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Masses
Saturday Vigil:
5:00 p.m.

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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
prior to wedding

Sacrament of Baptism
Every Sunday
after the 12:30 Mass

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 14, 2016

Vigil: Pentecost Sunday

5:00 p.m. Peter Smith and Martin Reidy

Sunday, May 15, 2016

Pentecost Sunday

**8:00 a.m. Mass for the Parishioners of
St. John the Baptist**
9:30 a.m. James and Nora O'Keefe
**11:00 a.m. For the Deceased Members of the
Kozlowski and Naryniecki Families**
12:30 p.m. Edward Makowski and Daniel Fama

Monday, May 16, 2016

8:00 a.m. Christopher Eves
**12:00 noon Camillo, Virginia, Vincent and
Joseph Di Benedetto**

Tuesday, May 17, 2016

**8:00 a.m. Margaret V. Longinetti –
1st Anniversary**
12:00 noon James Jarloth Mullin

Wednesday, May 18, 2016

Feast of St. John I, Pope and Martyr

8:00 a.m. Patrick Joyce
12:00 noon M. Victor DiFede

Thursday, May 19, 2016

8:00 a.m. Rory O'Flaherty
12:00 noon James Jarloth Mullin

Friday, May 20, 2016

Feast of St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest

8:00 a.m. James Costabile
12:00 noon Mary Sunsen

Saturday, May 21, 2016

**Feast of St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and
Companions, Martyrs**

8:00 a.m. Joseph Flynn

Saturday, May 21, 2016

Vigil: The Most Holy Trinity

5:00 p.m. Giuseppe Gullotta – 12th Anniversary

Sunday, May 22, 2016

The Most Holy Trinity

8:00 a.m. Bridie O'Connor
**9:30 a.m. Mass for the Parishioners of
St. John the Baptist**
11:00 a.m. Dora and John Gervino
12:30 p.m. Virginia DeLucci



Wedding Banns

III. Jesse Guena and Michelle Mastroddi

III. Luis R. Baez and Adriana L. Valencia

III. Max Ramos and Brittany Bernai

II. Juan Lazarini, Jr. and Jizzelle Ardon

WEEKLY PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, May 15th

Yonkers Fire Dept. Memorial Mass – 9:30 a.m. – Church
Reception – following Mass – lower Church

Wednesday, May 18th

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 6th through 8th -- 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. – School
H.N.S Monthly Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, May 19th

2nd Grade Cub Scouts – 2:30 p.m. --- lower Church

Friday, May 20th

Girl Scouts Meeting – 2:30 p.m. -- lower Church
5th Grade Girl Scouts – 5:00 p.m. – lower Church

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday, May 14th

5:00 p.m. – D. Reidy and P. Tozzi

Sunday, May 15th

8:00 a.m. – E. Loughran and M. Loughran
9:30 a.m. – S. Healy and N. Tierney
11:00 a.m. – B. Collins and R. Murphy
12:30 p.m. – N. Conlon and R. Duffy

Saturday, May 21st

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

Sunday, May 22nd

8:00 a.m. – N. Leo and R. Tuffy
9:30 a.m. – A. Burke and K. Burke
11:00 a.m. – E. Higgins and K. McGarvey
12:30 p.m. – C. Maher and J. Velazquez

Special Guests: This Sunday, we welcome the members of the Yonkers Fire Department to the 9:30 a.m. Mass for their annual Mass and Communion Breakfast. We are most grateful to the Yonkers firefighters and their families for all that they do for our community. We are honored to have them with us. May God bless them and keep them safe!

S.J.B. ANNOUNCEMENTS

May 15, 2016



PENTECOST SUNDAY: Today's feast marks the end of the great fifty days of Easter and commemorates the gift of the Holy Spirit, God's abiding presence in the Church.

Today's first reading (Acts 2:1-11) is St. Luke's narrative of the events of the first Pentecost, filled as it is with vivid symbolism and mystical signs. The tongues of fire embolden the disciples, preparing them to deliver passionate sermons about Jesus and His message. The miraculous overcoming of language barriers reverses Babel, and foreshadows the spread of this new belief throughout all the nations of the earth. Truly we can exclaim with the psalmist, "Lord send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth."

In today's second reading (1Cor. 12:3-13), Paul warns the Corinthians not to take any personal credit for the Spirit's gifts. Whatever talents we have been given by God are for the benefit of the whole community. The Spirit wipes out superficial human differences and makes us all one in Christ. The real credit for our gifts, ministries and work goes to "the same God who accomplishes all of them in everyone."

St. John's description of the Spirit in today's Gospel (Jn. 20:19-23) is simpler than the one we find in the Acts of the Apostles. St. John tells us that Jesus "breathed on" His disciples, an echo of Genesis 1, where God's Spirit is described as the animating principle of all creation.

So, the Easter season ends and we prepare once again to enter a period of "ordinary time." But this is only right and fitting. No human life is spent completely in the valley of Good Friday or on the mount of the Ascension. Most of the time we are somewhere between those two extremes, the plain of everyday life in Christ.

SPECIAL SAINTS' DAYS THIS WEEK

Wednesday, May 18th – St. John I

Born in Tuscany, John was elected Pope in 523. John preached the orthodox teaching about the true nature of Jesus Christ (both human and divine) in a Church still plagued by the Arian heresy. He was imprisoned and starved to death for his heroic witness.

Friday, May 20th – St. Bernardine of Siena

Bernardine was born in Tuscany; he joined the Franciscan Order and spent his life preaching and giving missions throughout Italy in the early 15th century. He fostered devotion to the Holy Name of Jesus.

Saturday, May 21st – St. Christopher Magallanes and Companions

In the early 20th century, Christopher – along with a group of priests and laymen – were executed for their leadership in the "Cristero" movement in Mexico. The "Cristero" movement promoted religious teaching and practice in the face of persecution by the anti-Catholic Mexican government at the time. The "Cristero" motto was "Long live Christ the King and the Virgin of Guadalupe!"

Congratulations: At an annual breakfast sponsored by the Enrico Fermi Educational Fund on May 1st, seven Westchester students each received a \$5,000 scholarship for the college of their choice. Three of the seven: Alberto DeAngelis, Joshua Felice and Teresa Ramoni are graduates of our school; a fourth, Alessandra Cartolano, is a graduate of our Religious Ed. Program. Alberto and Josh attend Iona Prep. Teresa attends St. Vincent Ferrer (in Manhattan) and Alessandra attends the Ursuline School. We congratulate these students – and their justifiably proud parents and families.



Rosary in May: Since May is the month of Mary, members of St. John's Rosary Altar Society will be praying the Rosary after the 8:00 a.m. week day Mass throughout this special month. All parishioners are invited to join them.

Ordinations: On Saturday morning, May 28th, Cardinal Dolan will ordain 7 new priests for the Archdiocese of New York; and 5 new priests for the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal. These men have received their theological, pastoral and spiritual preparation at nearby St. Joseph's Seminary. St. Joseph's is able to prepare young men for the priesthood thanks to the sacrifices made by parishioners at St. John's and other Catholics in the Archdiocese who contribute to the annual Stewardship Campaign and the fall collection for the seminary program. In addition to your financial support, please continue to keep these young priests – and all our seminarians in your prayers. And please pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life.



Sunday Report: Last weekend 1,434 parishioners attended Mass; our collection totaled \$8753.00; average contribution: \$6.10. 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 Vera Bohnik and Concepcion Adorno who were buried from our church this past week. Our prayers go out to their families and friends.

Golden Anniversary: Any couples who are celebrating 50 years of marriage this year (2016) are asked to contact the rectory. They will be invited to St. Patrick's Cathedral for a special Mass. This year there will be two Masses for Golden Anniversary couples: Saturday, June 25th (at 1:30 p.m.) and Sunday, June 26th (at 2:00 p.m.) Pre-registration is absolutely necessary for Mass at the Cathedral so any couple that is celebrating 50 years of marriage should call the rectory by Friday, June 15th, at the latest.



Vacation Bible School: The theme for this year's program is: "Barnyard Roundup" and will be from July 11th through July 15th. Registration has begun for both students and volunteer staff. Registration fee is \$35.00 (Early Bird Special) until May 16th; \$40.00 (regular) until June 6th and \$45.00 (late) until June 24th. No refunds after June 13th. Applications will be distributed through S.J.B. school and Religious Ed. Additional forms may be picked up in the rectory.

Relics of St. Anthony: St. Ann's Parish (854 Midland Avenue) will have a public veneration of the relics of St. Anthony of Padua on Wednesday, June 15th. Veneration will begin with the noon Mass that day and continue through the afternoon; it will conclude with a special evening Mass at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome!

Second Collection: This weekend we take up a second collection to support the American Bishops Overseas Appeal (now known as the "Catholic Relief Services Collection"). Funds from this national collection help our bishops fund Catholic service agencies which aid the poorest of the poor throughout the world. Please be generous.



Advanced Planning: May 30th, two weeks from this Monday, is Memorial 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 not only for our war dead, but 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 Memorial Day holiday.

Religious Education Program: 2016-2017 Registration for new families will begin in June. Classes meet on Wednesdays: Grades 1-5, 4:00-5:30 p.m.; Grades 6-8, 7:00-8:30 p.m. Please call Sr. Mary Beth after June 1st at 965-2338 for information and to make an appointment. Leave a clear message with your name and phone number and she will get back to you as soon as possible. Please understand that we give preference to registered members of St. John the Baptist Parish, so kindly plan ahead to bring your envelope number and baptismal certificates for each child to be enrolled.



Special Mass

Special Children's Mass: Next Sunday, at our 9:30 a.m. Mass, we once again welcome younger boys and girls to a special Mass where they will be excused after the Opening Prayer and go to the Church Hall for a special Liturgy of the Word. After this Mass please join us in the School Cafeteria for a Family Coffee and Craft Hour at which we will have refreshments and make crafts for the family. We are very grateful to the parent-leaders (as well as some older children) who are assisting with this program.

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.



Honor Thy Father: This year Father's Day falls on Sunday, June 19th. This is a day to honor all fathers – living and dead. This is a day to express our thanks for all they have done for us. It is a day to tell them how much we love them and to ask for their prayers even as we assure them of ours. For those fathers who have gone before us into the fullness of life with God, we give thanks to God for them as we recall their memories this day. On Father's Day we begin a Triduum of Masses for those fathers whose names are enrolled with us. Starting next week, special Father's Day cards and envelopes are available at the exits of the Church or in our rectory office. Envelopes can be placed in the collection basket. Let us pray that Joseph, the father of Jesus, will bless all fathers.

Cardinal's Annual Appeal: For this Appeal to be truly successful, we must have support from all of our families. The Appeal is a vital source of funding for the programs and ministries that sustain the parishes across our Archdiocese. It is not too late to make your gift. Envelopes for the Appeal are available at the exits of the Church for anyone who did not receive one in the mail. Please be as generous as you can. Thank you for your kind support.



Tag Sale: St. Bartholomew Parish, 15 Palmer Road, Yonkers is having a huge indoor tag sale, rain or shine, on Saturday, May 21st from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Bargains galore and great prices. Please note that all items must go, so we will conduct a fire sale beginning at 2:00 p.m. that day. For more information, please call 914-476-6676.



Holy Name Society: The Holy Name Society will have their monthly meeting on Wednesday, May 18th at 7:00 p.m. at the La Grotta Restaurant on McLean Avenue. For more information, please call Vinny Vanadia on 423-9149. All are welcome.

Catholic Widows/Widowers: The Catholic Widows and Widowers of Yonkers will hold their monthly meeting at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 19th, in the Fr. Anthony Hall, next to St. Ann's Church, 31 College Place, Yonkers. Coffee and cake will follow after the meeting. New members welcome.

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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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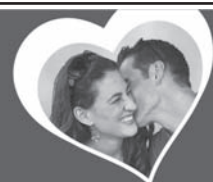
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