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8:00 a.m.

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Saturday:

4:00 - 4:45 p.m.

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Make arrangements six months prior to wedding

Sacrament of Baptism

Every Sunday after the 12:30 Mass

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday, November 9, 2015

Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

8:00 a.m. Bridie Feerick

12:00 noon Antoinette Gossett – 15th Anniversary

Tuesday, November 10, 2015

Feast of St. Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church

8:00 a.m. Caroline M. Warek 12:00 noon Marie G. Flynn

Wednesday, November 11, 2015 Feast of St. Martin of Tours, Bishop 8:00 a.m. Immacolata Natale 12:00 noon Victor Campione

Thursday, November 12, 2015

Feast of St. Josephat, Bishop and Martyr

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

Fornaby, Capobianco and Morea

Families

12:00 noon John Antonaccio – 23rd Anniversary

Friday, November 13, 2015

Feast of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin

8:00 a.m. Diego, Carmella and Joseph Gagliano

12:00 noon Riva Pellegrini

Saturday, November 14, 2015 8:00 a.m. Giorgio Guglielmi

Saturday, November 14, 2015

Vigil: Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. Matilda Del Giudice – 7th Anniversary

Sunday, November 15, 2015

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Michael Antonow

9:30 a.m. Mass for the Parishioners of

St. John the Baptist

11:00 a.m. For the Deceased Members of the

Martin and Myers Families

12:30 p.m. Richard Sutton, Jr.



III. John Biancardi and Amy DiNoia II. Sean McCabe and Alisa Dean I. Joseph Caruso and Rachel Mignano

WEEKLY PARISH CALENDAR

Wednesday, November 11th

Senior Club – following 12:00 noon Mass – lower Church No R.E.

Friday, November 13th

Father/Daughter Dance - 7:00 p.m. - lower Church

Saturday, November 14th

Senior Club Bake Sale and Flea Market – 4:00 p.m. – lower Church

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday, November 7th

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

Saturday, November 14th

5:00 p.m. – E. Loughran and M. Loughran

Sunday, November 15th

8:00 a.m. – C. Elias and D. Odume 9:30 a.m. – E. McLaughlin and J. Velazquez 11:00 a.m. – N. Conlon and S. Joyce 12:30 p.m. – M. DiRosa and P. DiRosa

Fr. Ken Ross: Several parishioners have asked about how Fr. Ross is doing – since he has not been with us for a few months. Fr. Ross has been diagnosed with a serious illness. Given his age (90!) it is understandable that both the disease and the treatments have side effects that are somewhat unpredictable. Fr. Ross very much misses being with us at St. John's, but is very reluctant to drive on his own or celebrate public Mass. He is currently staying with his daughter and her family in New Jersey. We are certainly hoping that the treatments will be successful and that Fr. Ross may be able to return to us – if only to say a public farewell. Please keep him in your prayers. If anyone wishes to write to him, you can drop your card or letter off at the rectory and we will forward it. Unfortunately, Fr. Ross does not do email – yet.



THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: The Sundays of November bring us to the close of the liturgical year while at the same time gently preparing us for the next "Year of Grace." The subtle messages of the end time found in our Scripture readings are a prelude to the Advent messages of the coming of Christ in glory at the end of all time.

The widow stories in today's first reading and in the gospel tell us of unconditional generosity and trust. The prophet Elijah encounters the first widow (1 Kgs. 17:10-16) as he enters the village of Zarephath. She did not have much going for her, but Elijah asked for hospitality anyway. She barely had enough for her son and herself and now a stranger is asking for help. She did what she could, and she and her son were able to eat for a year after Elijah's departure. She gave her "all" and God provided.

The widow in today's gospel (Mark 12:38-44) shames the other contributors to the temple treasury. Amid the extravagant donors, here is this marginal person contributing her penny, about one-sixteenth of a cent today, which probably depleted all of her resources. Jesus champions her and proclaims her generosity and sacrifice. He shows that she demonstrates the consummate charity which is the keystone to the life of one of his disciples. Such a radical trust in the providing power of God illustrates well that the real sacrifice is an internal one – by losing ourselves, we gain everything.



Monday, November 9th – Dedication of St. John Lateran

Today we commemorate the dedication of the Lateran Basilica, built by Constantine in the early 4th century and named in honor of St. John the Baptist. Until the 14th century, the Lateran was the official seat of the Bishop of Rome and it is still the cathedral of Rome. Today's feast then reminds us that, although our parish is our local and primary church, we are related in a special way to the universal Church,

which is symbolized by the mother – Church in Rome.

Tuesday, November 10th - St. Leo the Great

This 4th century pope – also a Doctor of the Church – was a defender of the faith; he refuted heresies that sought to weaken the Church from within and stood up to the barbarians who attacked the Church from without.

Wednesday, November 11th - St. Martin of Tours

This day is a special day for Americans; named Veterans' Day or Armistice Day, it first marked the end of World War I. It is a day when our nation pauses to remember those who gave their lives in defense of the United States of America and its precious freedoms. It is also a day for us to pray for peace – in the world, in our nation, in our hearts. Christians celebrate the feast of St. Martin of Tours on November 11th. St. Martin was a 4th century soldier who exchanged his sword and shield for a hermit's tunic. He is the patron of both soldiers and beggars and is usually represented on a white horse, dividing his cloak to share with a freezing beggar. May this day begin for us a special concern For the homeless and the poor who suffer so terribly in the winter months.

 $\frac{Thursday, November~12^{th}-St.~Josaphat}{Born~in~the~Ukraine~at~the~end~of~the~16^{th}~century,~Josaphat~was~ordained~a~priest,~then~served~as~a}$ bishop and spent his life working for unity in the Christian Churches of Eastern Europe.

Friday, November 13th – St. Frances Xavier Cabrini

Born in Lombardi, Italy in 1850, the woman who came to be known as Mother Cabrini was a powerful evangelist in her native country where she started an order of Missionary Sisters and established schools, hospitals and orphanages. Then in 1889 Pope Leo XIII asked her to go across the ocean and help the young church in America. Her zeal and capacity for hard work was equal to her love for Christ and His people. She founded more schools, more hospitals, more orphanages – working until her death in 1917. She became a citizen of the United States and was the first U.S. citizen to be canonized as a saint.

Sunday Report: Last weekend 1,370 parishioners attended Mass; our collection totaled \$11,308.00; average contribution: \$8.25. Thank you for your continued financial support of St. John's and its many needs. Your generosity is essential and greatly appreciated.



Rosary for Life: S.J.B. parishioners are invited to join a peaceful, prayerful Rosary for Life every Saturday morning in front of Planned Parenthood

(20 S. Broadway, Yonkers) from 10:00 10:45 a.m. Any questions call Rosemary Hunt 965-3735. All are welcome.

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.

Bulletin Advertisers: The folks who advertise in our bulletin each Sunday benefit our Parish in two major ways: (1) their advertising dollars pay for the set up and printing of our bulletins each week; (2) in addition, after expenses, the bulletin publication company makes a small contribution to St. John's twice a year. In sum, our bulletin advertisers help us to communicate each week with our parishioners - and also directly contribute financially to the church. We encourage everyone to support our advertisers – and to mention that you have seen their "ad" in our bulletin!



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 22nd.

Retreat for Scouts: The Catholic Committee on Scouting for the Archdiocese of New York will host its annual Scout Retreat, 8:30 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. on Saturday, November 21st at the Capuchin Franciscan Youth and Family Ministries, 781 Route 9-D, Garrison, NY. There will be Boy Scout and Girl Scout Programs for all ages. Also included: National Catholic Leadership Development Course and Emblem Counselor Training for adults. Cost for the retreat: Pre-Registration is \$5.00 before November 14th and \$10.00 at the door. Please contact the Catholic Scout Office 845-340-9170 or Thomas.kelly@archny.org for more details and registration forms.



Senior News: Bargains! Bargains! Bargains! Big Bargains! Come to our Senior Bake Sale and Giant Flea Market. Take advantage of the

many bargains. The proceeds from the event go to Senior Club programs and St. John's school student awards. The Senior Club affords our senior parishioners a place to spend time with fellow 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 be appreciated. This year the Bake Sale and Giant Flea Market takes place Saturday and Sunday, November 14th and 15th in the lower Church.



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 29th. 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.



National Holiday: Thanksgiving Day this year falls on Thursday, November 26th. As is our custom, we will have a special Vigil Mass on Wednesday evening, November 25th at 7:30 p.m. at which students from our Religious Education Program will assist at Mass, our children's choir will sing, and Thanksgiving bread will be blessed and distributed. On Thanksgiving Day (Thursday, November 26th) we will have **only one** Mass at 9:00 a.m. On the Friday after Thanksgiving we will have **one** Mass at 8:00 a.m. There will be **no noon** Mass on Friday, November 27th. Both the rectory



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and school office will be closed on Friday.

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

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.



H.N.S. Thanksgiving Project: Once again this year, on November 26th, our Holy Name Society will distribute Thanksgiving baskets to needy families in the parish community. In the past, we

found that it was much easier for us if parishioners would make cash donations instead of dropping off turkeys. It becomes difficult to find storage space for them all! We will use the money to buy the turkeys on the day that they will be delivered. Donations should be placed in an envelope marked "Thanksgiving Baskets" and dropped in the collection or sent to the rectory. We do welcome donations of canned goods which can be more easily stored. It would be helpful if donations are received A.S.A.P but no later than Monday, November 23rd. We are most grateful for whatever you can give.



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