

## 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 BANS

*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 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Grades 1<sup>st</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> -- 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 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Grades 1<sup>st</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> -- 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 4<sup>th</sup>**

Grades Pre-K through 8<sup>th</sup> -- 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.

## ALTAR SERVERS

**Saturday, August 29<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Sunday, August 30<sup>th</sup>**

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 5<sup>th</sup>**

5:00 p.m. – T. Makaj and D. Vanadia

**Sunday, September 6<sup>th</sup>**

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 7<sup>th</sup>) -- 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 8<sup>th</sup>, 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.

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### **SPECIAL SAINT'S DAY THIS WEEK**

#### **Thursday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> – 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

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**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 25<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.sjbyonkers.org) and if you wish to email us, our email [stjohnsp@optonline.net](mailto: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 9<sup>th</sup>, 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 18<sup>th</sup>. Tee times start at 10:00 a.m. This tournament funds two scholarships that are given annually to graduating 8<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, October 5<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> and November 2<sup>nd</sup> at the RDC Center for Counseling and Human Development, 52 N. Broadway, White Plains. Please see our website: [rdccenter.org](http://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 26<sup>th</sup> 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.