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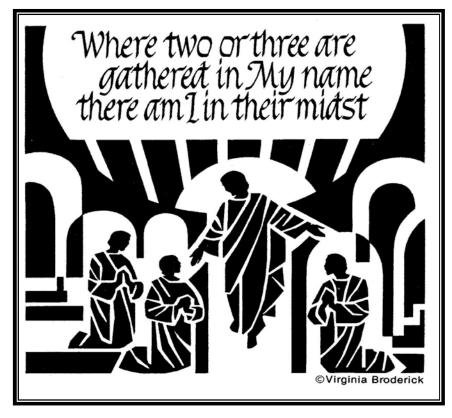
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5:00 p.m.

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Monday thru Friday: 8:00 a.m. & 9:00 a.m.

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



Saturday, September 3, 2016

Vigil: Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time 5:00 p.m. Nora Costello and Elsie Drayer

Sunday, September 4, 2016

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Mass for the Parishioners of

St. John the Baptist

9:30 a.m. George and Rose Milder

11:00 a.m. For the Deceased Members of the

Joyce, Holland and Horne Families

12:30 p.m. Dora and John Gervino

Monday, September 5, 2016

Feast of Bl. Theresa of Calcutta, Religious

Labor Day

8:00 a.m. John Nuccio, Sr.

Tuesday, September 6, 2016

8:00 a.m. Emil Bruno

9:00 a.m. Antonio DelPeschio

Wednesday, September 7, 2016

8:00 a.m. Rui Fontes 9:00 a.m. Maria Miranda

Thursday, September 8, 2016

Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 a.m. Rose Presta 9:00 a.m. Angelo Manzo

Friday, September 9, 2016 Feast of St. Peter Claver, Priest

8:00 a.m. Joseph Esposito -- Birthday

9:00 a.m. Cosimo, Vincenza and Providenza

Savona

Saturday, September 10, 2016

8:00 a.m. Roy McLaughlin – 1st Anniversary

Saturday, September 10, 2016

Vigil: Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time 5:00 p.m. Ludwig Kuznicki and Family

Sunday, September 11, 2016

Twenty-fourthSunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Margaret and John Vaughan

9:30 a.m. Mass for the Parishioners of

St. John the Baptist

11:00 a.m. John and Helen McAvov

12:30 p.m. Michael, Frances and Nicholas

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WEEKLY PARISH CALENDAR

Monday, September 5th Rectory Office Closed

Wednesday, September 7th

Pre K thru 8th Grade – 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. – School Senior Club – following 12:00 noon Mass – lower Church

R.E. Grades 1^{st} through 5^{th} -- 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. - School R.E. Grades 6^{th} through 8^{th} -- 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. - School

Thursday, September 8th

Pre K thru 8th Grade – 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. – School

Friday, September 9th

Pre K thru 8th Grade – 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. – School

<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>

Saturday, September 3rd

5:00 p.m. - M. Colaiacovo and D. Vanadia

Sunday, September 4th

8:00 a.m. – C. Elias and C. Komosinski 9:30 a.m. – J. Corcoran and R. Corcoran 11:00 a.m. – R. Peter and R. Peter 12:30 p.m. – D. Liberatore and R. Rica

Saturday, September 10th

5:00 p.m. – M. Barrett and P. Tozzi

Sunday, September 11th

8:00 a.m. – R. Peter and R. Peter 9:30 a.m. – A. Burke and K. Burke 11:00 a.m. – C. Castaldi and N. DeMatteo 12:30 p.m. – F. Albano and J. Velasquez



Labor Day: This Monday, (September 5th), is Labor Day -- 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. In his encyclical "On Human Work", out late Holy Father, Pope (now Saint) John Paul II, emphasized the reality that labor's value does not lie in the work itself, but in the person who does the work. Through work people express themselves, fulfill their needs and contribute to the well-being of the community. Let us keep those men and women in our prayers – especially those who struggled to build this country and now rest from their labors. 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.



TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: Today's readings, offer a powerful challenge to a culture that often equates the good life with consumerism and selfish pleasure.

In our first reading (Is. 35-4-7) the prophet Isaiah has the task of reassuring the survivors of the Babylonian Exile. His message is entirely one of comfort and compassion: "Be strong, fear not! Here is your God." The signs of God's presence, however, have not changed: "The eyes of the blind will be opened, the ears of the deaf will be cleared, the lame will walk and the dumb will sing."

In our second reading (Jas. 2:1-5) St. James insists on the practical application of Jesus' command of universal love. Among Christians there must be no favoritism. Everyone is a beloved child of God, made in His image and likeness.

Finally, in today's gospel too (Mk. 7:31-37) we see the connection between faith and Our Lord's healing of the body as a sign of an even greater miracle: the conversion of the human heart.

SPECIAL SAINTS' DAYS THIS WEEK

Thursday, September 8th

Although we do not know the precise date of Mary's birth, Christians have celebrated it on this day since the seventh century. This is one of the three birthdays celebrated in the Christian calendar (the other two are the birth of St. John the Baptist on June 24th and the birth of Our Lord on Christmas day). All three birthdays are celebrated because they are such important dates in the history of salvation.

<u>Friday, September 9th – St. Peter Claver</u>
Born in Spain in 1580, St. Peter became a Jesuit and volunteered to do missionary work. He spent his years of priesthood ministering to black slaves in Columbia, South America. He vowed to become "a slave among slaves". He died in 1654 and is the patron saint of Columbia.



Advanced Planning: This December, Msgr. Maloney will celebrate his 50th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood. Msgr. Maloney was ordained in St. Peter's Basilica in Rome on December 17, 1966. On Sunday, December 18th, Msgr. will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving at St. John's at 11:00 a.m. and a reception for our parishioners with light refreshments will follow in the lower church. In addition, the Holy Name and Rosary Altar Societies are planning a Golden

Anniversary Celebration Dinner for the parish on Saturday, November 26th. Details about the dinner will be forthcoming in a few weeks.

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, because we are very close to

reaching our goal -- 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.

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Sunday Report: Last weekend 1,176 parishioners attended Mass; our collection totaled \$7,409.00; average contribution: \$6.30. 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 Ciaramello and Michael Stivaletti who were buried from our church this past week. Our prayers go out to their families and friends.

Senior

St. John's Senior Club: With the arrival of September, the Senior Club resumes its calendar. Our Wednesday meetings begin this Wednesday,

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.

<u>H.S. Open House</u>: Regis High School (55E. 84th St., Manhattan), an all-scholarship Jesuit secondary school for Catholic boys, announces its Open House for 8th grade boys and their parents, on Wednesday, October 5th from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. For additional information call 212-288-1100.

Back to School: St. John the Baptist School welcomes its wonderful students $(PK-8^{th})$ in their school uniforms according to the following schedule: Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, September 7^{th} , 8^{th} and 9^{th} from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. On Monday, September 12^{th} , all classes begin full days.

Religious Education Program: We welcome our children for the 2016 - 2017 Religious Education Program on Wednesday, September 7th: Grades 1-5, 4:00-5:30 p.m. and Grades 6-8, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

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.

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- 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.

Adult Bingo: The Rosary Altar Society is planning an evening for adult (i.e. 18 years and older) Bingo on Friday, October 21st at 8:00 p.m. More details will follow. Please save the date!

<u>Monthly Maintenance</u>: Since this Sunday is the first Sunday of the month of September, we will take up our regular "First Sunday of the Month" second collection after Communion this week. This collection helps with the upkeep, maintenance, and cleaning of our beautiful church. Please be generous.

<u>Gala Fundraiser</u>: The Maryknoll Sisters are holding a fundraising gala "United Through Mission" to support the Sisters' Global Mission Outreach. The event will be held on Friday, October 14th, at 6:00 p.m. in the Delegates Dining Room at the United Nations Headquarters in New York City. To purchase event tickets, advertise in our Gala Journal, view sponsorship opportunities, purchase raffles, or explore our silent auction items visit our website www.maryknollsisters.org/gala16 or call 1-866-662-9900.

<u>Mission Sunday</u>: Next Sunday, September 11th is Mission Sunday – the day we are invited to pray for missionaries and to support by our contributions the tremendous work being done all over the world by priests, religious, and lay people who are part of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. They have dedicated their lives to serving the poorest of God's people. We will take up a special collection next week after communion to assist their efforts. Please be generous.

Marriage Preparation: Quite often, couples who plan to marry do not realize that the Church requires (at least) a six month period of preparation to insure

the dignity of the lifetime commitment that is the Sacrament of Matrimony. Remember, or remind couples who plan to marry in a Catholic ceremony, that parties should contact a priest in their parish well in advance of the date on which they wish to marry. Anyone in our parish community who is contemplating marriage should contact the rectory a.s.a.p.



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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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