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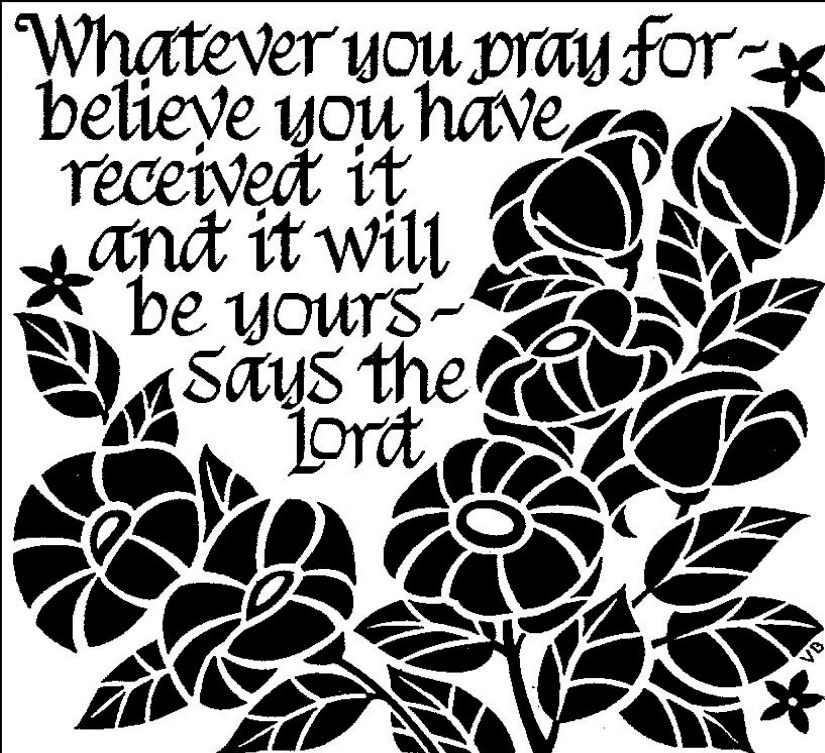
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November 13, 2016

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5:00 p.m.

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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.

Sacrament of Marriage
Make arrangements six months
prior to wedding

Sacrament of Baptism
Every Sunday
after the 12:30 Mass



Saturday, November 12, 2016

Vigil: Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. John Antonaccio – Anniversary

Sunday, November 13, 2016

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Roy McLaughlin

9:30 a.m. Robert Manzi

**11:00 a.m. Mass for the Parishioners of
St. John the Baptist**

12:30 p.m. Saverino and Maria Teresa Ferrari

Monday, November 14, 2016

8:00 a.m. Matilda DelGiudice – 8th Anniversary

12:00 noon Florence Stelluti

Tuesday, November 15, 2016

**Feast of St. Albert the Great, Bishop and Doctor of the
Church**

8:00 a.m. Joseph, Diego and Carmella Gagliano

12:00 noon Michael Antonow

Wednesday, November 16, 2016

Feast of St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude, Virgin

8:00 a.m. Alice O'Reilly

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

Thursday, November 17, 2016

Feast of St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious

8:00 a.m. Emma Federico

**12:00 noon For the Deceased Members of the
Guglielmi and Colaiacovo Families**

Friday, November 18, 2016

**Feast of the Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter and
Paul, Apostles;**

St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin

8:00 a.m. Regina Capobianco

12:00 noon Maria Odoardi

Saturday, November 19, 2016

8:00 a.m. Rory O'Flaherty -- Birthday

Saturday, November 19, 2016

Vigil: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

5:00 p.m. Joseph and Maria Carmela Federico

Sunday, November 20, 2016

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

8:00 a.m. Maria Viggiani

9:30 a.m. Patrick O'Reilly

11:00 a.m. Joseph Barberi

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

WEEKLY PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, November 13th

Senior Club Flea Market – after Mass – lower Church

Wednesday, November 16th

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

H.N.S. Monthly Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

Friday, November 18th

Father/Daughter Dance – 7:00 p.m. – lower Church

Saturday, November 19th

H.N.S. Turkey Drive -- 9:00 a.m. -- Rectory Driveway

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday, November 12th

5:00 p.m. – A. Kocovic and C. Komosinski

Sunday, November 13th

8:00 a.m. – D. Browne and T. Browne

9:30 a.m. – M. Barrett and P. Tozzi

11:00 a.m. – A. Burke and K. Burke

12:30 p.m. – R. Peter and R. Peter

Saturday, November 19th

5:00 p.m. – C. Castaldi and N. DeMatteo

Sunday, November 20th

8:00 a.m. – M. Loughran and J. Postighone

9:30 a.m. – N. Crisp and R. Tuffy

11:00 a.m. – M. Colaiacovo and M. Luby

12:30 p.m. – F. Albano and R. Duffy



H.N.S. Thanksgiving Project: Once again this year, on November 19th, our Holy Name Society will distribute Thanksgiving baskets to needy families in the parish community. In the past, we

found that it was much easier for us if parishioners would make cash donations instead of dropping off turkeys. It becomes difficult to find storage space for them all! We will use the money to buy the turkeys on the day that they will be delivered. Donations should be placed in an envelope marked "Thanksgiving Baskets" and dropped in the collection or sent to the rectory. We do welcome donations of canned goods which can be more easily stored. It would be helpful if donations are received A.S.A.P but no later than Monday, November 14th. We are most grateful for whatever you can give.

S.J.B. ANNOUNCEMENTS

November 13, 2016

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: Today's readings reflect the urgency of the season; we are just days away from the close of another liturgical year. In order to understand today's passages more fully, we have to immerse ourselves in the apocalyptic mentality so prevalent in Palestine in the last century before the destruction of the Second Temple.

In today's first reading (Mal. 3:19-20) the prophet Malachi's description of the downfall of the evildoers coupled with the triumph of the just is based on one of the key points of the apocalyptic world view. The world is divided between the children of the light and the children of darkness. Right now the forces of darkness are in control, but, ultimately, they will be conquered and the children of light will be vindicated.

In our second reading (2 Thes. 3:7-12) St. Paul's problem with the Thessalonians demonstrates one possible outcome of this type of thinking: a deadening passivity. If the world is coming to a speedy end, and we're sure we are on the right side, why should we put any more effort into Christian living? Paul, who may himself have shared some apocalyptic beliefs, assures the Thessalonians that continued effort is essential.

Even Jesus echoes apocalyptic thoughts in today's Gospel (Lk. 21:5-19), listing some of the commonly accepted "signs" that the end is near. If any of his words sound familiar, it is because, in each generation, there are always those who see these signs fulfilled in contemporary events. What are we to make of all this? We are to acknowledge the tension in which we Christians live, described by theologians as the "already but not yet." The Kingdom of God has indeed already made its appearance in Jesus, but its fullness has not yet been manifested and will not be until Jesus comes again at the end of time. Therefore, while we are on earth, it is up to us to facilitate the growth of the Kingdom. How do we do this? We make the Kingdom present by working to assure a fully human life for all persons. To the extent that basic human needs go unmet, the kingdom of God has not yet broken through.

SPECIAL LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK

Tuesday, November 15th – St. Albert the Great

This great 13th century scholar and teacher was dedicated to exploring truth wherever it was to be found – in science, philosophy or theology. A gifted teacher, he promoted Aristotle as a thinker who could help Christians understand God's revelation. Albert was a member of the Dominican Order and taught St. Thomas Aquinas.

Wednesday, November 16th – St. Margaret of Scotland

Born in Hungary in 1046, she married the King of Scotland and was mother of eight children. She was a queen whom her people loved and she devoted herself to the care of the poor and the sick. She is the patroness of Scotland.

Thursday, November 17th – St. Elizabeth of Hungary

Born in 1207, this daughter of a king became the wife of another – but despite her royal connections, she devoted her life to prayer and work with the poor. She is the patroness of Catholic Charities.

Friday, November 18th – Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter and Paul in Rome

The original churches dedicated to these two pillars of the early church were built in the 4th century; the great edifices which every pilgrim to Rome visits today were built in the 17th and 19th century respectively. This feast reminds us of the ongoing debt that Christians owe to St. Peter and St. Paul.



Celebration Dinner: 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. The Holy Name and Rosary Altar Societies are planning a Golden Anniversary Celebration Dinner for the parish on Saturday, November 26th at the Fairways at Dunwoodie (Yonkers) at 7:00 p.m. The cost is \$75.00 per person. Please contact the rectory (963-1486) **no later than this** Wednesday, November 16th for reservations (no walk-ins).

Sunday Report: Last weekend 1,355 parishioners attended Mass; our collection totaled \$9,500.00; average contribution: \$7.01. 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 Angelina C. Ritchie, Theresa Loia and Joan Brooks who were buried from our church this past week. Our prayers go out to their families and friends.

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



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.



National Holiday: Thanksgiving Day this year falls a week from this Thursday on Thursday, November 24th. As is our custom, we will have a special Vigil Mass on Wednesday evening, November 23rd at 7:30 p.m. at which students from our Religious Education Program will assist at Mass, our children's choir will sing, and Thanksgiving bread will be blessed and distributed. On Thanksgiving Day (Thursday, November 24th) we will have **only one** Mass at 9:00 a.m. On the Friday after Thanksgiving we will have **one** Mass at 8:00 a.m. There will be **no noon** Mass on Friday, November 25th. Both the rectory and school office will be closed on Friday.

Senior News: Bargains! Bargains! Bargains! Big Bargains! Come to our Senior Bake Sale and Giant Flea Market. Take advantage of the many bargains. The proceeds from the event go to Senior Club programs and St. John's school student awards. The Senior Club affords our senior parishioners a place to spend time with fellow seniors, share concerns and memories, get useful information regarding health and financial issues, go on trips together, do charitable works like supplying cancer pads for patients at the Dominican Sisters of Hawthorne for incurable Cancer to mention a few. Your continued support will be appreciated. This year the Bake Sale and Giant Flea Market takes place after all our Masses this weekend in the lower Church.



Holy Name Society: Please join the Holy Name Society for their monthly meeting on Wednesday, November 16th at 7:00 p.m. at the La Grotta Restaurant on McLean Avenue. The cost is \$20.00 per person and includes buffet dinner, beer, wine and soda. For more information, please call Vinny Vanadia on 423-9149. All are welcome!

Campaign for Human Development: Next week, on Sunday, November 20th, Catholics across the country are asked to take their stand beside our nation's poor. Your generous contribution to the Campaign for Human Development will go to support self-help projects owned and operated by poor and low-income communities. Please be generous in the special collection that will be taken up after communion that day.

Catholic Widows/Widowers: The Catholic Widows and Widowers of Yonkers will hold their monthly meeting at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 17th, in the Fr. Anthony Hall, next to St. Ann's big Church, 31 College Place, Yonkers. Coffee and cake will follow after the meeting. New members welcome. For further information, please call 914-476-4436.

A Practical Blessing: With cold and flu season upon us, we may be hearing "God bless you" more often. We often say it almost automatically when someone sneezed, but why do we do so? Scholars have several different theories on how the practice started. One theory is that during the Bubonic Plague in the 6th century, Pope Gregory I asked people to pray to God to help fend off the illness from Rome. As sneezing was seen as a sign of the disease, people said "God bless you" to the sneezer. Another theory is that people thought the heart stopped when someone sneezed. Saying "God bless you" was believed to help them come back to life. We don't need to wait for someone to sneeze to ask God to bless them. Asking for God's blessing on the lives of those around us should be second nature. God has called us to take care of each other and to support each other in good times and in bad.



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.

Local H.S. Theatre: 1) Sacred Heart H.S. Drama Club is presenting "The Diary of Anne Frank" on Friday and Saturday, November 18th and 19th at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, November 20th at 5:00 p.m.; for information call 965-6953. 2) Stepinac H.S. Drama Club is presenting the regional premiere of the Tony award winning, "All the Way" on Friday and Saturday, November 18th and 19th at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, November 20th at 2:00 p.m.; call 946-4800 ext. 200 for more information.



Local Lecture: The Respect Life Committee of Blessed Sacrament parish (New Rochelle) is sponsoring a lecture, "True Compassion and Caring at the End of Life: The Legacy of Rose Hawthorne." The speaker will be Sr. Mary Joseph, O.P., of the Dominican Sisters of Hawthorne. The talk will be on Wednesday, November 16th at 7:30 p.m. in the Blessed Sacrament school auditorium (24 Maple Ave.). Light refreshments will be served.



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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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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