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Saturday Vigil:
5:00 p.m.

Sunday:
8:00, 9:30,
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
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Sacrament of Baptism
Every Sunday
after the 12:30 Mass



Saturday, July 2, 2016

Vigil: Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. For the Deceased Members of the Flynn and Brown Families

Sunday, July 3, 2016

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Mass for the Parishioners of St. John the Baptist

9:30 a.m. Kathleen Duke Santiago

11:00 a.m. Michalina and Dewey Bernardini and Manuel and Ascencion Almeida

12:30 p.m. Marie C. Young

Monday, July 4, 2016

Independence Day

8:00 a.m. Louis Falsetta, Jr.

Tuesday, July 5, 2016

Feast of St. Anthony Zaccaria, Priest; St. Elizabeth of Portugal

8:00 a.m. Lilly O'Donnell

9:00 a.m. Elizabeth O'Donnell

Wednesday, July 6, 2016

Feast of St. Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr

8:00 a.m. Ralph Acquafredda

9:00 a.m. Angelo Mastroddi

Thursday, July 7, 2016

8:00 a.m. James Alwaryd

9:00 a.m. Isabel McDonough

Friday, July 8, 2016

8:00 a.m. Paul Giumarelli, Sr.

9:00 a.m. Gavin Walsh and Martin O'Grady

Saturday, July 9, 2016

Feast of St. Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest and Companions, Martyrs

8:00 a.m. Joseph Gorman

Saturday, July 9, 2016

Vigil: Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. For the Deceased Members of the O'Connor and O'Sullivan Families

Sunday, July 10, 2016

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Mass for the Parishioners of St. John the Baptist

9:30 a.m. For the Deceased Members of the C. Parish and C. Swatowy Families

11:00 a.m. Lillian Maloney

12:30 p.m. Joseph and Sal Miceli

WEEKLY PARISH CALENDAR



Monday, July 4th

Rectory Office Closed

Tuesday, July 5th

9:00 a.m. Mass begins

Wednesday, July 6th

V.B.S. Staff Meeting – 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. – lower Church

Saturday, July 9th

V.B.S. Setup – 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. – lower Church

ALTAR SERVERS



Saturday, July 2nd

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

Sunday, July 3rd

8:00 a.m. – C. Elias and R. Rica

9:30 a.m. – J. Corcoran and R. Corcoran

11:00 a.m. – A. Kocovic, P. Tozzi and R. Tuffy

12:30 p.m. – M. Bello and D. Liberatore

Saturday, July 9th

5:00 p.m. – M. Colaiacovo and C. Komosinski

Sunday, July 10th

8:00 a.m. – M. Barrett and J. Velasquez

9:30 a.m. – S. Osso and J. Postighone

11:00 a.m. – W. Ferguson and S. Joyce

12:30 p.m. – M. DiRosa and P. DiRosa



Independence Day: The 4th of July holiday is an occasion for legitimate pride in our country and its achievements. It is a time of reflection – on the need to defend the freedoms which are so precious to us.

We should also set aside some time on this Independence Day to give thanks for the religious freedom we enjoy in this country. One very appropriate way to celebrate this freedom is to join with your fellow parishioners here at St. John's on July 4th at the 8:00 a.m. Mass. Let us pray that God will continue to bless this great land of ours.

July 4th Holiday Schedule: This official federal holiday marking Independence Day falls on Monday, July 4th; our rectory and school offices will be closed that day. We will have only **one** Mass on July 4th at 8:00 a.m., and the church and the chapel will be closed after that Mass.



S.J.B. ANNOUNCEMENTS

July 3, 2016

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: Our scriptures today are filled with symbolic language and symbolic experiences. The overriding symbol is that of peace; indeed, peace abounds today. The impression of peace is created throughout our first reading from the prophet Isaiah (Is. 66:10-14) where God's people are described as being cared for by Mother Jerusalem. In the second reading (Gal. 6:14-18) St. Paul speaks of peace and mercy as hallmarks of the followers of Jesus. And in the gospel (Luke 10:1-12, 17-29) we sense the wellbeing the disciples felt when they returned from their mission and told Jesus about the healings that had come at their hands. They experience the peace that comes from a mission accomplished. Peace of mind – peace of soul – are things everybody longs to have – no matter what one's age or social background. For Jesus, peace is an unfailing sign of the proximity of God. The disciples would be quick to realize it as they exchange peace with those whom they visit. It would appear as a hallmark of the harvesters who labor to bring about the new creation, the new Jerusalem. So important is this peace, that when it is not present, the disciples must look for another place. Sandals are to be shook as the fate of Sodom is called upon the inhospitable town. The way of peace is a two-lane avenue. Sometimes in order to achieve that peace, a new direction needs to be taken. That direction is the way of Jesus, the way of everlasting peace.

SPECIAL SAINTS' DAYS THIS WEEK

Tuesday, July 5th – St. Anthony Zaccaria and St. Elizabeth of Portugal

St. Anthony lived in the 16th century; born in Cremona (Italy), he studied at Padua, became a priest and founded a small society of priests that was devoted to the reform of people's morality. May the spirit of St. Anthony help our efforts to bring back values and moral standards to our permissive culture!

Born into a Spanish royal family in 1271, Elizabeth married the King of Portugal and raised two children. After her husband died, she devoted herself to the poor. She died in 1331.

Wednesday, July 6th - St. Maria Goretti

Today we honor a 20th century saint, Maria Goretti, the young Italian girl who died in 1902 at the age of 12 resisting a sexual assault. Maria was the daughter of a poor Italian tenant farmer; she had no chance to go to school, never learned to read and write. But in a century noted for sexual promiscuity, she became a model of purity and chastity.

At her canonization in 1950, Maria's attacker (who spent nearly 30 years in prison) knelt among the throngs gathered in St. Peter's Square and wept. On this day let us pray for our young people and – in a special way, for victims of rape and sexual abuse.

Saturday, July 9th – St. Augustine Zhao Rong and Companions

Newly included in the calendar of saints, Augustine Zhao Rong was a Chinese priest – who (along with 119 other priests, seminarians and catechists) was cruelly tortured and martyred by Chinese authorities who tried to stamp out Christianity in China in the early 19th century.



School Summer Project: We are off to a great start! In the very first week we have received gifts and donations totaling over \$25,000! That's more than a quarter of our goal in one week! Thank you! As Sister Maryalice made clear when she spoke at all our Masses two weekends ago, after more than 60 years of service, parts of our school are in serious need of repair and restoration. Most especially in need of replacement are our school windows; it is pointless to repair them anymore; they need to be replaced by modern, energy efficient windows. The gym ceiling is also in need of serious repair – and the cost of all this – about \$100,000!! – is well beyond our regular school and parish budgets. We are appealing to all St. John's families and S.J.B. school alumni to contribute to a special Summer Project School Fund. We are hoping for a contribution of at least \$100 from all of our parish families. In addition, for everyone who contributes \$1000, we will have a small plaque on one of our school windows with the name of the donor, the donor's family, or a loved one in whose memory the donor would like to create a memorial which will be cherished for generations to come. Letters have been sent out to everyone on our parish mailing list and this weekend envelopes are available for anyone not on our mailing list who might wish to participate. Our school is an important part of who we are as a parish. It is an expression of our commitment to future generations. The fact that our school is strong and highly regarded draws young families to our parish. Please pray for the success of this project!

A Prayer for Independence Day

God Our Father,

There is no greater joy than to experience the freedom from sin and death that has been won for us by the life, death, and resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ.

Today we live in a country where we are free to worship you.

For this we offer thankful praise.

On this Independence Day all Americans are reminded of those who have sacrificed for our freedom.

We pray this day that we will never take our freedom for granted.

May we always remember that our freedom was purchased at a very high price – our freedom cost others their very lives.

Lord, today, we ask you to bless those who have served our country and continue to give their lives so that America will remain free.

With favor and bounty meet their needs and watch over their families.

Help us to live our lives in a way that glorifies you.

Give us the strength to be a blessing in someone else's life today, and grant us the opportunity to lead others into the freedom that can be found in knowing Your Son.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen

Sunday Report: Last weekend 1,264 parishioners attended Mass; our collection totaled \$7,578.00; average contribution: \$5.99. Thank you for your continued financial support of St. John's and its many needs. Your generosity is essential and greatly appreciated.

Vacation Bible School Volunteer Staff: There will be a mandatory meeting for all V.B.S. Volunteer Staff members in the lower church on Wednesday, July 6th from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.



Vacation Bible School News: V.B.S. program begins next week on Monday through Thursday, July 11th to July 14th from 8:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and from 8:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Friday, July 15th. For safety reasons, **"No Sandals Allowed"**. All staff and students **must** wear either sneakers or closed toe shoes every day. Beverages and snacks will be provided. Registration is now closed no walk-ins allowed.



Religious Education Program: 2016-2017 Registration for new families has begun. In September classes will meet on Wednesdays, beginning on September 7th: Grades 1-5, 4:00-5:30 p.m.; Grades 6-8, 7:00-8:30 p.m. If you wish to register your child for September the first step is to call Sr. Mary Beth at 965-2338 to make an appointment. Please bring your S.J.B. envelope number and baptismal certificate for each child to be enrolled. If you are not already registered in the parish, a form will be available when you come. When Sr. Mary Beth is away during July, kindly call the office and leave a clear message with your name and phone number and when you would be available for an appointment. Sr. Mary Beth will return your call as soon as possible. Have a wonderful summer and we look forward to welcoming you into the Religious Education Program.



First Friday: There will be no First Friday Holy Hour for the months of July, August and September. We will resume in October.



Summer Mass Schedule: As we do every summer at St. John's, our daily Mass schedule (Monday – Friday) will be changed slightly. Instead of having Mass at 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon, our two daily Masses will be at 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. – starting this Tuesday, July 5th. This extends until Monday after Labor Day (September 9th).

Monthly Maintenance: This weekend we take up our regular "First Sunday of the Month" collection for the upkeep, maintenance, and cleaning of our beautiful church. We once again express our appreciation for your generosity.

Local "Festa": Our Lady of Mt. Carmel in White Plains (92 So. Lexington Ave.) will hold its annual "Festa Italiana" from Thursday to Sunday, July 7th – 10th from 6:00 p.m. to midnight each evening. The admission and entertainment are free.



41st Annual 4th of July Ceremony: On July 4th at 12:00 noon at Conor Park (corner of McLean and Central Park Avenues) hosted by St. Paul the Apostle's B.S.A. Troop 47. It will consist of the honorable retirement of the United States flag currently flying in the park, the raising of a new flag, the roll call of the fifty states, cannon salutes, patriotic music and presentations by dignitaries in attendance. Troop will also accept any retired flags for proper, honorable disposition. Refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the ceremony.



Welcome to St. John's: Registering in a parish is a declaration of your desire to be part of a Catholic community and a commitment to the life of the parish family. Being a registered parishioner makes things much easier when it is time for infant baptism, school registration, weddings, and when asked to be a baptismal or confirmation sponsor. We are often asked to provide affidavits for baptismal and confirmation sponsors. We can only do this if a person is a registered, active, and contributing member in our parish. Registration forms are available at the exits of the church and in the rectory.

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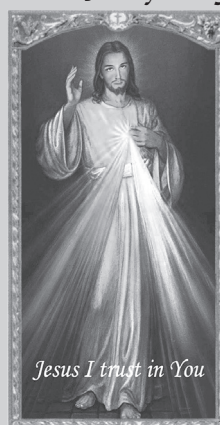
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dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus
Christ, in atonement for our sins and
those of the whole world.*

*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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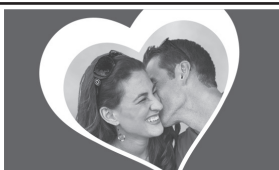
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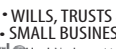
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