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Every Sunday
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Saturday, September 24, 2016

Vigil: Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time 5:00 p.m. Vincent and Millie Rao and

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. 12:30 p.m. Joan and Salvatore Razza –

50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary -- Living

Monday, September 26, 2016

Feast of Sts. Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs

8:00 a.m. John Lawler – Birthday -- Living

12:00 noon Constance Foti

Tuesday, September 27, 2016 Feast of St. Vincent de Paul, Priest

8:00 a.m. For the Deceased Members of the

O'Malley Family

12:00 noon Patricia Sullivan

Wednesday, September 28, 2016

Feast of St. Wenceslaus, Martyr; St. Lawrence Ruiz and

Companions, Martyrs

8:00 a.m. Rory O'Flaherty 12:00 noon James Jarloth Mullin

Thursday, September 29, 2016

Feast of St. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels

8:00 a.m. Falco and Ada DiBiase

12:00 noon Josephine and Salvatore Miceli

Friday, September 30, 2016

Feast of St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church

8:00 a.m. Thomas Heverin

12:00 noon For the Deceased Members of the Carr,

**Delaney, Meehan and Moshier Families** 

Saturday, October 1, 2016

Feast of St. Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of

the Church

8:00 a.m. Gemma Rizzi

Saturday, October 1, 2016

Vigil: Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time 5:00 p.m. Giuseppe and Egidia Di Mauro

Sunday, October 2, 2016

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

St. John the Baptist

9:30 a.m. Giuseppe and Maria Coccoli

11:00 a.m. R.A.S./H.N.S. Mass –

James Jarloth Mullin

12:30 p.m. Luigi and Maria Milizia



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

### **WEEKLY PARISH CALENDAR**

Wednesday, September 28<sup>th</sup>
Senior Club – following 12:00 noon Mass – lower
Church

*Friday, September 30<sup>th</sup>* H.N.S. Golf Tournament

### **ALTAR SERVERS**

<u>Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup></u> 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

### Saturday, October 1st

5:00 p.m. – M. Colaiacovo and D. Odume

### Sunday, September 25th

8:00 a.m. – C. Komosinski and R. Rica 9:30 a.m. – J. Corcoran and R. Corcoran 11:00 a.m. – D. Liberatore and S. Osso 12:30 p.m. – G. Boynes and A. Kocovic

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 ON Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. However, if you (or anyone you know) is interested in learning more about our program, please contact Sr. Mary Beth on 914-965-2338.



TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: Today's readings from Sacred Scripture are even more emphatic than last week's about the connection between true worship and the works of justice. It is not enough to say we believe in God, we must demonstrate that belief in our everyday lives.

In today's first reading (Amos 6:1-7) the Old Testament prophet, Amos, insisted on the treatment of the poor as the criterion of a just society. Vatican II called work for justice an important part of the Church's identity. We cannot turn a deaf ear to the cries of the poor and continue to call ourselves Christians. We cannot stand by complacently, "stretched comfortably" on our couches, while people's basic needs go unmet. As long as there are people who are denied food or shelter, unclothed or exploited, the Kingdom of God is being held back.

In today's gospel (Lk. 16:19-31) Luke's story of the rich man and Lazarus echoes this theme. The rich man's sin was the refusal to attend to Lazarus' needs. If Lazarus was "at his gate," the rich man must have passed him on a regular basis, yet he never used his wealth to alleviate the beggar's sufferings. That was the real sin and that is why God does not grant the request that Lazarus be sent to warn the man's brothers. God insists that Moses and the prophets are warning enough. Christians have Jesus who has indeed been raised from the dead, in addition to Moses and the prophets. Is this enough for us?

### SPECIAL SAINTS' DAYS THIS WEEK

 $\underline{\textit{Monday}}$ ,  $\underline{\textit{September 26}^{th}}$  –  $\underline{\textit{St. Cosmos and Damian}}$  These two brothers lived at the end of the  $3^{rd}$  century. They both became physicians who worked with the Church in Syria to take care of the sick poor – whom they served without charge. They are patrons of doctors, surgeons, and pharmacists.

 $\underline{\textit{Tuesday, September 27}^{th} - \textit{St. Vincent de Paul}}$  In 17<sup>th</sup> century France, Vincent established religious groups to care for the spiritual and physical needs of the poorest of the poor. It is a tribute to his life and mission that to this day organizations all over the world continue to serve the poor in his name.

### Wednesday, September 28th - St. Wenceslaus

A familiar Christmas carol reflects this saint who was King of Bohemia in the 10<sup>th</sup> century ("Good King Wenceslaus went out on the feast of St. Stephen"). He was known for his concern for the poor and his dedication to the Church.

<u>Thursday, September 29<sup>th</sup> – Michael, Gabriel and Raphael - Archangels</u>
The Archangels are portrayed as ministering spirits who protect and watch over us, each in his own way. They also serve as intermediaries, carrying our hymns and prayers to the Lord. In the 13th century, St. Thomas Aquinas (called the "Angelic Doctor") wrote that each angel is its "own order in the universe, far greater than a star".

### Friday, September 30th – St. Jerome

Born in Dalmatia in 340 A.D., Jerome studied in Rome where he was baptized. He returned to the East, became a monk and because of his reputation as a scholar, he was asked by the Pope to translate the Bible from Hebrew and Greek into Latin. His translation, known as the Vulgate, remained in use for over a thousand years. He lived a life of prayer and asceticism. He once wrote "Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ". He died in Bethlehem in 420.

 $\underline{Saturday,\ October\ I^{st}-St.\ Therese\ of\ Lisieux}$  Although she died over 100 years ago, the saint known as the "Little Flower" remains as beloved as she was at the end of the  $19^{th}$ century. She lived only 24 years but the impact of her life of prayer and devotion to Our Lord has been enormous. Along with Joan of Arc, she is the patron saint of France.



School Summer Project: As the calendar turns from summer to fall, we bring an end to our 2016 Summer Project Campaign which began in late June and set a goal of \$100,000 to be used to repair the ceiling of our school gym and replace out deteriorating school windows with new energy efficient ones. We reached our financial goal and have completed the work on the gym ceiling. The window replacement work will begin in a few weeks. If anyone has not as yet made a contribution (and wishes to do so), please 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 very grateful to everyone who has helped make this Summer Project such a success.



**Sunday Report:** Last weekend 1,305 parishioners attended Mass; our collection totaled \$8,174.00; average contribution: \$6.26. 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 Mario Runco, Vincent Nocerino, Leonard J. Smith, Jaime Saldivia, Peter Sava, Jr., David DeCarlo, Robert DeLorenzo and Evelyn Moccio who were buried from our church this past week. Our prayers go out to their families and friends.

St. John's Senior Club: As summer comes to an end, the Senior Club has resumed its calendar. Our Wednesday meetings after the noon Mass in the lower Church have begun; our fall plans include many special events. 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.



### **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. 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.

**Adult Bingo**: The Rosary Altar Society will be hosting "Adult Bingo" on Friday, October 21st at 8:00 p.m. in the lower Church. The cost is \$20.00 per person (18 years and older) which includes 9 games with a jackpot. Doors open at 7:00 p.m. There will be a 50/50 Early Bird Special at 7:30 p.m. which costs \$2.00 per game. Refreshments and snacks will be sold. For more information call Robyne Liberatore at 914-325-6373.



Advanced Planning: This December, Msgr. Maloney will celebrate his 50<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Second Collection**: This 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.



Yonkers Columbus Day Parade: This year's parade will take place next Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> and the route will begin at Yonkers and Seminary Avenues and proceed past St. Joseph's Seminary and St. Ann's.

Because of the potential traffic problems we will not have music at the 12:30 p.m. Mass next Sunday, so we can be assured that everyone will be able to leave the Church before 1:15 p.m. – when the parade groups are expected to assemble. We appreciate your understanding.

Welcome Back Rosarians: Our monthly Rosarian Mass resumes next Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 11:00 a.m. Our "Welcome Back" meeting will be held on Monday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 8:00 p.m. in the lower Church. Come and see old friends and welcome new ones. We will be honoring our 2016 Scholarship winners. New members are welcome to attend. If you are interested in becoming a member of the Rosary Altar Society, please come to our meeting or kindly contact Tina Osso at 377-1126 for more information.



Attention Lawyers: The Catholic Lawyers Guild will hold its annual Red Mass for all judges, attorneys, Law Enforcement Personnel and their families at St. John the Special Mass Evangelist Church in White Plains at 6:00 p.m. on

Wednesday, October 12th. The celebrant of the Mass will be Rev. Thomas Collins, President of Stepinac High School. A reception follows the Mass. The public is cordially invited.

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

A Special Fraternity: Next Sunday afternoon (October 2<sup>nd</sup>) at 1:30 p.m. a group named the "Little Portion Secular Franciscan Fraternity" is hosting a "Come and See" event for Catholics who may be interested in learning about how to follow the gospel in the footsteps of St. Francis and St. Clare. It is open to all. They will meet at the Church of St. Mary/Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, 23 South High Street, Mt. Vernon.

Baby Bottle Drive: The St. John's Respect Life Committee is sponsoring a "Bottles for Babies" fundraiser for its 9th year during October which is Respect Life month. This year, funds raised will help support a pro-life organization that fosters a culture of life through education, promoting adoption, offering post abortion healing and as a crisis pregnancy center, Advocates of Life. Please pick up a Baby Bottle at the church vestubles this weekend. Please fill the bottles with spare change, cash or checks payable to St. John the Baptist Respect Life Committee. Bottles should be returned on Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup> or Sunday November 6<sup>th</sup>. Please pick up a bottle only if you plan to participate in this fundraiser. Last year, out of 1,000 bottles picked up more than 300 were not returned. We like to reuse the bottles rather than paying more money to replace those that are not returned. Thank you for your support and generosity.

High School Open House: Mount St. Michael Academy will have an open house on Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m.



Church Carnival: Sts. Peter and Paul and St. Ursula Church in Fleetwood presents its Fall Carnival to be held in the Church parking lot, Mt. Vernon (Birch St. & Westchester Ave.),

Wednesday, September 28th through Friday, September 30th from 4:00 to 10:00 p.m., Saturday, October 1st from 12:00 noon to 11:00 p.m. and Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> from 2:00 to 10:00 p.m.



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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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