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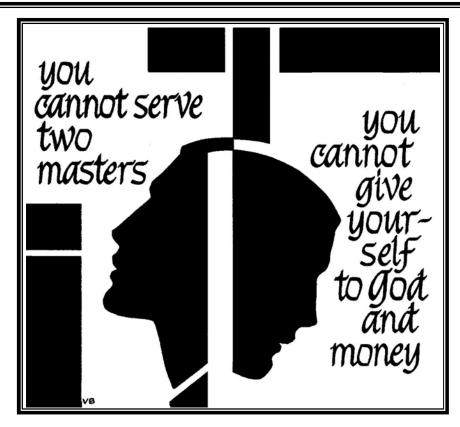
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Saturday, September 17, 2016

Vigil: Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. Michael, Mary, Katie and Martin-Joe

Sunday, September 18, 2016

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. John Kenny 9:30 a.m. **Anthony Esposito**

11:00 a.m. Mass for the Parishioners of

St. John the Baptist

12:30 p.m. Conte Family, Daniel Fama,

Robert Brescia and Edward Makowski

Monday, September 19, 2016

Feast of St. Januarius, Bishop and Martyr

8:00 a.m. Rory O'Flaherty Eddie Meyer – 2nd Anniversary 12:00 noon

Tuesday, September 20, 2016

Feast of Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest and Paul Chong

Ha-sang and Companions, Martyrs

Stella Foley 8:00 a.m.

12:00 noon Anna Colicci, Angelina Massari and

Spencer Peroni

Wednesday, September 21, 2016

Feast of St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

8:00 a.m. Damiano, Sarafina and Franco Zito

12:00 noon **Phyllis and Vincent Cardone**

Thursday, September 22, 2016

8:00 a.m. Walter Naryniecki

Fred Cipollone – 2nd Anniversary 12:00 noon

Friday, September 23, 2016

Feast of St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

8:00 a.m. Sabina Eves

12:00 noon **Delia and Joseph Potter**

Saturday, September 24, 2016

8:00 a.m. **Thomas Heverin**

Saturday, September 24, 2016

Vigil: Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Vincent and Millie Rao and 5:00 p.m.

Angelo Alberti

Sunday, September 25, 2016

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

St. John the Baptist

9:30 a.m. Sabino Morano

11:00 a.m. Sr. Gabriel Gunacamy, H.I.J. Joan and Salvatore Razza -12:30 p.m. 50th Anniversary – Living



II. Robert Bergman and Sabrina DiPaola I. Daniel Camporale and Daniella Pires I. Michael Aiezza and Brienne Credendino I. Nicholas Torchia and Michelle Allen

WEEKLY PARISH CALENDAR

Saturday, September 17th

Knights of Columbus Raffles – after Mass – Exits of the Church

Sunday, September 18th

Catechetical Sunday – 9:30 a.m. Mass – Church Reception – following Mass – lower Church Knights of Columbus Raffles – after all Masses – Exits of the Church

Wednesday, September 21st

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

Friday, September 23rd

6th Grade Girl Scouts – 2:30 p.m. – lower Church Pack Night – 6:00 p.m. -- lower Church

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday, September 17th

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

Sunday, September 18th

8:00 a.m. – D. Browne and T. Browne 9:30 a.m. – E. McLaughlin and D. Vanadia 11:00 a.m. – N. Camacho and K. McGarvey 12:30 p.m. – S. Joyce and N. Leo

Saturday, September 24th

5:00 p.m. – M. Bello and W. Ferguson

Sunday, September 25th

8:00 a.m. – M. Loughran and J. Postighone 9:30 a.m. – B. Collins and R. Murphy 11:00 a.m. – M. Luby and C. Maher 12:30 p.m. – N. Conlon and R. Duffy



<u>TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</u>: Today's readings focus on the demands of the covenant God made with His chosen people (now, the Church). The God of Christians and Jews is a God who demands justice, who insists on human dignity and freedom. Believing in the one true God involves the acceptance of His agenda.

Sadly the words of the prophet Amos in today's first reading (Amos 8:4-7), spoken nearly 3,000 years ago, still apply to our world. Wealth is often achieved by greet and exploitation, the poor are still victimized by bureaucrats and power-brokers; some leaders still believe the only thing that's wrong is getting caught.

All around him Amos saw a society so bent on wealth that it ignored true worship of God. Disaster could not be averted because the ethical value of the covenant had been abandoned. As we begin the third Christian millennium, we must listen to Amos and heed his warning.

Paul's words to Timothy in our second reading (1Tm. 2:1-8) remind us that our weekly prayers should involve all the levels of the Christian community, including the global needs of the Church

In today's gospel (Lk. 16:1-13) Jesus says much the same thing as Amos. Wealth itself is not the problem, but the methods used to obtain wealth and the attitude of selfishness it can engender can be problematic. Jesus advises us to bring as much energy and creativity to our living out the covenant as we do our material success in life.

SPECIAL SAINTS' DAYS THIS WEEK

Monday, September 19th – St. Januarius

A martyr in the fourth-century Naples, San Gennaro is mostly noted for the annual phenomenon of the liquefaction of his blood. Whatever the mystical or scientific explanation of this, the worshiping throngs in Naples' cathedral today can remind us of the centrality of blood in our ecclesial life. Appreciation of this core symbol can perhaps deepen and broaden our participation in the Eucharist.

Tuesday, September 20th - St. Andrew Kim and Companions

In the middle of the 19th century, Andrew, born in Seoul Korea, a convert and the first native Korean priest, and over a hundred other men and women evangelized the people of Korea and were martyred for their heroic witness.

Wednesday, September 21st - St. Matthew

This Jewish man – a despised tax collector who worked for the occupying Romans, was called by Jesus to be one of the first apostles. He is the one credited with the gospel that appears first in the New Testament; His gospel indicates the way Jesus fulfilled the promises God made to the Jewish people as recorded in the Old Testament.

Friday, September 23rd – St. Padre Pio

This Capuchin priest born in Italy in 1887, spent fifty years of his life in a monastery far from the capitols of the world, where he worked, prayed, was a spiritual mentor to thousands and inspired millions by the courage with which he bore the "stigmata" – the sign of the Lord's wounds – in his own body.

School Summer Project: It was just a little over two months ago when Sr. Maryalice spoke at all our Masses about the need to repair the ceiling of our school gym and to replace our school windows with new, energy-efficient windows. That was the start of the 2016 Summer Project Campaign – to raise \$100,000 to cover the cost of this work. Your response has been most generous – and, as this bulletin is being prepared,

we are very close to the goal we set last June. The work on the gym ceiling has been completed; the work on the windows will not begin until later in the fall. In the next few weeks we plan to conclude the fund-raising part of this project – but for now, we invite parishioners who have not as yet made a contribution (and who wish to do so) to take one of the envelopes marked "Summer Project" which can be found at the exits of the church (or in the rectory). Those envelopes contain letters explaining how you can make your contribution; also enclosed is a return card and envelope. We are hoping that many more parishioners will help during this final stage of our project because – no surprise!! – it turns out the work involved will cost a few thousand dollars more than originally estimated! We are very grateful to everyone who has helped make this Summer Project such a success.



Sunday Report: Last weekend 1,337 parishioners attended Mass; our collection totaled \$9258.00; average contribution: \$6.93. Thank you for your continued financial support of St. John's and its

Your generosity is essential and greatly many needs. appreciated.

Employment Help: A free 6 week Employment Networking Support Group, for anyone who recently lost a job or is returning to the workforce, will be sponsored by The RDC Center for Counseling and Human Development beginning on September 19th. This program will be offered at the White Plains Education & Training Center, 303 Quarropas St., White Plains. For more information or to register call Pat Sheridan, LCSW, 798-1103

St. John's Senior Club: With the arrival of September, the Senior Club has resumed its calendar. Our Wednesday meetings after the noon Mass in the lower Church have begun; our fall plans are taking shape. On October 7th, we will have our first of the season's "First Friday" Masses, followed by a lunch (Chinese -- \$6.00) in the lower Church. 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. There is a lot more to come in November and December. New members are always welcome—just come to our next Wednesday meeting and you'll be glad you did! You'll enjoy good company, Bingo, and an opportunity to socialize with old friends and meet some new ones! For more information call Deacon Olivieri at 423-4859.



HolyNameSocietyScholarshipGolfTournament: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.



H.S. Open House: 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.

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. 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!

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.



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Knights of Columbus: The Knights of Columbus will be selling raffles at the exits of the church, after all Masses this weekend.

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.



Catechetical Sunday: This Sunday at the 9:30 a.m. Mass we will recognize and bless our catechists and support staff serving in the Wednesday Religious Education program, Children's Liturgy of the Word Mass and R.C.I.A. for 2016-2017. Refreshments will follow in the Church Hall. We are very grateful to

these generous volunteers!



Special Mass: A Mass for Healing will be celebrated at Holy Rosary Church, Hawthorne, NY on Monday, September 19th at 7:30 p.m. Fr. Patrick Special Mass Gachagi will be celebrant. This is an opportunity to bring your spiritual and physical needs to the Lord.

Important Film: On September 23rd at 7:30 p.m. at the St. Barnabas H.S. chapel on (McLean Ave and 241st St.), the Barnabas Respect Life Committee will present a provocative documentary profiling the medical facts surrounding contraceptives and abortion will be shown. We suggest ages 18 and up to watch this film entitled HUSH. Light refreshments will be served. All are welcome.



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