

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

## *Bread Broken for a New World*

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MARCH 2-3, 2019

SIRACH 27:4-7 1 CORINTHIANS 15:54-58 LUKE 6:39-45

GATHER HYMNAL #1003

### *The Pastor's Reflections*



**W**atch your mouth! That's right. Watch your mouth! That's the theme of the scripture readings today. The sage, Sirach, tells us in the first reading: "When a sieve is shaken, the husks appear; so do one's faults when one speaks." Jesus broadens the theme while at the same time bringing it into focus.

"A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good, but an evil person out of a store of evil produces evil; for from the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks." If you want to know who the other person is, watch his mouth, watch her mouth. If you want to know who you are, listen to what comes out of own mouth.

In 1948, I was born in a tenement on East 74<sup>th</sup> street, the silk stocking district, the Upper East Side. I lived there until 1961. The railroad flat had no central heating and no hot water. It was tiny and cramped, and certainly not luxurious, but it was home, and my parents, sister and I

were happy there. However, we weren't the only residents there. We were in constant battle with the roaches – the most resilient creatures on the face of the earth. We would occasionally see roaches during the day. But in the night – in the night the roaches ruled the kitchen. A flick of the light in the middle of the night sent what always seemed like legions of them scurrying back to their hiding places.

I've been using this image to describe the present state of our country, and many countries throughout the world. We go through periods when there

is enough light to keep most of the roaches in hiding. But now and again, the light fades and the roaches begin to emerge.

During my lifetime I've witnessed periods of light and darkness. The civil rights movement of the 1950's and 1960's brightened the light. It seemed that we had turned a corner with the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Things quieted down. Then the protests against the Vietnam War peaked in the late 1960's and 1970's. I was in college and graduate school during those chaotic years. The light returned with the resignation of Richard Nixon and the end of the war in 1974 and 1975, and things calmed down again.

Much has gone on since then, but perhaps the last ten years have been the most disturbing. The light has been weakening. Daily, darkness washes over our nation like a tide. It isn't all political. The darkness is washing over our Church, too. Witness the scandals and the cover-ups.

How difficult it is to have dinner with friends. We don't dare speak about anything of value, or if we do, we end up fighting. We can't discuss. We can't learn anything from one another.

The politics we hear is rhetoric of fear and accusations. The dynamic goes beyond political parties. We mired with racism, anti-Semitism, extremism; left verses right, conservative verses progressive. Everything is black and white. People speak out only to fight with other people who speak out. Their interactions are unproductive and inflammatory. Those who remain silent only increase the darkness. I point to the leadership of our church and our elected officials. The Gospel is speaking so loudly to us today. *"From the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks."* What has happened to our hearts?

What has happened to our hearts that we speak what we speak? What has happened to our hearts that we speak the way we speak? We've abandoned love! We've buried our hearts in the darkness of the grave. How we need Jesus to scream out, as he did at the tomb of his friend Lazarus, "COME OUT!"

I'm concluding this reflection with two quotes from a book by Marianne Williams. Please read what she writes as a prayer.

"Something amazing happens when we surrender and just love. We melt into another world, a realm of power already within us. The world changes when we change. The world softens when we soften. The world loves us when we choose to love the world. Surrender means the decision to stop fighting the world, and to start loving it instead." (From *A Return to Love* by Marianne Williamson)

"God, as love, is constantly expanding, flourishing and creating new patterns for the expression and attainment of joy. When our minds, through focus on love, are allowed to be open vessels through which God expresses, our lives become the canvases for the expression of that joy. That's the meaning of our lives. We are here as physical expressions of a divine principle. To say that we're on the earth to serve God, means that we're on the earth to love.

We weren't just randomly thrown onto a sea of rocks. We have a mission – to save the world through the power of love. The world needs healing desperately, like a bird with a broken wing. People know this, and millions have prayed.

God heard us. He sent help. He sent you." (From *A Return To Love* by Marianne Williamson)

In a few days we will come to the church to accept the sign of the cross, the symbol of love, on our foreheads. May that symbol dig deeply into our hearts. This Lent, may we begin to love again. May we come back to life.

## ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE



**Church opens 7:00 AM**

**7:30 AM: Mass**

**8:00 AM: Morning Prayer**

**11:45 AM: Confessions**

**12:15 PM Mass**

**5:00 PM: Evening Prayer**

**7:00 PM: Mass**

**Ashes will be distributed through  
the day 7:00 AM until 7:00 PM.**

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### STEWARDSHIP REPORT

#### **Sunday collection:**

Checks: **\$ 4,335.00**

Cash: **\$ 2,406.00**

WeShare: **\$ 1,255.00**

**Total: \$ 7,996.00**

Some financial information:

Our Sunday collection covers only about half of our weekly payroll.

The rental of our facilities covers the remainder of our weekly expenses: heating, electric, gas, telephone, insurance, diocesan assessments and repairs.

## 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. 1003

PROCESSION HYMN:

No. 544 *"Sing A New Song"*

KYRIE

GLORY TO GOD

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *"Lord, It Is Good To Give Thanks To You."*

SECOND READING

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

GOSPEL READING

## CREED, NO. 143

INTERCESSIONS

## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS:

No. 826 *"Alleluia, Sing To Jesus"*

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. 800 *"O Breathe On Me, O Breath Of God"*

## BLESSING and DISMISSAL

RECESSIONAL:

No. 531 *"Praise, My Soul, The King Of Heaven"*

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

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

7:30 PM

Processional: No. 544  
*"Sing A New Song"*

Offertory: No. 826  
*"Alleluia, Sing To Jesus"*

Communion: No. 800  
*"O Breathe On Me, O Breath Of God"*

Recessional: No. 443  
*"Resuscito"*





# THE VAULT PROJECT

**What you see:**



**What you don't:**



Every corner of New York has underground surprises and we have one that is over one hundred years old. Who among us really gives a thought to what's beneath our feet as we walk up 76th Street?

Well, the time has come to give it serious consideration. We cannot ignore the condition of our sidewalk vault. We must deal with the deterioration before it becomes a true emergency.

Thanks to some very generous parishioners, we are well on our way to the goal. Please help speed our way to the finish line.

# THE VAULT PROJECT

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**At the beginning of February your generosity raised \$256,403 for this important project!**

**The Archdiocese has agreed to help us a loan of \$250,000 to assure its completion.**

NOW WE CAN MOVE ON TO A SECOND PHASE

To continue our fund-raising and begin chipping away at the loan we've taken.

## AN EXCITING BEGINNING

Monday, February 11th, I received a phone call from a friend of St. Jean's, not a parishioner, but someone who joins us for Mass occasionally. I was presented with a wonderful offer - our friend pledged a \$50,000 MATCHING GRANT!

SO:

**Every dollar you donate from now on will be worth two dollars until we reach \$50,000.**

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## PHASE TWO REPORT

This week's donations:

\$1,232.16 + matching donation = \$2,464.32

**Total donations + matching grant: \$9,964.16**

**Thank You!**

Checks can be made out to St. Jean Baptiste.

Just note that it's for the Vault Project.



## COUPLES CONNECT!



A fellowship of **married catholic couples** (no matter the length of marriage), who seek to grow in faith, strengthen their marriages and fulfill their vocation according to God's plan.

We socialize in a very friendly environment, without clergy present.

Please bring healthy finger food to share, but mostly good spirit and your spouse!

**Wednesday, March 13, 2019 7-9PM**

Place: SJB Parish House  
184 East 76th Street

### Upcoming meetings:

April 11,  
May 9,  
May 30,  
June 19

Contact: Kate Owen [Klisowska@aol.com](mailto:Klisowska@aol.com)

## HEALING MASS



All are welcome to our upcoming healing mass to celebrate The Feast of St. Joseph  
Tuesday, March 19, 2019  
6:30 pm-Rosary  
7:00 pm- Mass  
Celebrant: Fr. Anthony Iroh  
St. Jean Baptiste Church  
76<sup>th</sup> St. and Lexington, NYC

Sponsored by Our Lady of Peace Prayer Group at St. Jeans Baptiste .  
For additional information, call Lennix at 212 282 5084 ext. 14 or Estela at 917-617-5688

## ADULT EDUCATION

Rediscover your spirituality this Lent. St Jean Baptiste presents "Presence- The Mystery of the Eucharist" a four part series on Tuesday mornings From March 19- April 9 in the Eymard Room of the parish center.

Registration is \$20. Please RSVP to Joan T. Prenty, DRE at 212-288-5082 ext. 30 or [stjeanbaptistereligioused@gmail.com](mailto:stjeanbaptistereligioused@gmail.com).

## 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.

## VOLUNTEERING



It has been said that volunteering benefits the volunteer as much as the organization.

It makes one happy and provides a sense of purpose. Think about how you can give some time to St. Jean's and give us a call (212)288-5082 ext. 10 or e-mail [sjbrcc@yahoo.com](mailto:sjbrcc@yahoo.com). We would certainly welcome your help in any number of ways.



A Message from the NY Common Pantry Executive Director, Stephen Grimaldi:

I am very grateful for your continued support and gift of 474 lbs of food donated from Octo-

ber to December 2018.

Thanks to our generous donors and supporters like you, New York Common Pantry distributed over 6 million meals in the past fiscal year.

We are forever grateful for your commitment to help our fellow New Yorkers escape poverty and to live a life of dignity that they deserve.

With your support, we can reach more families in need and achieve our mission to reduce hunger while promoting dignity and self-sufficiency for all we serve.

For the month of March, **the food pantry is collecting Cereal, oatmeal, dried nuts, dried fruit/canned fruit, crackers and low sodium chips.**





# 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.

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.

To register for Religious Education, new families will need a copy of the child's baptismal certificate. 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](mailto:stjeanbaptistereligioused@gmail.com).

## FAMILY MASS



Please come and join us for the monthly family Mass Sunday, March 3, 2019 at the 11 am Mass at St. Jean Baptiste.

Don't forget boxed or canned goods for the New York Common food pantry. Your donations help those most in need. **Check the add for the Common Pantry in this bulletin for suggested food donations.**

Please contact Ms. Prenty if your child would like to read at the Mass.

Joan T. Prenty, CRE  
St. Jean Baptiste Religious Education  
184 E. 76th St. NYC 10021  
212-288-5082 ext. 30



## CHILDREN'S LITURGY

### WEEKLY CHILDREN'S MASS

Celebrated in the Great Hall of the Community Center.

We invite families with young children to attend this special kid-friendly celebration of the Eucharist. The Mass will take no longer than 20-25 minutes. We will be singing child appropriate songs. Father Kamas will celebrate this Mass.

This Mass is also meant to afford an opportunity for children and parents of the parish to meet one another. So come on down!

You may enter the Community Center by the ramp at the east end of the rectory building. We will start the Mass promptly at 9:30 AM.

## 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](http://stjeanbaptisteny.org)

## COMMUNITY CENTER SCHEDULE

FEBRUARY 25– MARCH 3

### MONDAY:

9:00-1:00 **Toddler Program** (Toddler Center)  
4:00-7:45 **Broadway Babies** (Great Hall)

### TUESDAY:

9:00-1:00 **Toddler Program** (Toddler Center)  
3:15-5:00 **Broadway Babies** (Toddler Center)  
4:00-7:45 **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)  
4:00-6:00 **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:

9:00-2:00 **Broadway Babies** (Toddler Center)  
9:00-6:00 **Broadway Babies** (Great Hall)

**SUNDAY:** CHILDREN'S MASS AT 9:30 AM

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, March 3

**EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

9:00 Lennix Lewis  
11:00 Thomas Hogan  
5:30 Gregoria Sumera  
7:30 Dr. Jorge Lopez Ovejero

MONDAY, March 4

7:30 Vincent McDonnell  
12:15 The Feeley Family

TUESDAY, March 5

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

WEDNESDAY, March 6

**ASH WEDNESDAY**

7:30 Vicki Kohlwey  
12:15 Mara Brunetti Zocche  
7:00 Special Intentions

THURSDAY, March 7

7:30 Joseph Yuguing  
12:15 Arcangelo Rosato

FRIDAY, March 8

7:30 Marcela Lopez Caguiat  
12:15 Marion and Joseph McBride

SATURDAY, March 9

12:15 Emma Castle  
5:30 Joan Holohan

## USHER/GREETER NEEDED



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

**WE ARE ESPECIALLY IN NEED OF  
ADDITIONAL  
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.

## **PARISH STAFF**

John A. Kamas, SSS Pastor  
Bernard Camiré, SSS, Parish Associate  
Antony M. Fernando, SSS, Chaplain at Lenox Hill Hospital  
Francisco Francisco, Plant Manager  
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Lennix Lewis, Business Manager  
Joan Prenty, Director of Religious Education  
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Antonio Boccia, Director of the Community Center  
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## **PARISH OFFICE**

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