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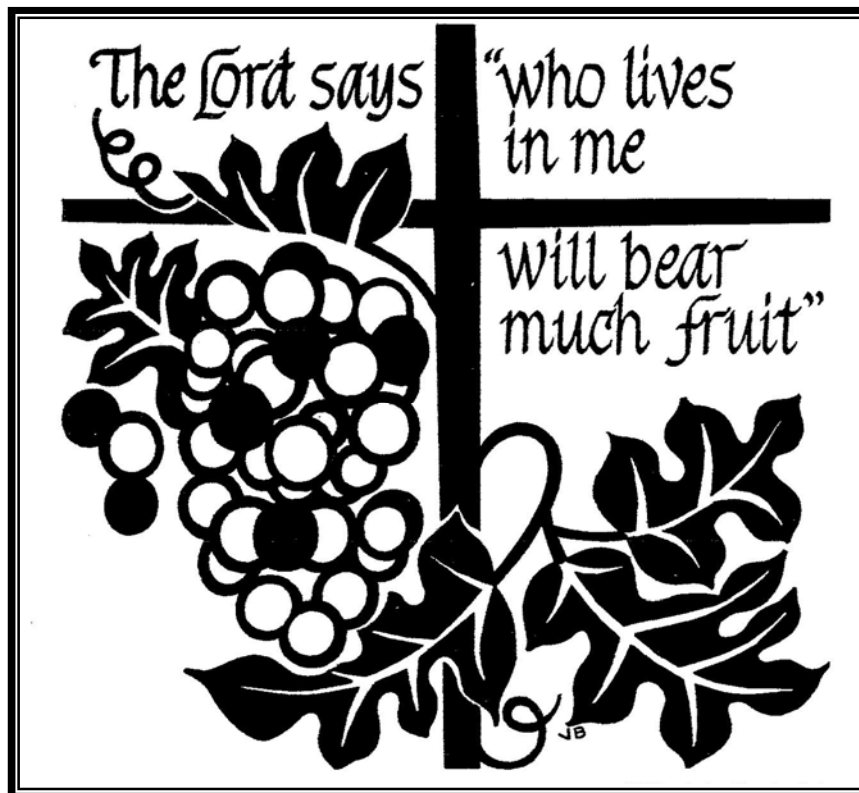
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Fifth Sunday of Easter
April 24, 2016

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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, April 23, 2016

Vigil: Fifth Sunday of Easter

5:00 p.m. William Concannon

Sunday, April 24, 2016

Fifth Sunday of Easter

8:00 a.m. Sante Zangrilli

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

11:00 a.m. For the Deceased Members of the
Geraghty, Flynn and Quinn Families

12:30 p.m. Luigi and Franco Milizia

Monday, April 25, 2016

Feast of St. Mark, Evangelist

8:00 a.m. Patricia Sullivan

12:00 noon Bridie Buckley

Tuesday, April 26, 2016

8:00 a.m. Barbara Keller -- Birthday

12:00 noon For the Deceased Members of the
Ligniti Family

Wednesday, April 27, 2016

8:00 a.m. Patrick Convery

12:00 noon Howard Matelli

Thursday, April 28, 2016

*Feast of St. Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr; St. Louis
Grignon de Montfort, Priest*

8:00 a.m. Thomas Green

12:00 noon Phyllis Sbordone -- Birthday

Friday, April 29, 2016

*Feast of St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the
Church*

8:00 a.m. Mary O'Connor

12:00 noon Josephine and Salvatore Miceli

Saturday, April 30, 2016

Feast of St. Pius V, Pope

8:00 a.m. Michael John McGowan and Padraic

Saturday, April 30, 2016

Vigil: Sixth Sunday of Easter

5:00 p.m. Lawrence Bologna

Sunday, May 1, 2016

Sixth Sunday of Easter

8:00 a.m. John and Tina Manning

9:30 a.m. Emma Cauchi

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

12:30 p.m. Daniel Fama and Edward Makowski



Wedding Banns

III. Frank J. Valloni III and Cindy M. Berisic

WEEKLY PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, April 24th

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

Wednesday, April 27th

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, April 28th

1st Holy Communion Practice – 4:00 p.m. – Church
1st Holy Communion Practice – 4:45 p.m. – Church

Saturday, April 30th

1st Holy Communion – 9:30 a.m. – Church
1st Holy Communion – 11:30 a.m. -- Church

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday, April 23rd

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

Sunday, April 24th

8:00 a.m. – N. Conlon and R. Duffy
9:30 a.m. – M. Luby and R. Tuffy
11:00 a.m. – S. Healy and N. Tierney
12:30 p.m. – E. Higgins and K. McGarvey

Saturday, April 30th

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

Sunday, May 1st

8:00 a.m. – D. Browne and T. Browne
9:30 a.m. – K. Gilligan and S. Osso
11:00 a.m. – J. Corcoran and R. Corcoran
12:30 p.m. – F. Albano and D. Liberatore

Congratulations: We welcome into our parish family the following children who were baptized at St. John's over the past few months: Stephen Francesco Canale, Kevin Denis Brennan, Cooper Aiden Aquart, Jax Francis Carone, Michael William Tarpey, Ellie Catherine Battista, Steven Joseph Porcelli, Haven Reign Hau, Harper Rae Hau, Abigail Kelcy Pisanchik, Angel Faustino Aviles, Evan Xavier Yee, Susan Perez, Jaidalee Vazquez, James William Coyle, Isabella Katrina Agrisani, Domenico Branca, Juliette Lily Cerrato, Skylar M. Allen, and Jacob Anthony Vincenzo. We extend our congratulations and prayers in a special way to their parents and godparents!



S.J.B. ANNOUNCEMENTS

April 24, 2016

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER: Today's readings all resonate with the eschatological mystery of the kingdom of God, what theologians often refer to as the "already but not yet" nature of that kingdom. God's reign has already begun; it broke into human history with the incarnation of Jesus in the womb of Mary. But that reign is not yet fully established, nor will it be until the end of the world. In the meantime, it is up to Christians to make the Kingdom more a reality by responding to the needs of the world's peoples. To the extent that human needs are met, the Kingdom of God is present. A look around tells us we have a long way to go.

In today's first reading (Acts 14:21-27) Paul and Barnabas are on the move, tireless in their proclamation of the Good News. They pull no punches with the communities they visit: they "must undergo many trials," if they are truly dedicated to the work of the Kingdom.

In the second reading (Rv. 21:1-5) St. John, too, is aware of all the hardships of any human life, but especially one lived according to standards the world cannot possibly understand. His vision today uses wedding imagery to describe the future joy and fulfillment that will come to those who are faithful. Troubles will end, there will be "a new heaven and a new earth."

In the gospel (Jn. 13:31-5) Jesus gives the ultimate motivation for perseverance in our work for the Kingdom: we do it all out of love for each other, in imitation of Jesus, who first loved us.



SPECIAL SAINTS' DAYS THIS WEEK – EASTER WEEK FIVE

Monday, April 25th – St. Mark

A cousin of Barnabas, Mark accompanied St. Paul on his first missionary journey and went with him to Rome. Mark became a close disciple of St. Peter and tradition holds that Peter's teaching was the basis for Mark's gospel. St. Mark is said to be the founder of the church at Alexandria. Today might be a good day to read a few chapters of Mark's gospel.

Thursday, April 28th – St. Peter Chanel and St. Louis de Montfort

St. Louis lived in the late 17th / early 18th centuries; he founded two religious communities and promoted devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. St. Peter was a French missionary to the people who lived on the islands of the South Pacific Ocean in the first half of the 19th century. Although Peter had some success, many of the natives opposed Christianity and in April of 1841 Peter was clubbed to death for his evangelism.

Friday, April 29th – St. Catherine of Siena

This extraordinary woman was born in Siena, Italy in 1347. As a young woman she entered the Dominican Order and became by her intelligence, holiness, and dedication one of the most influential women in Church history. She brought many converts into the Church; promoted the renewal of religious life; counseled Cardinals and Popes; and found time to write books of inspiration and devotion. She died in 1380 and was named a Doctor of the Church in 1970.

Saturday, April 30th – St. Pius

Born in Italy in 1504, Pius V entered the Dominican Order and in his early years was a professor of Theology. His talent, however, led him to being named a bishop, a cardinal, and (in 1566) pope. He worked for the reform of the Church and promoted the rosary. It is believed that Pius V – who regularly wore his white Dominican habit as a pope – is responsible for the tradition of popes wearing a white cassock.



Easter Traditions: The Easter Parade: In New York City, the Easter Parade tradition dates back to the mid-1800's, when the upper crust of society would attend Easter services at various Fifth Avenue churches then stroll outside afterward, showing off their new spring outfits and hats. Average citizens started showing up along Fifth Avenue to check out the action. The tradition reached its peak by the mid-20th century, and in 1948, the popular film "Easter Parade" was released, starring Fred Astaire and Judy Garland and featuring the music of Irving Berlin. The title song includes the lyrics: "In your Easter bonnet, with all the frills upon it/You'll be the grandest lady in the Easter parade."

The Easter Parade tradition lives on in Manhattan, with Fifth Avenue from 49th Street to 57th Street being shut down during the day to traffic. Participants often sport elaborately decorated bonnets and hats. The event has no religious significance, but sources note that Easter processions have been a part of Christianity since its earliest days. Today, other cities across America also have their own parades.



Sunday Report: Last weekend 1,320 parishioners attended Mass; our collection totaled \$9,276.00; average contribution: \$7.03. Thank you for your continued financial support of St. John's and its many needs. Your generosity is essential and greatly appreciated.

Vacation Bible School: V.B.S. will be from July 11th through July 15th. Registration will begin this Monday, April 25th for both students and volunteer staff. Registration fee is \$35.00 (Early Bird Special) until May 16th; \$40.00 (regular) until June 6th and \$45.00 (late) until June 24th. Applications will be distributed through S.J.B. school and Religious Ed. Additional forms may be picked up in the rectory.



Golden Anniversary: Any couples who are celebrating 50 years of marriage this year (2016) are asked to contact the rectory. They will be invited to St. Patrick's Cathedral for a special Mass. This year there will be two Masses for Golden Anniversary couples: Saturday, June 25th (at 1:30 p.m.) and Sunday, June 26th (at 2:00 p.m.) Pre-registration is absolutely necessary for Mass at the Cathedral so any couple that is celebrating 50 years of marriage should call the rectory by Friday, June 15th, at the latest.



Honor Thy Mother: This year Mother's day falls on Sunday, May 8th. This is a day to honor all Mothers – living and dead. This is a day to express our thanks for all they have done for us. It is a day to tell them how much we love them and to ask for their prayers even as we assure them of ours. For those mothers who have gone before us into the fullness of life with God, we give thanks to God for them as we recall their memories this day. On Mother's Day we begin a Triduum of Masses for those mothers whose names are enrolled with us. Special Mother's Day cards and envelopes are available this week at the exits of the Church or in the rectory office. Let us pray that Mary, the Mother of us all, will bless all mothers, especially expectant mothers.

Cardinal's Appeal Update: The last report we received from the Archdiocese indicated that we have received pledges that will bring us a little over 90% of our parish goal! This is a tribute to your generosity! Please be sure to fulfill those pledges! We also ask those who have not yet made a gift or a pledge to this absolutely vital campaign to do so as soon as possible. There are so many in the Archdiocese who benefit from the generosity you show every year. And of course, we know that this is not really a matter of meeting goals – it is a matter of doing our part to assist in a vital work of practical charity. May God bless you for your goodness to those in need!

Local Theatre: Archbishop Stepinac High School Drama Club is presenting the tri-state regional premiere of the Broadway hit, "Sister Act." Show dates are: April 29th, 30th, May 6th, 7th at 7:30 p.m. and a matinee on May 8th at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are \$22.00 for adults and \$18.00 for children under 12 and senior citizens. Major Bowes Award night will honor all Good Counsel Academy Alumnae at the April 30th performance. All religious sisters are invited to "Nun Night" on May 6th and can pre-order one complimentary ticket! For all ticket reservations please call 914-946-4800 ext. 200. For further information email theatre@stepinac.org.

Rest in Peace: Let us pray for Robert L. Samperi, Esmeralda Vargas, Frances Geremino and Jahayra Miranda who were buried from our church this past week. Our prayers go out to their families and friends.



Most Holy Trinity Update: Last Thursday, April 21st, there was a legal "closing" and the church and rectory facilities of the previous Most Holy Trinity parish were legally transferred to the Catholic Eastern rite Syro-Malankara community. We wish this new community well and we hope that they will bring new life to that area of Yonkers. We rejoice that such a beautiful church will once again be a place where Mass and the sacraments are celebrated. St. John's will continue to be responsible for the former convent (then friary) at Most Holy Trinity until it can be transferred to another religious group.



Bingo: Adult bingo is back! The Rosary Altar Society will be hosting "Bingo Night" on Friday, May 6th in the lower Church. Doors open at 7:00 p.m. Bingo starts at 8:00 p.m. Admission is \$20.00 per person (18 yrs. and older) and includes 9 games with a jackpot. Early Bird Special (\$2.00 per game plus a 50/50) begins at 7:30 p.m. Refreshments and snacks will be sold. For more information contact Robyne Liberatore at 914-325-6373.

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.



Special Children's Mass: This Sunday 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.

Monthly Maintenance: Since next Sunday is the first Sunday of the month of May, 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.

Special Mass: A Mass for Healing will be celebrated at Holy Rosary Church, Hawthorne, NY on Monday, May 9th at 7:30 p.m. Fr. Jeff Pomeisi will be celebrant. This is an opportunity to bring your spiritual and physical needs to the Lord.



Support Group: St. Augustine's Parish will host a Bereavement Support Group every Monday from May 2nd to July 11th from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. in the Rectory (18 Cherry Avenue, Larchmont). All are welcome!

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