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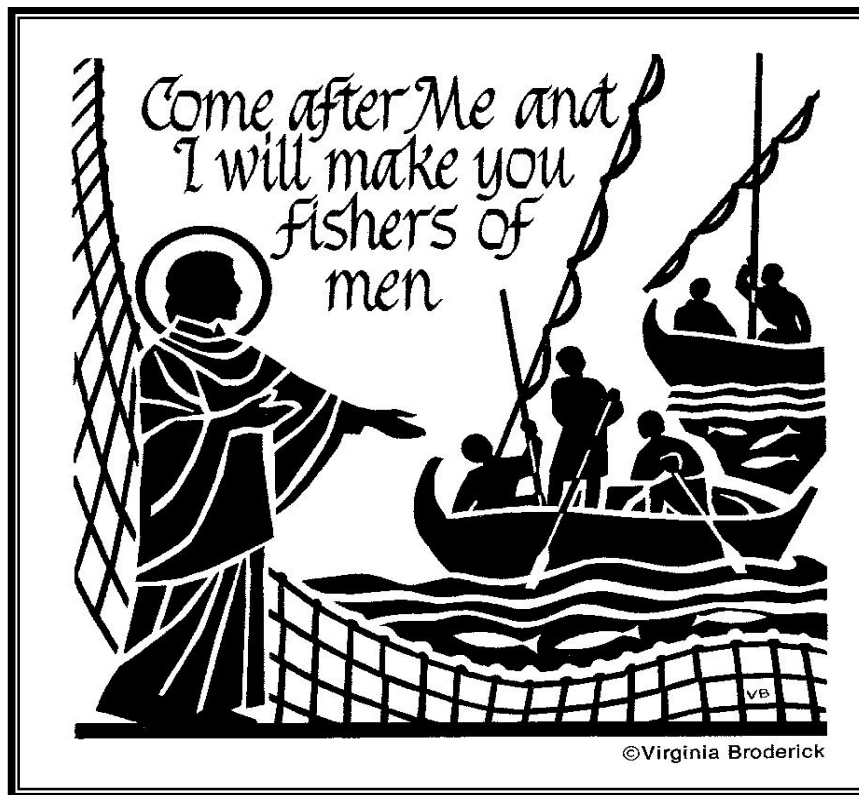
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*Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
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MASS INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK

**Saturday, January 21, 2017**

**Vigil: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**5:00 p.m. Joan Winters and Bridie Kearns**

**Sunday, January 22, 2017**

**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

**9:30 a.m. Rev. John Lennon**

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

**12:30 p.m. Breeda and Joe Flynn**

**Monday, January 23, 2017**

**Feast of St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr; St. Marianne  
Cope, Virgin**

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

**12:00 noon John J. Esposito**

**Tuesday, January 24, 2017**

**Feast of St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the  
Church**

**8:00 a.m. Rosemary D'Addato**

**12:00 noon John Concannon**

**Wednesday, January 25, 2017**

**Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle**

**8:00 a.m. John Concannon**

**12:00 noon Arleen McLaughlin**

**Thursday, January 26, 2017**

**Feast of Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops**

**8:00 a.m. Donato DeAngelis**

**12:00 noon Cornelius Gleeson**

**Friday, January 27, 2017**

**Feast of St. Angela Merici, Virgin**

**8:00 a.m. Evelyn Roesner – 6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

**12:00 noon Daniel J. Harrington – 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

**Saturday, January 28, 2017**

**Feast of St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the  
Church**

**8:00 a.m. Joe Flynn**

**Saturday, January 28, 2017**

**Vigil: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**5:00 p.m. Marie G. Flynn**

**Sunday, January 29, 2017**

**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

**9:30 a.m. Makrum Yacoub**

**11:00 a.m. Luise Lyddy**

**12:30 p.m. Anna Olivieri – 14<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

## WEEKLY PARISH CALENDAR

**Wednesday, January 25<sup>th</sup>**

Leisure Club – 10:15 a.m. – 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

**Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup>**

Pinewood Derby – 1:00 to 6:00 p.m.—lower Church

## ALTAR SERVERS

**Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup>**

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

**Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>**

8:00 a.m. – C. Komosinski and R. Rica

9:30 a.m. – G. Boynes and A. Kocovic

11:00 a.m. – E. Barrett and M. Barrett

12:30 p.m. – N. Conlon and R. Duffy

**Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup>**

5:00 p.m. – M. Bello and W. Ferguson

**Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 a.m. – M. Luby and J. Postighone

9:30 a.m. – B. Collins and R. Murphy

11:00 a.m. – R. Peter and R. Peter

12:30 p.m. – S. Joyce and N. Leo



### **Urgent Announcement: Vacation Bible School:**

Our annual parish summer program of Vacation Bible School may have to be cancelled! After 12 years, the current co-directors have decided that new, younger, adult volunteer leadership is needed to continue this program in July, 2017, and for the future years. During springtime, the current co-directors are willing to train new

adult recruits to take on the responsibilities of running this wonderful program—and are also willing to be available this summer in an advisory capacity. If interested in becoming a co-director for V.B.S., please call the rectory office (914-963-1486) by February 10<sup>th</sup>. More details to follow in future bulletins. If there are **no adult volunteer recruits** interested in becoming co-directors for V.B.S. then unfortunately this excellent summer program must come to an end after 25 successful years.

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

**January 22, 2017**

**SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:** As the gospel is proclaimed throughout the year, the message *go and make disciples* appears in a myriad of images and stories. Today's Opening Prayer addressed to our ever present Father summarizes it well in stating "your watchful care reaches from end to end and orders all things; help us to embrace your will and follow your call so that truth may live in our hearts." What teaching will the Gospel stories reveal to us about the truth that needs to be known? How will our baptismal commitment find a home in the world embraced by our parish?

The readings today "set the stage" to bring us from the Nativity into the week by week telling of the story of our salvation and our embrace of that story. The public phase of that Christian story of salvation is begun in the baptism of Jesus. John the Baptist exclaims in today's gospel (Jn. 1:29-34): "Look there! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" John's baptismal ritual is not just the beginning of the mission of Jesus. It was also the beginning of the mission of the Church – our mission to be Christ's witnesses and evangelists.

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

#### **Tuesday, January 24<sup>th</sup> – St. Frances de Sales**

Born in Southern France in 1567, Francis became a leader of reform and renewal in the Church of his time. Both as a priest and bishop, he preached eloquently, worked tirelessly for the poor and wrote some profound books on spirituality which are still in print today. The best known of his works is "Introduction to the Devout Life".

#### **Wednesday, January 25<sup>th</sup> – Conversion of Paul**

This feast celebrates one of the greatest conversions of all time. Saul, a fierce persecutor of the Church became – almost overnight – just as fiercely devoted to Christianity and in a matter of a few years the greatest Christian evangelist in history. Let us pray today for all those who are preparing to enter the Catholic Church.

#### **Thursday, January 26<sup>th</sup> – Sts. Timothy and Titus**

These two men lived in the very first century of the Christian era; they were disciples and associates of St. Paul and they were appointed bishops of the Church in Ephesus and Crete. The letters written to them in the New Testament give us extraordinary witness to the life of the Church at the very beginning.

#### **Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup> – St. Angela Merici**

In the late 15<sup>th</sup> century, Angela founded a congregation of women (the Ursulines) dedicated to teaching children and caring for the poor – two of the tasks that have been an essential part of the Church's mission in every age.

#### **Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup> – St. Thomas Aquinas**

Thomas was the son of noble Italian parents who intended for him to be a Benedictine monk. Thomas was attracted to the newly formed Order of Preachers (Dominicans) and eventually made his way into their ranks.

A great scholar and man of prayer, Thomas preferred a humble way of life. His legacy has prevailed as one of the greatest theologians in the Church. Known as the "Angelic Doctor," Thomas is the patron of schools and colleges.



**S.J.B. School Registration:** Registration application, for September 2017 (Pre-K through 8<sup>th</sup>) may be picked up in the school office from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. beginning Monday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>. Pre-K registrants must be 4 years old by December 1, 2017. The school office number is 914-963-1486.

**S.J.B. Class of '75:** St. John the Baptist Class of 1975 will be celebrating their reunion at a Mass on Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. Dinner plans to be determined. For more information call Jeanette Kolkowski at 914-494-0554 or Helen DiNoia at 914-423-9630.



**Sunday Report:** Last weekend 1,260 parishioners attended Mass; our collection totaled \$9835.00; average contribution: \$7.81. 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 Joseph D'Albora, Serafina Palazzo and Joseph L. Occhiogrossi who were buried from our church this past week. Our prayers go out to their family and friends.



**New Parishioners:** If you are new to our parish community here at St. John's we welcome you and invite you to become an active member of our parish – participating in any of the parish societies or organizations which may interest you. Please make sure to register with us. You can find new parishioner registration forms in the back of the church or in the rectory. Once completed, you can give them to one of the priests or ushers – or you may drop them off at the rectory during the week.

**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.



**Mass Requests for 2018:** The Mass "book" for 2018 will be open for reservations as of Tuesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>. Because of the number of Parishioners who wish to arrange Masses at St. John's, we must request that Mass reservations be made in person. On February 28<sup>th</sup> those seeking to make Mass reservations should do so in the lower church (not the rectory) starting at 9:00 a.m. Someone will be there all morning and in the afternoon until 3:00 p.m. After February 28<sup>th</sup>, Mass requests for 2018 should be made in the rectory, Monday-Friday from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Our office staff is simply unable to handle requests by phone if they are to complete the regular volume of work they have. In addition, individual Mass reservations are **limited to three on February 28<sup>th</sup>**, so we may accommodate as many parishioners as possible. (**After the initial day, more Mass reservations may be made at the rectory later in the week.**) We remind everyone that there are a number of retired priests who are able to take Mass requests – even for 2017. We are happy to provide Mass cards for these Masses; however, they will not be celebrated here at St. John's.



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**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.

**Remembering St. John the Baptist:** The life of this beautiful Church of ours spans most of the twentieth century and thanks to the sacrifices of those who have gone before us it continues to serve people living in the twenty-first century! Please remember to assist St. John's in its future work by including a gift in your will. Every Christian should have a will so that your loved ones will be provided for and the charitable work you support in life will also be supported after you pass from this life. Simply include a statement like the following in your will: "I leave to the Church of St. John the Baptist, 670 Yonkers Avenue, Yonkers, NY the sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to be used for its general purposes." God bless you for your thoughtfulness!



**2017 March for Life:** On Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, thousands of Americans from all over the country will converge on Washington D.C. for the 44<sup>th</sup> annual March for Life to mark the infamous Roe vs. Wade Supreme Court decision. Wherever we are on that day, let us keep in our prayers all who seek to change laws and change hearts in order to protect the most innocent and defenseless among us.

**Update:** Several of our parishioners have asked about Fr. Ken Ross and we are happy to report that he's doing well and appreciates the prayers and the notes. Since we last gave an update, Fr. Ross has moved to a new Senior Living Residence: The Fountains at River View, 1 Riverview Place, Tuckahoe, NY 10707.



**Rosary Altar Society Annual Scholarship Bake Sale:** Our Scholarship Bake Sale which benefits two of St. John the Baptist 8<sup>th</sup> Grade girls will be held on Saturday, February 4<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup> after all the Masses in the lower church. There will be plenty of goodies and raffles. Any donations of baked/bought items can be dropped off to the lower church on Saturday, February 4<sup>th</sup> after 2 pm. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

**Mandated Announcement:** Anyone who needs to report an alleged incident of sexual abuse of a minor by a priest, deacon, religious or lay person serving in the Archdiocese of New York is asked to contact Sr. Eileen Clifford, O.P. at 212 371-1000 x2949 or Deacon George J. Coppola at 917-861-1762. Both may also be reached via e-mail at [victimassistance@archny.org](mailto:victimassistance@archny.org). Information can also be found on the Archdiocesan website, [www.archny.org](http://www.archny.org). In keeping with the Archdiocesan policy regarding sexual abuse of minors, this information is provided to ensure that our children remain safe and secure.



**Cardinal's Appeal:** Cardinal Dolan has begun this annual Archdiocesan Stewardship Appeal. Some of our parishioners have already received information about the appeal in the mail; many more will receive such information in the days and weeks to follow. In a few weeks we will have our annual "In Pew Sunday" which will give everyone an opportunity to participate in this vital campaign which does so much to assist the Church's pastoral, charitable, and educational efforts throughout our Archdiocese. In the meantime we ask everyone to pray for the success of this appeal.



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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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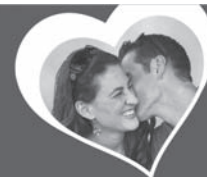
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