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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**

Monday, October 31, 2016

8:00 a.m. Carolyn Vavrica

12:00 noon Giuseppe DiBartolo – 1st Anniversary

Monday, October 31, 2016

Vigil: All Saints Day

5:00 p.m. Dina Marie Sarracino

Tuesday, November 1, 2016

All Saints' Day

8:00 a.m. Sante Zangrilli

12:00 noon Frances DiPaola

7:30 p.m. Salvatore and Josephine Miceli

Wednesday, November 2, 2016

All Souls' Day

8:00 a.m. All Souls

12:00 noon All Souls

Thursday, November 3, 2016

Feast of St. Martin de Porres, Religious

8:00 a.m. Cornelius Gleeson

12:00 noon Fiorino and Ottavino Guglielmi

Friday, November 4, 2016

Feast of St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop

**8:00 a.m. For the Deceased Members of the Garaventa,
Soracco and DeMartini Families**

12:00 noon Sarah Menchen

Saturday, November 5, 2016

8:00 a.m. Marie Cummins

Saturday, November 5, 2016

Vigil: Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. Marie Flynn

Sunday, November 6, 2016

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

**8:00 a.m. For the Deceased Members of the
Fontana and Rinaldi Families**

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

**11:00 a.m. R.A.S./H.N.S. Mass -- David Kerr
12:30 p.m. Salvatore and Margherita Spataro**



Wedding Banns

II. Dennis Delgado and Christine Murphy

WEEKLY PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, October 30th

Yonkers Fire and Police Memorial Mass – 9:30 a.m. – Church
Breakfast – following Mass – lower Church

Wednesday, November 2nd

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, November 4th

Senior Club 1st Friday Luncheon – 12:30 p.m. – lower Church
Holy Hour – 3:00 p.m. – lower Church

ALTAR SERVERS



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. – D. Browne, T. Browne, B. Doran and P.J. Doran

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

12:30 p.m. – M. Luby and C. Maher

Saturday, November 5th

5:00 p.m. – M. Bello and W. Ferguson

Sunday, November 6th

8:00 a.m. – D. Odume and R. Tuffy

9:30 a.m. – B. Collins and R. Murphy

11:00 a.m. – D. Liberatore and S. Osso

12:30 p.m. – S. Joyce and N. Leo



Special Guests: This 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!



Till Next Summer: Last Sunday was the final Sunday that Msgr. Birkle will be with us until next May! We wish Msgr. Birkle well and thank him for his wonderful priestly service among us. We look forward to seeing him back at St. John's in 6 months. 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 30, 2016

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: As we draw ever closer to the end of the liturgical year, it is natural to focus on the end of life, our own life and the life of humanity. In our own day, we occasionally hear voices expressing the fear that seems to have troubled the Thessalonians: the world will end and it will end soon. Faithful Christians can benefit from Paul's advice in today's second reading (2 Thes. 1:11-2:2) not to get caught up in utterances of impending catastrophe. Our role is to live our lives in such a way that we will be ready for whatever happens. In today's gospel (Lk. 19:1-10) Jesus' encounter with Zaccheus demonstrates God's willingness to reach out to everyone, even (especially) those regarded as the worst of public sinners. Once he meets Jesus, Zaccheus, who, as tax collector for the Romans, made his living at the expense of his fellow Jews, vows to turn his life around, supporting the poor and paying back with interest any he has cheated.

Our first reading from the Book of Wisdom (11:22-12:1) assures us that God loves all of creation, even us sinners. We have ample cause to bless the name of this loving God who is slow to anger and full of great kindness.

SPECIAL SAINTS' DAYS THIS WEEK

Tuesday, November 1st – All Saints Day

Numberless men, women, and children have led lives of fidelity without ever being given official recognition by the Church. Today they are a "huge crowd which no one could count" – as St. John describes in the Book of Revelation. The Gospel for the Mass of All Saints uses St. Matthew's account of our Lord's Sermon on the Mount to teach us why these saints are now enjoying eternal glory and happiness: they lived out in their lives the principles set down by Jesus throughout His ministry. If we, in imitation of the saints, can persevere in our efforts to do God's will, then we too shall one day see God face to face.

Wednesday, November 2nd – All Souls Day

The feast of All Souls is rooted in the belief that not everyone who is saved is immediately admitted to heaven. Hints of this can already be gleaned from the Old Testament. Later Christian theology built on this belief as it envisioned an intermediate time of spiritual cleansing. Just as the saints can help us in our struggles and trials on earth, so we believe we can help the holy souls as they make their final preparation for eternal glory. The assurance of salvation and our firm belief in the Communion of Saints allow us to declare with St. Paul: "O death, where is your sting?" The mystery of death is not resolved, nor is the sorrow at the loss of a loved one or the uncertainty of our own passing removed, but this faith in eternal life helps us to overcome our anxieties and compels us to reaffirm our faith in a God who wants all of us to be saved.

Thursday, November 3rd – St. Martin DePorres

Born in 1639 in Lima, Peru, Martin was the son of a Spanish father and a black slave mother. He joined the Dominican order as a lay brother and spent his life caring for the poor and the sick.

Friday, November 4th – St. Charles Borromeo

Charles was a dynamic leader of the Church during the tumultuous 16th century. As archbishop of Milan, he reformed the clergy and religious life; as cardinal and Secretary of State under Pope Pius IV, he brought these reforms to the universal Church. He is the patron of catechists and catechumens.



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.



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.

Sunday Report: Last weekend 1,421 parishioners attended Mass; our collection totaled \$9490.00; average contribution: \$6.68. 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 Delia Accia and Yonkers Firefighter John Rodriguez who were buried from our church this past week. Our prayers go out to their families and friends.



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.



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

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.

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 to do it before going to bed on Saturday, November 5th). Remember: “Spring Ahead! Fall back!” This means we gain an hour of sleep.



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.”



Rosary Altar Society: Next Sunday, November 6th, we welcome members of the R.A.S. to our Mass at 11:00 a.m. Join us on Monday, November 7th at 8:00 p.m. in the

lower Church for our monthly meeting. We will be hosting a “Bake-Off”! Prizes will be awarded to the top three recipes.

Monthly Maintenance: Next Sunday is the first Sunday of the month of November, 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.

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.



Halloween Party: Thanks to the men of the Holy Name Society and all their volunteers who organized a very successful party for our school and CCD children on Friday, October 28th. Good fun and good food were enjoyed by all.

Baby Bottle Drive: Please remember that your Baby Bottles are due next weekend.



The Days of the Dead: This Monday evening we begin our annual Christian harvest festival – God’s harvest festival celebrated on Halloween (October 31st), All Saints Day (November 1st) and All Souls (November 2nd).

Although some of the activities of these days may have had their beginnings in pre-Christian Celtic practices, still they continue to have meaning for all of us – even those who have never met a Druid. On Halloween, we begin the festivities with storytelling by candle light (or a fire inside a pumpkin) as at any vigil. The customs of these days can certainly bear a positive Christian interpretation: trick or treat (door to door hospitality); jack-o-lanterns (a “welcome home” lamp); apple bobbing and candy treats (a foretaste of the abundance of God’s Kingdom). Even the costumes are a sign of the kingdom where all the faithful will be raised in glory.



H.N.S. Father/Son Basketball: Calling all 6th, 7th and 8th grade boys to compete against their dads for “bragging rights.” Please join us on Saturday, November 5th at 5:30 p.m. in the school gym. The cost is \$10.00 per person which includes pizza, snacks, dessert and drinks. For more information please call John Sanchez at 476-1776.



First Friday: This Friday, November 4th is the first Friday of the month – a day of special devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Our monthly first Friday Holy Hour starts at 3:00 p.m. in our lower Church. Come and join us for Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, prayer and Benediction. You will surely be blessed.



Operation Care Package 2016: The Rosary Altar Society is collecting items to be used in care packages for our troops. The drive is Sunday, November 27th in the lower Church from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. This is our parish’s fifth drive and we need your help. Anyone interested in donating items can drop them off to the church in the boxes labeled “Support Our Troops” starting Saturday, November 12th through Sunday, November 27th. For a list of items, please pick up sheets at the exits of the church. If you know someone’s address who is serving our country or for more information please call Gina Ramoni at 914- 776-1187. If you would like to sponsor a box for \$15.00, please make checks payable to St. John the Baptist, R.A.S. and put it in an envelope labeled “Support Our Troops”. Thanks for your support.

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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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