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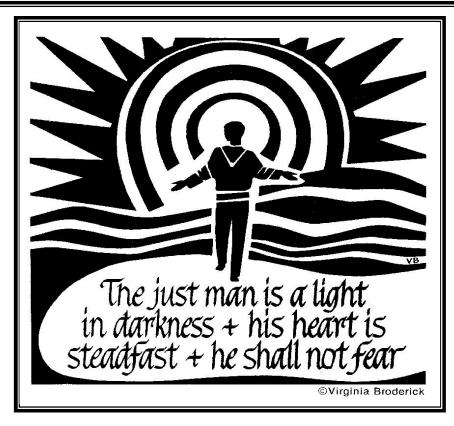
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Sacrament of
Marriage
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prior to wedding

Sacrament of Baptism Every Sunday after the 12:30 Mass



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

Monday, February 6, 2017

Feast of St. Paul Mike and Companions, Martyrs

8:00 a.m. Anne and William Ludlow 12:00 noon Margaret McRedmond

Tuesday, February 7, 2017

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

12:00 noon Stephanie Liberatore

Wednesday, February 8, 2017

Feast of St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita,

Virgin

8:00 a.m. Jean Lubanski 12:00 noon Michael Antonow

Thursday, February 9, 2017

8:00 a.m. Monica Reynolds

12:00 noon Carmela and Pasquale Colaiacovo

Friday, February 10, 2017 Feast of St. Scholastica, Virgin

8:00 a.m. Ana Griffin

12:00 noon Dora and Arthur DiFabio

Saturday, February 11, 2017 Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes

8:00 a.m. Charles Clark

Saturday, February 11, 2017

Vigil: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. Frank Ferrari

Sunday, February 12, 2017

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Daniel McRedmond

9:30 a.m. Mary and Cosmo DiNoia

11:00 a.m. Mass for the Parishioners of

St. John the Baptist

12:30 p.m. Margherita Spataro

WEEKLY PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, February 5th

R.A.S. Bake Sale -8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. - lower Church R.A.S./H.N.S. Monthly Mass -11:00 a.m. - Church

Monday, February 6th

R.A.S. Monthly Meeting – 8:00 p.m. – lower church

Wednesday, February 8th

 $\begin{array}{c} Leisure~Club-10:15~a.m.-lower~Church\\ R.E.~Grades~1^{st}~through~5^{th}~--~4:00~to~5:30~p.m.-School\\ R.E.~Grades~6^{th}~through~8^{th}~--~7:00~to~8:30~p.m.-School\\ \end{array}$

Saturday, February 11th

Cub Scouts Pack Night - 3:00 p.m. -- lower Church

<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>

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

Saturday, February 11th

5:00 p.m. – E. Barrett, M. Barrett and P. Tozzi

Sunday, February 12th

8:00 a.m. – N. Crisp and M. Loughran 9:30 a.m. – J. Corcoran and R. Corcoran 11:00 a.m. – M. Colaiacovo and D. Odume 12:30 p.m. – N. Conlon and R. Duffy



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Grade girls will be held this weekend after all the Masses in the lower church. There will be plenty of goodies and raffles. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

Rosary Altar Society: We welcome the members of the Rosary Altar Society to their monthly Mass this Sunday, 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. 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.

S.J.B. ANNOUNCEMENTS February 5, 2017

<u>FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</u>: The Opening Prayer for today's liturgy calls upon God to *watch over the family gathered here*. It is in this gathering that we are the community, the Church that our Baptism in Christ signifies.

Our first reading from the prophet Isaiah (Is. 58:5-10) clearly states the mission of the Church: to feed the hungry; clothe the naked; shelter the homeless; to be a sign of God's Word and bring it to the light of day. The message of Paul to the Corinthians affirms human effort, but attributes its success to the power of God.

In the Gospel reading (Mt. 5:13-16) we continue to read from Our Lord's Sermon on the Mount. Today we are reminded of the mandate Jesus gave to His disciples: to be salt and light. This is a personal challenge to each and every one of us. The sharing of talents, the proliferation of good gifts, and the proclaiming of God's glory are essential in the building of the Kingdom. The earth is to be seasoned with the salt of virtue. Darkness is to be dispelled by the epiphanic light of the knowledge of God. The city is the City of God but for us that city is wherever we happen to be – wherever we can make use of our talents, wherever we can help meet the needs of God's people.

SPECIAL SAINTS' DAYS THIS WEEK

Monday, February 6th - St. Paul Miki and Companions

Paul was a Japanese nobleman who lived in 16th century Japan; converted by Jesuits, he himself became a Jesuit and a successful missionary preacher in Japan. He and his companions were martyred by decree of Japan's brutal, anti-Catholic dictator.

Wednesday, February 8th - St. Jerome Emiliani

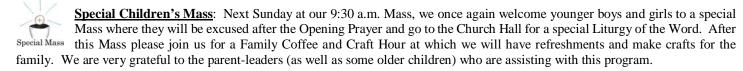
Born in Venice in 1486, Jerome was a soldier as a young man, but was increasingly drawn to a more spiritual life. He devoted himself to the care of the poor and orphaned children, eventually establishing a small religious order to continue his work.

Friday, February 10th - St. Scholastica

The twin sister of St. Benedict, the founder of Western Monacticism, Scholastica also dedicated her life to prayer and manual labor. She remained a close collaborator with her brother all her life and is the patron of Benedictine nuns.

Saturday, February 11th – Our Lady of Lourdes

On this day in 1858, is recorded the first of a series of apparitions of Our Lady to St. Bernadette near Lourdes, France. Those appearances led to the building of a beautiful basilica which has become a focus of Catholic pilgrimage and a place of miraculous healing.





Special Lenten Announcement: Cardinal Dolan has notified all parishes in the Archdiocese that since March 17th (Feast of St. Patrick, Patron Saint of the Archdiocese) falls on a Friday this year, he has dispensed New Yorkers from the Lenten obligation of Friday fast and abstinence. Eating meat is therefore permissible on Friday, March 17th in the Archdiocese of New York.

<u>Card Party</u>: 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 s 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.



<u>Sunday Report:</u> Last weekend 1,310 parishioners attended Mass; our collection totaled \$8881.00; average contribution: \$6.78. Thank you for your continued financial support of St. John's and its

many needs. Your generosity is essential and greatly appreciated.

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.



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.

<u>Monthly Maintenance</u>: Since this Sunday is the first Sunday of the month of February, we will take up our regular "First Sunday of the Month" second collection after Communion this week. This collection helps with the upkeep, maintenance, and cleaning of our beautiful church. Please be generous.

Tax Advantage: 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).

Rest in Peace: Let us pray for Kathleen McKeon who was buried from our church this past week. Our prayers go out to her family 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.



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.



<u>Second Collection</u>: Next weekend we will take up our annual Peter's Pence collection for the Holy Father. This special appeal is needed to support Pope Francis' service to Christ and the

world. Please give generously so that His Holiness may continue his mission as pastor to our worldwide Church and as a spokesman for peace and justice.

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 email 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.



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