

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 8, 2015

Vigil: Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00 p.m. Joseph Viggiani

Sunday, August 9, 2015

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Sabina Eves
9:30 a.m. Margaret and John Vaughan
11:00 a.m. Saverio Dentini
12:30 p.m. Mass for the Parishioners of
St. John the Baptist

Monday, August 10, 2015

Feast of St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr

8:00 a.m. Benito and Maria Odoardi
9:00 a.m. Salvatore and Josephine Miceli

Tuesday, August 11, 2015

Feast of St. Clare, Virgin

8:00 a.m. For the Deceased Members of the
Giacopazzi, Brattesani and Murena
Families
9:00 a.m. Brendan Forde

Wednesday, August 12, 2015

Feast of St. Jane Frances de Chantel, Religious

8:00 a.m. Peter Devitt
9:00 a.m. John M. Preston

Thursday, August 13, 2015

Feast of Sts. Pontian, Pope; Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs

8:00 a.m. Terence T. Martin, III
9:00 a.m. Eileen Boyle -- Living

Friday, August 14, 2015

Feast of St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr

8:00 a.m. Denny Cercello
9:00 a.m. Roberto Micucci

Saturday, August 15, 2015

Feast of The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 a.m. Henry and Catherine Tavernia

Saturday, August 15, 2015

Vigil: Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. Julia Campione

Sunday, August 16, 2015

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Mass for the Parishioners of
St. John the Baptist
9:30 a.m. John and Helen McAvoy
11:00 a.m. Stephanie Naryniecki
12:30 p.m. Sabino Morano



Wedding Banns

**III. Christopher Lupinacci and
Annemarie Renaldo**

III. Fabian Tomala and Melissa Morgante

II. Shane Cronin and Caitlin Collins

I. William Kachmar and Lynda Vlad

I. Jesus Angel Rodriguez and Christina Manzano

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday, August 8th

5:00 p.m. – O. Castaldi and T. Makaj

Sunday, August 9th

8:00 a.m. – M. Graham and D. O'Dume
9:30 a.m. – A. Burke, K. Burke and L. Burke
11:00 a.m. – E. Higgins, S. Joyce and E. Lent
12:30 p.m. – N. Camacho, R. Duffy and M. Luby

Saturday, August 15th

5:00 p.m. – K. O'Donoghue and J. Postighone

Sunday, August 16th

8:00 a.m. – C. Elias, N. Leo and M. McCarthy
9:30 a.m. – J. Corcoran, R. Corcoran and G. Maistre
11:00 a.m. – N. Conlon, E. McLaughlin and J. Velazquez
12:30 p.m. – D. Liberatore, V. Liberatore and R. Peter

Feast of the Assumption: Most years we celebrate this feast as a holy day of obligation; however, when August 15th falls on a Saturday or a Monday (as it does this year) our Bishops have determined that attending Mass for this feast is not a matter of obligation for Catholics. As a result, we will have only **one** Mass for the Feast of the Assumption this year: on Saturday, August 15th at 8:00 a.m. There will be no vigil Mass on Friday evening; nor will there be a noon Mass on Saturday. We encourage everyone to honor our Blessed Mother in some way on August 15th – if not by attending Mass, then by praying the rosary that day.

Helping Our A/C: During the summer months we try to keep the church as comfortable as we can. When we have very hot and humid days, that effort is only partially successful. Our church is large, and inevitably, the church doors are opened frequently as people enter and leave the church. We do try to keep our “outside” doors closed – except at the end of Mass, when many parishioners leave together. The doors leading to Yonkers Avenue are usually closed by the ushers, once most parishioners have left the church. The door leading out to St. John’s Avenue from the chapel is usually not staffed by an usher – and some individuals insist on “hooking that door open” – an act of kindness that results in hot air coming into the chapel and the church – and effectively reducing the comfort level in the church. Con Edison gets quite enough from us, without our having to pay to “cool” St. John’s Avenue. Please help!

S.J.B. ANNOUNCEMENTS

August 9, 2015



NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: Today's liturgy focuses primarily on food – on the human need for food and God's generosity in providing for all human needs. This fundamental physical need becomes the basis for the realization that there is also a fundamental spiritual need for love, meaning, grace – which spiritual need is only satisfied by Jesus, who gives us of His life so that we might live everlastingly.

In today's first reading (Ex. 16:2-15) the Israelites grumble against Moses and Aaron – but their anger is really directed at God; God understands that their hunger has gotten the better of them, so He sends them manna to eat – a miracle which prefigures the even greater miracle of the Eucharist.

Today's gospel (Jn. 6:24-35) begins what may be described as the more specifically “eucharistic” section of the Bread of Life discourse which is the subject of the entire sixth chapter of St. John's gospel. Here, too, the crowd comes looking for physical bread (as did their ancestors in the desert), but Jesus begins to teach them about a different kind of bread – the bread from heaven that gives life to the world.

In the second reading (Eph. 4:17-24) St. Paul reflects on the “new-ness” of Christ and insists that since we have been made new in Him, we must put aside our old ways of thinking and acting.



SPECIAL SAINTS' DAYS THIS WEEK

Monday, August 10th – St. Lawrence

A deacon in the Church in Rome in the third century, Lawrence is said to have been responsible for caring for the poor. He was martyred for the faith during the persecution of the Emperor Valerian. It is said that Lawrence's courage so infuriated his persecutors that they ordered him to suffer the painful death of being burned over hot coals on a white hot gridiron.

Tuesday, August 11th – St. Clare

As a teenager, Clare was deeply moved by the preaching of another citizen of her native Assisi – St. Francis. The two became friends and Clare decided to live the gospel as literally and fully as Francis did. In time she founded an order of nuns (Poor Clares) and because of her reputation for holiness and wisdom she became the counselor of bishops, cardinals – and even the Pope himself! St. Clare died in 1253 at the age of fifty-nine.

Wednesday, August 12th – St. Frances de Chantal

Wife and mother of seven, Jane lived in France in the early seventeenth century. After her husband died, she asked the great St. Francis de Sales to be her spiritual director. She spent the last years of her life caring for the sick and eventually founded a religious order, the Visitation Sisters.

Thursday, August 13th – Sts. Pontian and Hippolytus

In the 3rd century, the Roman persecution of the early Church was fierce – many Christians were jailed, exiled, tortured, and put to death. Pontian was a pope who died in 235; Hippolytus was a priest and theologian who died the same year.

Friday, August 14th – St. Maximilian Kolbe

Fr. Kolbe was born in Poland in 1894; he entered the Franciscan Order and after his ordination he first taught in Poland, then did missionary work in Japan and India. He was recalled to Poland shortly before the Germans invaded in 1939. As a leader in the Catholic resistance, Kolbe was imprisoned in Auschwitz. When the Nazi guards of the camp decided to execute 10 prisoners as an example to the others, Kolbe asked to take the place of a married man with a family. He was killed on August 14, 1941.

Saturday, August 15th – Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Today, together with the whole Church, we honor Mary – not just because she was the mother of God, but because by her faith, courage, and total dedication to God's will, she is the model for and mother of all believers. Today's feast is also an important reminder of the innate goodness of the human person. Due in part to the influence of Greek philosophy, some Christian thinkers in the early centuries of the Church became increasingly uncomfortable with the physical side of our human nature. The body came to be regarded as an impediment to a truly holy life; only our spiritual dimension was worthy of our call to perfection as children of God. Unfortunately, we still often deal with aspects of that kind of thinking. Mary's Assumption goes a long way toward rebalancing these tilted scales. Mary could not have lived out her spiritual commitment without the involvement of her physical body. Therefore her entire being, body and soul, was taken to heaven. Her body was fittingly spared the corruption of the grave. The God of Genesis declares that all creation is decidedly good. The summit of that creation is the human person – made in God's image. It is only right, therefore, that we celebrate a feast honoring Mary's complete personhood. By so doing we are celebrating the goodness of all humanity.





Sunday Report: Last weekend 1,125 parishioners attended Mass; our collection totaled \$7,772.00; average contribution: \$6.91. 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 Mary Gomes, Ida Ortiz, Anne Marie Rizzo-Padavano and Elaina Buonocore who were buried from our church this past week. Our prayers go out to their families and friends.



Religious Education

Religious Education Program: 2015-2016 Registration for new families is well underway. As of this bulletin, **1st grade has reached capacity.** Classes meet on Wednesdays: Grades 1-5, 4:00-5:30; grades 6-8 7:00-8:30pm. Please call Sr. Mary Beth at 965-2338. At times when the office is closed during the summer, please leave a message including your phone number and Sister Mary Beth will get back to you as soon as possible. Preference is given to S.J.B. parishioners, so kindly be prepared to bring your envelope number and also baptismal certificate for each child to be enrolled. We look forward to having you join us.



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.

Being and Becoming Catholic: Do you know someone who:

- Has not been baptized and would like to be baptized in the Catholic Faith;
- Has been baptized in a Christian denomination and would like to become a Catholic;
- Has been baptized Catholic but has not received the sacraments of Confirmation and/or First Communion.



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.



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.



Basketball Camp:

Once again Frank Conroy will have a 2-week summer basketball camp for boys and girls ages 6 -14 from 8:45 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. from August 17th – 21st and 24th – 28th at Holy Trinity Church in New Rochelle. The fundamentals of basketball are taught. Register at www.conroybasketballcamp.com. Call Coach Conroy at 914-980-0820.

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.

Propagation of the Faith: For more than 175 years, Catholics have extended their love and generosity to the missions of the world through the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, the Church's central means of mission support. As a missionary priest continues teaching blind children in India, as Sisters restore self-worth to persons with leprosy in Tanzania, as a catechist in a small village in Papua, New Guinea walks eight miles to the next outreach station to preach the Word of God and a 75 year old missionary defies the Liberian authorities and continues to teach its handicapped children, you are with them through the Propagation of the Faith. You become their "partners in mission" as they receive much needed support from your prayers and donations. What an opportunity we have next weekend to respond to our Baptismal call to take part in the missionary task and to receive the graces of the Eucharist offered for us by mission priests. Please be as generous as possible in responding to our Lord's call to each of us to take part in His mission to all people during next week's special second collection.



Second Collection: This Sunday we take up a combined second collection for the Church in Latin America and the Catholic Home Missions. This dual collection raises funds that support the Church's effort to provide assistance to the poorest of the poor – in Latin America and parts of our own country.

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