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## **MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday, September 19, 2015**

**Vigil: Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**5:00 p.m. Sophia Naryniecki**

**Sunday, September 20, 2015**

**Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**8:00 a.m. Leo, John and Nancy Rubbo**

**9:30 a.m. Mass for the Parishioners of  
St. John the Baptist**

**11:00 a.m. Peter and Mary Bernardini –  
60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – Living**

**12:30 p.m. Conte Family, Daniel Fama, Robert  
Brescia and Edward Makowski**

**Monday, September 21, 2015**

**Feast of St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist**

**8:00 a.m. Providencia Santiago**

**12:00 noon Dorothy Flynn**

**Tuesday, September 22, 2015**

**8:00 a.m. Fred Cipollone – 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary**

**12:00 noon Johnny Firth**

**Wednesday, September 23, 2015**

**Feast of St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest**

**8:00 a.m. Robert Dunne**

**12:00 noon Joan Pangia**

**Thursday, September 24, 2015**

**8:00 a.m. Thomas Heverin**

**12:00 noon Maureen Gormley**

**Friday, September 25, 2015**

**8:00 a.m. Patrick Gilmartin**

**12:00 noon Alma Layug**

**Saturday, September 26, 2015**

**Feast of St. Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs**

**8:00 a.m. Mary Leahy**

**Saturday, September 26, 2015**

**Vigil: Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**5:00 p.m. Vincent and Millie Rao and  
Angelo Alberti**

**Sunday, September 27, 2015**

**Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**8:00 a.m. John G. Kenney**

**9:30 a.m. Srs. Carol Ann West and Kathleen Flynn;  
Revs. Joe Ranger and John Lennon**

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

**12:30 p.m. Maria Milizia**



## **WEDDING BANNS**

***II. Donald Linton, Jr. and Toni Rosen***

***II. Jose Luis Cruz-Garcia and***

***M. Concepcion Bernal-Leonardo***

***I. Charles Joseph Longi and***

***Nicole Marie Mastroddi***

## **WEEKLY PARISH CALENDAR**

**Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup>**

Catechetical Sunday – 9:30 a.m. Mass -- Church

Reception – following Mass – lower Church

**Monday, September 21<sup>st</sup>**

Back to School Night – 7:30 p.m. – School

**Wednesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Senior Club – following 12:00 noon Mass – 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

**Thursday, September 24<sup>th</sup>**

4<sup>th</sup> Grade Girl Scouts – 2:30 p.m. – lower Church

**Friday, September 25<sup>th</sup>**

H.N.S. Outdoor Movie Night – 7:30 p.m. – Parking Lot

**Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup>**

R.A.S. Adult Bingo – 7:00 p.m. – lower Church

K.O.C. Raffles – after 5:00 Mass – exits of the Church

## **ALTAR SERVERS**

**Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 a.m. – E. Loughran and M. Loughran

9:30 a.m. – A. Burke and K. Burke

11:00 a.m. – S. Healy and N. Tierney

12:30 p.m. – N. Conlon and S. Joyce

**Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 a.m. – C. Elias and D. Odume

9:30 a.m. – N. Camacho and R. Murphy

11:00 a.m. – K. McGarvey and R. Peter

12:30 p.m. – E. McLaughlin and J. Postignone



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

**September 20, 2015**



**TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:** Today's readings from Sacred Scripture give us the opportunity to reexamine our attitudes about Church governance and to reflect prayerfully about the essential nature of our Church in this new millennium. Vatican II and its challenge of personal and ecclesial reform has been in place for a half-century, yet its challenges remain, in many cases, poorly understood and only partially implemented.

Written roughly a century before Christ's birth, the Old Testament's Book of Wisdom from which today's first reading (Wis. 2:12-20) is taken reflects the division in the Egyptian city of Alexandria between those Jews who were strict adherents of the law and tradition and those who felt compromise was possible between Jewish faith and Greek culture. In today's second reading (Jas. 3:16-4:3) St. James speaks of conflict within the Christian community, a conflict that has its roots in false wisdom. Earlier in the third chapter, St. James insists that true wisdom manifests itself in humble service. False wisdom, however, leads to arrogance and jealousy.

In today's gospel (Mk. 9:30-37) St. Mark assures us that even those closest to Jesus fell into the trap of envy and competition. Knowing that they had been arguing about which one of them was the most important, Jesus offers one criterion of greatness, namely, the willingness to serve others. Using a child as a model emphasizes His point, since children had little or no status in the society of Jesus' day.



### **SPECIAL SAINTS' DAYS THIS WEEK**

#### **Monday, September 21<sup>st</sup> – St. Matthew**

This Jewish man – a despised tax collector who worked for the occupying Romans, was called by Jesus to be one of the first apostles. He is the one credited with the gospel that appears first in the New Testament. His gospel indicates the way Jesus fulfilled the promises God made to the Jewish people as recorded in the Old Testament.

#### **Wednesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> – St. Padre Pio**

This Capuchin priest born in Italy in 1887 spent fifty years of his life in a monastery far from the capitol of the world, where he worked, prayed, was a spiritual mentor to thousands and inspired millions by the courage with which he bore the "stigmata" – the sign of the Lord's wounds – in his own body.

#### **Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup> – St. Cosmos and Damian**

These two brothers lived at the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> century. They both became physicians who worked with the Church in Syria to take care of the sick poor – whom they served without charge. They are patrons of doctors, surgeons, and pharmacists.

**Pope Visit:** This week we welcome Pope Francis as he makes his very first visit to the United States. He will come first to Washington D.C. where he will address a joint session of Congress (he will be the first Pope to do so) and celebrate Mass at the National Shrine. On Thursday afternoon, September 24<sup>th</sup>, he will preside at a vespers service in St. Patrick's Cathedral. On Friday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, Pope Francis will address the United Nations, visit the World Trade Center for a prayer service, stop at a Catholic elementary school in Harlem, and celebrate Mass at Madison Square Garden that evening. The following morning he will travel to Philadelphia for the conference on the family. It is a great honor to have Pope Francis among us – and we are happy that our new deacon, Nicholas Ramoni, will assist with the distribution of Holy Communion at the Mass at Madison Square Garden. Please pray for Pope Francis!



**Sunday Report:** Last weekend 1,285 parishioners attended Mass; our collection totaled \$9,326.00; average contribution: \$7.26. 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 Roy McLaughlin who was buried from our church this past week. Our prayers go out to his family and friends.

**Being and Becoming Catholic:** Very shortly we will begin a series of meetings that will prepare teenagers and adults to receive the sacrament of baptism, communion, and/or confirmation. Often adult and young adult Catholics (for a variety of reasons) have never received confirmation. In other cases, persons from another (non-Catholic) Christian tradition wish to become Catholics; such persons are prepared for reception into the Church by this program. Finally, there are individuals who were never baptized who may wish to become Catholics – this group is meant for them as well. If you know any such an individual, please have him or her contact Sr. Mary Beth Read at 965-2338.



**Special Support Group:** There will be a Free 6-Week Employment Networking Support Group offered on the following Monday evenings (6:30 – 8:00 p.m.): September 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, October 5<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> and November 2<sup>nd</sup> at the RDC Center for Counseling and Human Development, 52 N. Broadway, White Plains. Please see our website: [rdccenter.org](http://rdccenter.org) for more information or call Pat Sheridan, LCSW at 798-1103 for more information or to register.

**Adult Bingo:** The Rosary Altar Society will be hosting “Bingo Night” on **Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup>** at 8:00 p.m. in the lower Church. The cost is \$20.00 per person (18 years and older) which includes 9 games with a jackpot. Doors open at 7:00 p.m. There will be a 50/50 Early Bird Special at 7:30 p.m. which costs \$2.00 per game. Refreshments and snacks will be sold. For more information call Robyne Liberatore at 914-325-6373.



**Parish Picnic:** The St. John the Baptist Holy Name Society is running a parish picnic! Come join us for some fall fun on October 17<sup>th</sup>, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at St. Joseph's Seminary. Softball, volleyball, soccer and other fun games. The cost is \$30.00 per family or \$10.00 per person which includes hamburgers, hotdogs, soda, juice and water. We will also have a 50/50 raffles. Only 100 50/50 tickets will be sold for \$100.00 a ticket -- \$5000.00 winner! Drawing will take place at 4:00 p.m. at the picnic. If interested in the picnic and/or raffle email Danny Vanadia at [dvanadia@aol.com](mailto:dvanadia@aol.com).

**St. John's Senior Club:** After a long summer break, the Senior Club has resumed meeting. Our regular Wednesday gatherings have begun; and our fall plans include many special events. On October 2<sup>nd</sup>, we will have our first of the season's “First Friday” Mass, followed by a lunch in the lower Church and a Holy Hour at 3:30 p.m. in the Church Chapel. All are welcome. Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup> features an “Oktoberfest” at the Platzl Brauhaus in Pomona, NY (\$50.00 includes bus) that always proves to be fun-filled. Members first and non-members next for those club members and parishioners who wish to join the fun. Future events will be posted in the bulletin. Please bring your membership fee of \$10.00 per person which covers September 2015 through June 2016. For more information call Deacon Olivieri at 423-4859.

**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.



**Catechetical Sunday:** This Sunday at the 9:30 a.m. Mass we will recognize and bless our catechists and support staff serving in the Wednesday Religious Education program, Children's Liturgy of the Word Mass and R.C.I.A. for 2014–2015. Refreshments will follow in the Church Hall. We are very grateful to these generous volunteers!



**Knights of Columbus:** The Knights of Columbus will be selling raffles at the exits of the church on Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup> after the 5:00 p.m. Mass and on Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup> after all Masses.

**2015 - 2016 Music Program:** The adult, junior and children's choir season has begun under the direction of Mr. John Stufano. All parishioners wishing to join are invited to visit the choir loft after any weekend Mass to introduce themselves. The adult choir sings at the 11:00 a.m. Mass every Sunday and many special events throughout the year. Rehearsal for the adult choir is held on Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. in the Church. More information about the two youth choirs (which will sing at the 9:30 a.m. Mass) will be distributed in school and the Religious Education program. Being part of the choir is a wonderful way to participate more fully in the Sacred Liturgy. Please consider making the commitment and being part of what promises to be an exciting new season.



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