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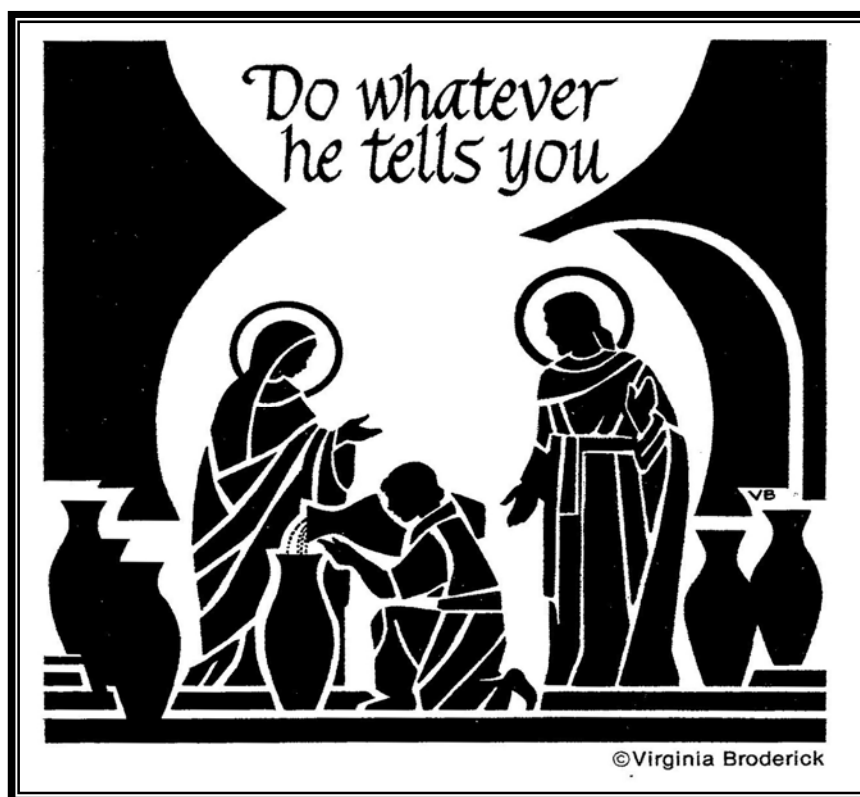
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January 17, 2015

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5:00 p.m.

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11:00 a.m., 12:30 p.m.

Monday thru Friday:
8:00 a.m. & 12:00 Noon

Saturday:
8:00 a.m.

Sacrament of Penance
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 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

Monday, January 18, 2016

8:00 a.m. Lina Yanni

12:00 noon Frank Leone

Tuesday, January 19, 2016

8:00 a.m. Rory O'Flaherty

12:00 noon Peter Fornabaio

Wednesday, January 20, 2016

**Feast of St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr; St. Sebastian,
Martyr**

8:00 a.m. Catherine Charles Devlin

12:00 noon Dora Gervino – 50th Anniversary

Thursday, January 21, 2016

Feast of St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr

8:00 a.m. Francesca and Vincenzo Zambito

12:00 noon Consuela Rosario

Friday, January 22, 2016

Feast of St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr

8:00 a.m. Rita DeLuca -- Birthday

12:00 noon John Curley

Saturday, January 23, 2016

Feast of St. Marianne Cope, Virgin

8:00 a.m. Frank Coppola

Saturday, January 23, 2016

Vigil: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. Frank and Rose Mazzanti

Sunday, January 24, 2016

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Donald W. Hoyle, Sr.

9:30 a.m. Martin Menchen

11:00 a.m. Rev. Antony Erathara S.B.D. --
Living

12:30 p.m. Mass for the Parishioners of
St. John the Baptist

WEEKLY PARISH CALENDAR

Tuesday, January 19th

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

Wednesday, January 20th

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

Holy Name Society Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

Friday, January 22nd

Family Bingo – 7:00 p.m. – lower Church

ALTAR SERVERS

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

Saturday, January 23rd

5:00 p.m. – C. Castaldi and N. DeMatteo

Sunday, January 24th

8:00 a.m. – C. Elias and R. Peter

9:30 a.m. – S. Healy and N. Tierney

11:00 a.m. – J. Corcoran and R. Corcoran

12:30 p.m. – M. DiRosa and P. DiRosa



2016 March for Life: On Friday, January 22nd, thousands of Americans from all over the country will gather in Washington D.C. for the annual March for Life. This will mark the 43rd anniversary of the infamous Roe vs. Wade Supreme Court decision which for all intents and purposes legitimized abortion on demand in a land which once held “life” to be one of our inalienable truths. Wherever we happen to be on Friday, let us pray for our country and for a conversion of hearts and a recommitment to a culture of life. Here at St. John’s there will be a special Rosary for Life prayed after the 8:00 a.m. Mass on Friday.



S.J.B. ANNOUNCEMENTS

January 17, 2016

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: The events of the Advent-Christmas-Epiphany season fade very gradually. The gospel reading of the wedding feast at Cana at first seems out of place. However, it is in just the right place as we continue to incorporate our acceptance of Jesus, the light of the world, into our lives. The gospel stories of the two weeks after Epiphany serve to keep the excitement of the Incarnation alive, while showing in yet one more way the marvelous presence of God-in-Christ in the world today. The messages of love, care, and unity are strong in all three readings today.

In today's first reading from the prophet Isaiah (Is. 62:1-5), the wedding theme that is the undercurrent of today's gospel first surfaces. God loves His people – and rejoices in them as a “bridegroom rejoices in his bride.” We are precious to God – and no one should ever consider himself “forsaken.” In our second reading from St. Paul's letter to the Corinthians (1Cor. 12:4-11) we are reminded of how active God's spirit is in the world – bestowing gifts on all of us; gifts meant to “build up” and enrich the Body of Christ.

Finally, in the Gospel (Jn. 2:1-11) we read about the first of Jesus' “signs”: the miracle of changing water into wine – bringing joy to all the wedding guests – a mere shadow of the joy Jesus brings to all who share His Eucharistic meal.

SPECIAL SAINTS' DAYS THIS WEEK

Wednesday, January 20th – St. Sebastian

Sebastian is often depicted in art at the moment of his heroic death – his athlete's body pierced by many arrows. Sebastian was an officer in the Roman Legion who became a convert to Christianity, one of the many martyrs put to death under the Emperor Diocletian in the late third century. He is the patron saint of athletes.

Thursday, January 21st – St. Agnes

As a young teenager, Agnes died during the persecution of Christians by the Roman Emperor Diocletian in the early fourth century. Her pagan captors tried to get Agnes to renounce her faith and her virginity but even in the face of death, Agnes refused to give in.

Friday, January 22nd – St. Vincent

Vincent suffered martyrdom during the brutal persecution of Christians by the Emperor Diocletian in the late third and early fourth centuries. Vincent was a deacon who served in his native Spain; he died in Valencia.

Christian Unity: This week we mark the annual week of Prayer for Christian Unity, which begins on Monday, January 18th and continues until the following Monday, January 25th. Begun in 1908 this week is set aside each year so that Christians the world over may share the prayer of Jesus: “That they all may be one; that the world may believe” (John 17-21).



Dr. Martin Luther King: is honored by a national holiday 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.



Special Children's Mass: Next week at our 9:30 a.m. Mass, we once again welcome younger boys and girls to a special Mass where they will be excused after the Opening Prayer and go to the Church Hall for a special Liturgy of the Word. After this Mass please join us for a Family Coffee and Craft Hour in the school cafeteria at which we will have refreshments and make crafts for the family. We are very grateful to the parent-leaders (as well as some older children) who are assisting with this program.

Sunday Report: Last weekend 1,270 parishioners attended Mass; our collection totaled \$7807.00; average contribution: \$6.15. Thank you for your continued financial support of St. John's and its many needs. Your generosity is essential and greatly appreciated.



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 Name Society: The Holy Name Society will have their monthly meeting on Wednesday, January 20th at 7:00 p.m. at the La Grotta Restaurant on McLean Avenue. The cost is \$20.00 and includes buffet dinner and beer, wine and soda. For more information, please call Vinny Vanadia on 423-9149. All are welcome!



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.

Second Collection: Next weekend we will take up our monthly special collection to support our school and maintain our school facilities. The school is not only used for our grammar school children, our CCD classes and our RCIA program, but for a variety of community and parish activities. It is vital that we keep our school facilities in excellent condition. We ask for a contribution of \$7.00 in this monthly collection and once again express our appreciation for your generosity.



Support Group: St. John's Riverside Hospital is hosting a special Cancer Support Group meeting on the Wednesday, January 20th, at 7:00 p.m. in Room 111. The topic: "Ring in the New Year" featuring Chaz Garcia, author of "Power of Massage Therapy." All are welcome.



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.

"Working" Group: A free 6-week Employment/Networking Support Group will be offered by the RDC Center for Counseling and Human Development – Monday evenings 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. on January 25th, February 1st, 8th, 22nd, 29th and March 7th. This program is for persons who have recently lost their jobs or who are returning to the workforce after a few years of not working. The program will be held at the White Plains Education and Training Center, 303 Quarropas Street, White Plains. To register or for more information call Pat Sheridan, LCSW at 798-1103.



S.J.B. Senior Club News: The Senior Club has begun 2016 with their regular Wednesday meetings – on January 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.



Special Promotion: H & R Block (777 Central Park Avenue, between Mavis Tire and Goldberg's Bagels) is having an early season promotion. Nationwide they will be giving \$1000 to 1000 people (\$1 million) each day for 30 days from January 16th to February 15th. Anyone (new or previous clients) who comes in and has their taxes done will be entered into the drawing for that day and all the remaining days of the contest. So you have 30,000 chances to win. Good luck. Their number is 968-5327.



Save the Date: Come join us as the Rosary Altar Society presents its annual Card Party on Saturday, February 27th at 7:00 p.m. in the lower church. More details to follow. Anyone wishing to make a monetary or new gift donation can kindly drop off at the Rectory.



Rosary Altar Society Annual Scholarship Bake Sale: Our Scholarship Bake Sale which benefits two of St. John the Baptist 8th Grade girls will be held on Saturday, February 6th and Sunday, February 7th after all the masses in the lower church. There will be plenty of goodies and raffles. Any donations of baked/bought items can be dropped off to the lower church on Saturday, February 6th after 2 pm. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

Special Program: St. Barnabas is beginning a seven week program, Discovering Christ, starting on Sunday, January 31st at 2:30 p.m. in the Barnabas high school. The 2 hour program involves a video presentation, small group discussion and a complementary dinner. The program will explore questions about the meaning of life and our personal experience of Jesus Christ. The program is free and open to all – but you must register in advance. For information, call St. Barnabas rectory (718-324-1478) or Joan Cummings, the program coordinator (914-441-2454).



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