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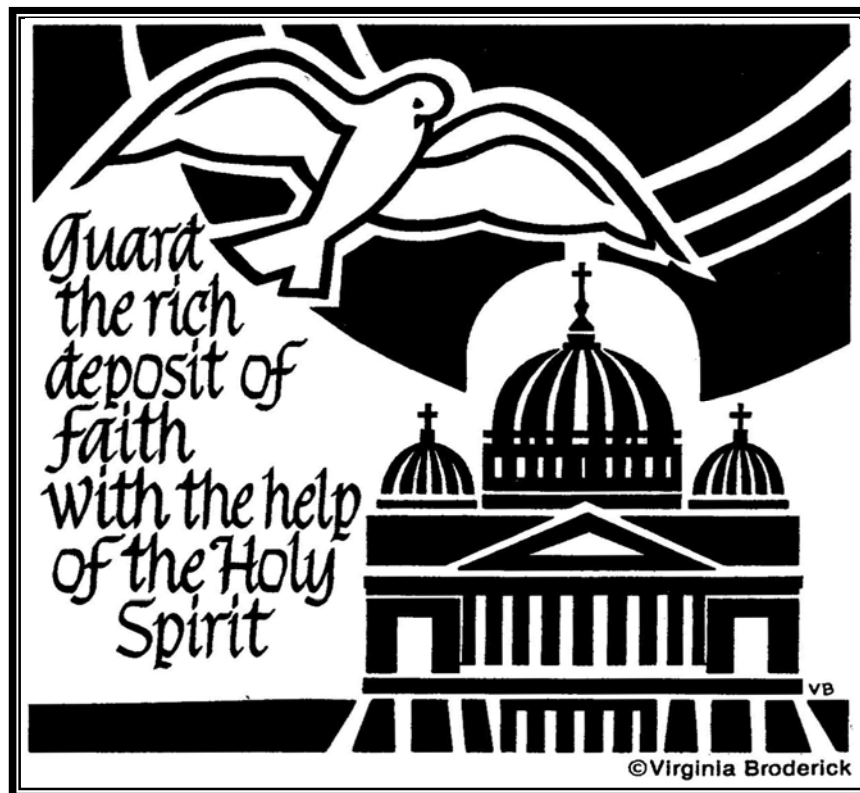
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October 2, 2016

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8:00, 9:30,
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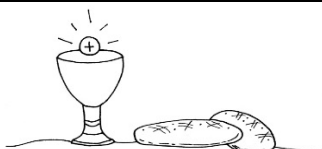
Monday thru Friday:
8:00 a.m. & 12:00 noon

Saturday:
8:00 a.m.

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

Sacrament of Marriage
Make arrangements six months
prior to wedding

Sacrament of Baptism
Every Sunday
after the 12:30 Mass



MASS INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK

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

Monday, October 3, 2016

8:00 a.m. Alma Layug

12:00 noon Arthur Liberatore

Tuesday, October 4, 2016

Feast of St. Francis of Assisi

8:00 a.m. Leo, Rosa and Gloria Savona

12:00 noon Elma Ferrari

Wednesday, October 5, 2016

8:00 a.m. Giuseppe Caputo

12:00 noon James Jarloth Mullin

Thursday, October 6, 2016

Feast of St. Bruno, Priest

8:00 a.m. Rita DeLuca -- Anniversary

12:00 noon Patrick Joyce

Friday, October 7, 2016

Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary

8:00 a.m. Carmine and Rose Capobianco

**12:00 noon Antonio, Fiorita, Toby and Antoinetta
DeSantis and Padre Vinci**

Saturday, October 8, 2016

8:00 a.m. Falco and Ada DiBiase

Saturday, October 8, 2016

Vigil: Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. Cornelius Gleeson -- Birthday

Sunday, October 9, 2016

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Libro, John, Nancy and Anna Rubbo

**9:30 a.m. Mass for the Parishioners of
St. John the Baptist**

**11:00 a.m. For the Deceased Members of the
Mancuso Family**

**12:30 p.m. For the Deceased Members of the
Kozlowski and Naryniecki Families**



Wedding Banns

III. Daniel Camporale and Daniella Pires

III. Michael Aiezza and Brienne Credendino

III. Nicholas Torchia and Michelle Allen

II. Michael Kowgios and Jessica Pinto

I. James Kopcho, Jr. and Jacqueline Rubbo

I. Daniel G. Young and Stephanie T. Tareque

I. Oscar Sanchez and Janet DeGante

WEEKLY PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, October 2nd

R.A.S./H.N.S. Mass – 11:00 a.m. – Church
Baby Bottle Drive – after all Masses -- exits of the
Church

Columbus Day Parade – 2:00 p.m.

Monday, October 3rd

R.A.S. Monthly Meeting – 8:00 p.m. – lower Church

Wednesday, October 5th

Senior Club – following 12:00 noon Mass – L. Church
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, October 7th

Senior Club 1st Friday Luncheon – following 12:00 noon
Mass – lower Church
Holy Hour – 3:00 p.m. – lower Church



ALTAR SERVERS

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

Saturday, October 8th

5:00 p.m. – M. Barrett and P. Tozzi

Sunday, September 9th

8:00 a.m. – D. Browne and T. Browne
9:30 a.m. – N. Crisp and R. Tuffy
11:00 a.m. – F. Albano and J. Velasquez
12:30 p.m. – R. Peter and R. Peter



S.J.B. ANNOUNCEMENTS

October 2, 2016

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: Make no mistake about it: the challenge presented to us over the last few weeks by the prophet Amos and St. Luke is not for the fainthearted. Humility, repentance, and commitment are the virtues of the strong and courageous. It should come as no surprise, then, that fatigue and discouragement often take their toll, nudging us away from our chosen path, dangling before us visions of life without burden or opposition.

Enter Habakkuk – the prophet who authored today’s first reading. This man for the first time in Israelite literature, dares to question God: how long must I cry to you for help with no response? What wondrous honesty! More wonderful is God’s reply: “Write down the vision clearly upon the tablets.” God assures Habakkuk – and us that “the vision still has its time, presses on to fulfillment and will not disappoint.” Sensitive to our tendency toward impatience, God hastens to add, “If it delays, wait for it; it will surely come.” We need not depend on our own strength, which will falter, or our own commitment, which will waver. We are assured, in God’s own words, that our strength and commitment are supplemented by the God of the covenant, whose people we are, who is our rock and our salvation.

In today’s gospel and second reading, Jesus and Paul both echo this need to nurture our faith and grow in commitment. Paul urges Timothy never to be ashamed of his chosen devotion to God, something we who try to live as Christians in an increasingly materialist and self-centered society need to hear often. Jesus focuses on one of His favorite themes: we can never do enough. Not that our efforts to live out the ethical demands of the covenant are directed at “earning heaven.” Salvation is the free gift of a loving God. Our witness to justice is an expression of gratitude for all God has given us.

SPECIAL SAINTS’ DAYS THIS WEEK

Tuesday, October 4th – St. Francis of Assisi

One of the most popular of all the Church’s saints, it is important to avoid an overly simplistic and overly romantic enthusiasm for someone who is often celebrated only because he had nice things to say about animals and wrote poetic prayers about “Sister Moon, Brother Sun.” Francis was a far more complex person who took the gospel with an almost ruthless seriousness – especially its call for poverty and self-denial. His spirituality is perhaps even more counter-cultural today than it was when he first put it forward – in the early 13th century.

Thursday, October 6th – St. Bruno

Born in Cologne in 1035, Bruno was educated in Paris, became a priest and taught theology for several years; however, he felt called to live a more solitary, monastic life and he founded the first Carthusian monastery at Le Grande Chartreuse so that he and his monks might “possess God fully”.

Friday, October 7th – Our Lady of the Rosary

The origins of this feast lie in the 16th century when the Christian armies of Europe won a number of victories over the Muslim Turks. While the battle raged the people of Rome prayed the rosary. In thanksgiving for the victory of the Christian navies at Lepanto on October 7, 1571, the day was dedicated to Our Lady of Victory. The name was later changed to Our Lady of the Rosary. Catholics today do not celebrate a military victory, but rather give thanks for the gift of the rosary. Because of this feast, the month of October has been dedicated to the rosary.



Special Month: October is considered the Month of the Holy Rosary – a time for special devotion to Our Lady. During our sung Masses this month our Communion Hymn will be a Marian hymn. We encourage everyone to pray the rosary during October.



First Friday: This Friday, October 7th, is the first Friday of October and our Holy Hour will be held at 3:00 p.m. in the lower Church. We begin with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, prayer, intentions, meditations and closing with Benediction. All are welcome to attend, children, young adults and adults. Come pray with us. Our special intention this month is for the unborn.



Please Note: Due to the Columbus Day holiday, there will be no 12:00 noon Mass on Monday October 10th. We will have only one Mass at 8:00 a.m. and the Novena to the Miraculous Medal will follow the 8:00 a.m. Mass. Both our school and parish offices will be closed that day.

Sunday Report: Last weekend 1,130 parishioners attended Mass; our collection totaled \$8482.00; average contribution: \$7.51. 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 Raymond D. Gibson who was buried from our church this past week. Our prayers go out to his family and friends.

St. John's Senior Club: In addition to our regular Wednesday meeting in the lower Church after the noon Mass, on October 7th the Senior Club 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.

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.

RCIA *A journey in faith* **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 6th 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 a.s.a.p.

Yonkers Columbus Day Parade: This year's parade will take place this Sunday afternoon 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 this 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.



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

Monthly Maintenance: After Communion at all our Masses this weekend we will take up our regular "First Sunday of the Month" second collection for the upkeep, maintenance, and cleaning of our beautiful church. Please be generous.

Welcome Back Rosarians: Our monthly Rosarian Mass resumes this Sunday, October 2nd at 11:00 a.m. Our "Welcome Back" meeting will be held on Monday, October 3rd 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 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.

A Special Fraternity: This Sunday afternoon (October 2nd) 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.



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.

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 vestibules 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 5th or Sunday November 6th. 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.

Special Children's Mass: Next Sunday at our 9:30 a.m. Mass, we once again welcome younger boys and girls to a special Mass where they will be excused after the Opening Prayer and go to the Church Hall for a special Liturgy of the Word. After this Mass please join us for a Family Coffee and Craft Hour in the school cafeteria at which we will have refreshments and make crafts for the family. We are very grateful to the parent-leaders (as well as some older children) who are assisting with this program.

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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.*

*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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