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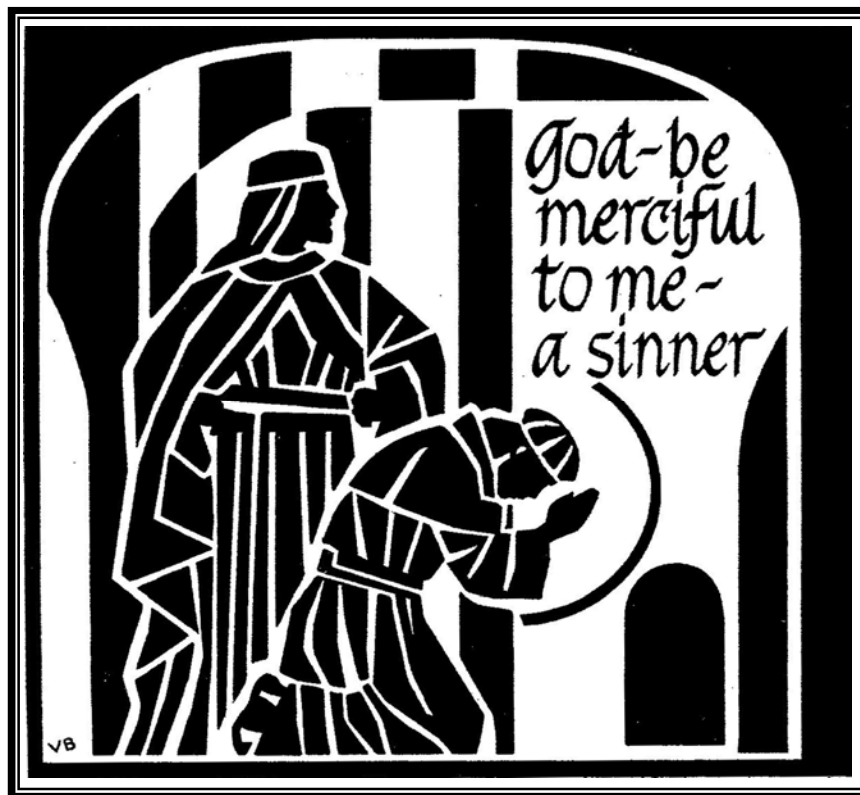
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October 23, 2016

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5:00 p.m.

Sunday:
8:00, 9:30,
11:00 a.m., 12:30 p.m.

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.

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Sacrament of Baptism
Every Sunday
after the 12:30 Mass



MASS INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK

Saturday, October 22, 2016

Vigil: Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. Sheila Herbert and Beatrice Breen

Sunday, October 23, 2016

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Rev. Johny Dominic, S.B.D. -- living

9:30 a.m. Allen and Geraldine Purdy

11:00 a.m. Margaret Enright – 32nd Anniversary

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

Monday, October 24, 2016

Feast of St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop

8:00 a.m. Domenico and Assunta Branca

12:00 noon Ludwik Kuznicki

Tuesday, October 25, 2016

8:00 a.m. Daniel O'Connor

12:00 noon Patricia Sullivan

Wednesday, October 26, 2016

8:00 a.m. Rory O'Flaherty

12:00 noon Angelo Manzo

Thursday, October 27, 2016

8:00 a.m. Marie Cummins

**12:00 noon For the Deceased Members of the
O'Sullivan Families**

Friday, October 28, 2016

Feast of Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles

8:00 a.m. Franco Zito – 1st Anniversary

12:00 noon Joseph John Constabile

Saturday, October 29, 2016

8:00 a.m. Salvatore Monaco – 10th Anniversary

Saturday, October 29, 2016

Vigil: Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. Dominic and Rose D'Addato

Sunday, October 30, 2016

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

**8:00 a.m. Mass for the Parishioners of
St. John the Baptist**

**9:30 a.m. For the Deceased Members of the
Zangrilli Family**

11:00 a.m. Susan Gan -- Living

12:30 p.m. Patrick Cunningham



Wedding Banns

I. Dennis Delgado and Christine Murphy

WEEKLY PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, October 23rd

8th Grade Confirmation Mass – 9:30 a.m. – Church
Breakfast – following Mass – lower Church

Wednesday, October 26th

Senior Club – following 12:00 noon Mass – lower 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 28th

H.N.S. Halloween Party – 7:00 p.m. – lower Church



ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday, October 22nd

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

Sunday, October 23rd

8:00 a.m. – M. McCarthy and T. McCarthy

9:30 a.m. – J. Corcoran and R. Corcoran

11:00 a.m. – G. Boynes and C. Komosinski

12:30 p.m. – N. Conlon and R. Duffy

Saturday, October 29th

5:00 p.m. – N. DeMatteo and E. McLaughlin

Sunday, October 30th

8:00 a.m. – N. Crisp and R. Rica

9:30 a.m. – B. Doran and P.J. Doran

11:00 a.m. – N. Camacho and K. McGarvey

12:30 p.m. – M. Luby and C. Maher

A Little While: Hard as it is to believe, we are coming to the end of Msgr. Birkle's annual sojourn at St. John's. This Sunday will be his last Sunday with us until May! On Tuesday afternoon he will begin his trip to Florida where he will spend the winter assisting at St. Patrick's parish in Palm Beach Gardens and missing all of us at St. John's desperately! We thank him for his priestly service among us and wish him "Bon Voyage!" . Anyone who wishes to write to Msgr. Birkle, may do so c/o St. John's – we forward his mail regularly. Please keep Msgr. Birkle in your prayers.



S.J.B. ANNOUNCEMENTS

October 23, 2016

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: Perhaps nowhere is the real depth of meaning contained in “ordinary time” expressed more powerfully than in today’s Scriptures. The designation itself, “ordinary time,” is easily misunderstood precisely because it is so, well, ordinary. We tend to forget that most of us live most of life neither on peaks of joy nor in valleys of despair, but on the broad plains of ordinary time.

In our first reading (Sir. 35:12-18) the author of Sirach assures us that ordinary lives are extraordinarily precious in the eyes of God. No matter what our situation, God wishes to enter into a personal relationship with us.

For our part, we respond through a life of prayer and worship. And while God “knows no favorites,” there is something especially appealing about the prayers of the poor, the widowed, the oppressed. The psalmist goes on to say that the prayer of the just adds to the joy of the poor, a beautiful allusion to the intimate connection between true worship of God and work for justice and peace.

It must have been prayer that sustained St. Paul through the distress of his trial, which he shares with Timothy in an uncharacteristically poignant passage. In today’s second reading (2 Tim. 4:6-18), Paul doesn’t hide his feeling of sorrow at being abandoned by those he counted on, but refuses to harbor feelings of hatred or revenge. Instead, he relies on the God who has always stood by him.

Finally, in the gospel (Lk. 18:9-14) Jesus emphasizes that prayer by itself is not enough, our inner attitude must be reflected in the way we live and treat others. The Pharisee is not faulted because he fasts and prays and pays tithes. These are all good practices. Rather, he is criticized for reducing the whole of biblical religion to those external observances.

SPECIAL SAINTS’ DAYS THIS WEEK

Monday, October 24th – St. Anthony Mary Claret

Born in Spain in 1807, Anthony founded a society of missionary priests (“the Claretians”): he became a bishop in Cuba and was noted for his preaching and for championing spiritual and social reforms.

Friday, October 28th – Sts. Simon and Jude

These two saints are numbered among the chosen twelve – but they are apostles about whom we know very little. Simon is the “zealot” (not Simon Peter) who is said to have preached in Egypt; Jude (or Thaddeus) is known today as the saint of impossible cases.

Special Guests: Next Sunday we welcome the members of the Yonkers Fire and Police Departments to the 9:30 a.m. Mass for their annual Memorial Mass and Breakfast. We are most grateful to them and their families for all that they do for our community. We are honored to have them with us. May God bless them and keep them safe!

Election Preparation: All Catholics should be active informed citizens who participate in our democratic process by voting for all local, state, and national officials. It is important to know a candidate’s position on critical issues of our time – issues regarding our defense against terrorism, our economy, education and health care. Catholics should demand that candidates maintain high standards of personal character and ethics. In addition, Catholics have a particular obligation to be informed about positions of candidates (especially for state and national offices) on such matters as abortion, partial-birth abortion, cloning, care of the elderly and infirm, and stem cell research. In this Respect Life Month of October, Catholics should make sure that their voices are heard clearly in the political process. In their statement, “Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship,” the Bishops of the United States wrote: “As Catholics, we should be guided more by our moral convictions than by our attachment to a political party or interest group. When necessary, our participation should help transform the party to which we belong; we should not let the party transform us in such a way that we neglect or deny fundamental moral truths. We are called to bring together our principles and our political choices, our values and our votes, to help build a better world.”



Sunday Report: Last weekend 1,205 parishioners attended Mass; our collection totaled \$8,264.00; average contribution: \$6.86. 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 Carlos Pedrosa who was buried from our church this past week. Our prayers go out to his family and friends.



Lectors: Your "2017" workbooks are ready to be picked up in the Sacristy. They are filed for each Mass Team alphabetically.



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.



High School Open Houses: Many high schools are hosting open houses in the next few weeks and all ask for bulletin space. We will limit space for those who contact us directly and can provide only basic information. The following have contacted us: St. Barnabas (Bronx), Saturday, October 29th from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.; Dominican Academy (Manhattan), Wednesday, October 26th from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.; Cardinal Spellman H.S. (Bronx), Sunday, October 23rd from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.; Iona Prep (New Rochelle), Sunday, October 23rd from 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m. and Wednesday, October 26th from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.; Mount St. Michael Academy (Bronx), Sunday, October 30th from 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m.; and Maria Regina (Hartsdale), Sunday, October 30th from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.



All Souls Day: November is the month that we pray for all our dearly departed. On All Souls Day, November 2nd, we remember our friends and loved ones who have gone before us into eternal life. Those whose names are returned to us on All Souls envelopes will be remembered at all Masses at St. John's during the month of November. Envelopes are available at the exits of the Church for those who have not received them in the mail.



All Saints Day: This annual feast falls on Tuesday, November 1st and is a holy day of obligation. Our Masses for All Saints Day begin with the Vigil Mass on Monday evening (October 31st) at 5:00 p.m.; Masses on Tuesday, November 1st are at 8:00 a.m.; 12:00 noon and 7:30 p.m. On this day, the Church celebrates not only our canonized saints but all those who have reached their heavenly glory.



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.

Save the Date: The H.N.S. will host their annual Father/Daughter Dance on Friday, November 18th, in the lower Church from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. More details to follow.

Seeking: We are in need of Ministers of Holy Communion. Please contact Deacon Olivieri at 914-423-4859 for an application to serve as a Eucharistic Minister of Holy Communion.



Holy Communion for the Homebound and Sick: Special Ministers of Holy Communion are available to bring Holy Communion to the sick and the homebound after Mass weekdays, Saturdays and Sundays. We contact those parishioners whom we know are in the hospital who wish to receive Holy Communion when they return home, along with parishioners who are homebound. Contact the rectory and Deacon Olivieri will arrange for Holy Communion to be brought home to those who desire it.



Special Masses: A Mass for Healing will be celebrated on Monday, November 14th at 7:30 p.m. at Holy Rosary Church (Hawthorne). Fr. Glenn Sudano, CFR will be the celebrant. Prayers for children will immediately follow the Mass. This is an opportunity to bring your spiritual and physical needs to the Lord. For additional information call 769-1687.



Time Change: For many years, Daylight Savings Time ended and we returned to Standard Time on the last Sunday in October; however, a few years ago, Congress in its wisdom decided to extend D.S.T. for one week. Which means that D.S.T. will end on Sunday, November 6th at 2:00 a.m. Clocks should be turned **BACK** by 2:00 a.m. on November 6th (so better do it before going to bed on Saturday, November 5th). Remember: "Spring Ahead! Fall back!" This means we gain an hour of sleep.



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.

Halloween Party: Once again this year the H.N.S. is sponsoring a Halloween Party on Friday, October 28th from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. in the lower church. Pizza, soda and "goodies" provided; costumes are required. A \$5.00 donation for children 11 years old and under, \$10.00 for children 12 years and older is requested. Please R.S.V.P. by Friday, October 28th through school, R.E. or call the rectory at 963-1486.

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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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