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May our prayers rise like incense in the presence of the Lord

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Masses  
Saturday Vigil:  
5:00 p.m.

Sunday:  
8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m., 12:30 p.m.

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

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
Saturday, November 5, 2016
Vigil: Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00 p.m.  Marie Flynn

Sunday, November 6, 2016
Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m.  For the Deceased Members of the Fontana and Rinaldi Families
9:30 a.m.  Mass for the Parishioners of St. John the Baptist
11:00 a.m.  R.A.S./H.N.S. Mass – David Kerr
12:30 p.m.  Salvatore and Margherita Spataro

Monday, November 7, 2016
8:00 a.m.  Christopher Kiely
12:00 noon  Antoinette Gossett – 16th Anniversary

Tuesday, November 8, 2016
8:00 a.m.  Giuseppe Caputo
12:00 noon  Luigi and Rosa Leone

Wednesday, November 9, 2016
Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
8:00 a.m.  His Holiness Pope Francis -- Living
12:00 noon  For the Deceased Members of the Karbowski Family

Thursday, November 10, 2016
Feast of St. Leo the great, Pope and Doctor of the Church
8:00 a.m.  Marie Cummins
12:00 noon  Marie Flynn

Friday, November 11, 2016
Feast of St. Martin of Tours, Bishop
8:00 a.m.  For the Deceased Members of the Morea, Fornaby, Garaventa and Capobianco Families
12:00 noon  Victor Campione

Saturday, November 12, 2016
Feast of St. Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr
8:00 a.m.  Maria Taylor

Saturday, November 12, 2016
Vigil: Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00 p.m.  John Antonaccio – Anniversary

Sunday, November 13, 2016
Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m.  Roy McLaughlin
9:30 a.m.  Robert Manzi
11:00 a.m.  Mass for the Parishioners of St. John the Baptist
12:30 p.m.  Saverino and Maria Teresa Ferrari

III. Dennis Delgado and Christine Murphy

WEEKLY PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, November 6th
Children’s Dismissal Mass – 9:30 a.m. – Church
Craft and Coffee Hour – following Mass – Cafeteria
R.A.S./H.N.S – Monthly Mass – 11:00 a.m. – Church

Monday, November 7th
Rosary Altar Monthly Meeting – 8:00 p.m. – lower Church

Tuesday, November 8th
1st Grade Cub Scouts – 2:30 p.m. – lower Church

Wednesday, November 9th
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

Saturday, November 12th
Senior Club Flea Market – after Mass – lower Church

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday, November 5th
5:00 p.m. – M. Bello and W. Ferguson

Sunday, November 6th
8:00 a.m. – D. Odume and R. Tuffy
9:30 a.m. – B. Collins and R. Murphy
11:00 a.m. – D. Liberatore and S. Osso
12:30 p.m. – S. Joyce and N. Leo

Saturday, November 12th
5:00 p.m. – A. Kocovic and C. Kosmosinski

Sunday, November 13th
8:00 a.m. – D. Browne and T. Browne
9:30 a.m. – M. Barrett and P. Tozzi
11:00 a.m. – A. Burke and K. Burke
12:30 p.m. – R. Peter and R. Peter

Remembrance: November is the month that we pray for all our dearly departed. During this month, we remember our friends and loved ones who have gone before us into eternal life. Those whose names are returned to us on All Souls envelopes will be remembered at all Masses at St. John’s during the month of November. Envelopes are available at the exits of the Church for those who have not received them in the mail.
THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: Today’s first and third readings are difficult, not because they reflect circumstances and events that do not easily relate to contemporary realities, but because they force us to dwell on our own mortality. The brothers in Maccabees (2 Mc. 7:1-14) and our Lord in today’s gospel (Lk.20:27-38) both affirm their belief in an afterlife and in bodily resurrection after death. These certainly are important truths – but just as important is the light they shed on how we should live a fully Christian life here and now.

The story of the seven brothers urges us to be faithful to our beliefs and practices, even if doing so puts us in physical danger. The sufferings and death of the brothers is made more poignant by the presence of their mother, who can only stand by and watch. The mutual encouragement is a model for all Christian communities, especially those experiencing hardship and distress.

Jesus’ exchange with the Sadducees is focused on showing them that even Moses witnessed to the resurrection of the dead. The Sadducees accepted only the Pentateuch as the inspired word of God and, therefore, were not open to the “new” idea of an afterlife which clearly emerged after the experiences of the prophet Daniel and the Maccabees. Jesus is trying to broaden their narrow horizons, not paint a detailed picture of a life as it will be lived after death.

Paul’s words to the Thessalonians in today’s second reading (2 Thes. 2:16-3:5) put all these worries and abstract theological debates into proper perspective. If we keep going and doing our part we are assured of the help of Jesus: “the word of the Lord will make progress.” We can rejoice with the psalmist because, when the glory of the Lord appears, our joy will truly be full.

SPECIAL SAINTS’ DAYS THIS WEEK

Wednesday, November 9th – Dedication of St. John Lateran

Today we commemorate the dedication of the Lateran Basilica, built by Constantine in the early 4th century and named in honor of St. John the Baptist. Until the 14th century, the Lateran was the official seat of the Bishop of Rome and it is still the cathedral of Rome. Today’s feast then reminds us that, although our parish is our local and primary church, we are related in a special way to the universal Church, which is symbolized by the mother – Church in Rome.

Thursday, November 10th – St. Leo the Great

This 4th century pope – also a Doctor of the Church – was a defender of the faith; he refuted heresies that sought to weaken the Church from within and stood up to the barbarians who attacked the Church from without.

Friday, November 11th – St. Martin of Tours

This day is a special day for Americans; named Veterans’ Day or Armistice Day, it first marked the end of World War I. It is a day when our nation pauses to remember those who gave their lives in defense of the United States of America and its precious freedoms. It is also a day for us to pray for peace – in the world, in our nation, in our hearts. Christians celebrate the feast of St. Martin of Tours on November 11th. St. Martin was a 4th century soldier who exchanged his sword and shield for a hermit’s tunic. He is the patron of both soldiers and beggars and is usually represented on a white horse, dividing his cloak to share with a freezing beggar. May this day begin for us a special concern for the homeless and the poor who suffer so terribly in the winter months.

Saturday, November 12th – St. Josaphat

Born in the Ukraine at the end of the 16th century, Josaphat was ordained a priest, then served as a bishop and spent his life working for unity in the Christian Churches of Eastern Europe.

Congratulations: We welcome into our parish family the following children who were baptized at St. John’s over the past few months: Vincent William Lappin, Cecilia Rose Yedowitz, Zariel Esperanza, Larry Arturo Torres-Sanchez, Shay David Dooley, Scarlet Rose Melendez, Aaron Kevin Walsh, Hugh Patrick McAree, Joseph Thomas Schroeder, Jennifer Bequer Sanchez, Yamileth Bequer Sanchez, Cora Jean Giorgi, Gavin Timothy McCarthy, Rachel Marie Vargas, Adreana Jazmyn Lopez, Dominic Zach Mirabile, Levy Rodriguez, Millicent Rose Hernandez, Isabella Quintero, Penelope Mae Gonzalez, Valentina Estremera, Jacob Thomas Cagiao, Steven Alcino Anthony Florim, Brandon Michael Fiorella, Frank Rocco Fontana, Emerson Ann O’Brien, Santiago Sanchez, Oscar Sanchez, Ava Marietti, John Logan Marietti, Brayden Lennon, Aria Evelina Quinn, Gavin O’Sullivan and Peter Joseph York, Jr. We extend our congratulations and prayers in a special way to their parents and godparents!
**Sunday Report:** Last weekend 1,470 parishioners attended Mass; our collection totaled $9423.00; average contribution: $6.41. Thank you for your continued financial support of St. John’s and its many needs. Your generosity is essential and greatly appreciated.

**Resters in Peace:** Let us pray for Gloria Cassinari, Maria Hinostrava and Edward J. Kiniron -- who were buried from our church this past week. Our prayers go out to their families and friends.

**Lectors:** Your “2017” workbooks are ready to be picked up in the Sacristy. They are filed for each Mass Team alphabetically.

**Seeking:** We are in need of Ministers of Holy Communion. Please contact Deacon Oliveri at 914-423-4859 for an application to serve as a Eucharistic Minister of Holy Communion.

**Rosary Altar Society:** Next Sunday, November 6th, we welcome members of the R.A.S. to our Mass at 11:00 a.m. Join us on Monday, November 7th at 8:00 p.m. in the lower Church for our monthly meeting. We will be hosting a “Bake-Off”! Prizes will be awarded to the top three recipes.

**Monthly Maintenance:** Since this Sunday is the first Sunday of the month of November, we will take up our regular “First Sunday of the Month” second collection after Communion next week. This collection helps with the upkeep, maintenance, and cleaning of our beautiful church. Please be generous.

**Save the Date:** The H.N.S will host their annual Father/Daughter Dance on Friday, November 18th, in the lower Church from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. More details to follow.

**Baby Bottle Drive:** Please remember that your Baby Bottles are due next weekend.

**Operation Care Package 2016:** The Rosary Altar Society is collecting items to be used in care packages for our troops. The drive is Sunday, November 27th in the lower Church from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. This is our parish’s fifth drive and we need your help. Anyone interested in donating items can drop them off to the church in the boxes labeled “Support Our Troops” starting Saturday, November 12th through Sunday, November 27th. For a list of items, please pick up sheets at the exits of the church. If you know someone’s address who is serving our country or for more information please call Gina Ramoni at 914-776-1187. If you would like to sponsor a box for $15.00, please make checks payable to St. John the Baptist, R.A.S. and put it in an envelope labeled “Support Our Troops”. Thanks for your support.

**Summer Project Completion:** This past weekend we began the process of replacing all of our school windows with new energy efficient ones – just in time to prevent winter’s drafts from entering our school rooms! We are very grateful to everyone who supported this special project by contributing to our “school summer campaign.” Our students and teachers thank you!

**Advanced Planning:** Thanksgiving Day this year falls on Thursday, November 24th. As is our custom, we will have a special Vigil Mass on Wednesday evening, November 23rd at 7:30 p.m. at which students from our Religious Education Program will assist at Mass, our children’s choir will sing, and Thanksgiving bread will be blessed and distributed. On Thanksgiving Day (Thursday, November 24th) we will have only one Mass at 9:00 a.m. On the Friday after Thanksgiving we will have only one Mass at 8:00 a.m. There will be no noon Mass on Friday, November 25th. Both the rectory and school office will be closed on Friday.

**Election Day:** This Tuesday, Americans will go to the polls to determine the leadership and policies which will guide local, state, and federal governments in the years ahead. Voting is a vitally important moral and civic responsibility. Catholics must be informed, active, and responsible participants in the political process if we are to ensure the religious freedom and moral values that have been such an important part of this country’s heritage. Catholics should examine the character and philosophy of candidates for office as well as their positions on a wide range of issues – especially their positions regarding the sacredness of human life, the position of the family in society, support for education (religious and public), health care, etc. Let us not forget to pray for our country and her leaders on this Election Day.

**Respect Life Month Conclusion:** We thank everyone who participated in this year’s Baby Bottle Drive which raises much needed funds to assist local pro-life organizations. Many of you have already brought your “filled” baby bottles back. They are due this weekend – please leave them in the boxes at the entrance to the Church or give them to one of the ushers. We are very grateful to everyone who supported this worthy cause.

**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.

**Senior News:** Bargains! Bargains! Bargains! Big Bargains! Come to our Senior Bake Sale and Giant Flea Market. Take advantage of the many bargains. The proceeds from the event go to Senior Club programs and St. John’s school student awards. The Senior Club offers our senior parishioners a place to spend time with fellow seniors, share concerns and memories, get useful information regarding health and financial issues, go on trips together, do charitable works like supplying cancer pads for patients at the Dominican Sisters of Hawthorne for incurable Cancer to mention a few. Your continued support will be appreciated. This year the Bake Sale and Giant Flea Market takes place Saturday and Sunday, November 12th and 13th in the lower Church.
THE CHAPLET OF THE DIVINE MERCY
(For private recitation on ordinary rosary beads)

Our Father ..., Hail Mary ..., The Apostles' Creed.

Then, on the OUR FATHER BEADS you will say the following words:
Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.

On the HAIL MARY BEADS you will say the following words:
For the sake of His sorrowful Passion have mercy on us and on the whole world.

In conclusion THREE TIMES you will recite these words:
Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

From the Diary of the Servant of God Sr. Faustina - Note Book I, p 197

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