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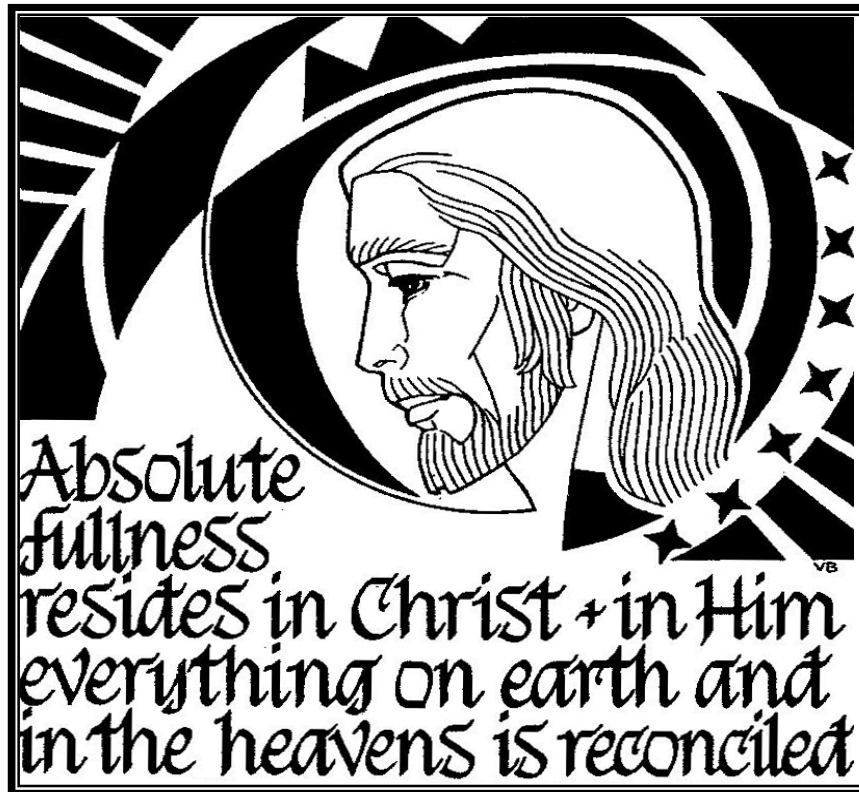
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8:00, 9:30,  
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**Monday thru Friday:**  
8:00 a.m. & 12:00 noon

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8:00 a.m.

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**Saturday:**  
4:00 - 4:45 p.m.

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**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**

**Monday, November 21, 2016**

**Feast of the Presentation Blessed Virgin Mary**

**8:00 a.m. For the Deceased Members of the  
Musante, Vitale and Fanelli Families**

**12:00 noon Michael Coughlan**

**Tuesday, November 22, 2016**

**Feast of St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr**

**8:00 a.m. Regina Capobianco**

**12:00 noon Sue Buonafede and Anthony Tornatore**

**Wednesday, November 23, 2016**

**Feast of St. Clement I, Pope and Martyr;**

**St. Columban, Abbot**

**8:00 a.m. Rory O'Flaherty**

**12:00 noon Henry and Catherine Tavernia and  
Patricia Rath**

**7:30 p.m. For the Deceased Members of the  
Purdy Family**

**Thursday, November 24, 2016**

**Feast of St. Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest and Companions,  
Martyrs**

**Thanksgiving Day**

**9:00 a.m. Mary Cannon**

**Friday, November 25, 2016**

**Feast of St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr**

**8:00 a.m. Howard Matelli**

**Saturday, November 26, 2016**

**8:00 a.m. Anthony Tenore**

**Saturday, November 26, 2016**

**Vigil: First Sunday of Advent**

**5:00 p.m. John and Mary Eves**

**Sunday, November 27, 2016**

**First Sunday of Advent**

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

**9:30 a.m. Antonio Ricciardi**

**11:00 a.m. James, Catherine and Sr. Joanne Murphy**

**12:30 p.m. Margherita Spataro**

## **WEEKLY PARISH CALENDAR**

***Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>***

Family Mass – 9:30 a.m. -- Church

Breakfast – following Mass – lower Church

***Monday, November 21<sup>st</sup>***

5<sup>th</sup> Grade Girl Scouts – 2:30 p.m. – lower Church

***Wednesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>***

No Senior Club

No R.E.

***Thursday, November 24<sup>th</sup>***

Rectory Office Closed

***Friday, November 25<sup>th</sup>***

Rectory Office Closed

***Saturday, November 26<sup>th</sup>***

Msgr. 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration – 7:00 p.m. – Fairways at  
Dunwoodie

## **ALTAR SERVERS**

***Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup>***

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

***Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>***

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

***Saturday, November 26<sup>th</sup>***

5:00 p.m. – M. McCarthy, T. McCarthy and J. Postighone

***Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup>***

8:00 a.m. – D. Browne and T. Browne

9:30 a.m. – B. Collins, R. Murphy and P. Tozzi

11:00 a.m. – A. Burke, K. Burke and R. Tuffy

12:30 p.m. – R. Peter and R. Peter



**Thanksgiving:** is one of our nation's most venerable and cherished traditions. It is a day to reflect on the goodness of God and the abundant blessings we have received – especially in this great country of ours with its history of freedom and opportunity. As is our custom, we will have a special vigil Mass on Wednesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup>) 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 25<sup>th</sup>. Both the rectory and school office will be closed on Friday. Happy Thanksgiving!



## **S.J.B. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**November 20, 2016**

**CHRIST THE KING:** Today's entrance antiphon sets a tone that will be echoed in our gospel passage from St. Luke's passion account: Jesus is King because He submitted Himself to suffering, humiliation, and death on the cross.

The first reading (2 Sam. 5:1-3) describes the northern tribes at the moment they accept David as their king, their anointed one (messiah). What doesn't appear here is the long series of conflicts, rivalries, and setbacks that led to this moment. In its larger context, this scene emphasizes the mystery that God's plan can be served even in the midst of human failings.

Echoing the gospel, St. Paul in our second reading (Col. 1:12-20) connects Jesus' kingship with His cross: He is now the head of the body, the Church. When we unite ourselves to Jesus and His sufferings, we are enabled to share in His glory.

Finally in the gospel (Lk. 23:35-43) St. Luke puts a human face on Jesus at the moment of His deepest suffering. Although the authorities used the title "King of the Jews" mockingly, they unwittingly expressed the whole mystery of our redemption. The dialogue between Jesus and the repentant thief is comforting, because it assures us that conversion is possible till the end. All we have to do is accept Jesus, and He will gladly welcome us into His Kingdom.

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### **SPECIAL SAINTS' DAYS THIS WEEK**

#### **Monday, November 21<sup>st</sup> – Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

This feast commemorates the dedication of the church of St. Mary in Jerusalem near the site of the sacred Temple. This feast also recalls the day on which – according to ancient tradition – Mary was presented to the Lord by her parents in the Temple.

#### **Tuesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> – St. Cecilia**

Ever since the third century, there has been a deep Christian devotion to this young woman – because of her courage in defending her virginity in the face of the paganism of her time and because of the martyrdom she suffered for love of Christ. She has always been associated with music and poetry and is the patroness of sacred music.

#### **Wednesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> – St. Clement and St. Columban**

St. Clement was the third pope after Peter; he lived at the end of the first century and is remembered for his prayerfulness and devoted leadership. St. Columban was an Irish monk who lived in the 6<sup>th</sup> century and was instrumental in establishing monasteries both in Ireland and on the continent.

#### **Thursday, November 24<sup>th</sup> – St. Andrew Dung-Lac**

This day honors over 100 martyrs who worked with Fr. Andrew Dung-Lac to spread Christianity in Viet Nam in the 19<sup>th</sup> century and suffered persecution and death for their efforts.

#### **Friday, November 25<sup>th</sup> – St. Catherine of Alexandria**

This scholarly, learned woman lived in the 4<sup>th</sup> century; after her conversion to Christianity, she became an evangelizer in the area near Alexandria, Egypt. Under the persecution of the Roman emperor Maximian she was tortured by being placed on a spiked wheel and was eventually beheaded. She is the patroness of philosophers.

### **Prayer for Thanksgiving**

*Gracious God and Eternal Father, we give thanks today for the many blessings you have bestowed on us.*

*We thank you for the goodness of the people of this country and for our heritage of freedom and justice that has provided a beacon of hope for people throughout the world.*

*We thank you for the beauty and bounty of our land and the challenge of our cities.  
We thank you for our work and our rest, and for all the gifts you have given us.*

*For all that we have spoken and all that we keep in our hearts, accept our prayers on this Thanksgiving Day.*

*We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*



**Sunday Report:** Last weekend 1,265 parishioners attended Mass; our collection totaled \$9317.00; average contribution: \$7.37. 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 Richard Fallucci 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.

**Operation Care Package 2016:** The Rosary Altar Society is collecting items to be used in care packages for our troops. The drive is next Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup> 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" from now through Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup>. 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.

**Campaign for Human Development:** This weekend, 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 this weekend.



**Thanks:** To all the men of the Holy Name Society for organizing our annual Thanksgiving Drive – and for distributing Thanksgiving baskets to needy families in our community. Thanks too to all the parishioners who assisted with this work of practical charity.

**Bulletin Advertisers:** The folks who advertise in our bulletin each Sunday benefit our Parish in two major ways: (1) their advertising dollars pay for the set up and printing of our bulletins each week; (2) in addition, after expenses, the bulletin publication company makes a small contribution to St. John's twice a year. In sum, our bulletin advertisers help us to communicate each week with our parishioners – and also directly contribute financially to the church. We encourage everyone to support our advertisers – and to mention that you have seen their "ad" in our bulletin!



**Advent:** Next Sunday we begin the beautiful, prayerful season of Advent – the beginning of the Church's liturgical year and spiritual preparation for the coming of Christ at Christmas. Among the deepest hungers we have as human beings is our hunger for meaning – our hunger for God. The sounds, images and prayers of Advent are a response to that hunger. As we begin our journey through this sacred season let us walk together, listening and learning. May Advent fulfill our deep desire to draw closer to God.

**Advent Booklet:** Once again we will provide a devotional booklet for our parishioners to use during the Advent and Christmas seasons. Entitled the "Little Blue Book", it is produced by the Archdiocese of Saginaw, Michigan, and provides a prayerful reflection (based on the Infancy Narrative in St. Luke's Gospel) for each day of these two seasons. It also includes other prayers, meditations and suggestions on how to make these special seasons of grace. These will be available at all our Masses next weekend.

**Latin Chant:** During Advent at our sung Sunday Masses, we will use traditional Gregorian Chant whenever the Sanctus and Agnus Dei are sung. The chant melodies are very easy to sing and the words of these responses are so familiar in English that the Latin shouldn't pose a problem, even for someone who has never studied Latin. Moreover, it gives us an opportunity (however small) to recapture the long tradition of singing Gregorian Chant. The text of and music for these acclamations can be found in the Music Issue: Sanctus (#841); Agnus Dei (#845).



**Second Collection:** Next 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.

**Lessons and Carols Concert:** On Sunday December 11<sup>th</sup>, our talented and dedicated choirs (along with some of our eloquent lectors) will present "Lessons and Carols: An Evening of Sacred Christmas Music" under the direction of Mr. John Stufano. The program will include both well-known classical works and traditional carols along with scripture readings in an effort to help us make a prayerful preparation for the Christmas season. Come support the Parish choir, Children's choir, and all of whom have worked faithfully to prepare for this event. The program begins at 5:00 p.m. and light refreshments will follow. All are welcome.



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*Our Father ..., Hail Mary ..., The  
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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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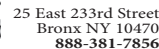
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