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8:00 a.m.

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Saturday:
4:00 - 4:45 p.m.

Sacrament of Marriage
Make arrangements six months prior to wedding

Sacrament of Baptism
Every Sunday after the 12:30 Mass

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 9, 2016

Vigil: The Baptism of the Lord

5:00 p.m. Luke and Sabina O'Malley

Sunday, January 10, 2016

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8:00 a.m. Nancy and John Rubbo

**9:30 a.m. Mass for the Parishioners of
St. John the Baptist**

11:00 a.m. Josephine and Salvatore Miceli

12:30 p.m. Emidio and Francesca Cianfagione

Monday, January 11, 2016

8:00 a.m. Florence Lawler

12:00 noon Frances DiPaola – 2nd Anniversary

Tuesday, January 12, 2016

8:00 a.m. Primo, Elvira and Phyllis Vanadia

12:00 noon Salvatore Calvello -- Birthday

Wednesday, January 13, 2016

Feast of St. Hilary, Bishop and

Doctor of the Church

8:00 a.m. Roy McLaughlin

12:00 noon Rose Kelliher and Cornelius Gleeson

Thursday, January 14, 2016

8:00 a.m. Thomas Donnelly

**12:00 noon Teresa, Gabriel, Sr., Gabriel, Jr.
Kowgios and Irene Fahey**

Friday, January 15, 2016

8:00 a.m. Tom and Ann Ruane

12:00 noon Carmela and Pasquale Colaiacovo

Saturday, January 16, 2016

8:00 a.m. Michael Nolan

Saturday, January 16, 2016

Vigil: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

**5:00 p.m. For the Deceased Members of the
Eves Family**

Sunday, January 17, 2016

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Patrick Quigley

9:30 a.m. Rev. John Lennon

**11:00 a.m. Mass for the Parishioners of
St. John the Baptist**

**12:30 p.m. Francesco Carmine Lucariello,
Antonio and Julia DeFilippo**

WEEKLY PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, January 10th

Fr. Joseph's Special Mass – 5:00 p.m. – Church
Reception – following Mass – lower Church

Tuesday, January 12th

4th Grade Cub Scouts – 2:30 p.m. – lower Church

Wednesday, January 13th

Senior Club – following 12:00 noon Mass – lower Church
R.E. Grades 1st through 5th -- 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. – School
R.E. Grades 6th through 8th -- 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. – School

Thursday, January 14th

3rd Grade Cub Scouts – 2:30 p.m. – lower Church

Friday, January 15th

4th Grade Girl Scouts – 2:30 p.m. – lower Church

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday, January 9th

5:00 p.m. – M. Colaiacovo and D. Odume

Sunday, January 10th

8:00 a.m. – S. Farrelly and D. Hijazin

9:30 a.m. – B. Doran, E. Loughran and M. Loughran

11:00 a.m. – E. Higgins and E. McLaughlin

12:30 p.m. – F. Albano and K. Gilligan

Saturday, January 16th

5:00 p.m. – N. Conlon and R. Duffy

Sunday, January 17th

8:00 a.m. – D. Browne and T. Browne

9:30 a.m. – M. McCarthy and K. McGarvey

11:00 a.m. – B. Collins and R. Murphy

12:30 p.m. – C. Maher and J. Velasquez

Ordinary Time: This Sunday, the feast of the Lord's Baptism marks the official end of the Christmas Season; "Ordinary Time" (as it is called in the Church's liturgical calendar) begins on Monday, January 11th. After weeks of high festivity, it might seem as if Ordinary is just a slump into business as usual. In fact, there is a refreshing simplicity to Ordinary Time that feels good after all the exertions of the Christmas season. It's a little like coming home after an exciting trip. You appreciate the wallpaper. The fact that everything is in its accustomed spot seems not dull, but pleasant in an excellent way. Next Sunday will be the first time that the whole community will participate in the new season. Green is the color of Ordinary Time. Christmas decorations will soon be gone (though some Christmas flowers may remain). We pray that the special season of Christmas brought all of the members of St. John's family many graces and blessings.



S.J.B. ANNOUNCEMENTS

January 10, 2016

FEAST OF OUR LORD'S BAPTISM: The Advent-Christmas-Epiphany season concludes with one final manifestation of the relationship of Jesus to His Father. The story of the Baptism of the Lord carries with it the announcement by God acknowledging His Son, upon whom His favor rests. In the Opening Prayer, we ask that we may be kept faithful to our own baptism, making the connection between the presence of Christ in the world and our Baptismal response.

Today's preface captures the full meaning of Jesus' baptism: the voice and the dove both reveal Jesus as the Son of God and point to His ministry of service to the poor. Like Jesus, we are called to live our Baptismal commitment every day. The sacramental water seals us as sons and daughters of God and co-workers with Jesus, but we treat the sacrament as an empty ritual when we fail to do our part on behalf of the Kingdom.

In today's first reading (Is. 40:1-11), we recall a theme that was highlighted during the Advent season as the prophet Isaiah speaks God's word of comfort and hope: the promise of a Savior who will care for his people as a compassionate shepherd. Our second reading from Paul's letter to Titus (2:11-14; 3:4-7) recalls our Lord's own baptism by John – an act which began Jesus' public life of preaching and healing and reminds us of the power given to us by our own baptism.

SPECIAL SAINT'S DAY THIS WEEK

Wednesday, January 13th – St. Hilary

St. Hilary was born in the city of Poitiers (France) in 300 a.d. Because of his outstanding holiness and leadership he was chosen to be a bishop at a time when the Church was engaged in a great struggle against a heresy known as Arianism – which in effect denied the divine nature of Jesus. Hilary was a staunch defender of orthodoxy and suffered much for his fidelity to the truth of the gospel.



Traditions of Christmas: All of the many customs and traditions of this wonderful season help to reinforce its message of love and joy and fellowship. We place wreaths on our front doors as a sign of victory – God's victory over sin and death. We hang mistletoe over our heads as a sign of love which triumphs over suspicion and hatred. We send cards and gifts to promote unity and charity. In some places it is customary to set the table at Christmas with an empty place setting and a chair to welcome strangers. Lights or candles are placed in windows to guide them to our home. We go from door to door singing carols to spread our joy and bring hospitality to all our neighbors.

At Christmas, the coming Christ turns winter into spring – so we banish darkness and cold with fragrant greens and brilliant flowers. Christ brings about a new creation – so we set a great tree of life in our midst and decorate it so that all creation can find rest in its branches.

Finally the coming of Christ is an invitation to a royal banquet so Christmas is our season to provide all our brothers and sisters with a harvest-rich bounty. Our eggnog toast reminds us of the Old Testament's Promised Land – a land flowing with milk and honey. The fact that Jesus has become our bread of life is celebrated at Christmas with special breads or cakes – stolen or panettone or fruitcake. Christmas is a celebration of all that is best in our humanity – a humanity which is clearly seen in Jesus as made in the likeness of God. So let us be joyful; let us celebrate; let us treasure the traditions of Christmas.



New Year's Resolution: One resolution we can all make is to try to participate more fully and more prayerfully in the Mass. Coming to Mass on Sunday is truly THE most important thing we do in the whole week. We should try to arrive early, spend some time in prayer before Mass then actively respond to the prayers (and in sung Mass, the hymns) of the Mass. Whenever possible there should be some time after Mass for a brief Thanksgiving. At the very least let us resolve never to arrive late for Mass or leave Mass early during 2016.

Sunday Report: Last weekend 1,415 parishioners attended Mass; our collection totaled \$8942.00; average contribution: \$6.32. 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 Anniello DeLuca and Rosaria Santorelli who were buried from our church this past week. Our prayers go out to their families and friends.



Christmas Envelopes: For anyone who did not receive a Christmas envelope in the mail, they are available at the exits of the Church and in the sacristy. Christmas is traditionally a time for giving – because we are especially aware at this holy season of everything that God has given us through His Son. Your special sacrifice at this time of year does so much to insure that St. John's will be able to meet the many needs of our people and continue to be such a special church in which to pray, to hear God's word, and to receive the sacraments. God bless you for your goodness.



New Parishioners: If you are new to our parish community here at St. John's we welcome you and invite you to become an active member of our parish – participating in any of the parish societies or organizations which may interest you. Please make sure to register with us. You can find new parishioner registration forms in the back of the church or in the rectory. Once completed, you can give them to one of the priests or ushers – or you may drop them off at the rectory during the week.

Mandated Announcement: Anyone who needs to report an alleged incident of sexual abuse of a minor by a priest, deacon, religious or lay person serving in the Archdiocese of New York is asked to contact Sr. Eileen Clifford, O.P. at 212 371-1000 x2949 or Deacon George J. Coppola at 917-861-1762. Both may also be reached via e-mail at victimassistance@archny.org. Information can also be found on the Archdiocesan website, www.archny.org. In keeping with the Archdiocesan policy regarding sexual abuse of minors, this information is provided to ensure that our children remain safe and secure.



S.J.B. School Registration: Registration applications, for September 2016 may be picked up in the school office 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. during the week of January 25th through January 29th. Pre-K registrants must be 4 years old by December 1, 2016.

Remembering St. John the Baptist: The life of this beautiful Church of ours spans most of the twentieth century and thanks to the sacrifices of those who have gone before us it continues to serve people living in the twenty-first century! Please remember to assist St. John's in its future work by including a gift in your will. Every Christian should have a will so that your loved ones will be provided for and the charitable work you support in life will also be supported after you pass from this life. Simply include a statement like the following in your will: "I leave to the Church of St. John the Baptist, 670 Yonkers Avenue, Yonkers, NY the sum of \$_____ to be used for its general purposes." God bless you for your thoughtfulness!



Holy Communion for the Homebound and Sick: Special Ministers of Holy Communion are available to bring Holy Communion to the sick and the homebound after Mass weekdays, Saturdays and Sundays. We contact those parishioners whom we know are in the hospital who wish to receive Holy Communion when they return home, along with parishioners who are homebound. Contact the rectory and Deacon Olivieri will arrange for Holy Communion to be brought home to those who desire it.



Dr. Martin Luther King: is honored by a national holiday a week from this Monday, January 18th. May it be for all of us – whatever our race, color or ethnic background – an occasion to rededicate ourselves to the ideals for which he lived and died: justice for all: freedom for the oppressed; an end to violence, intolerance and prejudice. Dr. King seized every opportunity to remind us: "Do not model yourselves on the behavior of the world around but let your behavior change, modeled by your new mind" (Romans 12:2). Dr. King's marches, his imprisonments, his writings, his speeches, his eloquent witness serve to stir our hearts and prod our consciences. May his dream live forever.



Family Bingo: Are the kids bored with nothing to do on a cold, wintry Friday night? Well how about coming out to the Rosary Altar Society's Annual Family Bingo Night on Friday, January 22nd, from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m., in the lower church. The cost is \$6.00 per person which includes one game card (additional cards may be purchased), light snacks, beverages, dessert and coffee. There will be cash prizes throughout the evening and a 50/50 raffle. For information, please contact Robyne Libertore at 914-325-6373.



S.J.B. Senior Club News: For the New Year, the Senior Club plans to resume our events with the first meeting on Wednesday, January 6th, followed by January 13th, 20th and 27th (with a lunch prepared by its members.) Our February plans include First Friday Mass on the 3rd at 12:00 noon followed by a surprise luncheon. Ash Wednesday is on February 10th and the start of Lent. With winter's possible foul weather, our trips will be put on hold until the spring.



Congratulations: We welcome into our parish family the following children who were baptized at St. John's over the past few months: Lucas Acuna, Charlis Rios, Jr., Kasiey Lee Rios, Adrian Patrick Donohoe, Aaron Paul Colderbanks, Hunter Joseph Rea, Blake Ashton Seger, Shannon Ann Adams, Jax C. Garcia, Isabella Lucia DiNardi, Gerson Arroyo, Juan Jose Arroyo, Natalie Arroyo, Eoin Burke, Camden William Regan, Julia Mae Roche, Violet Margaret Nader, Chloe Gabrielle Cartagena, Alana Grace Laecca, Christopher DeMatteo, Jr., Nicholas Michael DeMatteo, Ciaran James Donnelly, Connor Charles McCaffrey, Emma Catalina Gonzalez, Grace Lily Sontag, Danny Hughes, Nicholas Ruiz, Amelia Braganza Evans, Liam Anthony Hurley and Sean Noel Kenny. We extend our congratulations and prayers in a special way to their parents and godparents!



Save the Date: The Rosary Altar Society will be hosting their annual Card Party on Saturday, February 27th.

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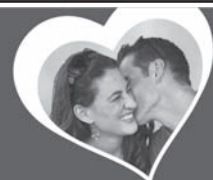
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