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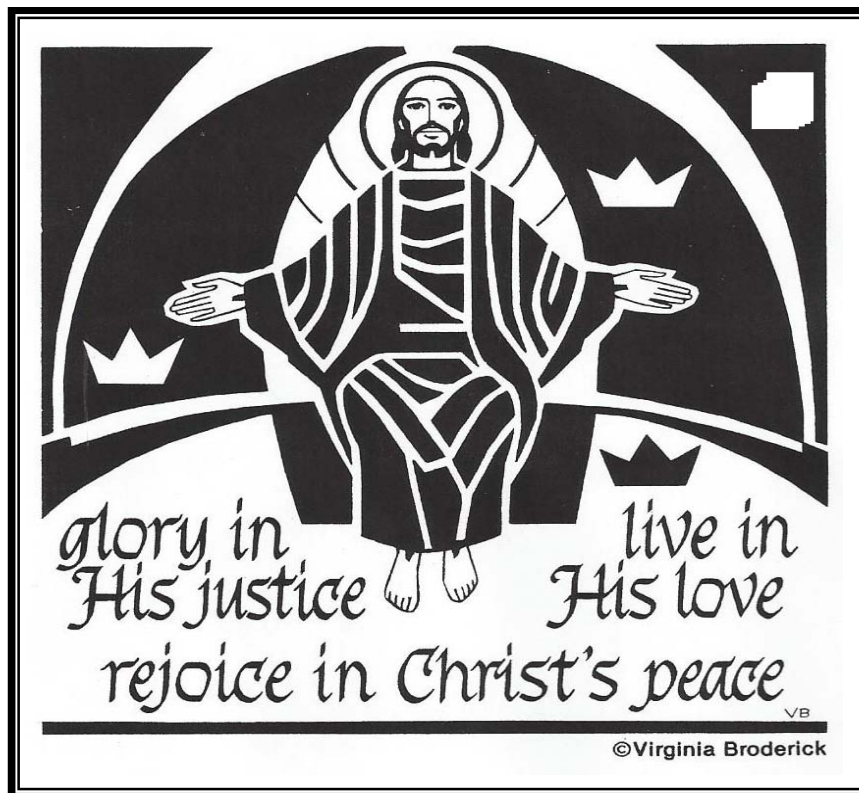
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**Sunday:**  
8:00, 9:30,  
11:00 a.m., 12:30 p.m.

**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.

**Sacrament of Marriage**  
Make arrangements six months  
prior to wedding

**Sacrament of Baptism**  
Every Sunday  
after the 12:30 Mass

## MASS INTENTIONS

*Saturday, November 25, 2017*

*Vigil: Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe*

5:00 p.m. Mary Viggiani

*Sunday, November 26, 2017*

*Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe*

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

9:30 a.m. For the Deceased members of the  
Acquafredda Family

11:00 a.m. Saverino and Maria Teresa Ferrari

12:30 p.m. Peter and Bella Pittelli

*Monday, November 27, 2017*

8:00 a.m. Fortunato Galletti – 4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

12:00 noon Jane Kesler

*Tuesday, November 28, 2017*

8:00 a.m. Marie and Mel Long

12:00 noon Thomas Sims

*Wednesday, November 29, 2017*

8:00 a.m. Ann Fama – 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary

12:00 noon Louis Salamone, Sr.

*Thursday, November 30, 2017*

*Feast of St. Andrew, Apostle*

8:00 a.m. Jaime Pineiro

12:00 noon Antonio Fiorita and Domenico and  
Antonietta De Santis

*Friday, December 1, 2017*

8:00 a.m. Angelo De Luccia

12:00 noon Maryanne Drobnak

*Saturday, December 2, 2017*

8:00 a.m. Thomas Heverin

*Saturday, December 2, 2017*

*Vigil: First Sunday of Advent*

5:00 p.m. Richard, Stella and John Savino

*Sunday, December 3, 2017*

*First Sunday of Advent*

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

9:30 a.m. For the Deceased members of the  
Mc Avoy Family

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

12:30 p.m. Roma and Guido Barone

## WEDDING BANNES

*II. Rocco Di Luna and Mary Frances Pellegrino*

*I. Aurelio Jimenez and Mercedes Suazo*

## WEEKLY PARISH CALENDAR

*Sunday, November 26<sup>th</sup>*

Support Our Troops – 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. -- lower Church

*Wednesday, November 29<sup>th</sup>*

Seniors' Leisure Club – 12:00 noon – 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

## ALTAR SERVERS

*Saturday, November 25<sup>th</sup>*

5:00 p.m. – M. McCarthy and T. McCarthy

*Sunday, November 26<sup>th</sup>*

8:00 a.m. – M. Colaiacovo and D. Odume

9:30 a.m. – A. Carroll and P. Coyle

11:00 a.m. – P. Tozzi and R. Tuffy

12:30 p.m. – N. Gilligan and K. Postighone

*Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>*

5:00 p.m. – M. Bello and W. Ferguson

*Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>*

8:00 a.m. – M. McCarthy and T. McCarthy

9:30 a.m. – A. Burke and K. Burke

11:00 a.m. – S. Osso, P. Tozzi and R. Tuffy

12:30 p.m. – R. Peter and R. Peter

**First Friday:** This Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup> is the First Friday of December. Our First Friday devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus will begin at 3:30 p.m. in the chapel. We thank Deacon Martin Olivieri who leads this beautiful devotion each month. We are blessed to have him with us.

**Advanced Planning:** The Feast of the Immaculate Conception, a holy day of obligation is celebrated on Friday, on December 8<sup>th</sup>. This is the title by which we honor Mary as Patroness of the United States. Our Masses for the Feast are as follows: Vigil Mass Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, at 5:00 p.m. Masses on Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup> are at 8:00 a.m., 12:00 noon and 7:30 p.m.

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

**November 26, 2017**

**CHRIST THE KING:** In 1925 Pope Pius XI established the feast of Christ the King, to be celebrated on the final Sunday of the Church year. Based on the biblical vision of kingship as applied to Jesus, today's feast emphasizes the mutual trust and care that exist between Christ and the Church. By calling Christ our King, we pledge loving service and faithful commitment to Jesus, who in turn responds to our human needs. Christ's kingship is more service than sovereignty, more giving than receiving.

In today's readings the prophet Ezekiel and Our Lord use pastoral images of God as the keeper of sheep rather than regal images of palace and throne. Although most of us do not have firsthand knowledge of the relationship between a shepherd and his flock, we cannot fail to be moved by the love and devotion of Ezekiel's shepherd, whose whole concern is for the sheep he tends. The last verse, though, with its allusion to judgment, sets the stage for today's gospel demand that the members of the flock follow the shepherd faithfully.

Today Jesus describes the day of reckoning that will come for all of us and on that day the only thing that will matter is how we treated one another. This is both comforting and challenging. Jesus reminds us that just keeping the rules is not enough; that, in fact, is taken for granted. No, what is important is the love that motivates our religious fidelity. Our king lives among the poor, the marginalized, the downtrodden. If we would find Jesus, we must look in prisons, not palaces.

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### **SPECIAL SAINT'S DAY THIS WEEK**

#### **Thursday, November 30<sup>th</sup> – St. Andrew**

Andrew, brother of Simon Peter, was a disciple of John the Baptist before he became a follower of Jesus. A fisherman like his brother, he was one of the first to be called by Our Lord. Several times in the gospels, Andrew is seen bringing individuals to Jesus. May Andrew inspire us to do the same.

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**Advent:** Next Sunday we begin the beautiful, prayerful season of Advent – the beginning of the Church's liturgical year and spiritual preparation for the coming of Christ at Christmas. Among the deepest hungers we have as human beings is our hunger for meaning – our hunger for God. The sounds, images and prayers of Advent are a response to that hunger. As we begin our journey through this sacred season let us walk together, listening and learning. May Advent fulfill our deep desire to draw closer to God.

**Advent Booklet:** Once again we will provide a devotional booklet for our parishioners to use during the Advent and Christmas seasons. Entitled the "Little Blue Book", it is produced by the Archdiocese of Saginaw, Michigan, and provides a prayerful reflection (based on the Infancy Narrative in the Gospel of St. Matthew) for each day of these two seasons. It also includes other prayers, meditations and suggestions on how to make these special seasons of grace. These will be available at all our Masses next weekend.

**Latin Chant:** During Advent at our sung Sunday Masses, we will use traditional Gregorian Chant whenever the 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: Sanctus (#846); Agnus Dei (#850).

**Senior News:** December 2<sup>nd</sup> is our First Friday Mass and luncheon. On Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup> we will celebrate Christmas with a beautiful luncheon at St. John's in our lower Church prepared by Nick's Homefield Deli before our Christmas break. Come to all our Wednesday gatherings and special events and enjoy good company, Bingo and good times. Contact Deacon Marty Olivieri 914-423-4859 for information.

**Operation Christmas Stockings 2017:** The Rosary Altar Society is collecting items to be used in Christmas stockings for our troops. The drive is this Sunday, November 26<sup>th</sup> in the lower Church from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. This is our parish's sixth 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" at any time until Sunday, November 26<sup>th</sup>. 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 stocking 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.

**Welcome to St. John's:** Registering in a parish is a declaration of your desire to be part of a Catholic community and a commitment to the life of the parish family. Being a registered parishioner makes things much easier when it is time for infant baptism, school registration, weddings, and when asked to be a baptismal or confirmation sponsor. We are often asked to provide affidavits for baptismal and confirmation sponsors. We can only do this if a person is a registered, active, and contribution member in our parish. Registration forms are available at the exits of the church and in the rectory.

**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.

**Christmas Wreaths:** Members of the Home school Association will be selling fresh balsam wreaths after all Masses on Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> and Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>. The proceeds will be going to support our school. If you are in the market for a wreath, please consider getting one here at St. John's. The cost is \$20.00.

**Rosary Altar Society:** Next Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, we welcome members of the R.A.S. to our Mass at 11:00 a.m.

**R.A.S. Christmas Party:** "Please join us for an evening of dinner, dancing and good times!" at the Rosary Altar Society's Annual Christmas Party on Monday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the lower Church. Tickets are \$25.00 for members and \$30.00 for non-members. The cost includes a complete buffet dinner, desserts, beverages, door prizes and DJ entertainment. Dark Secret and a 50/50 raffle will be sold throughout the evening. For tickets and information, please contact Tina Osso at 914-879-2975.

**H.S. Theatre:** Archbishop Stepinac High School Theatre presents the Disney hit, NEWSIES. Show dates are: Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. and matinees on Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are \$22.00 for adults and \$18.00 for children under 12 and senior citizens. For tickets reservations please call 914-946-4800 ext. 200. For further information email theatre@stepinac.org.

**Lessons and Carols Concert:** On Sunday December 10<sup>th</sup>, our talented and dedicated choirs (along with some of our eloquent lectors) will present "Lessons and Carols: An Evening of Sacred Christmas Music" under the direction of Mr. John Stufano. The program will include both well-known classical works and traditional carols along with scripture readings in an effort to help us make a prayerful preparation for the Christmas season. Come support the Parish choir, Children's choir, and all who have worked faithfully to prepare for this event. The program begins at 5:00 p.m. and light refreshments will follow. All are welcome.

**Bequests:** In preparing your will or considering a bequest, please keep in mind the Church of St. John the Baptist. The fact that this magnificent church exists and has been able to serve so many during its more than 100 years of Catholic ministry here in Yonkers has been made possible by the tremendous sacrifices – financial and personal – of those who have gone before us. Please help to ensure that the work of preaching the gospel, of handing on the faith and administering the sacraments will be continued for years to come! A simple statement like "I give the Church of St. John the Baptist the sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to be used for its general purposes" is sufficient. Remember to pray for all our benefactors. (Bequests to your parish are fully deductible for Federal estate tax purposes.)

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