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January 29, 2017

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Saturday:
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after the 12:30 Mass



MASS INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK

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. Makram Yacoub

11:00 a.m. Luise Lyddy

12:30 p.m. Anna Olivieri – 14th Anniversary

Monday, January 30, 2017

8:00 a.m. Laura Ghianni

12:00 noon John Concannon

Tuesday, January 31, 2017

Feast of St. John Bosco, Priest

8:00 a.m. Leopoldo Imbert

12:00 noon Sean Courtney

Wednesday, February 1, 2017

8:00 a.m. Aidan Halloran

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

Thursday, February 2, 2017

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

8:00 a.m. Florence Lawler

12:00 noon Arthur Larkin

Friday, February 3, 2017

**Feast of St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr; St. Ansgar,
Bishop**

8:00 a.m. Victoria Martens

12:00 noon Dina Legio

Saturday, February 4, 2017

8:00 a.m. Frank J. DelPriore

Saturday, February 4, 2017

Vigil: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. Philip O'Carolan

Sunday, February 5, 2017

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Salvatore Sbordone

9:30 a.m. Giuseppe Salva

11:00 a.m. R.A.S/H.N.S Mass – John Concannon

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

WEEKLY PARISH CALENDAR

Wednesday, February 1st

3rd Grade 1st Reconciliation -- 9:00 a.m. -- Church

R.E. 1st Reconciliation -- 4:15 p.m. -- Church

Leisure Club -- 10:15 a.m. -- 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, February 3rd

Leisure Club 1st Friday -- 10:15 a.m. -- lower Church

Holy Hour -- 3:00 p.m. -- lower Church

Saturday, February 4th

R.A.S. Bake Sale -- 4:30 p.m. -- lower Church

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday, January 28th

5:00 p.m. -- M. Bello and W. Ferguson

Sunday, January 29th

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

Saturday, February 4th

5:00 p.m. -- M. McCarthy and T. McCarthy

Sunday, February 5th

8:00 a.m. -- D. Browne and T. Browne

9:30 a.m. -- A. Burke and K. Burke

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

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



Blessed Candles: On Thursday, February 2nd, the Feast of the Presentation, we are making special blessed candles available in the Church vestibule after all Masses this weekend. We ask a donation of \$3.00 for each box which contains a set of two candles.

First Friday: This Friday, February 3rd, is the first Friday of the month of February. Our First Friday Holy Hour Devotions begins at 3:00 p.m. in the lower church. We thank Deacon Martin Olivieri who leads this beautiful devotion each month. We are blessed to have him with us!



Rosary Altar Society: We welcome the members of the Rosary Altar Society to their monthly Mass next Sunday, February 5th at 11:00 a.m. Their monthly meeting will be held on Monday, February 6th at 8:00 p.m. in the lower Church. Their welcome back meeting will be a fun Bingo Night and "bring your own snacks". Hope to see you there.



S.J.B. ANNOUNCEMENTS

January 29, 2017

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: In the Sermon on the Mount, of which today's gospel (Mt. 5:1-12) is a part, Jesus gives us what He calls "a new commandment" – one that fulfills the purpose of the Old Law. The Beatitudes provide a new standard – a new set of guidelines – to govern our relationship with God and neighbor. To act in ways that honor the poor, the sorrowing, and the suffering calls for a humble, honest heart.

Today's first reading (Zeph 2:2-13) from the prophet Zephaniah is a reminder that care and concern for the poor and the lowly were part of the call issued to the people of Israel. The reading readies us to hear the familiar lessons of the Gospel of Matthew.

In our second reading (1 Cor 1:26-31) St. Paul tries to direct the Corinthians to reconsider their priorities. Do not boast of your material possessions or your social status; boast in the Lord. Perhaps this Sunday's readings should prompt us to re-examine our priorities. How sincere is our commitment to Christ? What areas of our personal, our spiritual lives need shaping up? If we examine our consciences in the light of the Beatitudes, how do we measure up?

SPECIAL SAINTS' DAYS THIS WEEK

Tuesday, January 31st – St. John Bosco

This 19th century Italian saint founded the Salesians and dedicated his life to the vocational training of youth. Don Bosco provided youngsters with the physical, spiritual and moral preparation necessary to succeed in this world and to be received joyously in the next. He is the patron of laborers.

Thursday, February 2nd – Presentation of the Lord

This feast on the 40th day of Christmas is concerned with the biblical events in the temple of Jerusalem which are reported in St. Luke's gospel (2:22-38). It celebrates when Mary brings the child Jesus to the temple to fulfill the Mosaic Law (Lev. 12:1-8) and to make the traditional offerings to the poor. Since this was the occasion on which Simeon speaks of Jesus as the "Light of revelation to the gentiles" the feast has been the time for processions and the blessing of candles (hence the term "candlemas"). The candles represent Christ – the light that has come into the world and which we pray will always burn brightly in our hearts and minds.

Friday, February 3rd – St. Blasé

This 4th century bishop and martyr is said to have healed a boy with a fish bone stuck in his throat; thus becoming the special patron for those suffering diseases of the throat. The blessing of the throats with candles began in the 16th century. The blessing of throats will take place at St. John's immediately following each of our Masses on Friday.

S.J.B. School Registration: Registration application, for September 2017 (Pre-K through 8th) may be picked up in the school office from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Pre-K registrants must be 4 years old by December 1, 2017. The school office number is 914-965-2356.

Rosary Altar Society Annual Scholarship Bake Sale: Our Scholarship Bake Sale which benefits two of St. John the Baptist 8th Grade girls will be held on Saturday, February 4th and Sunday, February 5th 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 4th after 2 pm. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

Card Party: Come join us as the Rosary Altar Society presents its annual Card Party on Saturday, February 25th at 7:00 p.m. in the lower church. There will be over 400 prizes and it is sure to be a fun night. Admission is \$20.00 per person (18 years and older) and includes sandwiches, snacks and beverages. Reserved seating must be paid for in advance. Walk-ins are welcome. Anyone wishing to make a monetary or new gift donation can kindly drop it off at the Rectory. Attn: R.A.S. Card Party. For more information please call Robyne Liberatore at 914-325-6373.

S.J.B. Class of '71: St. John the Baptist Class of 1971 will be celebrating their reunion at a Mass on Saturday, March 11th 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 1,340 parishioners attended Mass; our collection totaled \$9912.00; average contribution: \$7.40. Thank you for your continued financial support of St. John's and its many needs. Your generosity is essential and greatly appreciated.



Mass Requests for 2018: The Mass "book" for 2018 will be open for reservations as of Tuesday, February 28th. 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 28th 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 28th, 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 28th**, 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.

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!



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. Information can also be found on the Archdiocesan website, 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.

Fuel Collection: This Sunday we take up our annual second collection to assist us with the cost of heating our church, convent and rectory during the winter months. In spite of all those reports of "global warming," the cost of heating the church continues to rise. A donation of at least \$7.00 in this special collection is greatly appreciated.



Rest in Peace: Let us pray for Donna DiChiaro, Loreda Haynes, Dora DiFabio and Melinda Suarino who were buried from our church this past week. Our prayers go out to their families and friends.

Cardinal's Appeal 2017: Most of you know that during the months of February, March, and April we conduct the annual Archdiocesan Appeal. The Appeal raises critically needed funds to support the pastoral, charitable, and educational work that goes on throughout our Archdiocese. No one can exaggerate the importance of what is done for God's people thanks to the generosity of those who sacrifice for this cause; the money raised by the Appeal helps to assist: elderly priests and religious; Catholic schools, hospitals and nursing homes; parish shelters and food pantries – the list goes on and on. We realize that our economy has hit a lot of our parishioners very hard; many are barely managing to make ends meet. But we also know that it is precisely the agencies assisted by this appeal that are helping those who need help most. Every year each parish in the Archdiocese is assigned a goal and for the past several years we have reached our goal – or come very close to reaching it. Ultimately, however, this is not a matter of reaching goals – it is a matter of doing our part – making a sacrifice for others in an act of practical charity. May we all give prayerful consideration to making a pledge to this important appeal in 2017.



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 10th. 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.

Tax Advantage: Once again this year, St. John's has been contacted by a representative of H&R Block regarding a program they have for tax-exempt institutions (like ours!). For every new client who goes to any H&R Block office and has them prepare your tax returns, H&R Block will contribute \$20.00 to St. John's. The only condition is that when you go to the H&R Block office, you take a coupon (which are available this week at the exits of the Church) indicating the special code which will be given to St. John's to distribute to our parishioners. N.B.: This costs you nothing! Obviously, H&R Block is doing this as a promotion to bring in new customers – but if you are considering having someone prepare your tax return (both Federal and N.Y. State) this year, please consider H&R Block. They have an office nearby – on 777 Central Avenue (in the strip mall near the Sunoco station on the corner of Mile Sq. Rd. and Central Ave.) But this offer is good at any H&R Block (you just need to bring the coupon available).

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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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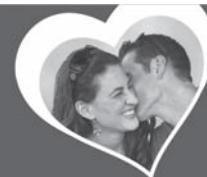
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