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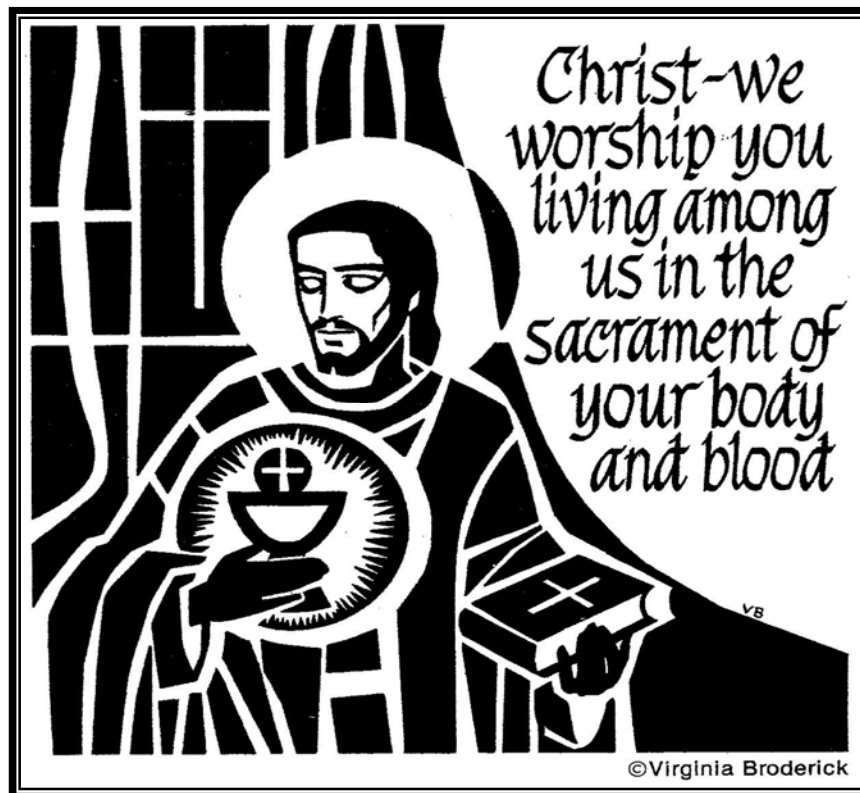
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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 28, 2016

Vigil: The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

5:00 p.m. Kathleen Higgins

Sunday, May 29, 2016

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

8:00 a.m. P.J. Devitt

9:30 a.m. Antonio Ricciardi

11:00 a.m. John M. Preston

12:30 p.m. Josephine and Salvatore Miceli

Monday, May 30, 2016

Memorial Day

8:00 a.m. Edgar Harry Ardea

Tuesday, May 31, 2016

Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 a.m. Rory O'Flaherty

12:00 noon Salvatore Calvella

Wednesday, June 1, 2016

Feast of St. Justin, Martyr

8:00 a.m. Rita Bruderlein

12:00 noon Joan Pangia

Thursday, June 2, 2016

Feast of St. Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs

8:00 a.m. Guido Botticelli

12:00 noon Alfred DalPino – 6th Anniversary

Friday, June 3, 2016

Feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

8:00 a.m. Susan Gan -- living

12:00 noon Georgianna Perez

Saturday, June 4, 2016

Feast of the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 a.m. Patrick Coyle, Finbar and

Barry Kelleher

Saturday, June 4, 2016

Vigil: Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**5:00 p.m. For the Deceased Members of the
Sullivan and Faulkner Families**

Sunday, June 5, 2016

Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Salvacion S. Montano

9:30 a.m. William Donald Nyland

**11:00 a.m. R.A.S./H.N.S. Monthly Mass –
Dolores Bordash**

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

WEEKLY PARISH CALENDAR

Monday, May 30th

Rectory Office Closed

Wednesday, June 1st

Senior Club – following 12:00 noon Mass – lower Church

Friday, June 3rd

Senior Club 1st Friday Luncheon – following noon Mass ---
lower Church

Holy Hour – 3:30 p.m. – Chapel

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday, May 28th

5:00 p.m. – M. Colaiacovo and D. Odume

Sunday, May 29th

8:00 a.m. – D. Browne and T. Browne

9:30 a.m. – M. Barrett and J. Postighone

11:00 a.m. – M. Luby and N. Camacho

12:30 p.m. – F. Albano and S. Joyce

Saturday, June 4th

5:00 p.m. – D. Reidy and P. Tozzi

Sunday, June 5th

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8:00 a.m. – C. Elias and R. Peter

9:30 a.m. – S. Healy and N. Tierney

11:00 a.m. – D. Liberatore and S. Osso

12:30 p.m. – M. DiRosa and P. DiRosa



Memorial Day: This Monday is a holiday which was first observed in 1868 when it was officially designated as the day on which the graves of American soldiers would be decorated (which is why the day is also known as “Decoration Day”). The holiday was originally devoted to honoring the memory of those who fell in the Civil War, but is now also dedicated to the memory of all war dead. Let us pray for them and pray for peace on this special day.

Holiday Schedule: This Monday, May 30th, 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.

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.

S.J.B. ANNOUNCEMENTS

May 29, 2016



FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI: The origin of this feast (now celebrated as the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ) is traced to the special devotion to the Blessed Sacrament that developed during the twelfth century. At that time to combat certain ideas that had arisen about the Eucharist, special emphasis was placed on the real presence of Christ “whole and entire under the forms of bread and wine”. The celebration of the feast which began in France quickly spread until Pope Urban IV extended the feast to the entire church in 1264. It has remained part of the Church’s calendar and an integral part of Catholic devotion ever since. It is both fitting and proper for the Church to set aside a special day to honor our Blessed Lord in the Eucharist and to give thanks for this permanent memorial of His life-giving love for us.

Today’s first reading (Genesis 14:18-20) recounts the story of Melchizedek, the king of Salem, who brings an offering of bread and wine in the presence of Abraham. Christian tradition has always seen Melchizedek as a symbol of Christ who is also priest and King; and Melchizedek’s action has always interpreted as a foreshadowing of the Eucharist.

In our second reading (1Cor. 11:23-26) St. Paul records the earliest account of Our Lord’s institution of the Eucharist at the Lord’s last supper. The letter pre-dates all of the gospels.

Finally, in today’s Gospel (Luke 9:11-17) we have St. Luke’s account of the miracle of the loaves and the fish – a miracle with clear reference to the Eucharist where the Lord will feed all of God’s people with his own Body and Blood.

SPECIAL LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK

Tuesday, May 31st – The Visitation of Mary

Today, the Church remembers the visit the Virgin Mary paid to her cousin Elizabeth who was expecting a child – a boy who would grow up to be St. John the Baptist. The visit shows Mary’s concern and compassion – but it also marked the occasion when Elizabeth, inspired by the Holy Spirit, recognized Mary as the Mother of the Savior. Mary, inspired in a similar way, prayed the beautiful words of the “Magnificat” on that occasion.

Wednesday, June 1st – St. Justin

St. Justin, philosopher and martyr, was born of pagan parents in Syria at the beginning of the 2nd century. Following his conversion to the faith, he wrote many works in defense of religion. He also opened a school at Rome in which public debates were held. Justin was martyred along with several companions during the reign of Marcus Aurelius around the year 165.

Thursday, June 2nd – Sts. Marcellinus and Peter

There were many Christian martyrs during the terrible persecution of the Church during the reign of Roman Emperor Diocletian at the end of the 3rd and the beginning of the 4th centuries. Both of these men, leaders in the Christian community in Rome, were beheaded in 303 A.D.

Friday, June 3rd -- The Sacred Heart of Jesus



This feast, celebrated every year on the Friday after the Feast of Corpus Christi, has strong ties to the Passion of Christ which is also celebrated on a Friday. The heart is the traditional symbol for love, tenderness and care. Those same attributes are embodied in the ancient near eastern shepherd who knows his sheep and treats them with tenderness and care. Jesus is that shepherd willing to take the extravagant risk of leaving the 99 to find the one lost sheep. He brings this image to life in His death and resurrection, reconciling God’s people. As we journey through life, his tender compassion sustains us.

Saturday, June 4th – The Immaculate Heart of Mary

In 1996 this celebration was raised to the rank of an obligatory memorial. From its beginnings in the seventeenth century, this feast was closely linked to the feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.



Devotion to Mary under this title was strongly encouraged by Pope Pius XII (1939-1958). The conclusion of the Gospel today reminds us that Mary “kept all these things in memory”. Through the intercession of Mary, we too, are invited to examine our hearts that we may be purified of that which hinders our constant conversion to Christ.

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will say the following words:*

*Eternal Father, I offer You the Body
and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your
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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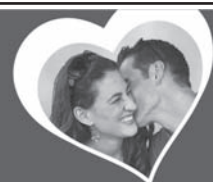
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Cardinal's Appeal Update: Usually around this time – at least for the past several years – we have happily announced that we have reached (and in most years, exceeded) our annual goal for the Cardinal's Appeal. This year, however, that is not the case. This year our goal for St. John's was the highest it has ever been: \$89,000! The goal was high – but in past years, we have received pledges and gifts totaling nearly that much, so we know the goal was not impossible. In fact, thus far, we have done very well – thanks to your generosity. We have pledges totaling a little over \$84,000. In any other year, that total would be a resounding success; but this year it leaves us \$5,000 short of our goal. It is also true that thus far only 375 of our parishioners have made pledges – and in past years well over 400 of our parishioners have participated. If you have given in the past – but have postponed your pledge this year, we encourage you to make your pledge this week! If you have never contributed to the Appeal, we encourage you to do so this week – just take one of the “envelopes” forms at the exits of the church, fill in your contact information and pledge amount, and drop the envelope in the regular collection basket. No need to place any money in that envelope, you will be contacted on how to fulfill your pledge. Remember: no gift is too small, if it is given with a generous spirit! God bless you for your sacrifice!

Sunday Report: Last weekend 1,369 parishioners attended Mass; our collection totaled \$9096.00; average contribution: \$6.64. 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 Angelo Manzo and Vincent Gabbamonte who were buried from our church this past week. Our prayers go out to their families and friends.

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!



First Friday: This Friday, June 3rd, is the first Friday of the month of June. Our first Friday devotions -- including a Holy Hour with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament – begin at 3:30 p.m. We thank Deacon Martin Olivieri who leads this beautiful devotion each month. We are blessed to have him with us!



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. 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.

Summer Recreation: The Yonkers Park and Recreation Department is excited to announce that the 2016 Spring and Summer Recreation Brochure is now online. To view their new brochure, please visit www.yonkersny.gov/parks. Registration schedule: Cam Rays, Camp Pride and Project Friendship registration is now open; Pre-K (including camp) and Youth and Adult Recreation programs (Zumba, Dance Exercise, Fitness and more) for Residents and Non-Residents. Aquatics begin Wednesday, May 25th at 7:00 p.m. If you have any questions, please call 914-377-6450.

Ordinations: This Saturday morning, May 28th, Cardinal Dolan ordained 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.



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. The first step is to call Sr. Mary Beth after June 1st at 965-2338 for information about the program and to make an appointment. If she is away from her desk, please leave a clear message with your name and phone number and she will get back to you as soon as possible. Please understand that naturally 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. We are happy for your interest and look forward to having you join us.



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 \$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.

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



Rosary Altar Society: We welcome all Rosarians to our year end monthly Mass next Sunday, June 5th at 11:00 a.m. Please feel free to process in and sit with us. We are having our R.A.S. Celebration/Thank you meeting on Monday, June 6th at 8:00 p.m. in the lower Church.