution, and a spiritual way of life. I think sometimes we overlook the power of marital spirituality. Marriage is never easy. It takes a lot of work to keep a marriage moving, and developing, and deepening. A couple will have a difficult time if they rely only on themselves. They need the Spirit to walk with them, to give them strength, and perseverance through difficult times. The Spirit also gifts a couple with joy and happiness if they're open to the Spirit's power and guiding light.

Lastly, I want to plead with older married couples and newly married couples. Please don't underestimate staying attached to the Church community. Keep the celebration of the Eucharist central to your spirituality. Sustain yourselves, and your marriage, with the Bread of Life. When Jesus said he would be with us until the end of time, he meant it. Lean on him. Bring him into your marriage. Invite him to strengthen you, and heal you over and over again. Ask him daily to bless you and your marriage.

Don't try to make it alone. Make sure you love continues to grow; lean on Love itself.

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

INTERCESSORY PRAYER GROUP

Every Sunday, the Our Lady of Peace Prayer Group leads an hour of intercessory prayer from 12:30pm until 1:30pm 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.

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 .



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.



MUSIC OF THE LITURGY

The scripture readings may be found in GATHER at No. 1059

PALM PROCESSION HYMN:

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

KYRIE

GLORY TO GOD

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *"May The Lord Bless And Protect Us All The Days Of Our Lives"*

SECOND READING

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

GOSPEL READING

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. 856 "When Love Is Found"

BLESSING and DISMISSAL

RECESSIONAL:

No. 613 "Love Divide, All Loves Excelling"

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

7:30 PM

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

Offertory: No. 613 "Love Divine, All Love Excelling"

Communion: No. 504 "I Have Loved You"

Recessional: "Praise The Lord"

Em C Am D G B7

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, praise the Lord in all his great-ness.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Em C Am B7 Em

Praise the Lord, praise his name. Je - sus Christ, Sav - iour of all.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

C D G Em C

1. Come and sing out your joy for God all the earth, sing now and
D B7 C D
bless his ho - ly name. Day af - ter day, sing your
G C Am C D
praise to the Lord, go proclaim his won - der to all.

2. How strong and mighty is the Lord our great God,
He made the heavens and the earth.
All came through Him in his splendour and pow'r,
Let all nations bow down before Him.
3. Come with your flute and strings and play for the Lord,
Cry out with joy and dance for Him.
With all your heart, praise the name of our God,
In a song of worship unending.
4. All of our hope is in the name of the Lord,
He is the joy of every heart.
Lord may your love always live in our hearts,
You who are our strength and our song.

*Richard Owen, Jr., Director of Music Ministries & Organist
email: owenrick@aol.com;*

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.

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.

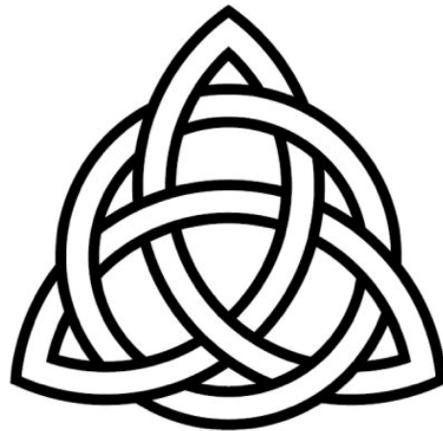
USHER/GREETER NEEDED



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

WE ARE IN DESPERATE NEED OF USHERS AND GREETERS 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.



HEALING MASS



Date: Saturday, October 6th

Time: Rosary at 6:30PM

Mass at 7:00PM

Where: St. Jean Baptiste
East 76th Street at
Lexington Avenue

Celebrant:
Fr. Kisito Voudounon

For further information, contact:
Lennix at 212.288.5082 ext. 14
Estela at 917.617.5688





LOOKING AHEAD

Here are some highlights of the new season. We will provide details in the coming weeks.

All the priests and brothers will be going to Florida from October 21 to 27 for a meeting where they will elect a new administration for the order.

On the first Sunday of November, the 4th, we will begin a new Mass for children. It will be held at 9:30 AM in the Community Center. Father Kamus will officiate. We hope to help our youngest members with their understanding of just what is happening at Mass.

The Players will be presenting “Bye Bye Birdie” In November. A special reception will be held before the November 9th performance.



Au Revoir



Father Norman Pelletier, s.s.s. who has served as the local superior of the Blessed Sacrament Community at St. Jean Baptiste parish for the last three years has accepted a temporary assignment for the next few years at the invitation of the Superior general of the order.

Father Norman will be the Director of the St. Peter Julian Eymard Center in La Mure d’Isère, France. La Mure is the small town at the foot-hills of the Alps in southeast France where St. Peter Julian, the founder of the Blessed Sacrament order, was born and died. La Mure is now a retreat and pilgrimage location on the famous Napoleonic highway leading to other religious shrines, such as Our Lady of La Salette, and merely a few hours drive to Italy.

Father Norman will return to St. Jeans periodically as his permanent residence will remain in New York.

We wish Father Norman all the best in his new assignment. Perhaps there might even be a pilgrimage from St. Jean’s to La Mure in the future.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Sunday collection: Checks: \$ 5,116.00
Cash: \$ 2,769.00
WeShare: \$ 1,240.00
Total: \$ 9,125.00

The St. Joseph's Seminary collection amounted to 1,557.00.

THE NEW YORK COMMON PANTRY



Since 1980, the Common Pantry has been working to reduce hunger in New York City. They have certainly succeeded in meeting the needs of the community and, last year, served 6 million meals to nearly 500,000 New Yorkers. The Pantry is dedicated to helping

the most vulnerable among us, not only by providing food, but by prompting dignity and self-sufficiency. St. Jean's is happy to continue our support for NYCP.

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.

For the month of October, the pantry is in need of:

- Protein or fruit bars
- Oatmeal
- Peanut butter/Honey
- Dried fruit
- Canned low sugar/sugar free juices
- Non-perishable pasteurized milk

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.



Come Join Us!

Sunday October 14th

In the Parish Courtyard

Following the 11:00 AM Family Mass

12:00 PM until 3:00 PM

Music

Face Painting

Games for the Kids

Beer -\$2

Soft drinks - \$1

Sausage, sauerkraut, and a roll - \$3

Hot dogs, sauerkraut, and a roll - \$3

*If you plan to come,
it would be helpful if you
call the office by October 10.
(212 288-5082 ext 10)*

*We want to be sure
we have enough food.*



Family Life

TODDLER 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. Registration for the upcoming year is still underway. A few spots are still available. 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.

Registration for Religious Education for the 2018-2019 School year is underway. New families, will need a copy of the child's baptismal certificate to register.

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



Deepen Your Faith

at
St. Jean Baptiste
184 E. 76th Street
NYC

Religious Education for Children - REGISTER NOW
Wednesdays 4 - 6 pm

Also Available

New Weekly Sunday 9:30 am Children's Mass

Monthly Family Mass

Adult and Children's Choir

Bible Study for Adults

Spirituality and Social Justice

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults
(Sacramental Preparation for Teens and Adults)

Baptism Preparation

For further information and scheduling please call

Joan T. Prenty, Director of Religious Education
at 212-288-5082 ext. 30

or check out our website
stjeanbaptisteny.org

FAMILY MASS 2018-2019 CALENDAR

October 14
November 4
December 16
January 6
February 3
March 3
April 7
May 5

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!

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

OCTOBER 15– OCTOBER 21

MONDAY:

9:00-1:00 **Toddler Program** (Toddler Center)
3:30-6:30 **Broadway Babies** (Toddler Center)
5:00-9:00 **Broadway Babies** (Great Hall)

TUESDAY:

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

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:

4:30-6:00 **Broadway Babies** (Great Hall)
6:00-8:00 **OA Meeting** (Room #2)
6:00-10:00 **Manhattan Dance** (Great Hall)

SATURDAY:

NO EVENTS

SUNDAY:

NO EVENTS

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, October 7

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 Frank Cassar
11:00 Ernesto Bangao & SJB Alumni
Reunion Class
5:30 John Gallagher
7:30 Francesco Rosato

MONDAY, October 8

COLUMBUS DAY

7:30 Vincent McDonnell
12:15 Leonard & Rose Carey

TUESDAY, October 9

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

WEDNESDAY, October 10

7:30 Mara Brunetti Zocche
12:15 The Zocche Family

THURSDAY, October 11

7:30 Richard Soto
12:15 Marion & Joseph McBride

FRIDAY, October 12

7:30 Mara Brunetti Zocche
12:15 Blanca Lilia Perez Vuida De
Castaneda

SATURDAY, October 13

12:15 Sr. Mary Caplice, CND
5:30 Gerald Gachette

ATTENTION PARISHIONERS!

Please call 212.288.5082 ext. 10 or email sjbrc@yahoo.com to update your contact information. We particularly want to update the emails and phone listings.

PARISH OFFICE



The parish office will be close in observance of Columbus Day, Monday, October 8th to reopen on Tuesday, October 9th.

PARISH STAFF

John A. Kamas, SSS Pastor
Bernard Camiré, SSS, Parish Associate
Antony M. Fernando, SSS, Chaplain at Lenox Hill Hospital
Richard Owen, Jr., Director of Music Ministries
Lennix Lewis, Business Manager
Joan Prenty, Director of Religious Education
Angelica Contreras, Parish Secretary
Antonio Boccia, Director of the Community Center
Pauline Reenock, Director of the Toddler Program
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Michael Lorch, Trustee

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