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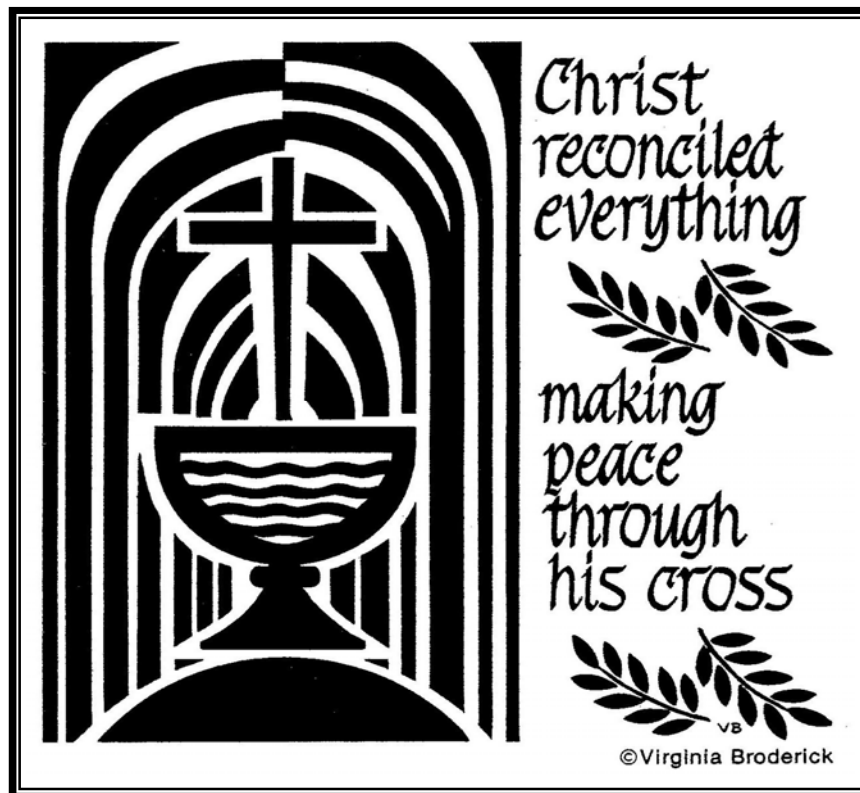
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*Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
*July 10, 2016*

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**Saturday Vigil:**  
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**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**  
Make arrangements six months  
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**Sacrament of Baptism**  
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after the 12:30 Mass



**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.** Josephine and Salvatore Miceli

**Monday, July 11, 2016**

**Feast of St. Benedict, Abbot**

**8:00 a.m.** Bernardo and Mary Germani  
**9:00 a.m.** John Nuccio, Sr.

**Tuesday, July 12, 2016**

**8:00 a.m.** Elonar Feeney  
**9:00 a.m.** Dorothy Barry

**Wednesday, July 13, 2016**

**Feast of St. Henry**

**8:00 a.m.** Antoinette and Louis Sardo  
**9:00 a.m.** Barbara Mallin

**Thursday, July 14, 2016**

**Feast of St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin**

**8:00 a.m.** Maria Iemma – 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary  
**9:00 a.m.** Elizabeth Salutare – 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary

**Friday, July 15, 2016**

**Feast of St. Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

**8:00 a.m.** Joseph Esposito – 6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
**9:00 a.m.** Carolyn Vavrica

**Saturday, July 16, 2016**

**Feast of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel**

**8:00 a.m.** Carmelite Sisters

**Saturday, July 16, 2016**

**Vigil: Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**5:00 p.m.** Salvatore Sbordone

**Sunday, July 17, 2016**

**Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**8:00 a.m.** For the Deceased Members of the  
McAvoy Family  
**9:30 a.m.** Mass for the Parishioners of  
St. John the Baptist  
**11:00 a.m.** For the Deceased Members of the  
Kozlowski and Naryniecki Families  
**12:30 p.m.** Madonna Guevara -- living



## **WEEKLY PARISH CALENDAR**

**Sunday, July 10<sup>th</sup>**

V.B.S. Setup – 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. – lower Church

**Monday, July 11<sup>th</sup>**

V.B.S. – 8:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. – lower Church

**Tuesday, July 12<sup>th</sup>**

V.B.S. – 8:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. – lower Church

**Wednesday, July 13<sup>th</sup>**

V.B.S. – 8:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. – lower Church

**Thursday, July 14<sup>th</sup>**

V.B.S. – 8:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. – lower Church

**Friday, July 15<sup>th</sup>**

V.B.S. – 8:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. – lower Church

## **ALTAR SERVERS**

**Saturday, July 9<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Sunday, July 10<sup>th</sup>**

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



**Saturday, July 16<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Sunday, July 10<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 a.m. – N. Crisp and C. Elias  
9:30 a.m. – M. Bello and R. Tuffy  
11:00 a.m. – J. Corcoran and R. Corcoran  
12:30 p.m. – C. Castaldi and E. McLaughlin



**Vacation Bible School News:** V.B.S. program begins this week on Monday to Thursday, July 11<sup>th</sup> to July 14<sup>th</sup> from 8:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and from 8:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. on Friday, July 15<sup>th</sup>. 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.



## **S.J.B. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**July 10, 2016**

**FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:** Computer technology and the world-wide “social media” give new meaning to the age-old question posed in today’s gospel: who is my neighbor? How is the familiar story of the Good Samaritan being played out in our local community in the light of information transmitted daily, even hourly, about the needs of our neighbors in our cities, states, nations, continents? In today’s scripture readings Christianity is defined and identified precisely by the dynamic practice of love for God and neighbor. We do not just give lip service to love, it must be in our hearts and be the source of our activity.

It would not be too difficult to place ourselves into today’s gospel story. Whether we are the priest or the Levite or even the Samaritan, the character study always strikes home. Jesus offers another consideration: how about identifying with the victim? How about taking on the helplessness of the beat-up victim and the necessity to be dependent on someone else? – even strangers, as Blanche Du Bois claimed in *A Streetcar Named Desire*, when she admitted that she “always had to depend on the kindness of strangers.” Whether she knew it or not, she had to be open to the mercy of others, however capricious that might be. Such an admission can be a religious experience. One admits that one is not alone.

To love God and our neighbor, to go the extra mile, to be open to wherever the call for kindness and mercy originates, to listen for that call – it all is summed up in the openness to God’s mercy, God’s work, and God’s law.

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### **SPECIAL SAINTS’ DAYS THIS WEEK**

#### **Monday, July 11<sup>th</sup> – St. Benedict**

This year the feast of St. Benedict has a special meaning because our retired Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI, has drawn attention to the tremendous significance of this man who lived in the 6<sup>th</sup> century and profoundly influenced Christian spirituality and vowed religious life ever afterwards. His monastic “Rule” became the basis for the constitutions of every religious order approved by the Church. His example of prayer, work and virtuous living remains a model for Christians whether religious, clerical or lay. He is considered a patron of Europe – and on this day, we pray especially for the man who, succeeding Peter as the Vicar of Christ, took Benedict’s name as his own.

#### **Wednesday, July 13<sup>th</sup> - St. Henry**

Henry II was born in Bavaria in 973 and was later elected Emperor. He worked tirelessly to assist the poor; he encouraged Church reform and missionary activity. He died in 1024. He is the patron saint of Finland.

#### **Thursday, July 14<sup>th</sup> – St. Kateri Tekakwitha**

Known as the “Lily of the Mohawks”, Kateri is certainly a powerful example of someone who welcomed God’s word into her heart and bore a harvest of holiness. Her perseverance in spite of obstacles, opposition and persecution is an inspiration to all of us. Kateri was canonized in 2012; she is the first native American saint.

#### **Friday, July 15<sup>th</sup> – St. Bonaventure**

Today we honor a 13<sup>th</sup> century Franciscan theologian and doctor of the Church who did so much to advance philosophy and theology within Catholicism. Because his life and thought were so filled with the joyous and gentle Franciscan spirit, he is often referred to as the “Seraphic Doctor”.

#### **Saturday, July 16<sup>th</sup> – Our Lady of Mt. Carmel**

This feast celebrates the day in 1251 when St. Simon Stock, the Superior of an order of hermits known as the Carmelites (because they were centered at Mount Carmel in Galilee), had a vision of the Mother of God in which she gave him a piece of clothing which came to be called a scapular. Perhaps we might celebrate this feast of Our Lady by saying all or part of her rosary.



**School Summer Project:** Since St. Maryalice spoke at all of our Masses three weeks ago, announcing a special appeal to help pay the cost of replacing our school windows and repairing our gym ceiling, the response has been very encouraging. Many people have returned envelopes that were included in the letter from Msgr. Maloney to everyone on our parish mailing list. In addition, copies of the letter have been made available in the church for people who are not on our mailing list. Our total goal for this school summer project is \$100,000 – which is well beyond our regular school and parish budgets – hence this special appeal. 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!

## PRAYER FOR RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

*Almighty God, Father of all nations,  
for freedom you have set us free in Christ Jesus.*

*We praise you and bless you for the gift of religious liberty,  
the foundation of human rights, justice, and the common good.*

*Grant to our leaders the wisdom to protect and promote our liberties;  
by your grace may we have the courage to defend them,  
for ourselves and for all those who live in this blessed land.*

*We ask this through the intercession of Mary Immaculate, our patroness,  
and in the name of your son, our Lord Jesus Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, with whom you live and reign,  
one God, for ever and ever. Amen*

**Sunday Report:** Last weekend 1,030 parishioners attended Mass; our collection totaled \$7592.00; average contribution: \$7.37. Thank you for your continued financial support of St. John's and its many needs. Your generosity is essential and greatly appreciated.



*In Loving Memory*

**Rest in Peace:** Let us pray for Carmella DeTommasso, Tarsem Chand and Ida Nancy DeLaurentis who were buried from our church this past week. Our prayers go out to their families and friends.



**The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (popularly known as "RCIA")** is the process designed by the Church for adults to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion. The goals are to give a complete overview of Catholic teaching and practice and to begin to deepen a Christian spiritual life centered in the Sunday Scripture readings. The sacraments are received at the Easter Vigil Mass. **It is open to adults who:**

- Have never been baptized; they would be preparing for all three sacraments.
- Were baptized in a non-Catholic Christian denomination who are interested in becoming Catholic; they would be preparing for Confirmation and First Communion.
- Were baptized Catholic but never received Confirmation and/or Communion; they would be preparing for the sacraments they have not yet received.

The 2015-2016 program at St. John's which prepares adults (and older adolescents) to receive sacraments will begin in October. However, if you (or anyone you know) is interested in learning more about our program, please leave your name at the rectory 963-1486.



**Religious Education Program:** 2016-2017 Registration for new families has begun. In September classes will meet on Wednesdays, beginning on September 7<sup>th</sup>. 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. Sr. Mary Beth will return your call as soon as possible.



Welcome to our CHURCH

**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.



**Summer Mass Schedule:** As we do every summer at St. John's, our daily Mass schedule (Monday – Friday) has been changed slightly. Instead of having Mass at 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon, our two daily Masses are at 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. This extends until Monday after Labor Day (September 12<sup>th</sup>).



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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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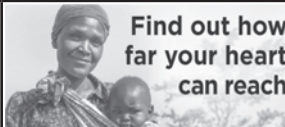
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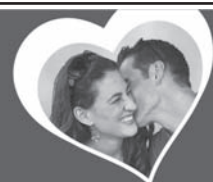
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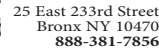
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