EGLISE SAINT JEAN BAPTISTE

BREAD BROKEN FOR A NEW WORLD

PRAY FOR THE HEALING OF THE DIVISION IN OUR COUNTRY

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

REVELATIONS 7:2-4, 9-14; 1 JOHN 3:1-3; MATTHEW 5:1-12A

RITUAL SONG #1310

OCTOBER 31-NOVEMBER 1,2026

FROM THE PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

Happy Feast Day! As today's scripture says, "We are God's children now!" Holy! Baptized into the faith. This weekend we live out our call and discipleship by focusing on our parish's life and especially census. Nothings is as dramatic as the Holy Family, but we do ask you to please take the time to fill out a form, use the website, use the QR code and share your info. We have so many wonderful things going on at Saint Jean Baptiste. We also want your photos, info and ways you see something great going on here to be spread by social media. The photo above was of me blessing the health care/first responders for the Feast of Saint Luke (October 18). We want you to know of great things coming up and more. And here are few tidbits as I try to be briefer in my column:

COME & SEE: Interested in being a member of the **Aggregation of the Blessed Sacrament?** This is the lay and cleric "non-vow" branch that Saint Peter Julian Eymard found for those who feel called to live their Eucharistic vocation in the church. Formerly called "Associates" by an American translation, but we have grown in line with the universal church and what Eymard named them to return to the order in the church of the "Aggregation." We will have a special information night for those called and drawn to Eymard, the Eucharistic and Eucharistic living with a special "Come and See" in the parish house, **Tuesday, November 10, 7:00 pm.**

OCIA: The first rite in the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults is coming upon us in a few days. We have a few children and adults who are becoming Catholic. You will celebrate with them the "Rite of Acceptance into the Order of the Catechumenate." This is an ancient ritual, and the "first order" in the church from its earliest days. Once you are in this "level" of church life, you may have a funeral and enjoy canonical privileges of this step toward Christianity. We are finalizing the days and time for the celebration with our group: The one ceremony will be on Saturday, November 14 at the 5:00 pm when our candidates will knock on the door of the church and state their intentions.

Preparing for Advent: On November 29, our new liturgical year begins with the First Sunday of Advent. Things really shift, with the Advent Wreath arriving, and we will have a new one this year. We ask that during the second thru fourth weeks of Advent you or your family process in the begin of Mass and help us light the candles. Please volunteer to light the candles with us. Also, have you bought your candles for your home Advent wreaths? We'll have a blessing for them you may use in the bulletin closer to the Sunday.

Secondly, we will be adding some of the church's chants during the season to emphasize the principle of "progressive solemnity." These chants are in the Ritual Song hymnal beginning at number 232. We will chant the response to the Word of God:

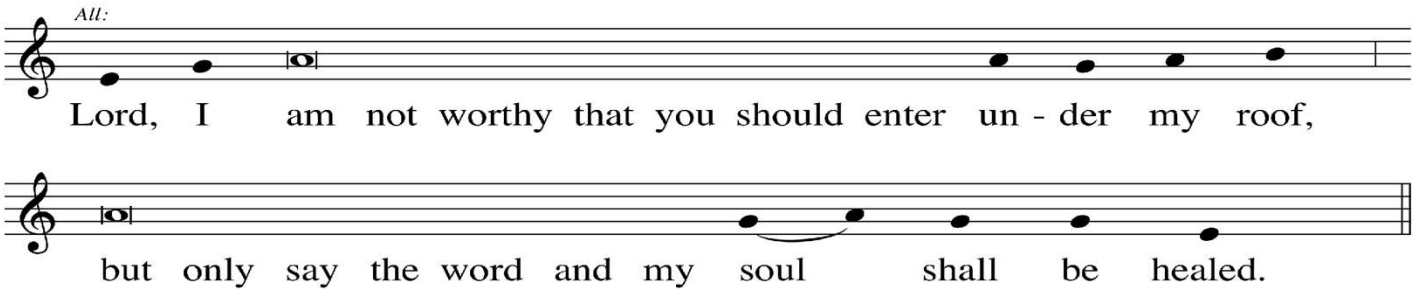
- The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**
- The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**
- The Universal Prayer with it's overlap: "We pray to the **Lord, hear our prayer."**

- **And the invitation to Holy Communion:**

***Ritual Song* 246**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God,
behold him who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.



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We also think it is a great "New Year's resolution" to please join in singing truly the most important hymn or antiphon of the Mass: The **Communion** Song. Just as with "Happy Birthday" or the National Anthem, we all sing to show our unity, communion and respect and honor. That's why we join in singing during this important time. Please prepare your hymnal and even bring with you in the communion life as our parish's joint new year's resolution to participate in this communion of worship.

Also, for Advent, we will be returning to having the prayers and blessing of the relics on **Tuesdays with Saint Anne and Thursdays with Saint Peter Julian Eymard**. This devotion will be after the Noon Masses for those able to stay.

ANNUAL PAGEANT: This event of celebrating the first nativity is after the 11:00 Mass on **Sunday, December 13** followed by a **family breakfast**. Please have your child be part of it by calling the office and leaving your name.

MUSIC & PRAYER: We have the following events to attend and look forward to continuing this month and during Advent:

- **Tomorrow, November 2,** remembering our beloved dead with our regular Masses **at 7:30 AM or Noon**. And, new this year is a **Eucharistic Holy Hour** at **7:00 PM**. Please attend and write the names in the *Book of the Dead* for us to remember. We will keep this book at the Saint Joseph Shrine in remembrance of these names and your names you also wrote on the envelopes this past weekend and this one. We appreciate your donations to accompany our prayers.
- **Sunday, November 22, 5:30 pm** (after the 4:00 pm Mass). The Opera Collective is back with "Messiah Sing" in the church.
- **Thursday, November 26, 10:00 am** Thanksgiving Mass. The ONLY MASS on Friday, **November 27 at Noon** for the Thanksgiving Friday Holiday.
- **Tuesday, December 1**, Prayers and Veneration with Saint Anne, Noon Mass after Noon Mass. Eucharistic Holy Hour for Advent will be at 7:00 pm in the church.
- **Thursday, December 3**, Prayer and Veneration with Saint Peter Julian Eymard after the Noon Mass returns.

Have a blessed November – thanks for being a member of Saint Jean Baptiste and let us continue to pray for each other.

In Christ our Eucharist,

Very Reverend John Thomas Lane, SSS
Pastor & Provincial

SUNDAY REFLECTIONS PASTOR EMERITUS FR. JOHN KAMAS, SSS

The Feast of All Saints is a pretty big deal. Its celebration bumps the celebration of Sunday. The scriptures for the day are spectacular. I want to address each of them.

We begin with a passage from the **Book of Revelation**. Don't be afraid. This book is much more accessible than you may think.

The scene is the throne of God. An angel appears holding the seal of the living God. Royalty secured their letters by pouring a thick wax on the envelop flap and pressing the royal seal on it. There could be no doubt that this correspondence belongs to the King. In the scene the angel is stamping the good and faithful servants with God's seal. These are the patriarchs, prophets and ordinary people who remained faithful to God throughout Jewish history. They are God's own. Another scene follows.

A great multitude is seen, so large that they can't be counted: non-Jews, people from every nation, race, and language. They stand before the throne of God wearing white robes and carrying palm branches. We're told they're the ones who have survived the time of great distress; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

We Christians never stand weak or alone. We have our Jewish ancestors as our strong foundation. We share the strength and perseverance of the martyrs. We will conquer just as the Lamb has conquered. This passage is telling us: NEVER LOOSE HOPE!

The Book of Revelation is followed by **Psalm 24**. It celebrates the procession into the temple of Jerusalem. "Who can climb the mountain of the Lord or who can stand in his holy place? One whose hands are sinless, and whose heart is pure." The refrain for the Psalm reminds God who we are: "the people who long to see your face."

Next, we read a short passage form the **First Letter of John**. It reminds us of our God's profound love for us. We're called "children of God!" And because we 're God's children, "we will see him as he is."

We come to our final scripture reading, and oh what a reading: the **Beatitudes**. Picture Jesus standing in the high pulpit of St. Jean's. He looks around. He can see each of us clearly. He points to a woman in the first row. Everyone strains to see. "How happy are you – you're so humble and poor in spirit I can see the Kingdom of God in you." He calls to a man on the other side. "I know you're mourning. Come to me and you'll be comforted." "Everyone. Look at those children at the back of the church. Look at their meekness and humility. They're going to inherit the land." "Look over there – see the tall man with the beard. Sir, your thirst and hunger for righteousness will be satisfied. I promise!" "Those of you who are peacemakers – you are children of God." "You who are merciful will receive God's endless love and care." "Everyone. Don't worry if you're persecuted for your beliefs. I promise you, a place at God's throne is reserved for you."

SAINT PETER EYMARD PILGRIMAGE TO FRANCE

Our tour guide for the Eymard–France Pilgrimage, upcoming in 2027, will like a list of travelers by no later December in order to determine whether this 12-day tour can be scheduled.

Currently, the estimated cost for this unique opportunity to visit the Eymard sites in France is $5,000. Please let me know of your interest.—Father John Thomas Lane, SSS (jtlanesss@gmail.com)

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

This Thanksgiving, please support New York Common Pantry by donating our most-needed food items.

MOST-NEEDED ITEMS

Oatmeal Farina
Grits Corn Flakes
Cheerios
Pasta
Shelf stable Milk
Peanut Butters
Canned Salmon
Canned Tuna
Canned chicken
Canned Soup
Coffee
Grains
Dry Beans

Solemnity of All Saints
Ritual Song #1310
October 31-November 1

Entrance: I Sing a Song of the Saints of God - John H. Hopkins Jr.

1) I sing a song of the Saints of God, patient and brave and true,who toiled and fought and lived and died for the Lord they loved and knew. And one was a doctor, and one was a queen, and one was a shepherdess on the green; they were all of them saints of God, and I mean, God helping, to be one too.

2) They loved their Lord so dear, so dear, and His love made them strong, and they followed the right for Jesus' sake, the whole of their good lives long. And one was a soldier, and one was a priest, and one was slain by a fierce wild beast; and there's not any reason, no, not the least, why I shouldn't be one too.

3) They lived not only in ages past; there are hundreds of thousands still. The world is bright with the joyous saints who love to do Jesus' will. You can meet them in school, on the street, in the store, in church, by the sea, in the house next door, they are saints of God whether rich or poor, and I mean to be one too.

Presentation: We Are the Light of the World - Jean Anthony Grief

1) Blessed are they who are poor in spirit, Theirs is the kingdom of God. Bless us, O Lord, make us poor in spirit; Bless us, O Lord, our God

Refrain: We are the light of the world; may our light shine before all, that they may see the good that we do, and give glory to God.

2) Blessed are they who are meek and humble, They will inherit the earth Bless us, O Lord, make us meek and humble; Bless us, O Lord, our God *Refrain*

3) Blessed are they who will mourn in sorrow, They will be comforted Bless us, O Lord, when we share their sorrow; Bless us, O Lord, our God

Refrain

4) Bless those who hunger and thirst for justice, They will be satisfied Bless us, O Lord, hear our cry for justice; Bless us, O Lord, our God *Refrain*

5) Blessed are they who show others mercy, They will know mercy too Bless us, O Lord, hear our cry for mercy; Bless us, O Lord, our God *Refrain*

6) Blessed are hearts that are clean and holy, They will behold the Lord Bless us, O Lord, make us pure and holy; Bless us, O Lord, our God. *Refrain*

7) Blessed are they who bring peace among us, They are the children of God Bless us, O Lord, may your peace be with us; Bless us, O Lord, our God.

Refrain

8) Bless those who suffer from persecution, Theirs is the kingdom of God. Bless us, O Lord, when they persecute us; Bless us, O Lord, our God.

Refrain

Communion: 1023 I Receive the Living God

Recessional: 984 For All the Saints

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, November 1
All SAINTS
9:00 For The Holy Souls
11:00 Vincent & Elaine Manno
4:00 William Keller

MONDAY, November 2
7:30 Marina Mitchell
12:00 For The Holy Souls
7:00 Holy Hour

TUESDAY, November 3
7:30 For The Holy Souls
12:00 For the parishioners & those enrolled in the Shrine of St. Anne

WEDNESDAY, November 4
7:30 Vocations to the CNDS
12:00 For The Holy Souls & Micheal Sotile

THURSDAY, November 5
7:30 Vocations to the SSS
12:00 For The Holy Souls

FRIDAY, November 6
7:30 Benefactors
12:00 For The Holy Souls

SATURDAY, November 7
12:00 For The Holy Souls
5:00 Ellen Hagan

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

The weekend collection for last Sunday amounted to a total of $8,452.96

Cash	$4,478.00
Checks	$2,614.00
WeShare	$ 582.96
PayPal	$ 198.00
Tap Giving	$ 580.00

Thank you

SAINT JEAN BAPTISTE HIGH SCHOOL

OUR FIRST BREAST CANCER WALK-A-THON—IN HONOR OF COACH FIERCE

This October, the St. Jean Baptiste High School family turned a simple walk into an unforgettable expression of faith, love, and solidarity. Wearing pink and carrying signs filled with encouragement, our students, faculty, and staff came together for our first Breast Cancer Walk-a-Thon in honor of our beloved Coach Fierce. Each step was a reminder that no one in our community faces life's challenges alone. We walked not just to raise awareness, but to surround someone dear to us with the reassurance that she is deeply loved.

What made the day especially meaningful was the kindness woven into every detail. Our Medical Gateway student leaders helped bring the walk to life, demonstrating how young women can lead with empathy and turn compassion into action. We offer heartfelt thanks to Danika Peralta, Class of 2028, and her mother, Carla Abanto, who lovingly handmade and donated hundreds of "Be Fierce" buttons. These small pink reminders carried a message much greater than their size: courage grows when a community stands together.

To the students, parents, faculty, and staff who walked, wore pink, donated, cheered, and helped make the day possible: thank you. Your presence was a gift. For Coach Fierce, we hope every photograph, handmade sign, and thoughtful gesture serves as a lasting reminder of the difference she makes in the lives of our Jeanites. Her SJB family stands beside her with gratitude, admiration, and prayer.

As Breast Cancer Awareness Month continues, we remember all those affected by breast cancer, honor the strength of survivors, and hold families and loved ones close in our hearts. At St. Jean Baptiste, our faith calls us to care for one another in both word and deed. May the love shared on this day inspire us to keep showing up for each other, long after October has passed.

There is so much happening at Saint Jean Baptiste High School, and we are incredibly grateful for the continued support and encouragement of our parish community. If you are interested in supporting SJB or becoming more involved with our students, please contact Donna Stefanizzi, Director of Advancement, at dstefanizzi@stjean.org or 212-288-1645 ext. 121.

Together, we walk with hope. Together, we lead with love. Together, we are Jeanite Strong!

TODDLER PLAYGROUP

The Toddler Playgroup continues to provide a wonderful source of enrichment and fun for the children. We are proud to offer a loving atmosphere where the little ones can come and have their first school experience, making new friends and learning how nice it can be to go to school.

For more information, contact the Director, Pauline Reenock, email her at plinktr@gmail.com for more information. Visit us anytime!

MASS SCHEDULE

November 7-8, 2026

Saturday	
5:00 PM	Fr. John Kamas
Sunday	
9:00 AM	Fr. John Thomas Lane
11:00 AM	Fr. John Thomas Lane
4:00 PM	Fr. Fred Bugembe

CENSUS SUNDAY

This weekend Oct 31–Nov 1 and throughout November, we are launching "Census Sunday" to update our parish member list. We are refreshing our parish member records! Please scan the QR codes in the bulletin. While updating your profile, please consider setting up secure, recurring online giving. Your regular financial support helps our parish thrive and plan. Thank you for helping us keep our community connected!

Register

Donate

The Theatre at St. Jeans

As the fall winds turn chilly and spooky season settles over the city, a perfectly thrilling whodunit is waiting in the wings. We're only a few days away from opening night of ***Curtains* on November 6th**, and the Blue Hill Troupe is absolutely dying to share this Tony Award-nominated musical comedy with you! Music by Kander Ebb.

Friday, Nov. 6	7:30 PM
Saturday, Nov. 7	2:00 PM & 7:30 PM
Sunday, Nov. 8	3:00 PM
Thursday, Nov. 12	7:30 PM
Friday, Nov. 13	7:30 PM
Saturday, Nov.14	2:00 PM & 7:30 PM

Tickets cost $45 - $110

Curtains is suitable for ages 13+. Please note, there will be gunshots, mature themes, and depictions of violence.

THE THEATRE AT ST. JEANS
150 East 76th Street
New York, NY 10021

To purchase tickets or for information visit
www.bht.org/events/curtains

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

WEEKDAY SCHEDULE
Church opens at 7:00 AM
MASS at 7:30 AM
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
from 8:00 AM until 11:30 AM
Confessions from 11:30 AM
until 11:50 AM
MASS at 12:00 PM
Church closes at 1:30 PM

SATURDAY SCHEDULE
Church Opens at 11:00 AM
Confessions from 11:30 AM
until 11:50 AM
MASS at 12:00 PM
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
until 4:45 PM
Confessions from 4:30 PM
until 4:50 PM
Anticipated Sunday MASS
at 5:00 PM
Church closes at 6:00 PM

SUNDAY SCHEDULE
Church Opens at 8:30 AM
MASS at 9:00 AM
HIGH MASS at 11:00 AM
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
follows the Mass

EVENING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION
at 3:15 PM
MASS at 4:00 PM
Church Closes at 5:00 PM

PRAYER GROUP

The prayer group meets in the Wave Café in St. Jean Baptiste High School (enter through gate on 76th Street, take the ramp to the courtyard and proceed through the entrance on the left) every 2nd and 4th Sunday from 1:00PM-3:00pm. Please join us.

SAINT JEAN BAPTISTE STORE

Stop by the shop, located in the Church vestibule. Regular store hours are Sundays 10AM to 1PM, Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 11AM until 2PM. Candles and Healing Oil on sale daily from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM at the Parish office.

SAINT ANNE'S BLESSED OIL

St. Anne's Oil has been blessed by a priest and touched by the relic of St. Anne. It is a sacramental used while praying for healing. To anoint yourself or another person, make the sign of the cross on the forehead with the blessed oil, state the purpose for the anointing, and then say the prayer to St. Anne. The oil comes in 2 oz. bottles along with a prayer card. It can be purchased at the church store in the vestibule, or at the rectory, 184 East 76th Street. The suggested donation for the oil is $8.00 per bottle

BAPTISMS, MARRIAGES & FUNERALS

To schedule a baptism, a marriage or a funeral please contact the parish office to speak with a priest.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER GROUP

You can submit the names of friends or relatives who need prayers for what-ever reason. Please send them to sjbrcc@yahoo.com and they will be passed on to the group. Praying for each other is a powerful ministry.

INTERESTED IN CATHOLICISM OR BECOMING A CATHOLIC?

Call the office at (212) 288-5082 Ext. 10 and leave your contact information. A priest will call you to answer any questions and describe the process of conversion. Baptism and confirmation of adults regularly takes place at the annual Easter Vigil Liturgy.

JOIN OUR FAITH COMMUNITY

Please register at the parish house, 184 East 76th Street on weekdays only during office hours: 11:00 AM until 4:00 PM or visit our website at www.sjbny.org to register online.

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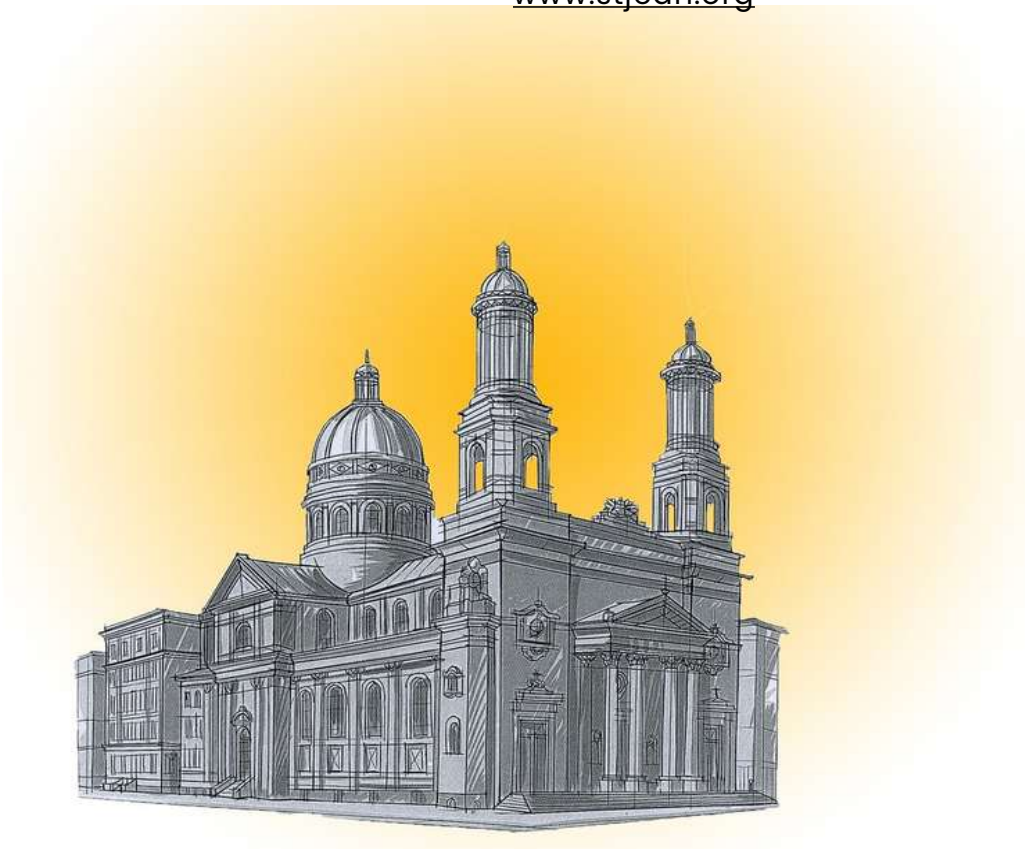
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