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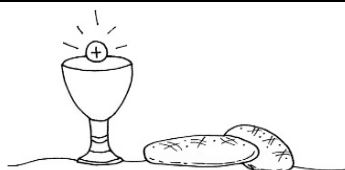
**Monday thru Friday:**  
8:00 a.m. & 12:00 noon

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**Sacrament of Baptism**  
Every Sunday  
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MASS INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK

**Saturday, December 10, 2016**

**Vigil: Third Sunday of Advent**

**5:00 p.m. Esterina and Giacomo Magretti**

**Sunday, December 11, 2016**

**Third Sunday of Advent**

**8:00 a.m. Sante Zangrilli**

**9:30 a.m. Anthony J. DelGiudice – 46<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
and Anthony Trotter – 7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

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

**12:30 p.m. Conte Family, Daniel & Ann Fama,  
Robert Brescia and Edward Makowski**

**Monday, December 12, 2016**

**Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe**

**8:00 a.m. Dennis Cullen**

**12:00 noon Jenny Giardina**

**Tuesday, December 13, 2016**

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

**8:00 a.m. William Holland**

**12:00 noon Miriam Sandoval**

**Wednesday, December 14, 2016**

**Feast of St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the  
Church**

**8:00 a.m. Mario Bonavita**

**12:00 noon Fiorino and Emidio Guglielmi**

**Thursday, December 15, 2016**

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

**12:00 noon Mario Procaccino – 23<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary**

**Friday, December 16, 2016**

**8:00 a.m. Rev. Johnny Dominic, S.D.B. --  
Anniversary (Living)**

**12:00 noon Frances Dippolito**

**Saturday, December 17, 2016**

**8:00 a.m. Makram Yacomb**

**Saturday, December 17, 2016**

**Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**5:00 p.m. Frank Lagana**

**Sunday, December 18, 2016**

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

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

**9:30 a.m. For the Deceased Members of the  
Kozlowski and Naryniecki Families**

**11:00 a.m. Msgr. Maloney's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his  
Ordination**

**12:30 p.m. Luise Lyddy**



*Wedding Banns*

**III. Salvatore Fragale and Sonia Zoida**

**WEEKLY PARISH CALENDAR**

***Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>***

Lessons and Carols – 5:00 p.m. – Church  
Refreshments – following Lessons and Carols – lower  
Church

***Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>***

1<sup>st</sup> Grade Cub Scouts – 2:30 p.m. – lower Church

***Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>***

Senior Club – following 12:00 noon Mass – lower  
Church

R.E. Grades 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> -- 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. – School

R.E. Grades 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> -- 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. – School

***Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup>***

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

***Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup>***

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

**ALTAR SERVERS**

**Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 a.m. – C. Komosinski and R. Rica

9:30 a.m. – E. McLaughlin and D. Vanadia

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

12:30 p.m. – F. Albano and J. Velasquez

**Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup>**

5:00 p.m. – M. Bello and W. Ferguson

**Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 a.m. – M. Luby and J. Postighone

9:30 a.m. – G. Boynes and A. Kocovic

11:00 a.m. – D. Brown, T. Brown, C. Castaldi  
and R. Tuffy

12:30 p.m. – N. Conlon and R. Duffy





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

**December 11, 2016**

**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT:** Advent is a season of joy. At one time the Third Sunday of Advent (called “Gaudete” Sunday – for the first word in the Latin formula for the Entrance Antiphon: “Rejoice in the Lord always!”) was considered to be a break from the rest of our more solemn Advent preparation. In fact, Advent is not a penitential season. The church’s commentary on the “Norms for the Liturgical Year” clearly states that Advent is “a season of joyful and spiritual expectation.” It is true the Gloria is omitted in Advent – but the reason is not a penitential one, but so that “on the night of Christmas the angels’ song may ring out once again in its newness.” So also the purple of Advent has a different rationale than the purple of Lent; it serves to encourage a more simple, reflective mood – and to provide a more dramatic background for the brilliant white Christmas vestments. Nevertheless, the joy of Advent is a quieter, more restrained joy – and on this third Sunday, it does become a bit more exuberant and enthusiastic. The second reading from the Letter of James may be quite sober in its advice for patience and perseverance; but it is the excitement of Isaiah that carries this day: “The desert and the parched land will exult – those whom the Lord has ransomed will be crowned with everlasting joy!” So let us rejoice! The Lord is near!

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### **SPECIAL SAINTS’ DAYS – ADVENT WEEK THREE**

#### **Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup> – Our Lady of Guadalupe**

Today is the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. We remember Mary’s appearance as a native Mexican expectant with child, shining like the sun and moon together. In advent Mary teaches us how to wait. She is the wise virgin robed in midnight blue, patiently awaiting the groom; and she is the pregnant one, robed in the blood-red of the Spirit, yearning to see God cradled in her own arms.

#### **Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> – St. Lucy**

Today is St. Lucy’s day. In the fourth century during the terrible persecution of the Emperor Diocletian, Lucy was put to death for being a Christian. Little is known of her life except that she was noted for extraordinary purity and courage; she is reported to have been tortured before her death – the tortures including the tearing out of her eyes; this may explain why people with eye disease or eye weakness look to St. Lucy as the patron saint.

#### **Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>–St. John of the Cross**

Today is the memorial of St. John of the Cross, the 16<sup>th</sup> century Spanish mystic and Doctor of the Church. His spiritual classic, The Dark Night of the Soul suggests an important truth to remember in Advent: in darkness – under the shadow of the cross, we find light. St. John teaches us how to seek God’s will and trust in God’s grace.

### **Special Christmas Schedule**



***Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Eve***

***Vigil Mass – 5:00 p.m.***

***Midnight Mass – 12:00 a.m.***

***(Choral Prelude at 11:30 p.m.)***

***Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Day***

***9:00; 11:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.***

***There is no evening Mass on Christmas Day***



**Sunday Report:** Last weekend 1,321 parishioners attended Mass; our collection totaled \$7,846.00; average contribution: \$5.94. 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 Aida Materi who was buried from our church this past week. Our prayers go out to her family and friends.

**Retired Religious:** This weekend we will take up the annual special collection to assist our Retired Religious. Over 40,000 religious men and women – many with no pension and only minimal Social Security benefits – depend on this collection to assist with their living expenses and health care costs. This is an opportunity to give back to those who have given their lives to the Church.



**Lessons and Carols Concert:** This 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 in the lower church. All are welcome.

**Confessions in Advent:** In addition to our regular confessions on the next Saturday (December 17<sup>th</sup>) from 4:00 to 4:45 p.m., we are participating in an Archdiocesan Program, “Reconciliation Monday in Advent” on Monday, December 19<sup>th</sup>. Confessions that day will be from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. in the afternoon and from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the evening. This special opportunity for confessions is being done in conjunction with most of the parishes in the Archdiocese. (N.B. There will be no confessions on Christmas Eve – Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup>!)



**Christmas Traditions:** *The Candy Cane* –One of the oldest – and certainly the tastiest – Christian “symbol” is the peppermint candy cane – which is more than a piece of candy; it is rich – not only in sugar – but in symbolism. It's made in the shape of a shepherd's crook” – which recalls the shepherds who came to see the Christ Child in the manger; the Christ Child who would call Himself the “Good Shepherd.” The colors – red and white – are highly significant. The white represents purity – the purity of Our Lord – as well as the purity He calls us to. The red represents the blood He shed for us – and the sacrifices He asks us to make for one another. Remember all these associations when you place candy canes on your Christmas tree during this special season of grace.

**Advanced Notice:** Please note that there will be no Noon Mass on Friday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>. On Monday, December 26<sup>th</sup>, the rectory office will be closed! We will have only one Mass that day at 8:00 a.m. After that Mass, the church will be closed until Tuesday morning. There is no Noon Mass on Monday, December 26<sup>th</sup>.



**Christmas Envelopes:** For anyone who did not receive a Christmas envelope in the mail, they are available at the exits of the Church and in the sacristy. Christmas is traditionally a time for giving – because we are especially aware at this holy season of everything that God has given us through His Son. Your special sacrifice at this time of year does so much to insure that St. John's will be able to meet the many needs of our people and continue to be such a special church in which to pray, to hear God's word, and to receive the sacraments. God bless you for your goodness.

**Catholic Widows/Widowers:** The Catholic Widows and Widowers of Yonkers will hold their monthly meeting at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, in the Fr. Anthony Hall, next to St. Ann's big Church, 31 College Place, Yonkers. Coffee and cake will follow after the meeting. Our guest speaker will be Jessica Kiely and the topic will be “Trusts.” New members welcome. For further information, please call 914-476-4436.



**Local “Coat Drive”:** The Sts. Peter and Paul – St. Ursula Men's Club is sponsoring a winter coat drive from now until to December 21<sup>st</sup>, to benefit those in need in the local community. We are in need of new or gently used adult and children's coats. Coats can be brought to the Rectory (129 Birch Street, Mt. Vernon) or you can call 914-668-9815 to schedule a pickup of your donation (five or more coats).



**Special Celebration:** This December, Msgr. Maloney is celebrating his 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ordination to the priesthood. Msgr. Maloney was ordained in St. Peter's Basilica in Rome on December 17, 1966. On Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, Msgr. will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving at St. John's at 11:00 a.m. and a reception for our parishioners with light refreshments will follow in the lower church. All are invited!

**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).

**Support Group:** The Cancer Support Group of St. John's Hospital meets on Wednesday, December 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m. (Room 111). The topic: “Looking back at 2016 and forward to 2017. All are welcome.

**A Reflection from Pope Francis:** Exposure to atmospheric pollutants produces a broad spectrum of health hazards, especially for the poor and causes millions of premature deaths. People take sick, for example, from breathing high levels of smoke from fuels used in cooking or heating...transport, industrial fumes...Each year hundreds of millions of tons of waste are generated...*The earth, our home, is beginning to look more and more like an immense pile of filth..* These problems are closely linked to a throwaway culture.



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*Our Father ..., Hail Mary ..., The  
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*Then, on the OUR FATHER BEADS you  
will say the following words:*

*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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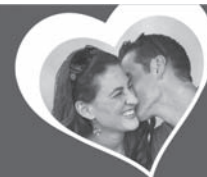
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