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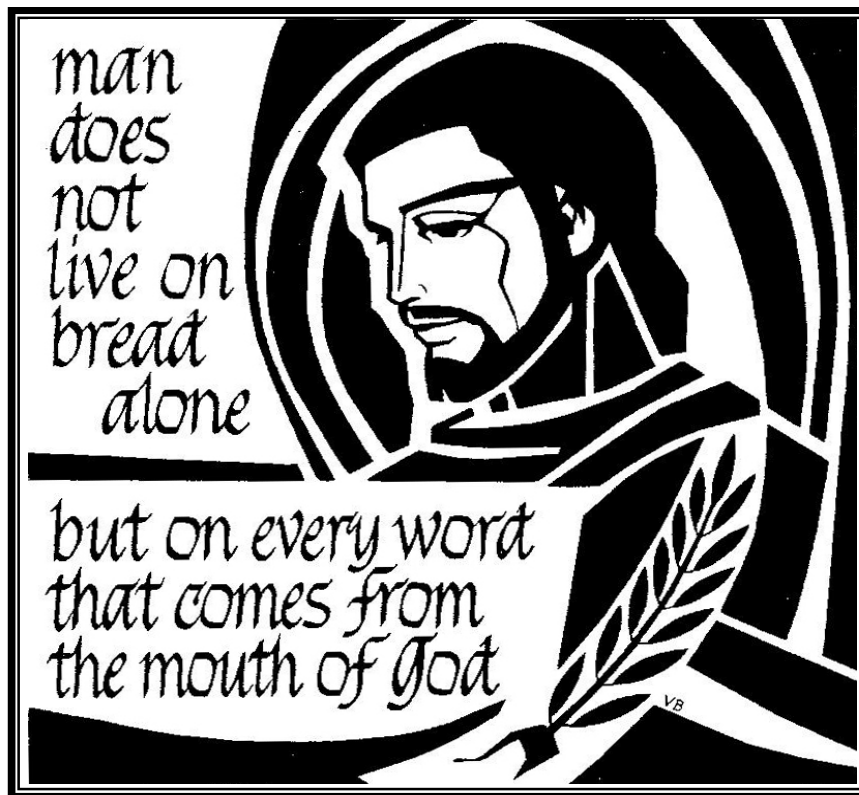
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***First Sunday of Lent
March 5, 2017***

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8:00, 9:30,
11:00 a.m., 12:30 p.m.

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

Saturday:
8:00 a.m.

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

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Marriage***
Make arrangements six months
prior to wedding

***Sacrament of
Baptism***
Every Sunday
after the 12:30 Mass

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 4, 2017

Vigil: First Sunday of Lent

5:00 p.m. Joseph Vento

Sunday, March 5, 2017

First Sunday of Lent

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

9:30 a.m. Geraldine Purdy -- 4th Anniversary

11:00 a.m. R.A.S./H.N.S. Mass – Cornelius Gleeson

12:30 p.m. Edward Makowski and Ann and
Daniel Fama

Monday, March 6, 2017

8:00 a.m. For the Deceased Members of the
Cosimo, Vincenzo, Providenza and
Savona Families

12:00 noon Anthony Marasciulo -- Birthday

Tuesday, March 7, 2017

Feast of St. Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs

8:00 a.m. Margaret Biglin

12:00 noon Grace Elizabeth Clark

Wednesday, March 8, 2017

Feast of St. John of God, Religious

8:00 a.m. Peter, Kathleen, Bernie and
Eileen Fitzsimons

12:00 noon Anna and Epifanio DiLeo

Thursday, March 9, 2017

Feast of St. Frances of Rome, Religious

8:00 a.m. Theresa Wilson

12:00 noon M. Victor DiFede

Friday, March 10, 2017

8:00 a.m. Rae Tevernia

12:00 noon Josephine and Salvatore Miceli

Saturday, March 11, 2017

8:00 a.m. Matteo Arlia

Saturday, March 11, 2017

Vigil: Second Sunday of Lent

5:00 p.m. Joseph Gilberti

Sunday, March 12, 2017

Second Sunday of Lent

8:00 a.m. For the Deceased Members of the
Caruso, Verbene and Provenzano Families

9:30 a.m. Angelo (Andy) Monte –
3rd Anniversary

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

12:30 p.m. Liugi and Franco Milizia

WEEKLY PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, March 5th

Home School Assoc. Raffles – following Masses –
exits of Church

R.A.S./H.N.S. Monthly Mass – 11:00 a.m. – Church

Monday, March 6th

R.A.S. Monthly Meeting – 8:00 a.m. – lower Church

Wednesday, March 8

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, March 10th

5th Grade Girl Scouts – 2:30 p.m. – lower Church

Lenten Devotion – 7:30 p.m. -- Church

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday, March 4th

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

Sunday, March 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, March 11th

5:00 p.m. – M. Colaiacovo and D. Odume


Sunday, March 12th

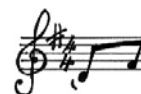
8:00 a.m. – N. Crisp and M. Loughran

9:30 a.m. – J. Corcoran and R. Corcoran

11:00 a.m. – E. Barrett, M. Barrett and P. Tozzi

12:30 p.m. – N. Conlon and R. Duffy

 **Rosary Altar Society:** This Sunday we welcome the Rosary Altar Society to their monthly Mass at 11:00 am. Also, our March meeting will be held in the Church Hall on Monday the 6th at 8:00pm it will be a celebration for St. Joseph's and St. Patrick's Days. Come and enjoy some Irish and Italian specialties.



Latin Chant: During Lent at our sung Sunday Masses, we will use traditional Gregorian Chant whenever the Kyrie, 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: Kyrie (#839); Sanctus (#841); Agnus Dei (#845).

S.J.B. ANNOUNCEMENTS

March 5, 2017

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT: This Sunday the Church forces us to face squarely a reality which the world around us would rather ignore: sin and evil. Both individually and as society's human beings sin, allowing evil to tighten its grip on an often cruel unjust world.

Our first reading from the Book of Genesis (Gen. 2:7-9:31-7) is part of the Bible's famous creation account which addresses some of life's most basic mysteries. Men and women are the creatures of a loving God, fashioned by God's own hand. But they are creatures. Unlike the Creator, they are imperfect, limited, and capable of error. To take just one example: how often do we "eat" something that looks good, only to discover the hidden and harmful consequences of our action?

If Adam is the Prototype of humanity, Jesus is the one who brings hope and salvation. In today's second reading (Rom 5:12-19), St Paul contrasts Adam and Eve who, like us, are human and therefore capable of sin, with Jesus who is both human and divine and therefore uniquely able to bring redemption to fallen humanity.

In today's gospel (Mt. 4:1-11), St. Matthew shows us that our Blessed Lord was not immune to temptation. But, by dealing with Satan directly and courageously, Jesus also assures us that it is possible to look temptation in the eye and overcome it.

SAINTS' DAYS – LENT: WEEK ONE

Tuesday, March 7th – Saints Perpetua and Felicity

These two women who lived in the third century in North Africa were martyred for the faith during a Roman persecution. Their powerful witness is remembered whenever the First Eucharistic Prayer is used at Mass.

Wednesday, March 8th – St. John of God

Born in Portugal in 1495, John pursued a military career as a young man, until he was moved by God's grace to devote himself to the care of the sick and infirm. He spent his last years in southern Spain where he found a hospital and a small nursing order (Order of Hospitallers) devoted to the sick poor. He died in Granada in 1550.

Thursday, March 9th – St. Frances of Rome

Frances was born in Rome in 1384; she married and had three sons. She lived during a time of plague and devoted her later life to care of the sick and the dying. In 1425 she founded the Congregation of Oblates under the rule of St. Benedict. She died in 1440.



The Meaning of Lent: The season of Lent is different from other seasons in the Church year. Like the others, it has a specific purpose and yet there are no special decorations on streets or in windows, no seasonal greeting cards in the stores, not even a fixed starting date in our calendars. Lent sort of sneaks up on us but when it comes it invites us, not just to the celebration of a single day, but into 40 days of prayer and reflection.

What makes Lent an especially holy and valuable time is the way it encourages us to take the time to sense the presence of God in our lives and hear God speaking to us. What we are likely to discover in that process is just how meaningful and truly beautiful life can be when God is a part of it. Lent also offers us an opportunity to do something that will help us become more than we are, better than we are, and because we all yearn for that, we need just such an opportunity. That 'something' may require our making a specific change in our lives (e.g. changing a behavior, altering our priorities, developing a new habit, etc.) and change is not always easy. So, let Lent begin and before it is over may something new and beautiful be born in you. If that happens, you will have every reason to celebrate Easter.

Friday Lenten Devotion: Starting this Friday, March 3rd and on all the remaining Fridays of Lent at 7:30 p.m. there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, followed by Stations of the Cross and a reflection by Fr. Daniel Ulloa, O.P. The evening Holy Hour will conclude with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Lenten Fast and Abstinence: ALL THE FRIDAYS OF LENT ARE DAY OF ABSTINENCE -All Catholics above the age of 14 are obliged to abstain from meat on the days of abstinence (unless poor health excuses). Additionally, Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are both fast and abstinence. Not only is meat prohibited, but on these two fast days, only one full meal is permitted. Two smaller meals may be taken to maintain strength, but these taken together should not equal another full meal. Fasting obliges from 18 to 59 (unless poor health excuses).

Sunday Report: Last weekend 1,255 parishioners attended Mass; our collection totaled \$8335.00; average contribution: \$6.64. 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 Kristen Renee McRedmond, Patricia M. Cacace and Fernando M. Esnarriaga who were buried from our church this past week. Our prayers go out to their families and friends.



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. 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.

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).



St. John's H.S.A. Raffles: The Home School Association will be selling their annual raffles tickets this weekend, (March 4th and 5th) after each Mass at the exits of the Church. The tickets are \$2.00 and the prize is \$2000.00. This raffle is a major fundraiser for the school. Please help our school if you are able.

Monthly Maintenance: Since this Sunday is the first Sunday of the month of March, 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.



Time Change Alert: Daylight Savings Time will begin next week on Sunday, March 12th. Since clocks are to be turned AHEAD one hour at 2:00 a.m. that morning, better to do it before you go to bed on Saturday. Remember, "Spring ahead! Fall back!" which means – even though it isn't Spring yet, we will lose an hour of sleep!



V.B.S. Update: There's good news regarding St. John's Vacation Bible School! We have received assurances that there will be some new volunteers who will be taking responsibility for this wonderful program. The date this year will be: July 24th to 28th. This year's theme: "A Mighty Fortress." We will have more information in subsequent bulletins.



Yonkers Parade: The 62nd Annual Yonkers St. Patrick's Day Parade will take place on Saturday, March 18th. The Parade begins at 1:00 p.m. on McLean Avenue – with Timothy Cardinal Dolan as Grand Marshal. That morning Cardinal Dolan will celebrate Mass at 11:00 a.m. in the St. Barnabas High School Chapel. All are welcome.



Operation Rice Bowl: St. John's is participating in the annual Catholic Relief Services' Lenten Program, "Operation Rice Bowl" as part of our Lenten observance from Ash Wednesday to Holy Saturday. Rice Bowl packets will be available in the Church. Packets will be distributed to all students in our parish school and Religious Education program. Additional packets will be available in the church. Please take a box home to help the poor and needy people in the world.



Respect Life: The St. John the Baptist Respect Life Committee's Baby Bottle Drive received a total of \$3,500 which was distributed to the Elinor Martin Residence for Mother & Child in New Rochelle and to Sienna House of the Bronx, directed by Sr. Mary Doris. Thanks to everyone who participated. Special thanks go to Kathy Michalak and all those who helped make the Baby Bottle Drive a success.

S.J.B. Senior Leisure Club: The Leisure Club is sponsoring a Giant Flea Market Sale on Saturday, March 18th from 9:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. and Sunday, March 19th from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. A 50/50 raffle will be sold and the winner will be drawn on Sunday at 3:30 p.m. (winner need not be present). Coffee, tea, soft drinks and cake will be available. There will be lots of items sold at bargain prices just in time for Easter and Spring time. Proceeds will be used for Leisure Club events, programs and school children's awards. The club events need subsidizing, especially for the cost of bus transportation which has become very expensive. Your support is appreciated.

Lenten Seminar: Once again St. Paul the Apostle church will host a "Life in The Spirit Seminar" in the church hall on the Tuesday evenings in Lent from 7:45-9:30 p.m. – beginning this Tuesday, March 7th. All are welcome.

Special Concert: The Maryknoll Sisters Annual Charity Concert to Aid the Sisters Global Mission Outreach, this Sunday, March 5th at 3:00 p.m. at the Maryknoll Sisters Center, 10 Pinesbridge Road, Ossining, NY. Tickets are \$25.00 in advance or \$30.00 at the door and may be purchased on our website www.maryknollsisters.org/concert17 or by calling 1-866-662-9900 or at the door the day of the event. Credit cards, cash or checks accepted. For more information, visit www.maryknollsisters.org.

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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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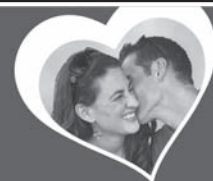
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