

Saint John the Baptist Parish

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Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 2, 2015

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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. & 9:00 a.m.

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, August 1, 2015

Vigil: Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. Margaret Linton

Sunday, August 2, 2015

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Molly, Jack and Sheila O'Sullivan

9:30 a.m. Michael McGlynn

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

12:30 p.m. Fred and Benediccta Sberna

Monday, August 3, 2015

8:00 a.m. Gelsomina Bellucci – 7th Anniversary

9:00 a.m. Antonia Paolo – 1st Anniversary

Tuesday, August 4, 2015

Feast of St. John Vianney, Priest

8:00 a.m. Paul Caruso

9:00 a.m. Rose and Giovanni DiBacco

Wednesday, August 5, 2015

Feast of the Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary

Major

8:00 a.m. Antoinette and Louis Sardo

9:00 a.m. M. Victor DiFede

Thursday, August 6, 2015

Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

8:00 a.m. John M. Preston

9:00 a.m. Pedro Mancini

Friday, August 7, 2015

Feast of St. Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions

Martyrs; St. Cajetan, Priest

8:00 a.m. Kathleen Doherty

9:00 a.m. Phil Masterson

Saturday, August 8, 2015

Feast of St. Dominic, Priest

8:00 a.m. Saturnina Munoz

Saturday, August 8, 2015

Vigil: Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. Joseph Viggiani

Sunday, August 9, 2015

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Sabina Eves

9:30 a.m. Margaret and John Vaughan

11:00 a.m. Saverio Dentini

**12:30 p.m. Mass for the Parishioners of
St. John the Baptist**



Wedding Banns

II. Christopher Lupinacci and Annemarie Renaldo

II. Fabian Tomala and Melissa Morgante

I. Shane Cronin and Caitlin Collins

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday, August 1st

5:00 p.m. – M. Colaiacovo, M. McCarthy and A. Ramoni

Sunday, August 2nd

8:00 a.m. – J. Postighone

9:30 a.m. – R. Corelli and S. Osso

11:00 a.m. – K. Gilligan, S. Joyce and K. O'Donoghue

12:30 p.m. – F. Albano, D. Liberatore and V. Liberatore

Saturday, August 8th

5:00 p.m. – O. Castaldi and T. Makaj

Sunday, August 9th

8:00 a.m. – M. Graham and D. O'Dume

9:30 a.m. – A. Burke, K. Burke and L. Burke

11:00 a.m. – E. Higgins, S. Joyce and E. Lent

12:30 p.m. – N. Camacho, R. Duffy and M. Luby

First Friday: This Friday, August 7th, is the First Friday of the month of August. The first Friday of the Month Devotions to the Sacred Heart of Jesus is a relatively recent development in the history of the Church – they are only about four hundred years old! Although the origins of the devotion to the Sacred Heart can be traced back to Our Lord's ministry of selfless love and especially to His sacrificial death on the Cross, the shape of the Catholic celebration of First Friday developed over the centuries – as our Church Fathers and later medieval Theologians reflected on the importance of the humanity of Jesus. Then in France in the 17th century, an extraordinary woman, St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, was granted visions from Our Lord Himself which prompted her to advance the cause of devotion to the Sacred Heart. It took almost a hundred years (the Church moves carefully and cautiously when it comes to promoting “new” devotions) but eventually St. Margaret Mary's dream (and Our Lord's words) came to pass: the practice of receiving Holy Communion on nine consecutive First Fridays “in reparation for sins against Christ's loving heart” was established. Eventually an “Apostleship of Prayer” was developed and with it the custom of a First Friday Holy Hour that included exposition and benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. At the beginning of the twentieth century, Pope Leo XIII consecrated the world to the Sacred Heart. **St. John's next First Friday Holy Hour will be held on October 2nd.** All are most welcome to join in this ancient and beautiful devotion.

S.J.B. ANNOUNCEMENTS

August 2, 2015

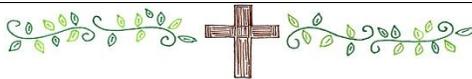


EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: Today's liturgy focuses primarily on food – on the human need for food and God's generosity in providing for all human needs. This fundamental physical need becomes the basis for the realization that there is also a fundamental spiritual need for love, meaning, grace – which spiritual need is only satisfied by Jesus, who gives us of His life so that we might live everlastingly.

In today's first reading (Ex. 16:2-15) the Israelites grumble against Moses and Aaron – but their anger is really directed at God; God understands that their hunger has gotten the better of them, so He sends them manna to eat – a miracle which pre-figures the even greater miracle of the Eucharist.

Today's gospel (Jn. 6:24-35) begins what may be described as the more specifically "Eucharistic" section of the Bread of Life discourse which is the subject of the entire sixth chapter of St. John's gospel. Here, too, the crowd comes looking for physical bread (as did their ancestors in the desert), but Jesus begins to teach them about a different kind of bread – the bread from heaven that gives life to the world.

In the second reading (Eph. 4:17-24) St. Paul reflects on the "new-ness" of Christ and insists that since we have been made new in Him, we must put aside our old ways of thinking and acting.



SPECIAL SAINTS' DAYS THIS WEEK

Tuesday, August 4th – St. John Mary Vianney

Born in France in 1786, St. John faced many difficulties before he was ordained a priest. He was sent to a small rural parish in a town called Ars because it was not expected that he would be able to do very much harm there. But his preaching, his prayerfulness, his genuine goodness slowly began to have an effect and before long people from all over France were coming to be ministered to by the one who came to be called the "Cure d'Ars."

Wednesday, August 5th – The Dedication of St. Mary Major

The basilica of St. Mary Major is located in Rome on one of the seven hills of the city. It is one of the most ancient churches in Rome, and the first among the churches dedicated to Our Lady. On this day, we celebrate Mary as Mother and Model of the Church.

Thursday, August 6th – The Feast of the Transfiguration

Today the Church celebrates the day when Jesus was transformed before Peter, James and John. This was a special moment in Our Lord's ministry when His divinity broke through his humanity and His glory was revealed. The feast reminds us that those who follow His way will one day share His glory.

Friday, August 7th – Pope St. Sixtus II and Companions

Pope Sixtus and four deacons were arrested in 258 by order of Emperor Valerian; they were martyred that very day.

Saturday, August 8th – St. Dominic

Born in Spain in 1170, Dominic fought ignorance by preaching and good example. He founded the Order of Preachers (the "Dominicans") to carry on his work. Like St. Francis of Assisi, Dominic taught the Church the importance of living the poverty of the gospel. He died in 1221.

Merger Update: As of Saturday, August 1st, the merger of Most Holy Trinity with the parish of St. John the Baptist became official. Although some of the legal issues involved in such a merger will take about a year to complete, for all practical purposes, the two former parishes have become one. (The legal issues have to do with the formal incorporation of this new parish entity in the State of New York.) The Church of Most Holy Trinity will not be used for daily or Sunday Masses or for the regular celebration of sacraments, it will remain a church which may be used for “special occasions” (as yet, the Archdiocese has not given any concrete examples of what these might be).

There have been several meetings over the past few months between our parish “core group” and the “core group” from Most Holy Trinity. In addition Msgr. Maloney celebrated a Sunday Mass there in May, and the final Mass on Friday, July 31st.

All our meetings with the folks at Most Holy Trinity have been cordial and helpful. Obviously they are experiencing a great sense of sadness over losing a church that has meant so much to so many for over a hundred years. At the same time they are quite aware that the surrounding neighborhood has changed radically and most of the supporters of the parish (and the families who made their home there) have moved away. They are also quite honest in telling us that the (mostly elderly) people who have been attending Mass at Most Holy Trinity will not be making the journey to worship at St. John’s. We have assured them that they are most welcome, but we realize that there are other churches much closer to them than St. John’s. Please keep the people of Most Holy Trinity in your prayers.

Sunday Report: Last weekend 1,185 parishioners attended Mass; our collection totaled \$7679.50; average contribution: \$6.00. 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 Marjorie K. Massey and Vincent Buonocore who were buried from our church this past week. Our prayers go out to their families and friends.


Religious Education Program: 2015-2016 Registration for new families is well underway. As of this bulletin, **1st grade has reached capacity.** Classes meet on Wednesdays: Grades 1-5, 4:00-5:30; grades 6-8 7:00-8:30pm. Please call Sr. Mary Beth at 965-2338. At times when the office is closed during the summer, please leave a message including your phone number and Sister Mary Beth will get back to you as soon as possible. Preference is given to S.J.B. parishioners, so kindly be prepared to bring your envelope number and also baptismal certificate for each child to be enrolled. We look forward to having you join us.

Monthly Maintenance: This Sunday we take up our regular “First Sunday of the Month” collection for the upkeep, maintenance, and cleaning of our beautiful church. Next weekend we take up a combined second collection for the Church in Latin America and the Catholic Home Missions. This dual collection raises funds that support the Church’s effort to provide assistance to the poorest of the poor – in Latin America and parts of our own country.

Special Mass: A Mass for Healing will be celebrated at Holy Rosary Church, Hawthorne on Monday, August 10th at 7:30 p.m. Fr. Louis Leonelli, C.F.R. will be the celebrant. This is an opportunity to bring your spiritual and physical needs to the Lord.

Helping Our A/C: During the summer months we try to keep the church as comfortable as we can. When we have very hot and humid days, that effort is only partially successful. Our church is large, and inevitably, the church doors are opened frequently as people enter and leave the church. We do try to keep our “outside” doors closed – except at the end of Mass, when many parishioners leave together. The doors leading to Yonkers Avenue are usually closed by the ushers, once most parishioners have left the church. The door leading out to St. John’s Avenue from the chapel is usually not staffed by an usher – and some individuals insist on “hooking that door open” – an act of kindness that results in hot air coming into the chapel and the church – and effectively reducing the comfort level in the church. Con Edison gets quite enough from us, without our having to pay to “cool” St. John’s Avenue. Please help!



Holy Name Society Scholarship Golf Tournament: The H.N.S. will be holding their annual Scholarship Golf Tournament at Sprain Lake Golf Course on Friday, September 18th.

Tee times start at 10:00 a.m. This tournament funds two scholarships that are given annually to graduating 8th graders from St. John’s. The price per golfer is \$160.00. This includes the round of golf, breakfast, lunch, cocktail hour, dinner, greens and cart fees. Reservations and payment must be made by September 7th and are on a first come basis. Become a sponsor by making a donation to the Holy Name Society Scholarship Fund. For more information, please call Vinny Vanadia at 646-721-0700.