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August 30, 2026 | twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

PLEASE JOIN US

IN CELEBRATION OF THE FEAST OF OUR LADY OF VAILANKANNI

St. John the Baptist Church, 3026 John F. Kennedy Blvd, Ave Jersey City, NJ

Novena starts 30th August, 7:00 PM, for nine days, followed by the Rosary. The Nativity Mass for Our Lady of Vailankanni will be celebrated on 8th September at 7:00 PM, followed by light refreshments in the Fellowship Hall.

For more info, please call (917) 536-4774 or 201-920-6721.

Rev. John Berchmans Antony, *Pastor*

Holjanys Santos, *Bookkeeper, Administrative Secretary* | **Christopher J. Haberl,** *Music Minister*

Mass Times

Daily Mass (Chapel)
Mon - Fri|7:30 AM & 12:10 PM
Saturday|9 AM

Weekend Mass
Saturday Vigil|5:30 PM
Sunday|10:00 AM 12 Noon

Monthly

PRAYERS FOR LIFE:
First Friday following 12:10 PM Mass

2000 HAIL MARYS:
First Saturday 7:30 AM - 5:30 PM in the Chapel

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays after 9 AM Mass OR call the parish office for an appointment at 201-653-8814.

ROSARY

Monday-Friday at 11:30 AM in the Chapel

WEEKLY DEVOTIONS

MIRACULOUS MEDAL
Monday after the 12:10 Mass

ST. ANTHONY
Tuesday after the 12:10 Mass

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP
Saturday after 9 AM Mass

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday - Friday in the Chapel: 11 am until 2:00 pm. Please note: At 2:00 pm the Chapel will be closed and sanitized.
Saturday - No Adoration
Sunday: Adoration & Masses will be in the Church from 9 am until 1 pm

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
Registration can be completed in the Rectory office.

MARRIAGE
Arrangements should begin by setting a date with the priest ONE YEAR before the wedding. Please call the Rectory office for an appointment 201-653-8814.

BAPTISM
Baptisms take place on Saturdays except during Lent. New parents need to attend a Baptismal prep class. Registration is required. Please call the Rectory Office at 201-653-8814.

HOSPITAL VISITATION
Please notify the parish. Hospitals no longer inform us or allow us to look up who is in the hospital.

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY – AUGUST 29, 2026
9:00 AM **ELLA SAKHAI (L)**
R/Kit Villa
5:30 PM **ANTHONY GOMES**
R/Mary Gomes

SUNDAY – AUGUST 30, 2026
10:00 AM **†DANTE LIBATIQUE 72ND B'DAY**
R/Donna Lim
12:00 PM **†MARIA SIPAROSA DSOUZA**
†ALFREDO STA. IGLESIA
†REV. EDITO GAMALLO
†MSGR. JOSE LAGDAMEO
†CARMEN ELISA JAMES

MONDAY – AUGUST 31, 2026
7:30 AM **IN THANKSGIVING**
R/Lapasia Family
12:10 PM **FLORIAN DONALD SCHEPACARTER**
R/Wife & Family

TUESDAY – SEPTEMBER 1, 2026
7:30 AM **CARMINA RINKER(L)**
R/Cora Prado
12:10 PM **RONALD VILLAROEL**
R/Arminda Argandona

WEDNESDAY – SEPTEMBER 2, 2026
7:30 AM **EMMA RINKER(L)**
R/Cora Prado

THURSDAY – SEPTEMBER 3, 2026
7:30 AM **DOROTHY & JOHN FASULO**
R/Paula Buffington
12:10 PM **DEC'D FAMILY MEMBERS OF INOCENCIO & ANUNCIACION DEL ROSARIO**
R/Surband Family

FRIDAY – SEPTEMBER 4, 2026
7:30 AM **† FRANK VELARDO**
R/ Wanda Alicea
12:10 PM **†ANSELMO & CONSUELO BELMONTE**
R/Surban Family

SATURDAY – SEPTEMBER 5, 2026
9:00 AM **ROSALIA DE LEON(L)**
R/Catalina De Leon
5:30 PM **† LAWRENCE FERNANDES**
R/Hilda

SUNDAY – SEPTEMBER 6, 2026
10:00 AM **†BRIDGETH NAZARETH**
R/Prakash Mendonca
12:00 PM **†NICOLO MORIN BDAY**
R/Emidio Morin

Eucharistic Bread & Sacramental Wine

The Altar Wine & Hosts for this week is donated in memory of **Dante Libatique** at the request of *Donna Lim.*

Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp in the Church burns this week in memory of **Dante Libatique** at the request of *Donna Lim.*

The Sanctuary Lamp in the Chapel burns this week in memory of **Dante Libatique** at the request of *Donna Lim.*

PLEASE NOTE...

For Prayer intention or if you have a prayer request for the **Intercessory Prayer Group**, please **call Dolores At: 201-360-0614 between 6 and 10 PM**

Please Pray For...
In your prayers, kindly remember the Souls in Purgatory, the Suffering, the Lonely, the Depressed, the Homeless, the Homebound, the Sick and the Deceased.

FRIENDLY REMINDERS

HOLY WATER is now available in the baptismal font as well as at the entrances of the Church.

THE SIGN OF PEACE should be offered but continue to be made without physical contact.

COMMUNICANTS will continue to receive Communion in the hand.

Parish News

Seeking Volunteers

Would you like to become an Altar Server, Usher, Greeter, Lector or Eucharistic Minister? The roles & responsibilities are as follows:

Altar Server
carries cross in the procession, rings the bell & assists in the Altar. Also, must have received First Communion to qualify.

Usher
Takes care of the collection & presents it to the Altar

Greeter
Welcomes people with a smile & hands out bulletins and other materials for the day

Lector
Reads one of the Liturgies during Mass, Announcements & Prayer of the Faithful

Eucharistic Minister
Distribution of Holy Communion & Blood of Christ with reverence.

Sign up at the front of the Church and we will contact you with more information.

Community Mass Friendly Reminder

Mass will be dedicated as the "Community Mass." Anyone who would like to dedicate the Mass to a ***recently deceased loved one*** may do so. Other than Estate Masses, this will be the only Mass where multiple dedications may be seen.

Adoration

Hours are from Monday thru Friday at 11 AM until 2 PM. We encourage people to come and participate and spend some precious time with our Lord Jesus.

Reminder
On Wednesdays, we only have one mass at 7:30 AM. There is no 12:10 PM Mass.

Adoration is as usual, 11 AM - 2 PM.

If you are new to our Church, Welcome!!

Take a moment to register and become part of our Parish family. Call the Rectory at 201 - 653 - 8814 to have the registration form emailed or sent to you through the mail.

Anyone Interested in Electronic Giving

Please go to https://stjohnbjc.org/ scroll down to Parish Giving found at the bottom of the web page, click on it and follow the directions. To donate using the Venmo app, go to @SJBJC. Thank you!

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Due to advanced bulletin deadlines the collection info will be noted at a later date. Thank you for your continued generosity!

September 50/50 Raffle!

Win Half – Help Our Cause!
$5 each or 5 for $20
Drawing: September 28th.

The more tickets you buy, the better your chances! Get yours after services or by calling the rectory.

Father John is traveling to India to visit his family in September.

He will be back in October. During his absence Fr. Rex will be in charge of all the masses. Please contact the office for all administrative purposes. During his trip Father will visit the children's breakfast program with the local bishop, if anyone would like to make a donation for the program there are envelopes at the church entrances. Thank you for your generosity!

Candles Available!

Blessed Sacralite glass 8-day candles are available for sale. They have been blessed and if lit continuously, they last for up to 8 days. Cost is $10 If interested, please call the Rectory office or see one of our volunteers at the back of the Church.

The 2027 Mass Intentions books is now **OPEN**

You can call, email, or drop off your list of Mass Intentions for 2027.

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Message from Fr. John

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

While Peter had recognized and openly acknowledged that Jesus was indeed the promised Messiah, the One sent by God to establish his Kingdom on earth, he did not understand, any more than his companions, what this would mean for Jesus.

If we are honest with ourselves, it is the vehemence of Jesus' reply rather than the Peter's words that we find shocking. Would we not, like Peter, be similarly concerned for the safety of those we love? We wouldn't want them to become hapless victims of their enemies' evil designs. Why, then, does Jesus react so strongly to Peter and call him Satan? To understand his reaction, we need to recall an earlier scene at the beginning of Jesus' public ministry where he retreats into the wilderness to prepare for the mission entrusted to him by his Father. There he rejects the temptations of Satan who promises him victory over the world through wealth and power. From that moment, Jesus knew and accepted that his mission would involve suffering and death. Now, Peter unwittingly becomes an ally of Satan in seeking to deflect him from his chosen path, the path that would lead to the Cross. Hence his vehement rejection of Peter's plea.

Jesus knew that to establish God's Kingdom from on earth would entail the defeat of the powers of evil in the world. But those powers would not be overcome by military might but by enduring their destructive force with love, thus exposing them for what they were. Peter and his companions wanted a kingdom without suffering, glory without the Cross. The discipleship involving self-sacrifice and the cross: '*If anyone want to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me*'.

Becoming disciples of Jesus means learning to think the way God thinks, rather than the way we usually think. And that will be for us, as it was for Peter and his disciples, a life-long process of ups and downs, successes and failures. There may be times when we will feel a bit like Jeremiah, '*prophet to the nations*'.

God Bless You
Fr. John

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION - TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?"
Matthew 16:26

St. Francis of Assisi said, "Remember, you are what you are in the eyes of God, and nothing else." We often forget this stewardship wisdom when we spend all of our time, talent and treasure to gain more of the world's riches. We need to set our priorities based on God's values and not the values of the material world.

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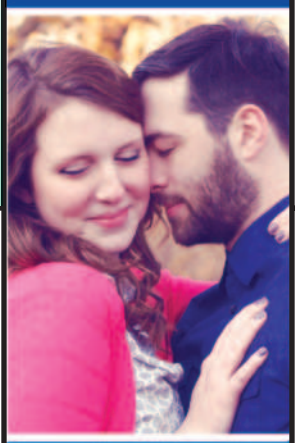
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