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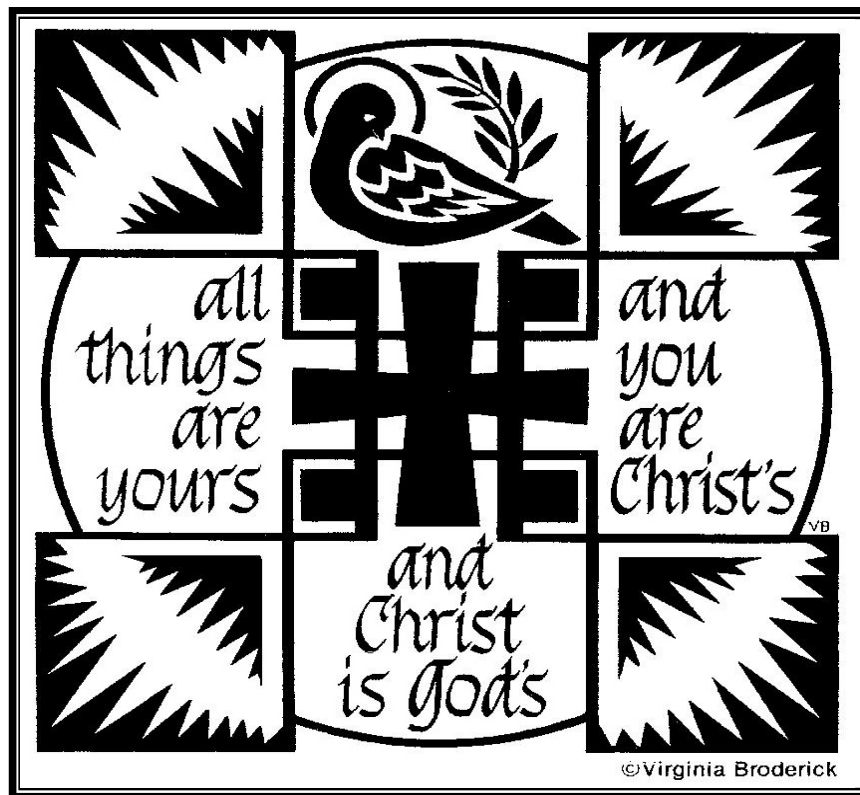
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5:00 p.m.

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.

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



MASS INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK

Saturday, February 18, 2017

Vigil: Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. Joseph and Maria Carmela Federico

Sunday, February 19, 2017

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Constantino and Maria Caruso

9:30 a.m. Cpl. Patrick O'Keefe

11:00 a.m. Mary and Michael Maher

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

Monday, February 20, 2017

8:00 a.m. For the Living Member of the Job Family

Tuesday, February 21, 2017

Feast of St. Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:00 a.m. Mary Kenny

12:00 noon John Concannon

Wednesday, February 22, 2017

Feast of the Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

8:00 a.m. Rory O'Flaherty

12:00 noon Evelyn Moccio

Thursday, February 23, 2017

Feast of St. Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr

8:00 a.m. George Abraham

12:00 noon Dennis Ryan, James, Sr., and James, Jr Donaghy

Friday, February 24, 2017

8:00 a.m. Denis O'Connor

12:00 noon James Geraghty

Saturday, February 25, 2017

8:00 a.m. James Moore – 1st Anniversary and Robert Moore

Saturday, February 25, 2017

Vigil: Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. For the Deceased Members of the Locksa and Grotto Families

Sunday, February 26, 2017

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

9:30 a.m. Rose and George Milder

11:00 a.m. John Nuccio, Sr.

12:30 p.m. Frank Nestor

WEEKLY PARISH CALENDAR

Monday, February 20th

Rectory Office Closed

Wednesday, February 22nd

Leisure Club – 10:15 a.m. – 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, February 25th

Card Party – 7:00 p.m. -- lower Church

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday, February 18th

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

Sunday, February 19th

8:00 a.m. – G. Boynes and C. Komosinski

9:30 a.m. – E. McLaughlin, J. Postighone and D. Vanadia

11:00 a.m. – N. Camacho and K. Mc Garvey

12:30 p.m. – R. Peter and R. Peter

Saturday, February 25th

5:00 p.m. – M. Bello and W. Ferguson

Sunday, February 26th

8:00 a.m. – A. Kocovic and R. Rica

9:30 a.m. – B. Collins and R. Murphy

11:00 a.m. – M. Luby and R. Tuffy

12:30 p.m. – S. Joyce and N. Leo



Holiday Schedule: Monday, February 20th, is Presidents' Day, a national holiday. On that day we will **NOT** have a 12:00 noon Mass. We will have one Mass at 8:00 a.m. In addition to our announced intentions, we will be praying for our country, for our President and Congress and for the men and women who are in the military services and who put their lives on the line for our freedoms. May God bless America! In addition, our school and parish offices will be closed for the Presidents' Day holiday.

V.B.S. Update: There's good news regarding St. John's Vacation Bible School! We have received assurances that there will be some new volunteers who will be taking responsibility for this wonderful program. The date this year will be: July 24th to 28th. This year's theme: "A Mighty Fortress." We will have more information in subsequent bulletins.



S.J.B. ANNOUNCEMENTS

February 19, 2017

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: Holiness. For many people – even devout, religious people – the word seems unreal, impractical and not very relevant to ordinary, everyday lives. That’s not the biblical view – which is to say it’s not God’s view – as today’s readings attest. In our first reading from the Old Testament’s Book of Leviticus (19:1-2; 17-18) we have one of the earliest Biblical texts on holiness – as God, speaking through Moses, tells His people – “Be holy, for I, the Lord your God, am holy.” God then goes on to explain more precisely in what holiness consist: not hating others, bearing no grudges, rather: “love your neighbors as yourself.”

St. Paul in the second reading (1Cor. 3:16-23), explains that God Himself has made it possible to act as holy, righteous people – because through Baptism and Confirmation, the Holy Spirit dwells in us. We do have the power to be holy – not because we are strong or wise by ourselves, but because Christ Jesus has given us the grace we need.

Finally, in the Gospel (Mt. 5:38-48), Our Lord continues His Sermon on the Mount, describing in very concrete terms how we are to live lives of love. His challenge is great – to return good for evil; to turn a world away from war and toward welcome.

SPECIAL SAINTS’ DAYS THIS WEEK

Tuesday, February 21st – St. Peter Damian

Born at the beginning of the 11th century in Ravenna, Italy, Peter was a prophetic figure in the medieval Church – a poet, a writer of prose and one of the great reformers of the era. He was chosen by the Pope to lead missions all over Europe – where his holiness, eloquence and simplicity of life had a powerful impact and his spiritual writings led him to be named a Doctor of the Church.

Wednesday, February 22nd – Chair of Peter, Apostle

The chair (or “cathedra”) of a bishop has a place of honor in every cathedral - and is a sign of the unity of faith that connects all Catholics in a diocese. This feast – which has been celebrated since the 4th century – marks the unity of Catholics all over the world who profess the one true Church built on St. Peter and his successors.

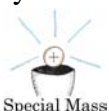
Thursday, February 23rd – St. Polycarp

This second century martyr had been a disciple of St. John the Evangelist. He evangelized in the Middle East and eventually became bishop in Smyrna where he was burned at the stake for being Christian.



Advanced Planning: March 1st – a week from this coming Wednesday – is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. Ashes will be blessed and distributed at all our Masses that day. We will have three Masses: at 8:00 a.m., 12:00 noon and 7:30 p.m. In addition, we will have two prayer services and distribution of ashes at 9:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Please mark your calendars.

S.J.B. School Registration: Registration application, for September 2017 (Pre-K through 8th) may be picked up in the school office from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Pre-K registrants must be 4 years old by December 1, 2017. The school office number is 914-965-2356.



Heal Us Lord: A Mass for the Healing will be celebrated at Holy Rosary Church, Hawthorne on Monday, March 13th at 7:30 p.m. Fr. Joseph Nahas will be the celebrant. This is an opportunity to bring your spiritual and physical needs to the Lord.



Sunday Report: Last weekend 813 parishioners attended Mass; our collection totaled \$6073.00; average contribution: \$7.47. 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 Cecile Flanagan, Mary Duonolo, James P. Bresnan and Ana Maria Ferreira who were buried from our church this past week. Our prayers go out to their families and friends.



Mass Requests for 2018: The Mass "book" for 2018 will be open for reservations as of Tuesday, February 28th. Because of the number of Parishioners who wish to arrange Masses at St. John's, we must request that Mass reservations be made in person. On February 28th those seeking to make Mass reservations should do so in the lower church (not the rectory) starting at 9:00 a.m. Someone will be there all morning and in the afternoon until 3:00 p.m. After February 28th, Mass requests for 2018 should be made in the rectory, Monday-Friday from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Our office staff is simply unable to handle requests by phone if they are to complete the regular volume of work they have. In addition, individual Mass reservations are limited to three on February 28th, so we may accommodate as many parishioners as possible. (After the initial day, more Mass reservations may be made at the rectory later in the week.) We remind everyone that there are a number of retired priests who are able to take Mass requests – even for 2017. We are happy to provide Mass cards for these Masses; however, they will not be celebrated here at St. John's.



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Appeal 2017: Most of you know that during the months of February, March, and

April we conduct the annual Archdiocesan Appeal. The Appeal raises critically needed funds to support the pastoral, charitable, and educational work that goes on throughout our Archdiocese. No one can exaggerate the importance of what is done for God's people thanks to the generosity of those who sacrifice for this cause; the money raised by the Appeal helps to assist: elderly priests and religious; Catholic schools, hospitals and nursing homes; parish shelters and food pantries – the list goes on and on. Some of our parishioners have already received information about the appeal in the mail; many more will receive such information in the days and weeks to follow. Next week we will have our annual "In Pew Sunday" which will give everyone an opportunity to participate in this vital campaign which does so much to assist the Church's pastoral, charitable, and educational efforts throughout our Archdiocese. In the meantime we ask everyone to pray for the success of this appeal.

S.J.B. Class of '71: St. John the Baptist Class of 1971 will be celebrating their reunion at a Mass on Saturday, March 11th at 5:00 p.m. Dinner plans to be determined. For more information call Jeanette Kolkowski at 914-494-0554 or Helen DiNoia at 914-423-9630.



Card Party: Come join us as the Rosary Altar Society presents its annual Card Party on Saturday, February 25th at 7:00 p.m. in the lower church. There will be over 400 prizes and it is sure to be a fun night. Admission is \$20.00 per person (18 years and older) and includes sandwiches, snacks and beverages. Reserved seating must be paid for in advance. Walk-ins are welcome. Anyone wishing to make a monetary or new gift donation can kindly drop it off at the Rectory. Attn: R.A.S. Card Party. For more information please call Robyne Liberatore at 914-325-6373.

Tax Advantage: Once again this year, St. John's has been contacted by a representative of H&R Block regarding a program they have for tax-exempt institutions (like ours!). For every new client who goes to any H&R Block office and has them prepare your tax returns, H&R Block will contribute \$20.00 to St. John's. The only condition is that when you go to the H&R Block office, you take a coupon (which are available this week at the exits of the Church) indicating the special code which will be given to St. John's to distribute to our parishioners. N.B.: This costs you nothing! Obviously, H&R Block is doing this as a promotion to bring in new customers – but if you are considering having someone prepare your tax return (both Federal and N.Y. State) this year, please consider H&R Block. They have an office nearby – on 777 Central Avenue (in the strip mall near the Sunoco station on the corner of Mile Sq. Rd. and Central Ave.) But this offer is good at any H&R Block (you just need to bring the coupon available).



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.



Basketball Clinics: Iona Prep is having two basketball clinics which are designed for students entering grades 3 – 8. The dates for the 2017 clinics are as follows: February 20th – 23rd; June 26th – 29th; July 31st – August 3rd (only grades 6 – 9); August 7th – 10th. If interested, contact Coach Vic Quirolo at Iona Prep at 914-632-0714 or vquirol@ionaprep.org.

Special Concert: The Maryknoll Sisters Annual Charity Concert to Aid the Sisters Global Mission Outreach, on Sunday, March 5th at 3:00 p.m. at the Maryknoll Sisters Center, 10 Pinesbridge Road, Ossining, NY. Tickets are \$25.00 in advance or \$30.00 at the door and may be purchased on our website www.maryknollsisters.org/concert17 or by calling 1-866-662-9900 or at the door the day of the event. Credit cards, cash or checks accepted. For more information, visit www.maryknollsisters.org.

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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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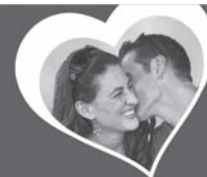
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