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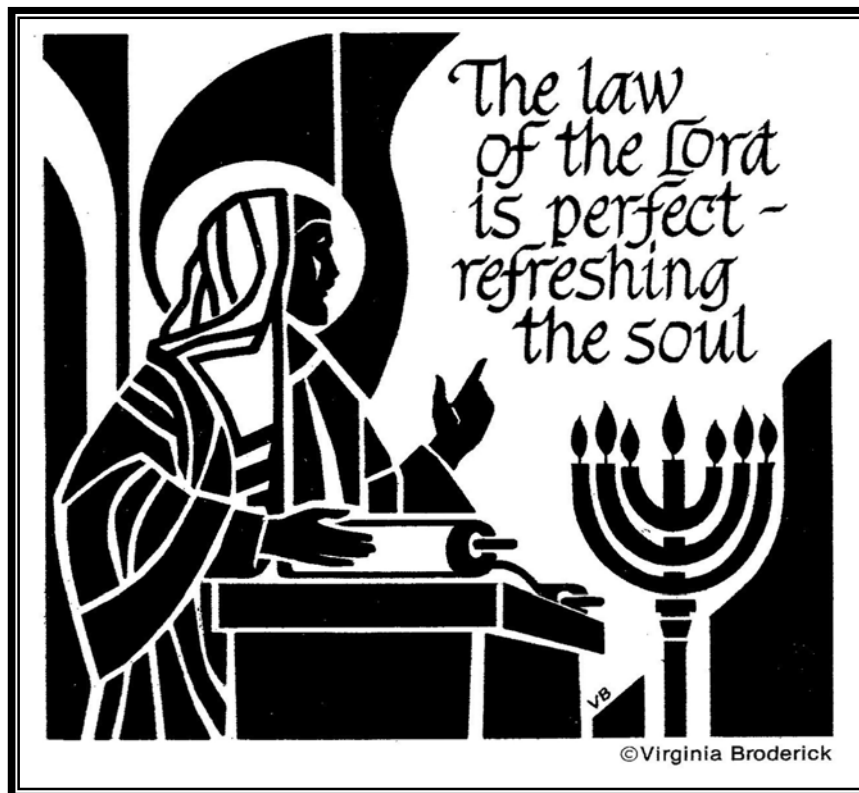
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**Monday thru Friday:**  
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**Saturday:**  
8:00 a.m.

**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 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. Antoney Erathara S.D.B. --  
Living**

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

**Monday, January 25, 2016**

**Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle**

**8:00 a.m. Lorraine Cocozza**

**12:00 noon Martin Lynch**

**Tuesday, January 26, 2016**

**Feast of Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops**

**8:00 a.m. Thomas Bargallo**

**12:00 noon Louise DeSanto**

**Wednesday, January 27, 2016**

**Feast of St. Angela Merici, Virgin**

**8:00 a.m. Evelyn Roesner – 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

**12:00 noon Daniel J. Harrington**

**Thursday, January 28, 2016**

**Feast of St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of  
the Church**

**8:00 a.m. Benito and Maria Odoardi**

**12:00 noon Marie G. Flynn**

**Friday, January 29, 2016**

**8:00 a.m. Makram Yacoub -- Birthday**

**12:00 noon Dr. Maria Santorineau**

**Saturday, January 30, 2016**

**8:00 a.m. Dolores A. Juliano**

**Saturday, January 30, 2016**

**Vigil: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**5:00 p.m. Joan Winters and Bridie Kearns**

**Sunday, January 31, 2016**

**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**8:00 a.m. Mass for the Parishioners of  
St. John the Baptist**

**9:30 a.m. Mary Corcoran**

**11:00 a.m. Anna Olivieri – 13<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

**12:30 p.m. Luise Lyddy and Breeda Flynn**

## WEEKLY PARISH CALENDAR

**Sunday, January 24<sup>th</sup>**

Children's Mass – 9:30 a.m. – Church  
Coffee and Craft Hour – following Mass – Cafeteria

**Wednesday, January 27<sup>th</sup>**

Senior Club – following 12:00 noon Mass – lower  
Church

R.E. Grades 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> -- 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. – School

R.E. Grades 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> -- 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. – School

R.E. 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade 1<sup>st</sup> Penance – 4:15 p.m. -- Church

**Friday, January 29<sup>th</sup>**

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade 1<sup>st</sup> Penance -- 9:00 a.m. – Church

**Saturday, January 30<sup>th</sup>**

Pinewood Derby – 1:00 p.m. – lower Church

## ALTAR SERVERS

**Saturday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>**

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

**Sunday, January 24<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Saturday, January 30<sup>th</sup>**

5:00 p.m. – N. Leo, D. Odume and J. Velasquez

**Sunday, January 31<sup>st</sup>**

8:00 a.m. – N. Camacho and D. Hijazin

9:30 a.m. – A. Burke, K. Burke and S. Joyce

11:00 a.m. – E. McLaughlin and J. Postighone

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



Special Mass

**Special Children's Mass:** This 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.



## **S.J.B. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**January 24, 2016**

**THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:** This is the third year of the Church's three year liturgical cycle. Each of those three years features one of the three synoptic gospels. This year ("Year C") features the Gospel according to St. Luke – which begins today – appropriately enough – at the beginning of the Gospel (Lk. 1:14; 4:14-21). The first four verses of chapter one precede the familiar story of Jesus' ministerial call as given in the book of the prophet Isaiah. The relationship of this reading to the first reading from the book of Nehemiah (8:2-10) may seem distant, yet both readings give credence to the power of the assembly. For Jesus (in Luke), it is in the liturgical assembly of the synagogue that He makes His statement of intent. The Israelites, in a sense, are starting over, while Jesus is starting anew. Both events speak to us of the importance of ministry within the community. The word of the Law is read and explained and agreed upon. In this way the disruption brought about by the years of captivity is ended. Weeping, the people rejoice in the Lord. For Jesus, the word of the prophet is read and explained as being "fulfilled in your hearing." Ministry in the community is celebrated when we acknowledge the diversity and complimentary of the gifts present among us.

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### **SPECIAL SAINTS' DAYS THIS WEEK**

#### **Monday, January 25<sup>th</sup> – Conversion of Paul**

This feast celebrates one of the greatest conversions of all time. Saul, a fierce persecutor of the Church became – almost overnight – just as fiercely devoted to Christianity and in a matter of a few years the greatest Christian evangelist in history. Let us pray today for all those who are preparing to enter the Catholic Church.

#### **Tuesday, January 26<sup>th</sup> – Sts. Timothy and Titus**

These two men lived in the very first century of the Christian era; they were disciples and associates of St. Paul and they were appointed bishops of the Church in Ephesus and Crete. The letters written to them in the New Testament give us extraordinary witness to the life of the Church at the very beginning.

#### **Wednesday, January 27<sup>th</sup> – St. Angela Merici**

In the late 15<sup>th</sup> century, Angela founded a congregation of women (the Ursulines) dedicated to teaching children and caring for the poor – two of the tasks that have been an essential part of the Church's mission in every age.

#### **Thursday, January 28<sup>th</sup> – St. Thomas Aquinas**

Thomas was the son of noble Italian parents who intended for him to be a Benedictine monk. Thomas was attracted to the newly formed Order of Preachers (Dominicans) and eventually made his way into their ranks. A great scholar and man of prayer, Thomas preferred a humble way of life. His legacy has prevailed as one of the greatest theologians in the Church. Known as the "Angelic Doctor". Thomas is the patron of schools and colleges.

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**Mass Requests for 2017:** The Mass "book" for 2017 will be open for reservations as of Thursday, February 18<sup>th</sup>. Because of the number of Parishioners who wish to arrange Masses at St. John's, we must request that Mass reservations be made in person. On Thursday, February 18<sup>th</sup> those seeking to make Mass reservations should do so in the lower church (not the rectory) starting at 9:00 a.m. Someone will be there all morning and in the afternoon until 3:00 p.m. After February 18<sup>th</sup>, Mass requests for 2017 should be made in the rectory, Monday-Friday from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Our office staff is simply unable to handle requests by phone if they are to complete the regular volume of work they have. In addition, individual Mass reservations are **limited to three on February 18<sup>th</sup>**, so we may accommodate as many parishioners as possible. (**After the initial day, more Mass reservations may be made at the rectory later in the week.**) We remind everyone that there are a number of retired priests who are able to take Mass requests – even for 2016. We are happy to provide Mass cards for these Masses; however, they will not be celebrated here at St. John's.

**Sunday Report:** Last weekend 1,360 parishioners attended Mass; our collection totaled \$9120.00; average contribution: \$6.71. 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 Michael Coughlan, Josephine Levinstim and Salvatore Tascione who were buried from our church this past week. Our prayers go out to their families and friends.



**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 25<sup>th</sup> through January 29<sup>th</sup>. Pre-K registrants must be 4 years old by December 1, 2016.



**S.J.B. Senior Club News:** The Senior Club has begun 2016 with their regular Wednesday meetings. Our February plans include First Friday Mass on the 5<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 noon followed by a surprise luncheon. Ash Wednesday is on February 10<sup>th</sup> and the start of Lent. With winter's possible foul weather, our trips will be put on hold until the spring.



**Save the Date:** Come join us as the Rosary Altar Society presents its annual Card Party on Saturday, February 27<sup>th</sup> 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. Attn: R.A.S. Card Party.

### **Rosary Altar Society Annual Scholarship Bake Sale:**



Our Scholarship Bake Sale which benefits two of St. John the Baptist 8<sup>th</sup> Grade girls will be held on Saturday, February 6<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, February 7<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> after 2 pm. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.



**Second Collection:** This 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.



**“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 25<sup>th</sup>, February 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> and March 7<sup>th</sup>. 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.

**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 16<sup>th</sup> to February 15<sup>th</sup>. 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.



**Special Program:** St. Barnabas is beginning a seven week program, Discovering Christ, starting on Sunday, January 31<sup>st</sup> at 2:30 p.m. in St. 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).

**Shrine for Jubilee Year:** The Marian Shrine at the Don Bosco Retreat Center under the pastoral care of the Salesians of Don Bosco has been designated by Cardinal Dolan as a site for the “Holy Door” for the Jubilee Year of Mercy announced by our Holy Father. The Marian Shrine is located in Stony Point, NY, is open from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. each day, with special time for confessions, Mass and rosary. All are welcome.



**R.A.S. Meeting and Mass:** Please join the Rosary Altar Society at their monthly Mass next Sunday, February 7<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. Please join the Rosarians for “BINGO and Bring your own Desert Night” at their meeting next Monday, February 8<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 p.m. in the lower church.



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