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Saturday:

Saturday.

4:00 - 4:45 p.m.

Sacrament of Marriage

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Sacrament of Baptism

Every Sunday after the 12:30 Mass

## **MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday, October 31, 2015

**Vigil: All Saints** 

5:00 p.m. For the Deceased Members of the

Mazzanti, Morello, D'Addato and

**Rendine Families** 

Sunday, November 1, 2015

**All Saints** 

8:00 a.m. Angelo, Settimia and Enzo Soprano

9:30 a.m. Fiorino Guglielmi

11:00 a.m. R.A.S./H.N.S. Mass - Rose Milder

12:30 p.m. Mass for the Parishioners of

St. John the Baptist

Monday, November 2, 2015

**Feast of All Souls Day** 

**All Souls Mass** 8:00 a.m. 12:00 noon All Souls Mass

Tuesday, November 3, 2015

Feast of St. Martin de Porres, Religious

8:00 a.m. For the Deceased members of the

Garavenata, Soracco and DeMartini

**Families** 

12:00 noon For the Deceased Members of the

**Guglielmi and Colaiacovo Families** 

Wednesday, November 4, 2015

Feast of St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop

**Marilyn Davanzo Anderes** 8:00 a.m.

12:00 noon Frank Milizia

Thursday, November 5, 2015

8:00 a.m. **Angelo and Angela Calvello** 

12:00 noon Fred Cipollone

Friday, November 6, 2015

8:00 a.m. John M. Preston and Dionne Acton 9:00 a.m. School Mass - John M. Preston

12:00 noon **Patrick Cunningham** 

Saturday, November 7, 2015

8:00 a.m. John Flatley and Albert Hein

Saturday, November 7, 2015

Vigil: Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. For the Deceased Members of the

**Locksa and Grotto Families** 

Sunday, November 8, 2015

**Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time** 

8:00 a.m. Mass for the Parishioners of

St. John the Baptist

9:30 a.m. Robert Manzi 11:00 a.m. **Christopher Kiely** 

12:30 p.m. Henry and Catherine Tavernia and

Patricia Rath



III. Antonio Vallo and Brunella Guarino III. Raffaele Solinas and Elba Andrade II. John Biancardi and Amy DiNoia I. Sean McCabe and Alisa Dean

## WEEKLY PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, November 1st

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

Monday, November 2nd

R.A.S. Monthly Meeting – 8:00 p.m. – lower Church

Wednesday, November 4th

Senior Club – following 12:00 noon Mass – lower Church R.E. Grades 1st through 5th -- 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, November 5<sup>th</sup>

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Cub Scouts -- 2:30 p.m. – lower Church

Friday, November 6th

School Mass - 9:00 a.m. - Church

Senior Club 1<sup>st</sup> Friday Meeting – following the 12:00 noon

Mass - Lower Church Holy Hour – 3:30 p.m. -- Chapel

## ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday, October 31st

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

Sunday, November 1st

8:00 a.m. – E. Higgins and D. Hijazin 9:30 a.m. – J. Corcoran and R. Corcoran 11:00 a.m. - D. Liberatore and S. Osso

12:30 p.m. – R. Duffy and K. Maher

Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup>

5:00 p.m. – B. Collins and R. Murphy

Sunday, November 8th

8:00 a.m. - E. Carbin and R. Peter 9:30 a.m. – B. Doran and J. Postignone 11:00 a.m. - N. Leo and R. Tuffy 12:30 p.m. - M. Luby and D. McEntee

Fond Farewell: Msgr. Walter Birkle has left for his "second" home – his winter parish in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida. He plans to return to us again next May. Anyone who wishes to write him may drop a note at the S.J.B. rectory; we will be forwarding mail to him regularly! Please keep Msgr. Birkle in your prayers!

## S.J.B. ANNOUNCEMENTS

**November 1, 2015** 



<u>All SAINTS</u>: Everyone has his favorite saints – and most of us have names of saints; throughout the Church's year we celebrate the feast days of the best known saints – ones who have been publically and officially honored by the Church. Today's feast includes all of them – but it is really about the multitude of saints whose names only God knows. Today we are reminded that we are all called to live lives of holiness – to be saints.

In today's first reading from the Book of Revelation (7:2-14), St. John describes his vision of heaven where a huge crowd from "every nation, race, people, and tongue" gather to worship God with one voice. No one is excluded from this heavenly company except by his or her individual choice.

St. John speaks again to us – now the words are taken from his first epistle (1 Jn. 3:1-3) – about God's love for us and His plan for our eternal happiness when "we shall be like Him for we shall see Him as He is."

Finally in the gospel (Mt. 5:1-12) Jesus teaches His way to holiness – His "Beatitudes" – the simple yet challenging paths we can take to reach the blessedness that God has prepared for those who love Him.

## SPECIAL SAINTS' DAYS THIS WEEK



## Monday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> – All Souls Day

The feast of All Souls is rooted in the belief that not everyone who is saved is immediately admitted to heaven. Hints of this can already be gleaned from the Old Testament. Later Christian theology built on this belief as it envisioned an intermediate time of spiritual cleansing. Just as the saints can help us in our struggles and trials on earth, so we believe we can help the holy souls as they make their final preparation for eternal glory. The assurance of salvation and our firm belief in the Communion of Saints allow us to declare with St. Paul: "O death, where is your sting?" The mystery of death is not resolved, nor is the sorrow at the loss of a loved one or the uncertainty of our own passing removed, but this faith in eternal life helps us to overcome our anxieties and compels us to reaffirm our faith in a God who wants all of us to be saved.

## Tuesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> – St. Martin de Porres

Born in 1639 in Lima, Peru, Martin was the son of a Spanish father and a black slave mother. He joined the Dominican order as a lay brother and spent his life caring for the poor and the sick.

## Wednesday, November 4<sup>th</sup> – St. Charles Borromeo

Charles was a dynamic leader of the Church during the tumultuous 16<sup>th</sup> century. As archbishop of Milan, he reformed the clergy and religious life; as cardinal and Secretary of State under Pope Pius IV, he brought these reforms to the universal Church. He is the patron of catechists and catechumens.

**Rosary Altar Society**: This Sunday we welcome members of the R.A.S. to our Mass at 11:00 a.m. Join us on Monday at 8:00 p.m. in the lower Church for our monthly meeting.



<u>All Souls Day</u>: November is the month that we pray for all our dearly departed. On All Souls Day, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, we remember our friends and loved ones who have gone before us into eternal life. Those whose names are returned to us on All Souls envelopes will be remembered at all Masses at St. John's during the month of November. Envelopes are available at the exits of the Church for those who have not received them in the mail.

<u>All Souls Service</u>: In commemoration of the souls of the faithful departed (All Souls) there will be a Memorial Mass offered at St. Joseph's Cemetery (209 Truman Ave.) on Monday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 11:00 a.m., rain or shine. For information, call St. Joseph's Rectory at 963-0730. All are invited.



<u>First Friday</u>: This Friday, November  $6^{th}$  is the first Friday of the month – a day of special devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Our monthly first Friday Holy Hour starts at 3:30 p.m. in our chapel. Come and join us for Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, prayer and Benediction. You will surely be blessed.

**Sunday Report:** Last weekend 1,400 parishioners attended Mass; our collection totaled \$10,019.00; average contribution: \$7.16. 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 Ernesto Rios, Peter Kowalsky, Frank Zito and Dolores Bordash who were buried from our church this past week. Our prayers go out to their families and friends.

Father/Daughter Dance: The Holy Name Society will host their annual Father/Daughter dance on Friday, November 13th, in the lower Church from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. The cost will be \$15.00 per person and will include dinner and DJ entertainment. This year's theme will be a Father/Daughter Hoedown, so please get those cowboy/girl boots ready! Any questions, please contact Tina Osso at (914) 879-2975.



Lectors: Your "2016" workbooks are ready to be picked up in the Sacristy. They are filed for each Mass Team alphabetically. Please pick them up before November 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Monthly Maintenance: Since this Sunday is the first Sunday of the month of November, we will take up our regular "First Sunday of the Month" second collection after Communion this week. This collection helps with the upkeep, maintenance, and cleaning of our beautiful church. Please be generous.



Lord.

Special Masses: A Mass for Healing will be celebrated on Monday, November 9th at 7:30 p.m. at Holy Rosary Church (Hawthorne). Fr. Andrew Special Mass Apostoli, CFR will be the celebrant. This is an opportunity to bring your spiritual and physical needs to the

Local Production: Archbishop Stepinac High School Drama Club presents the family Broadway hit, "Peter and the Starcatcher." Show dates are: November 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. and November 7th at 3:00 p.m. Tickets are \$20.00 for adults and \$15.00 for children under 12 and senior citizens. For ticket reservations please call 914-946-4800 ext. 200. For further information email theatre@stepinac.org.



H.N.S. Father/Son Basketball: Calling all 6th, 7th and 8th grade boys to compete against their dads for "bragging rights." Please join us on Saturday,

November 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:45 p.m. in the school gym. The cost is \$10.00 per person which includes pizza, snacks, dessert and drinks. For more information please call John Sanchez at 476-1776.



**Election Day:** This Tuesday, Americans will go to the polls to determine the leadership and policies which will guide local, state, and federal governments in the years ahead. Voting is a vitally

important moral and civic responsibility. Catholics must be informed, active, and responsible participants in the political process if we are to ensure the religious freedom and moral values that have been such an important part of this country's Catholics should examine the character and heritage. philosophy of candidates for office as well as their positions on a wide range of issues – especially their positions regarding the sacredness of human life, the position of the family in society, support for education (religious and public), health care, etc. Let us not forget to pray for our country and her leaders on this Election Day.

Senior News: The S.J.B. Senior Club is very grateful to all our parishioners who have come to our annual Bake Sale in support of our programs. The proceeds from the event will go to our student awards and club programs. The senior club affords our senior parishioners a place to spend time with other seniors, share concerns and memories, get useful information regarding health and financial issues, go on trips together, do charitable works like supplying cancer pads for patients at the Dominican Sisters of Hawthorne for Incurable Cancer to mention a few. Your continued support will always be appreciated. This year the Bake Sale and Giant Flea Market take place on Saturday and Sunday, November 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> in the lower Church.



Local Fair: St. Paul the Apostle Parish will hold its annual Christmas Fair on Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Cafeteria and Church Hall. Toys, Jewelry, clothing, furniture, and prizes. All are welcome.

Operation Care Package 2015: The Rosary Altar Society is collecting items to be used in care packages for our troops. The drive is on Sunday, November 29th in the lower Church from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. This is our parish's fourth 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" starting Saturday, November 14th through Sunday, November 29<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 box 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.

**Expectant Parents**: On Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, at the 9:30 a.m. Mass we invite all those parents who are awaiting the birth (or the adoption) of a child. The Mass will include a special blessing for these parents. The expectant parents will also receive a special blessed Holy card. If you would like to attend this Mass, please fill out the following and put it in the collection basket, give it to one of the ushers or drop it off at the rectory:

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