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5:00 p.m.

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8:00, 9:30,
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, February 6, 2016

Vigil: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. Anne and William Ludlow

Sunday, February 7, 2016

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

**9:30 a.m. For the Deceased Members of the
Schlinan, Kerr and Meltz Families**

11:00 a.m. R.A.S./H.N.S. Monthly Mass

12:30 p.m. Jean Lubanski

Monday, February 8, 2016

Feast of St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin

8:00 a.m. Michael Nolan

12:00 noon Thomas Healy

Tuesday, February 9, 2016

8:00 a.m. Frank Leone

12:00 noon Michael Antonow

Wednesday, February 10, 2016

Ash Wednesday

8:00 a.m. Maria and Constantino Caruso

9:00 a.m. Prayer Service

12:00 noon Howard Matelli

4:30 p.m. Prayer Service

7:30 p.m. Rosa Tamigi

Thursday, February 11, 2016

Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes

8:00 a.m. Lynvel Heather - Malunes

12:00 noon Stephanie Liberatore

Friday, February 12, 2016

8:00 a.m. Daniel McRedmond

12:00 noon Ann Lee Bastedo – 1st Anniversary

Saturday, February 13, 2016

8:00 a.m. Nick Mattola

Saturday, February 13, 2016

Vigil: First Sunday of Lent

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

Sunday, February 14, 2016

First Sunday of Lent

8:00 a.m. Helen and Meghan McAvoy

9:30 a.m. Mary and Cosmo DiNoia

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

12:30 p.m. Margherita Spataro

WEEKLY PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, February 7th

R.A.S. Bake Sale – following Mass -- lower Church

R.A.S./H.N.S. Monthly Mass – 11:00 a.m. – Church

R.E. Family Catechesis – 1:30 p.m. – lower Church

Monday, February 8th

R.A.S. Monthly Meeting – 8:00 p.m. – lower Church

Tuesday, February 9th

5th Grade Cub Scouts – 2:30 p.m. – lower Church

Wednesday, February 10th

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, February 11th

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

Friday, February 12th

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

Stations of the Cross – 7:30 p.m. -- Church

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday, February 6th

5:00 p.m. – N. Conlon and M. McCarthy

Sunday, February 7th

8:00 a.m. – D. Browne and T. Browne

9:30 a.m. – E. Loughran and M. Loughran

11:00 a.m. – D. Liberatore and S. Osso

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

Saturday, February 13th

5:00 p.m. – D. Reidy and P. Tozzi

Sunday, February 14th

8:00 a.m. – C. Elias and R. Peter

9:30 a.m. – J. Corcoran and R. Corcoran

11:00 a.m. – B. Collins and R. Murphy

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

Rosary Altar Society Annual Scholarship Bake Sale: Our



Scholarship Bake Sale which benefits two of St. John's 8th Grade girls will be held this weekend 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.



Rosary Altar Society: We welcome the members of the Rosary Altar Society to their monthly Mass this Sunday at 11:00 a.m. Their monthly meeting will be held on Monday, February 8th at 8:00 p.m. in the lower Church. Their welcome back meeting will be a fun Bingo Night and "bring your own snacks". Hope to see you there.



S.J.B. ANNOUNCEMENTS

February 7, 2016

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: the Gospel this Sunday (Luke 5:1-11) continues the story of the prophet's journey in so many words. Jesus uses the fishing metaphor to convince His followers that He has a better offer for them. What must have gone through their heads as they heard Him say that they would be catching "men" in their nets! In the same way in today's first reading (Is. 6:1-8) the prophet Isaiah, summoned by the King, is reluctant to follow the call to the new ministry. The messenger of God removed Isaiah's hesitance, and opened the way for his response: "Send me." Jesus, the Son of God, removes the hesitancy of the apostles by providing them with a miraculous catch of fish. Aware of their sinfulness, like Isaiah, they claim to be unworthy. This, too, is not an obstacle. The power of God can make prophets and disciples out of the least likely candidates.

Let us pray for the gifts of discernment needed for the prophets and disciples in our community who are being called to serve God in ways they would not expect. Let us also pray for vocations to the priesthood and the religious life – for vocations to service in both the local and universal Church.

SPECIAL SAINTS' DAYS THIS WEEK

Monday, February 8th – St. Jerome Emiliani

Born in Venice in 1486, Jerome was a soldier as a young man, but was increasingly drawn to a more spiritual life. He devoted himself to the care of the poor and orphaned children, eventually establishing a small religious order to continue his work.

Thursday, February 11th – Our Lady of Lourdes

On this day in 1858, is recorded the first of a series of apparitions of Our Lady to St. Bernadette near Lourdes, France. Those appearances led to the building of a beautiful basilica which has become a focus of Catholic pilgrimage and a place of miraculous healing.



Ash Wednesday: This Wednesday, February 10th, is the beginning of Lent. It is a day of fast and abstinence. Ashes will be distributed after the Gospel at each of our Masses that day. On Ash Wednesday, we will have three Masses: 8:00 a.m., 12:00 noon and 7:30 p.m. In addition, there will be two prayer services at 9:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. at which ashes will be distributed.

Lent: is a holy season in our Church's year, it is holy because it calls us in a special way to holiness and encourages us to adopt holy habits of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

Prayer: We should try to attend Mass as often as we can during Lent and pray the Rosary and make the Stations of the Cross (which is publicly celebrated every Friday in Lent during the Eucharistic Holy Hour that begins at 7:30 p.m.)

Almsgiving: We should try to make special sacrifices during Lent – and it is fortunate that the annual Cardinal's Appeal continues throughout Lent so that we have a very practical opportunity to assist the Church's works of charity in New York.

Fasting: We should try to practice some form of self-discipline during Lent – so that we might in some small way identify ourselves with Christ who was crucified for us.

Friday Lenten Devotion: Starting this Friday, February 12th and on all the remaining Fridays of Lent at 7:30 p.m. there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, followed by Stations of the Cross and a reflection by Fr. Daniel Ulloa, O.P. on the topic: "How to Live the Year of Mercy in an Unforgiving World." The evening Holy Hour will conclude with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Lenten Fast and Abstinence: **ALL THE FRIDAYS OF LENT ARE DAY OF ABSTINENCE** -All Catholics above the age of 14 are obliged to abstain from meat on the days of abstinence (unless poor health excuses). Additionally, Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are both fast and abstinence. Not only is meat prohibited, but on these two fast days, only one full meal is permitted. Two smaller meals may be taken to maintain strength, but these taken together should not equal another full meal. Fasting obliges from 18 to 59 (unless poor health excuses).

Lenten Reflections: Once again we are providing a booklet of reflections to assist with a prayerful preparation for Easter. It is "The Little Black Book" published by the Diocese of Saginaw, Michigan and it offers a brief meditation for each day of Lent based on the Gospel for that day.

Sunday Report: 1,390 parishioners attended Mass at St. John's last weekend and most of our parishioners brought their envelopes from the previous week (when a blizzard prevented people from getting to church) as well as this week. Hence our collection totaled \$12,961 (as opposed to \$1,800 on the blizzard weekend). The average was \$9.33. Thanks for your generous support of St. John's!



S.J.B. School Registration: St. John's School is accepting registrations for September 2016. Registration packet and further info may be picked up in the school office 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Pre-K registrants must be 4 years old by December 1, 2016.

Monthly Maintenance: Since this Sunday is the first Sunday of the month of February, 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.

Tax Advantage: Once again this year, St. John's has been contacted by a representative of H&R Block regarding a program they have for tax-exempt institutions (like ours!). For every new client who goes to any H&R Block office and has them prepare your tax returns, H&R Block will contribute \$20.00 to St. John's. The only condition is that when you go to the H&R Block office, you take a coupon (which are available this week at the exits of the Church) indicating the special code which will be given to St. John's to distribute to our parishioners. N.B.: This costs you nothing! Obviously, H&R Block is doing this as a promotion to bring in new customers – but if you are considering having someone prepare your tax return (both Federal and N.Y. State) this year, please consider H&R Block. They have a nearby office – on 777 Central Avenue (in the strip mall near the Sunoco station on the corner of Mile Sq. Rd. and Central Ave.) But this offer is good at any H&R Block (you just need to bring the coupon).

Card Party: The Rosary Altar Society welcomes you to their Annual Card Party, "A Night on Broadway" on Saturday, February 27th at 7:00 p.m. in the lower Church. Admission is \$20.00 per person and includes sandwiches, snacks, beverages, dessert, coffee/tea and door prizes. To purchase a ticket please send a check (made payable to S.J.B. Rosary Altar Society). Anyone wishing to make a monetary or new gift donation can drop it off at the Rectory. Attn: R.A.S. Card Party. For more information, please call Robyne Liberatore at 914-325-6373.

Operation Rice Bowl: St. John's is participating in the annual Catholic Relief Services' Lenten Program, "Operation Rice Bowl" as part of our Lenten observance from Ash Wednesday to Holy Saturday. Rice Bowl packets will be available in the Church. Packets will be distributed to all students in our parish school and Religious Education program.



Vacation Bible School News: Vacation Bible School week will be held from Monday, July 11th through Friday, July 15th. Registrations will be held from April through June.



Mass Requests for 2017: The Mass "book" for 2017 will be open for reservations as of Thursday, February 18th. 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 February 18th 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 18th, 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 18th, 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.

Cardinal's Appeal: Cardinal Dolan has begun this annual Archdiocesan Stewardship Appeal. Some of our parishioners have already received information about the appeal in the mail; many more will receive such information in the days and weeks to follow. In a few weeks we will have our annual "In Pew Sunday" which will give everyone an opportunity to participate in this vital campaign which does so much to assist the Church's pastoral, charitable, and educational efforts throughout our Archdiocese. In the meantime we ask everyone to pray for the success of this appeal.

Second Collection: Next weekend we will take up our annual Peter's Pence collection for the Holy Father. This special appeal is needed to support Pope Francis' service to Christ and the world. Please give generously so that His Holiness may continue his mission as pastor to our worldwide Church and as a spokesman for peace and justice.

Latin Chant: During Lent at our sung Sunday Masses, we will use traditional Gregorian Chant whenever the Kyrie, Sanctus and Agnus Dei are sung. The chant melodies are very easy to sing and the words of these responses are so familiar in English that the Latin shouldn't pose a problem, even for someone who has never studied Latin. Moreover, it gives us an opportunity (however small) to recapture the long tradition of singing Gregorian Chant. The text of and music for these acclamations can be found in the Music Issue: Kyrie (#853); Sanctus (#850); Agnus Dei (#854).



Special Mass: A Mass for Healing will be celebrated at Rosary Church, Hawthorne, NY on Monday, February 22nd at 7:30 p.m. Fr. Martin Njenga will be celebrant. This is an opportunity to bring your spiritual and physical needs to the Lord.

Iona Prep Sports Clinics: Mr. Victor Quinolo, head basketball and football coach at Iona Prep has sent us a letter regarding upcoming clinics for boys and girls in grades 3 – 9. Most of the clinics are in the summer – but there will be one Basketball clinic from February 15th – 18th. For information, call the coach at 632-0714 x231 or at vquirololo@ionaprep.org.

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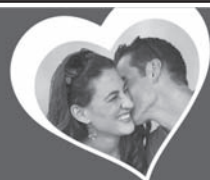
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