

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 29, 2015

Vigil: Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00 p.m. For the Deceased Members of the
Brown and Flynn Families

Sunday, August 30, 2015

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. Enzo Pelligrini and Clorinda Valleni
9:30 a.m. Pat Petitti
11:00 a.m. Mass for the Parishioners of
St. John the Baptist
12:30 p.m. For the Deceased members of the
Hughie and Cooney Families

Monday, August 31, 2015

8:00 a.m. Marguerite V. Longinetti
9:00 a.m. Ms. Devaney

Tuesday, September 1, 2015

8:00 a.m. Terence T. Martin, III
9:00 a.m. Maria Braca

Wednesday, September 2, 2015

8:00 a.m. Helen Danyo
9:00 a.m. John M. Preston

Thursday, September 3, 2015

**Feast of St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of
the Church**

8:00 a.m. Maria Csaba
9:00 a.m. Patricia Sullivan

Friday, September 4, 2015

8:00 a.m. Magda Wrozima
9:00 a.m. Nora and Tony Costello

Saturday, September 5, 2015

Feast of Blessed Teresa of Calcutta, Religious
8:00 a.m. Finbar and Barry Kelleher and
Patrick Coyle

Saturday, September 5, 2015

Vigil: Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00 p.m. Nora Costello and Sheila Herbert

Sunday, September 6, 2015

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. Cornelius Gleeson
9:30 a.m. George and Rose Milder
11:00 a.m. Joseph and Delia Potter
12:30 p.m. Mass for the Parishioners of
St. John the Baptist

WEDDING BANNES

III. Andrew Gachelian and Kristine Glori
II. Thomas Parry and Stephanie Iannuzzo
II. Wilson Sanchez and Tatiana Mercado
I. Ralph Giamei and Antonella Leone
I. Robert Virga and Nicole Phipps

WEEKLY PARISH CALENDAR

Wednesday, September 2nd

Grades 1st through 8th -- 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.
Grades K and Pre-K - (last name) A through K (only) -- 8:30
to 11:30 a.m.

Thursday, September 3rd

Grades 1st through 8th -- 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.
Grades K and Pre-K - (last name) L through Z (only) -- 8:30 to
11:30 a.m.

Friday, September 4th

Grades Pre-K through 8th -- 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday, August 29th

5:00 p.m. – C. Castaldi and O. Castaldi

Sunday, August 30th

8:00 a.m. – M. Graham
9:30 a.m. – E. Higgins and R. Peter
11:00 a.m. – C. Collins and R. Duffy
12:30 p.m. – E. Lent and E. McLaughlin

Saturday, September 5th

5:00 p.m. – T. Makaj and D. Vanadia

Sunday, September 6th

8:00 a.m. – C. Elias and M. McCarthy
9:30 a.m. – A. Joyce and A. Orellana
11:00 a.m. – J. Corcoran, R. Corcoran and S. Cruz
12:30 p.m. – N. Conlon, D. Liberatore and V. Liberatore

Holiday: A week from this Monday is Labor Day (September 7th) -- a national holiday and a time to celebrate the efforts of millions of men and women who contribute to our free economy and make our country great. Please note: Our parish office will be closed on Labor Day. The church will be open for our 8:00 a.m. Mass; after the 8:00 a.m. Mass, the church and chapel will be closed.

Daily Mass: As of September 8th, a week from this Tuesday, we will resume our 12:00 noon Mass. Our daily schedule of Masses (Monday – Friday) will be 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon.

S.J.B. ANNOUNCEMENTS

August 30, 2015

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: Today we conclude our five week reflection on the Bread of Life as recounted in the sixth chapter of St. John's gospel and return to the gospel of St. Mark – the focus of year B in the liturgical cycle. Today's gospel (Mk. 7:1-23) centers on the customs surrounding the Jewish meal and the importance of seeing ritual customs within the larger context of the observance of religious lives. Our first reading from the Book of Deuteronomy (Dt. 4:1-8) emphasizes the life and death character of the law given to us by God.

While these two readings are firm in their conviction that belief and the practice of the law are very closely related, our second reading from the letter of James (1:17-27) summarizes that relationship. St. James spells out clearly what the Christian community must do if it is to live up to its name. Looking after orphans and widows has always been the responsibility of the followers of God's way. In Christ we are also called to look after our own spiritual obedience in order to be authentic in our teaching and in our prayer.

SPECIAL SAINT'S DAY THIS WEEK

Thursday, September 3rd – St. Gregory the Great

Born in Rome in 540, St. Gregory started out as a public official who showed great promise as a civic leader. However, God had other plans for this gifted young man. He entered a monastery, but the Church recognized that he had extraordinary leadership qualities. In 590 he was elected Pope and spent the next fourteen years promoting the Church's missionary work; encouraging the care of the poor; working for reform – particularly of the moral life of the Church. One of his reforms focused on Church music and his name to this day is associated with that special choral music known as "Gregorian Chant". About twenty years ago Benedictine monks in Spain produced a CD of Gregorian Chant that sparked a renewed interest in the wonderful treasure which has been a part of the Church's repertory for 1500 years. Unfortunately in some places in the late 20th century that wonderful musical tradition was completely replaced in favor of trendy, more "contemporary" tunes. We are blessed to know, however, that the "ever ancient, ever new" beauty of Gregorian Chant has not been lost and is now experiencing a renaissance.

Pope Francis in New York: As you know, Pope Francis will be visiting the U.S. in September and part of his itinerary involves a visit to New York where he will celebrate a public Mass at Madison Square Garden on Friday, September 25th at 6:30 p.m. The Archdiocese has announced it will allot tickets for the Mass to every parish. The precise number has not yet been announced.

If you are interested in attending the Mass, we ask you to contact the rectory and leave your name and telephone number with one of the secretaries. Only parishioners who have been officially registered at St. John's before August 20, 2015 will be eligible. No more than 2 tickets will be given to any parishioner. Once we receive the tickets, we will put all the names in a "hat" and have a drawing supervised by Deacon Olivieri at a date to be announced.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (popularly known as "RCIA") is the process designed by the Church for adults to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion. The goals are to give a complete overview of Catholic teaching and practice and to begin to deepen a Christian spiritual life centered in the Sunday Scripture readings. The sacraments are received at the Easter Vigil Mass. **It is open to adults who:**

- Have never been baptized; they would be preparing for all three sacraments.
- Were baptized in a non-Catholic Christian denomination who are interested in becoming Catholic; they would be preparing for Confirmation and First Communion.
- Were baptized Catholic but never received Confirmation and/or Communion; they would be preparing for the sacraments they have not yet received.

The 2015-2016 program at St. John's which prepares adults (and older adolescents) to receive sacraments will begin in October. However, if you (or anyone you know) is interested in learning more about our program, please leave your name at the rectory 963-1486.

Parish Website: It is long overdue, but this summer we have been working on a parish website that we now invite our parishioners to look at and comment on. Under the wise supervision of Mr. Bob Dowgiallo, a long time parishioner and Holy Name Society member, a very young and talented member of our parish has been working for the past several weeks to complete the website. His name is Tony Makaj; he just graduated from St. John's school in June and will be attending Stepinac in the fall, but he has developed (for one so young) an amazing talent. The website is still "under construction" so we are open to suggestions and ideas on how to improve it. To access it, you have to put <sjbyonkers> into a Google "search" (putting "St. John the Baptist" won't do it – something we're working on). Our web address is www.sjbyonkers.org and if you wish to email us, our email stjohnsp@optonline.net. One thing we hope to do is add some more pictures – but for now, we want to make sure that we have essential (and correct) information about our parish. Please note: Our school is developing its own website; once it's ready, we'll link both websites.

Sunday Report: Last weekend 1,200 parishioners attended Mass; our collection totaled \$8,734.00; average contribution: \$7.28. Thank you for your continued financial support of St. John's and its many needs. Your generosity is essential and greatly appreciated.

Rest in Peace: Let us pray for Jonathan DeStradis, Clara D'Antuono and Robert Ciamei who were buried from our church this past week. Our prayers go out to their families and friends.

Religious Education Program: Classes will begin on Wednesday, September 9th, Grades 1-5, 4:00-5:30 p.m.; grades 6-8, 7:00-8:30pm. Please check your Iris Alert for details of beginning the year. Please call 965-2338 if you have any questions.

Senior Outreach Program: The "Help a Senior Outreach Program" needs additional helpers. Help will be needed for friendly visiting e.g. companionship; telephone reassurance (friendly listening, checks on safety/well-being); transportation/escort (medical appointment, Mass, shopping); chores (simple home repairs, light housekeeping, yard work); respite (caring for frail seniors to allow their caregivers to take a break). If you are available to help, contact Deacon Olivieri at 914-423-4859 to register.

Holy Name Society Scholarship Golf Tournament: The H.N.S. will be holding their annual Scholarship Golf Tournament at Sprain Lake Golf Course on Friday, September 18th. Tee times start at 10:00 a.m. This tournament funds two scholarships that are given annually to graduating 8th graders from St. John's. The price per golfer is \$160.00. This includes the round of golf, breakfast, lunch, cocktail hour, dinner, greens and cart fees. Reservations and payment must be made by September 7th and are on a first come basis. Become a sponsor by making a donation to the Holy Name Society Scholarship Fund. For more information, please call Vinny Vanadia at 646-721-0700.

Monthly Maintenance: Since next Sunday is the first Sunday of the month of September, we will take up our regular "First Sunday of the Month" second collection after Communion this week. This collection helps with the upkeep, maintenance, and cleaning of our beautiful church. Please be generous.

Welcome to St. John's: Registering in a parish is a declaration of your desire to be part of a Catholic community and a commitment to the life of the parish family. Being a registered parishioner makes things much easier when it is time for infant baptism, school registration, weddings, and when asked to be a baptismal or confirmation sponsor. We are often asked to provide affidavits for baptismal and confirmation sponsors. We can only do this if a person is a registered, active, and contributing member in our parish. Registration forms are available at the exits of the church and in the rectory.

Special Support Group: There will be a Free 6-Week Employment Networking Support Group offered on the following Monday evenings (6:30 – 8:00 p.m.) September 21st, 28th, October 5th, 19th, 26th and November 2nd at the RDC Center for Counseling and Human Development, 52 N. Broadway, White Plains. Please see our website: rdccenter.org for more information or call Pat Sheridan, LCSW at 798-1103 for more information or to register.

Adult Bingo: The Rosary Altar Society will be hosting "Bingo Night" on Saturday, October 26th at 8:00 p.m. in the lower Church. The cost is \$20.00 per person (18 years and older) which includes 9 games with a jackpot. Doors open at 7:00 p.m. There will be an Early Bird Special at 7:30 p.m. which costs \$2.00 per game and a 50/50. Refreshments and snacks will be sold. For more information call Robyne Liberatore at 914-325-6373.