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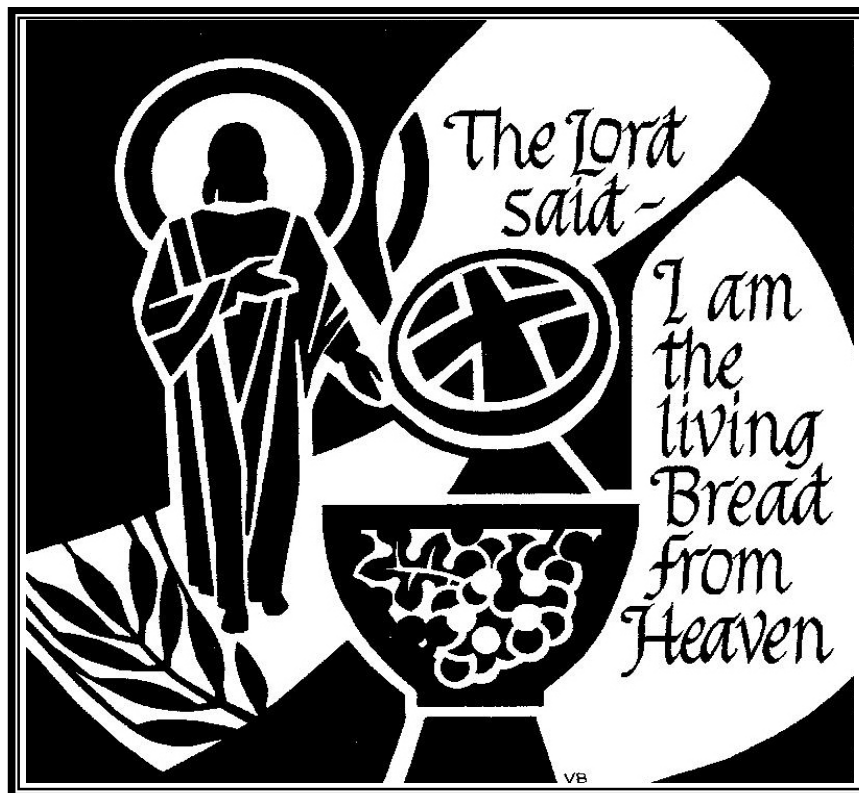
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Saturday Vigil:
5:00 p.m.

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

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

Saturday:
8:00 a.m.

Sacrament of Penance
Saturday:
4:00 - 4:45 p.m.

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Make arrangements six months
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Sacrament of Baptism
Every Sunday
after the 12:30 Mass

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, June 17, 2017

Vigil: The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

5:00 p.m. The Deceased and Living Members of the
D'Addato, Mazzanti, Morello and
Rendine Families

Sunday, June 18, 2017

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Father's Day

8:00 a.m. Mass for the parishioners of
St. John the Baptist
9:30 a.m. Father's Day Mass
11:00 a.m. Lillian Maloney
12:30 p.m. John Ricciardi

Monday, June 19, 2017

Feast of St. Romuald, Abbot

8:00 a.m. Father's Day Mass
12:00 noon Louis DeFeo

Tuesday, June 20, 2017

8:00 a.m. Michael O'Connor
12:00 noon Father's Day Mass

Wednesday, June 21, 2017

Feast of St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious

8:00 a.m. Rory O'Flaherty
12:00 noon Donald Longinetti

Thursday, June 22, 2017

*Feast of St. Paulinus of Nola, Bishop; Sts. John Fisher,
Bishop and Thomas Moore, Martyr*

8:00 a.m. Daniel Robinson
12:00 noon John Concannon

Friday, June 23, 2017

Feast of The Most Sacred Heart

8:00 a.m. Teresa Currado
12:00 noon Theresa Grant

Saturday, June 24, 2017

Feast of The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

8:00 a.m. Raymond Murphy, Birthday

Saturday, June 24, 2017

Vigil: Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. The Deceased Members of the
Bologna, Magretti and Gallery Families

Sunday, June 25, 2017

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Sabina Eves
9:30 a.m. Mass for the parishioners of
St. John the Baptist
11:00 a.m. Giulio Blengino
12:30 p.m. Conte Family, Ann and Daniel Fama,
Robert Brescia and Edward Makowski

WEDDING BANNS

I. Kevin Morfe and Lorraine Feldmeth

WEEKLY PARISH CALENDAR

Wednesday, June 21st

Seniors Leisure Club – following 12:00 noon Mass
– lower Church

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday, June 17th

5:00 p.m. – A. Burke and K. Burke

Sunday, June 18th

8:00 a.m. – G. Boynes and C. Komosinski
9:30 a.m. – M. Luby and R. Tuffy
11:00 a.m. – E. Barrett, M. Barrett and P. Tozzi
12:30 p.m. – F. Albano and J. Velasquez

Saturday, June 24th

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

Sunday, June 25th

8:00 a.m. – A. Kocovic and R. Rica
9:30 a.m. – S. Joyce and N. Leo
11:00 a.m. – M. Bello and W. Ferguson
12:30 p.m. – R. Peter and R. Peter



Honor Thy Father: This Sunday is Father's Day. This is a day to honor all fathers – 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 fathers 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 Father's Day we begin a Triduum of Masses for those fathers whose names are enrolled with us. Special Father's Day cards and envelopes are available at the exits of the Church or in our rectory office. Envelopes can be placed in the collection basket. Let us pray that Joseph, the father of Jesus, will bless all fathers.

S.J.B. ANNOUNCEMENTS

June 18, 2017

FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI: The origin of this feast (now celebrated as the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ) is traced to the special devotion to the Blessed Sacrament that developed during the twelfth century. At that time to combat certain ideas that had arisen about the Eucharist, special emphasis was placed on the real presence of Christ “whole and entire under the forms of bread and wine”. The celebration of the feast which began in France quickly spread until Pope Urban IV extended the feast to the entire church in 1264. It has remained part of the Church’s calendar and an integral part of Catholic devotion ever since. It is both fitting and proper for the Church to set aside a special day to honor our Blessed Lord in the Eucharist and to give thanks for this permanent memorial of His life-giving love for us.

Today’s feast invites us to look more closely at what we do and who we are as the Body of Christ. We might consider this Sunday a call to look at the real necessities of life. The readings today remind us of the importance of bread as a source of nourishment, a necessity of life. For the Israelites in our first reading from the Old Testament’s Book of Deuteronomy (Dt. 8:2-16) daily manna from heaven meant survival. For the first century Christians, the breaking of bread and table fellowship meant spiritual survival, eternal life. For us today, the Word of God that calls us to action, that transforms our life, and the Eucharist that nourishes us in faith, are vital necessities for both our human life and eternal life together.

In his message to the Corinthians and to us in today’s second reading (1Cor. 10:16-17), St. Paul reminds us of the responsibility that goes with Baptism in Christ Jesus. The Eucharist is the sacrament of unity, but it is also a sacrament of commitment. We are aware that to share the one bread, as we read in Paul’s letter today, is to become one body, one People of God, called to go forth to love and serve.

SPECIAL SAINTS’ DAYS THIS WEEK

Monday, June 19th – St. Romuald

Born of an Italian noble family in Ravenna in the middle of the 10th century, Romuald entered a Benedictine monastery where he later became an abbot. He established hermitages and monasteries throughout central and northern Italy and promoted contemplative prayer in a life of solitude, silence, and fasting. He died around 1027.

Wednesday, June 21st – St. Aloysius Gonzaga

This Jesuit seminarian ministered to victims of the plague and contracted the disease himself in 1591. His early death and life-long innocence caused many in past years to propose him as a patron of youth. Now an increasing number of Jesuits and health care workers would like to see him declared the patron of those with AIDS. We can at least use his memorial as an opportunity to pray for young people and for those living with AIDS.

Thursday, June 22nd – St. John Fisher and St. Thomas More

These two English saints (John a Bishop and Chancellor of Cambridge University; Thomas a husband and father and Lord Chancellor of England) lived in the 16th century England when Henry VIII ruled as king. He ordered John and Thomas to be executed because they refused to accept his divorce and his claim to be head of the Church of England. They are martyrs for the integrity of the Sacrament of Matrimony and the divine origin of the Petrine ministry exercised by our popes. We need the prayer and witness of these good saints again as we struggle to preserve marriage and support the authority of the Holy Father.

Friday, June 23rd -- The Sacred Heart of Jesus

This feast, celebrated every year on the Friday after the Feast of Corpus Christi, has strong ties to the Passion of Christ which is also celebrated on a Friday. The heart is the traditional symbol for love, tenderness and care. Those same attributes are embodied in the ancient near eastern shepherd who knows his sheep and treats them with tenderness and care. Jesus is that shepherd willing to take the extravagant risk of leaving the 99 to find the one lost sheep. He brings this image to life in His death and resurrection, reconciling God’s people. As we journey through life, his tender compassion sustains us.

Saturday, June 24th – Nativity of St. John the Baptist

Two solemnities celebrated at the end of June, the Nativity of John the Baptist and Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul, are mentioned in the most ancient liturgical texts preserved for the city of Rome. John the Baptist is seen as the last of a long line of prophets who proclaimed the coming of ultimate revelation of God in Jesus Christ. Celebrated at the time of the summer solstice (in contrast with the celebration of Christmas near the winter solstice), St. Augustine saw in this date a cosmic confirmation of John’s words: “He must increase, but I must decrease” (John 3:30). The stories of John in the Scriptures speak of one who calls the people of Israel to repentance in order to be ready for salvation in Christ. Today’s celebration can be the occasion for us to reflect on the power of announcement embodied in his life. For every Christian, the call is to repent and believe and proclaim the power of Christ’s victory over sin and death.

Academic Awards: At our graduation, the following members of the Class of 2017 received the following awards:

A Valedictory Medal was presented to **Anthony Kocovic and Kelly McCabe** who had the highest grade point average in the 8th grade.

Medals were presented to the following graduates for superior work in the following areas of study and service:

Religion:	Brian D'Albora
Language Arts:	Enricko Bondal
Literature:	Daniel Vanadia
Mathematics:	Emma Higgins
Science:	Emily Barrett
Social Studies:	Nicholas DeMatteo and Raymond Murphy
Divine Compassion:	Rebecca Peter
Senior Club Award:	Anthony Kocovic and Kelly McCabe
Vincent Vanadia, Sr. Service Award	Daniel and Thomas Browne
Holy Name Society Scholarship:	Brian D'Albora and Daniel Vanadia
Rosary Altar Society Scholarship:	Kelly McCabe and Kelly McGarvey
Ancient Order of Hibernians:	Nicholas DeMatteo and Raymond Murphy
American Academy of University Women:	Emily Barrett, Emma Higgins and Kelly McCabe

We congratulate these graduates on their achievements!

Sunday Report: Last weekend 1,220 parishioners attended Mass; our collection totaled \$7,030.00; average contribution: \$5.76. 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 Dolores Kucharczyk, Elsa Gallinari, Felicito M. Pusta, Ennio Gonella and Anthony Ingulli who were buried from our church this past week. Our prayers go out to their families and friends.



V.B.S. News: This summer's Vacation Bible School at St. John's will be from July 24th -28th. Late registration (\$45.00 fee) will be from June 6th to June 23rd. Don't delay! Registration forms (for both volunteers and students) are available at both rectory and school offices.

V.B.S. News Update: A volunteer nurse is needed for the "First Aid Area" in the lower church from 8:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. during the week of July 24th to the 28th. Please call the rectory office (963-1486) by June 26th if you are interested in helping during Vacation Bible School.

Religious Education Program: 2017-2018 Registration for **new families** began on June 7. Classes meet on Wednesdays: Grades 1-5, 4:00-5:30 p.m.; Grades 6-8, 7:00-8:30 p.m. Please call Sr. Mary Beth after June 1st at 965-2338 for information and to make an appointment. Leave a clear message with your name and phone number and she will get back to you as soon as possible. Please understand that we give preference to registered members of St. John the Baptist Parish, so kindly plan ahead to bring your envelope number and baptismal certificates for each child to be enrolled.



Summer Mass Schedule: As we do every summer at St. John's, our daily Mass schedule (Monday – Friday) will be changed slightly. Instead of having Mass at 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon, our two daily Masses will be at 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. – starting Monday, July 3rd. This extends until Monday after Labor Day (September 5th).



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.

Welcome Missionary: This week we welcome a representative of The Society of the Propagation of the Faith which supports (through the "Missionary Cooperative") a number of Catholic organizations who work – both here in the United States and abroad – to bring the good news of Jesus Christ to people who are seeking God and His word of truth. This year the representative is Fr. Anthony Justin Amalraj, SDB, who represents the work of the men and women associated with the Salesian Missions. Although Fr. Anthony will speak about his own work, his cause is the entire missionary effort of the Church which – through The Society of the Propagation – has extended Christ's love and mercy throughout the world for nearly 200 years. Please be as generous as possible in responding to Our Lord's call to each of us to take part in His mission to all people during this week's special second collection.

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