



# *St. John the Baptist*

*Roman Catholic Church*

*1488 North Country Road, Wading River, NY*



*August 29, 2021*

*22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time*

You disregard God's  
commandment but cling  
to human tradition.

Mark 7:8

This is Father Martin's last weekend with us.

We wish him safe travels and we pray he returns to us next summer!



"Love One Another"

Pasta sides  
Canned peas & carrots  
Canned mixed vegetables  
Cooking oil  
Lunch Snacks



Obligation to Attend Sunday Mass: Update



Bishop Barres has lifted the obligation to attend Mass for Sundays and Holydays during the pandemic.

This will change as of **Sunday, August 15, 2021.**

Please think about sharing  
your faith with our young  
people and becoming a  
Catechist in the Faith  
Formation Program!

Contact Jane Oliva,  
[reled@sjbwr.org](mailto:reled@sjbwr.org)



Our St. John the Baptist Senior  
Group returns this fall!

We are scheduling our first meeting for Wednesday,  
October 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.

The Senior Group Board will be contacting members  
in September and arranging for registration in the pro-  
gram. When you receive your call, you will be able to  
ask any questions at that time.

## GOSPEL MEDITATION

### ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

Albert Einstein said that the “true measure of intelligence is not knowledge but imagination.” Being a disciple of Jesus Christ requires a great deal of imagination. It is not enough to simply attend to facts, rules and rituals and consider the job done. Quite contrarily, the Gospels demands creativity, of trying to discern how to put flesh on the Beatitudes and properly serve God’s children. Jesus never doled out a top down agenda. Not once did he ever demand conformity over conversion or sacrifice over mercy. The Gospel is always about putting people in touch with their compassionate, forgiving, and unconditionally loving God and meeting them where they are.

For Jesus, it often meant breaking a few rules. Well respected and time-honored traditions had to be set aside in order to attend to what really mattered. God’s compassion, mercy and true conversion were always the trump cards. The story of the Good Samaritan, healing on the Sabbath, and bypassing of purification rituals all display this theme. Human beings can get too hung up on protocol and tradition. This is so much so that often preserving all of these things is of greater concern than the beggar



knocking on our door or the sinner looking for mercy. It is no wonder, then, that we can easily become hypocritical. Many can see us on our knees in prayer while our true heart and actions, rooted in judgment and self-preservation, are hidden from others. It is a trap into which we can easily fall. Who cares how we live our lives as long as our hands are properly washed!

Here enters the need for imagination and the distinction of truly being a wise and intelligent person. It takes a good measure of creativity and a lot of guts to really be a doer of God’s word and not merely a hearer. Being a

person who doesn’t just tell people about God but shows people God requires courage and ingenuity. That’s why people like St. Francis of Assisi and St. Teresa of Calcutta are timeless. Their genuineness speaks volumes generation to generation. It’s risky business taking the step to allow God into our hearts. Permitting God to release us from the grip of our evil thoughts, infidelity, greed, malice, sexual improprieties, licentiousness, envy, arrogance, folly, and the like takes courage. That’s why we prefer to spend our energy rearranging the future rather than take measures to secure a foundation that is most certainly crumbling.

*“Why do your disciples not follow the tradition of the elders but instead eat a meal with unclean hands?” He responded, “Well did Isaiah prophesy about you hypocrites, as it is written: This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me.” - Mk 7:5b-6*

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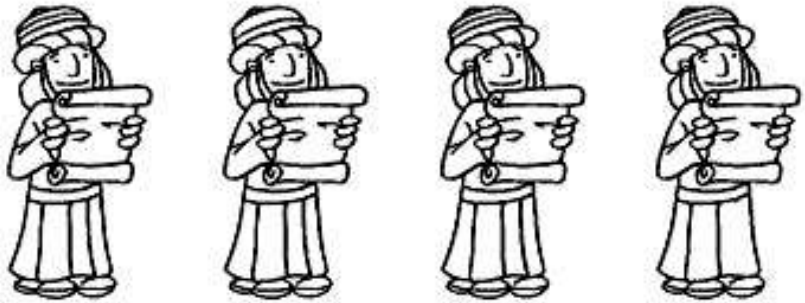
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## KIDS CORNER

### READ THE GOSPEL AND COMPLETE A PUZZLE!

Find the matching pair.



ANSWER: three and six

#### SHARING THE GOSPEL

Wash your hands before you eat! Did you know that rule came from God, so that we would stay healthy? In today's Gospel, the Pharisees liked to wash their hands and follow God's rules, only because they liked to show off. Don't be like those Pharisees. When you follow God's rules, do the right thing out of love for God.

#### PRAYER

Dear God, help me to keep my heart clean, full of love for you and other people.

#### MISSION FOR THE WEEK

The next time you wash your hands, thank God that he made rules to keep us all safe, healthy and happy.



# Back to School

## Mass Presiders Schedule

**This Weekend: *22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time***

**Saturday, August 28, 5:15 p.m.**      Father Martin

**Sunday, August 29, 8:00 a.m.**      Father Martin

**Sunday, August 29, 10:30 a.m.**      Father Martin

**Next Weekend: *23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time***

**Saturday, September 4 , 5:15 p.m.**      Father Frank

**Sunday, September 5, 8:00 a.m.**      Father James

**Sunday, September 5, 10:30 a.m.**      Msgr. Bennett

## WEEKLY PARISH CALENDAR

August 29 - September 4, 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>29</b>  Mass 8:00am Mass 10:30am Mass livestream 10:30am Baptism class (church) 11:15am	<b>30</b>  Mass 8:30am	<b>31</b>  Mass 8:30am Outreach is open 10:00am - 2:00pm	<b>1</b>  Mass 8:30am Eucharistic Adoration 2:00pm - 4:00pm	<b>2</b>  Mass 8:30am Outreach is open 10:00am - 2:00pm	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>  Confessions 4:15pm Mass 5:15pm



**Monday, August 30, 8:30 a.m.,**  
Michael O'Hare

**Tuesday, August 31, 8:30 a.m.,**  
For the Parishioner's of St. John the Baptist

**September 1, 8:30 a.m.,**  
Michael O'Hare

**Thursday, September 2, 8:30 a.m.,**  
Lottie Condzella

**Saturday, September 4, 5:15 p.m.,**  
Joanne Barbuto

**Sunday, September 5,**  
**8:00 a.m.**  
Anton Condzella

**10:30 a.m.**  
Rose and Dennis Lynch



Please remember  
the faithful departed.

May they rest in peace.



Upcoming Baptism Dates:

12:00 Noon

*September 5*

*September 19*

*October 3*

*October 17*

Baptism Class last Sunday of the month  
right after the 10:30 a.m. Mass

## WEEKLY COLLECTION

Sunday Collection, August 22, 2021: \$ 5,574.36 (down 46.15%)

Sunday Collection, August 23, 2020: \$ 10,352.59

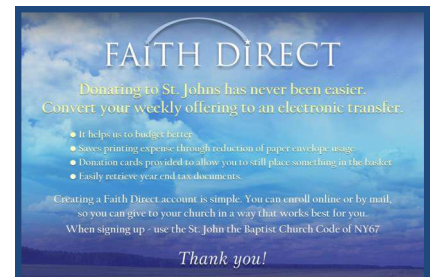
Please note: Mass attendance was dramatically reduced due to the weather this past weekend.

Many are facing financial hardship, and we are deeply grateful to those who have mailed in their envelope, dropped it in the mailbox in the upper parking lot, or used Faith Direct.

Thank you to those who “caught up” with a full month’s donations!

### **Please consider “automated giving” as you reflect on support of our parish family!**

The fruitful ministries at our parish are examples of how many of you have answered, and continue to answer, that call. To ensure such work can continue requires not only gifts of time, but also of financial help. I ask you to prayerfully consider supporting our parish with electronic donations through Faith Direct. You can find paper enrollment forms in the parish office, or you can sign up online at [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net) by using our church code, NY67.



### **Special Collections:**

**08/29 Outreach**

**09/05 Grammar Schools**

**09/12 Catholic University**

**09/19 St. Pius X**

**09/26 Outreach**

### **Living Stewardship ~ Pillar of Formation**

This week, pinpoint one weakness or sin in your life and work on overcoming it (especially with prayer, reading scripture and going to confession).



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### Parish Office Hours

Monday - Thursday, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Website: [www.sjbwr.org](http://www.sjbwr.org)



### **Bread, wine, altar candles**

Should you like to donate the candles, bread, wine for the celebration of the weekend Eucharist, especially in memory of a loved one, please contact the Parish Office, 631-929-4339, ext. 10.

### **Tabernacle Lamp**

The Tabernacle Lamp indicates that the Blessed Sacrament is present in church. The red candle can be memorialized for the week of your choice.

*All memorials are published in the bulletin.*



## *Tabernacle Lamp*

The Tabernacle Lamp has been lit for the week of August 29th, by the LaPorta family, in memory of Jeffrey LaPorta.

### **Eucharistic Adoration**

The Blessed Sacrament is exposed for Adoration on the main altar in the church every Wednesday afternoon.  
2:00-4:00 p.m.



### ***For those serving in the Military***

Michael Brennan, Patrick Hanley, Jeffrey L. Beilman Jr., Ryan Santiro, Thomas G. Verbeeck, Michelle Verbeeck, Joseph DeMonte IV, Michael Anderson, Devin Henry, Marielle Verbeeck, Cassidy Vail, Evan Purdy, Sean Tully, Sean Brady, Lauren Rodriguez

### ***For the Homebound, the Sick and in Hospice Care***

For all those who are suffering from the coronavirus, and also John Ryan, Thomas Mongiello, Ann Bertolini, Edward Hegel, Christine Pernice, Pat Krupski, Jennifer LaPorta. Rita Mandrachio, Gerard Myler

Sunday Mass continues to be livestreamed at 10:30 each weekend. Follow the link on the parish website and the parish Facebook page.



General Information Night coming in September  
Date to be announced.

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