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Saturday: 8:00 a.m.

Sacrament of Penance Saturday: 4:00 - 4:45 p.m.

Marriage Make arrangements six months prior to wedding

Sacrament of

Sacrament of
Baptism
Every Sunday
after the 12:30 Mass



Saturday, August 20, 2016 Vigil: Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time 5:00 p.m. Joseph and Maria Carmela Federico

Sunday, August 21, 2016
Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. Arthur DiFabio – Birthday
9:30 a.m. George and Rose Milder
11:00 a.m. Mass for the Parishioners of
St. John the Baptist
12:30 p.m. Elsa Callahan

Monday, August 22, 2016
Feast of The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary 8:00 a.m. Mary Ann Davis
9:00 a.m. Maria Carmela Federico – 3rd
Anniversary

Tuesday, August 23, 2016
Feast of St. Rose of Lima, virgin
8:00 a.m. Thomas Cesta
9:00 a.m. Walter Grochowski

Wednesday, August 24, 2016 Feast of St. Bartholomew, Apostle 8:00 a.m. Sean Kerins 9:00 a.m. John Lordan

Thursday, August 25, 2016
Feast of St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest 8:00 a.m. Rory O'Flaherty 9:00 a.m. Patricia Sullivan

Friday, August 26, 2016 8:00 a.m. David Almeida – 1st Anniversary 9:00 a.m. Girardina DiPaola

> Saturday, August 27, 2016 Feast of St. Monica 8:00 a.m. Peter Maynich

Saturday, August 27, 2016
Vigil: Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00 p.m. Frank and Rose Mazzanti
Sunday, August 28, 2016
Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. Edward C. Swatowey
9:30 a.m. Christine and Angelo DeFonce
11:00 a.m. The Cooney Family and Neil
O'Riordan

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



III. David Terhune and Clare Galterio
II. Jeffrey Grasson and Diana Squillante
II. Paul Morgan and Donika Troshani

<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>

Saturday, August 20th

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

Sunday, August 21st 8:00 a.m. – D. Odume 9:30 a.m. – N. Crisp and J. Postighone

11:00 a.m. – S. Joyce and N. Leo 12:30 p.m. – M. Barrett and E. McLaughlin

Saturday, August 27th

5:00 p.m. – M. Bello and C. Castaldi

Sunday, August 28th

8:00 a.m. – R. Peter and R. Peter 9:30 a.m. – W. Ferguson and R. Tuffy 11:00 a.m. – P. Tozzi 12:30 p.m. – S. Osso

Being and Becoming Catholic: Do you know someone who:

- Has not been baptized and would like to be baptized in the Catholic Faith;
- Has been baptized in a Christian denomination and would like to become a Catholic;
- Has been baptized Catholic but has not received the sacraments of Confirmation and/or First Communion.

RCIA

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. <u>It is open to adults who:</u>

- 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 2016-2017 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.



<u>TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</u>: The opening passage from Isaiah for this Sunday (Is. 66:18-21) speaks in a clear declarative sentence about who God calls into his glory: "I come to gather nations of every language." That is to say, e-v-e-r-y, not just some or most, but every! The United States is not included directly in the listing, which has some of the most exotic names in Scripture, but perhaps we fall into the category of the "distant coastlands." And to make the point of worthiness even clearer, some are to be priests and Levites. The establishment has been expanded. Talk about pluralism and diversity!

In today's gospel (Lk. 13:22-30) Jesus names those distant coastlands: "People will come from the east and the west, from the north and the south." There is not much left in that geographical scheme. Then there is the business of the first becoming last and the last becoming first. There is no exclusion of the powerless in the messianic kingdom. Divine hospitality welcomes all.

At the time St. Luke was writing his gospel, the Church was facing a great challenge: larger and larger numbers of Gentiles were responding to the gospel and seeking to join a Christian community that had been almost exclusively Jewish. Not surprisingly this led to some tensions. Jesus had once said the entrance to the Kingdom was only through a "narrow door". The author of the Letter to the Hebrews in today's second reading (Heb. 12:5-13) reaffirms that when he writes: "So, strengthen your drooping hands and your week knees. Make straight the paths you walk on, that your halting limbs may not be dislocated but healed." Even though the door was narrow, the entrance line swelled with Gentiles and Jews. Once entrance is gained, no one could recognize anyone else's native origin because those origins would have disappeared.

<u>SPECIAL SAINTS' DAYS THIS WEEK</u> <u>Monday, August 22nd – Queenship of Mary</u>

This is the octave day of Our Lady's Assumption – the day prescribed by the Church for the celebration of Mary as Queen of Heaven and Earth. This feast (long celebrated in many parts of the world) was extended to the Universal Church by Pope Pius XII during the Marian Year in 1954. We venerate Mary as queen for 2 reasons: because of her unique part in redemption and because she is the first among the saints. Pius XII said of her, "Like her Son before her, she conquered death and was raised body and soul into heaven, where as queen, she sits in splendor at the right hand of her Son."

Tuesday, August 23rd - St. Rose of Lima

The first canonized saint of the Americas, Rose was born in Lima, Peru in 1586; she lived a life of prayer, penance and virtue, caring selflessly for the homeless, the poor, the elderly and the sick. She died in 1617.

Wednesday, August 24th - St. Bartholomew

Tradition tells us that Bartholomew preached the Gospel in Arabia and gave his life for the message of Christ. From his life and that of the other apostles, we learn lessons of unwavering zeal and commitment to Christ and His teaching. They demonstrated the kind of discipleship "that keeps on going". Pray today from the reading from Revelation in thankful praise for the life of Bartholomew, the apostles, and for those martyrs of today who preach the message of justice and peace in the midst of discord and strife.

Thursday, August 25th – St. Louis

Born in 1214, Louis became king of France at age 22; as Louis IX he provided a model of what a good, just, honest and honorable leader can be. He was a faithful husband, a loving father and a man of deep spirituality.

Saturday, August 27th - St. Monica

Although married to a pagan, Monica was convinced that Jesus Christ and the Christian faith was the way to salvation. Her prayers and faith in the saving power of God eventually had the power to renew in faith her son, St. Augustine, truly one of the greatest teachers in the history of the Church.



<u>Sunday Report:</u> Last weekend 1205 parishioners attended Mass; our collection totaled \$7,085.; average contribution: \$5.88. 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 Thomas Rodriguez, Mary Patricia Schneider, Eleanor G. Stivaletti and Ada Placidi who were buried from our church this past week. Our prayers go out to their family and friends.

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.

School Summer Project: We are very grateful to all those parishioners who have responded so generously to the request Sr. Maryalice made in June to make a sacrifice for our 2016 Summer Project: to raise \$100,000 so we can repair our gym ceiling and replace our (aging) school windows with new energy-efficient ones. We are very encouraged by our progress so far, in fact, as this bulletin in being prepared, we have received a little over \$90,000—thanks to all who have contributed so far! By the time this bulletin is distributed the work on our gym ceiling should be completed. The materials for the windows have been ordered — but work will not begin until the fall when we hope we will have reached our goal. Information about how to help may be found in envelopes at the exits of the church or by calling the rectory.

Registration for new families has begun. In September classes will meet 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 the summer, 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.

Religious Education Program: 2016-2017



Back to School: St. John the Baptist School welcomes its wonderful students (PK – 8th) in their school uniforms according to the following schedule: Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, September 7th, 8th and 9th from 8:30

to 11:30 a.m. On Monday, September 12th, all classes begin full days.



St. John's Senior Club: With the arrival of September, the Senior Club resumes its calendar. Our Wednesday meetings begin September 7th in the lower Church; and our fall

plans include many special events. On October 7th, we will have our first of the season's "First Friday" Mass, followed by a lunch (Chinese -- \$6.00) in the lower Church. All are welcome. Thursday, October 13th features the production of "Squabbles" a comedy, at the Hunterdon Hills Playhouse. The cost is \$70.00 per person and includes a delicious luncheon and transportation. Tuesday, November 1st, is a Glen Miller performance at the Westchester Broadway Theatre. On Friday, November 4th is our First Friday Mass. The weekend of November 12th and 13th is our annual Bake Sale and our famous Gift Basket raffles, handmade knitted items and a 50/50 raffle drawing in the lower Church. On December 2nd will be our First Friday Mass followed by a Christmas luncheon catered by Nick's Homefield Deli before we break for Christmas. Come to our Wednesday meetings and enjoy good company, Bingo and good times. For more information call Deacon Olivieri at 423-4859.



Holy Name Society Scholarship Golf Tournament: The H.N.S. will be holding their annual Scholarship Golf Tournament at Sprain

Lake Golf Course on Friday, September 30th. Tee times start at 10:00 a.m. This tournament funds two scholarships that are given annually to graduating 8th graders from St. John's. The price per golfer is \$160.00. This includes the round of golf, breakfast, lunch, cocktail hour, dinner, greens and cart fees. Reservations and payment must be made by September 21st and are on a first come basis. Become a sponsor by making a donation to the Holy Name Society Scholarship Fund. For more information, please call Vinny Vanadia at 646-721-0700 or vinny316@aol.com.



Advanced Planning: Two weeks from this Monday is Labor Day (September 2nd), a national holiday and a time to celebrate the efforts of millions of men and women who

contribute to our free economy and make our country great. Please note: Our parish office will be closed on Labor Day. The church will be open for our 8:00 a.m. Mass; after the 8:00 a.m. Mass, the church and chapel will be closed.

Welcome Missionary: This week we welcome a respresentative of The Society of the Propagation of the "Missionary which supports (through the Cooperative") a number of Catholic organizations who work – both here in the United States and abroad – to bring the good news of Jesus Christ to people who are seeking God and His Word of truth. This year the respresentative is Fr. Romane St. Vil, a missionary from The Maryknoll Community. Maryknoll founded more than 100 years agois comprised of Religious men and women, laymen and laywomen and priests who serve the Church's Missions especially among the poor in places where the church is unknown or in great need. Although Fr. Vil will speak about his own work, his cause is the entire missionary effort of the Church which – through The Society of the Propagation – has extended Christ's love and mercy throughout the world for nearly 200 years. Please be generous as possible in responding to Our Lord's call to each of us to take part in His mission to all people during this week's special second collection.



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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.

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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 IMPRIMATUR: November 17, 1979 + Joseph F. Maguire Bishop of Springfield, Mass

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