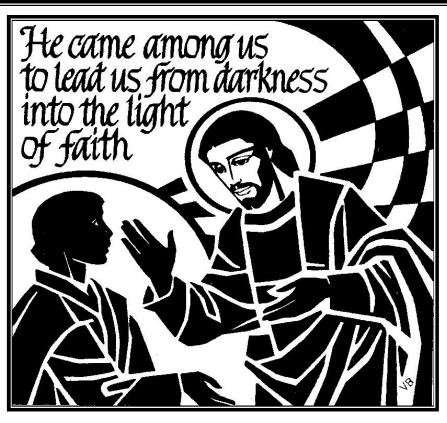
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Saturday: 8:00 a.m.

Sacrament of Penance Saturday: 4:00 - 4:45 p.m.

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



Saturday, March 25, 2017 Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Lent

5:00 p.m. For the Deceased Members of the

D'Addato, Mazzanti, Morella and

**Rendine Families** 

Sunday, March 26, 2017 Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:00 a.m. For the Deceased Members of the

**Soprano and Rubbo Families** 

9:30 a.m. Giorgio Cotza – 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 11:00 a.m. James, Catherine and Sr. Joanne

Murphy

12:30 p.m. Mass for the Parishioners of

St. John the Baptist

Monday, March 27, 2017

8:00 a.m. Rita Bruederlein – 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary

12:00 noon Andrew Luzzi

Tuesday, March 28, 2017

8:00 a.m. Rae Tavernia 12:00 noon Zita Millett

Wednesday, March 29, 20178:00 a.m. Mary Callan12:00 noon Marilyn Romeo

Thursday, March 30, 2017 8:00 a.m. Janie Gaskin

12:00 noon Evelyn Moccio -- Birthday

Friday, March 31, 2017

8:00 a.m. Frank Gallagher 12:00 noon Maria Rosario

Saturday, April 1, 2017

8:00 a.m. Carmelina Pellegrino

Saturday, April 1, 2017 Vigil: Fifth Sunday of Lent

5:00 p.m. William Concannon

Sunday, April 2, 2017 Fifth Sunday of Lent

8:00 a.m. Mass for the Parishioners of

St. John the Baptist

9:30 a.m. Alfred DalPino -- Birthday

11:00 a.m. R.A.S./H.N.S. Mass – Rita Flynn

12:30 p.m. Martino Olivieri



#### II. Gilbert O'Brien and Adriana Minchilli

#### WEEKLY PARISH CALENDAR

#### Wednesday, March 29th

Senior 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, March 31st

Lenten Devotion – 7:30 p.m. -- Church

#### Saturday, April 1st

Adult Bingo – 7:00 p.m. -- lower Church

#### ALTAR SERVERS



Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup> 5:00 p.m. – M. Bello and W. Ferguson

#### Sunday, March 26th

8:00 a.m. – A. Kocovic and R. Rica 9:30 a.m. – B. Collins and R. Murphy 11:00 a.m. – M. Luby and R. Tuffy 12:30 p.m. – S. Joyce and N. Leo

#### Saturday, April 1st

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

#### Sunday, April 2nd

8:00 a.m. – J. Postighone and D. Vandia 9:30 a.m. – E. Barrett, M. Barrett and P. Tozzi 11:00 a.m. – D. Liberatore and S. Osso 12:30 p.m. – N. Conlon and R. Duffy



<u>Palm Crosses</u>: The Holy Name Society will be selling Palm Crosses next weekend (April 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>) and also Palm Sunday weekend (April 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>). The donation for each cross is \$10.00. They

suggested donation for each cross is \$10.00. They will be available in the vestibule of the church.

**Rosary Altar Society**: We welcome the members of the Rosary Altar Society to their monthly Mass next Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 11:00 a.m. Their monthly meeting will be held on Monday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 8:00 p.m. in the lower Church. Hope to see you there.



**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT:** Today's entrance antiphon begins with two words which set a positive tone for what in the days of the Latin Mass used to be called "Laetare Sunday." The words are "Rejoice Jerusalem!" In the midst of Lent, the Church reminds us that repentance is not punishment. No -- our prayers, sacrifices, and acts of charity are a joyous, grateful response to a loving God. Our Lenten pilgrimage helps us become better Christians now and better citizens of the heavenly kingdom to come.

Baptismal symbols figure prominently in all of today's readings from sacred scripture – even in our first reading from the Old Testament's First Book of Samuel (16:1-13). Once Samuel had recognized Jesse's youngest son, David, as the chosen one, Samuel anoints him with oil, just as we are anointed at the moment of baptism. The designation of the younger son instead of the older brothers reminds us, that election is a free gift from God.

In our second reading (Eph. 5:8-14) the light calls to mind the baptismal candle. Once again we are encouraged to live as children of light. That means we must be willing to take unpopular stands, to speak out against injustice in all its forms, to minister to the needs to all God's people.

Today's reading from St. John's gospel (Jn. 9:1-41) is a difficult one. Much of its meaning depends on the idea of blindness. The physical blindness of the man Jesus cured yields to the spiritual blindness of the supporting cast. The man's parents want nothing to do with him; his neighbors just want to engage in gossip; the Pharisees see a violation of the law. The blind man alone, in simple acceptance of Jesus, "gets it." For John, signs are a means to faith. If physical cures don't bring one to Jesus, they are meaningless.

<u>Friday Lenten Devotion</u>: On 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. on the topic: "Our Call to Holiness." The evening Holy Hour will conclude with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.



obliges from 18 to 59 (unless poor health excuses).

<u>Lenten Fast and Abstinence</u>: <u>ALL THE FRIDAYS OF LENT ARE DAY OF ABSTINENCE -</u>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

<u>Latin Chant</u>: 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).



Advanced Planning: Please note that there is a special schedule for Easter because there is NO 5:00 p.m. Mass on Holy Saturday. The only Mass allowed on Holy Saturday is the Easter Vigil Service at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup>. Our Masses on Easter Sunday will be at 8:00 a.m.; 9:30 a.m. (children's Mass); 11:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Our traditional Easter egg hunt will take place after the 9:30 a.m. Mass in the lower Church (or, if the weather is nice, outside on the lawn). Please note:

despite the time between Masses that our schedule affords, Easter has historically caused parking problems – especially since parents with children will be staying longer after the 9:30 a.m. Mass. If the weather is nice and you don't live too far away, you might consider walking to Church on Easter Sunday!



<u>Sunday Report:</u> Last weekend 1240 parishioners attended Mass; our collection totaled \$7,647.00; average contribution: \$6.17. 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 Lawrence Egan who was buried from our church this past week. Our prayers go out to his family and friends.



**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., Monday through Friday. Pre-K registrants

must be 4 years old by December 1, 2017. The school office number is 914-965-2356.

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).



Cardinal's Appeal 2017: Thanks to everyone who has responded to Cardinal Dolan by

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year's Stewardship Appeal. All the charitable and pastoral agencies of the Archdiocese depend on the funds raised during this Appeal. This is a perfect way to fulfill the Lenten spiritual goal of almsgiving. Envelopes are available at the exits of the church or the rectory.

Men's Conference: The Archdiocese is sponsoring a Men's Conference ("Faith Every Day") at St. Joseph's Seminary on Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup> from 11:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. For more information, please visit www.archnymensconference.eventbrite.com.



Mass Requests for 2018: The Mass "book" for 2018 is now open for reservations. 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 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. 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.

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. Packets were distributed to all students in our parish school and Religious Education program. Additional packets are available in the church. Please take a box home to help the poor and needy people in the world.



Adult Bingo: The Rosary Altar Society will be hosting "Adult Bingo" on Saturday April 1<sup>st</sup> at 8:00 p.m. in the lower Church.

The cost is \$20.00 per person (18 years and older) which includes 9 games with a jackpot. Doors open at 7:00 p.m. There will be a 50/50 Early Bird Special at 7:30 p.m. which costs \$2.00 per game. Refreshments and snacks will be sold. For more information call Robyne Liberatore at 914-325-6373.

<u>Second Collection</u>: This weekend we take up a second collection to support the American Bishops Overseas Appeal (now known as the "Catholic Relief Services Collection"). Funds from this national collection help our bishops fund Catholic service agencies which aid the poorest of the poor throughout the world. Please be generous.

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

**Local Church Concert**: Annunciation-Our Lady of Fatima Parish proudly presents "The Seven Last Words of Christ" by Theodore Dubois. The concert will take place on Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 2:30 p.m. at Annunciation Church, 470 Westchester Avenue, Tuckahoe. Samarie Alicea (soprano), Laurence Broderick (tenor) and John Dominick III (baritone) will be featured vocal soloists. Admission is free. All are welcome.



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From the Diary of the Servant of God Sr. Faustina Note Book I, p 197

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