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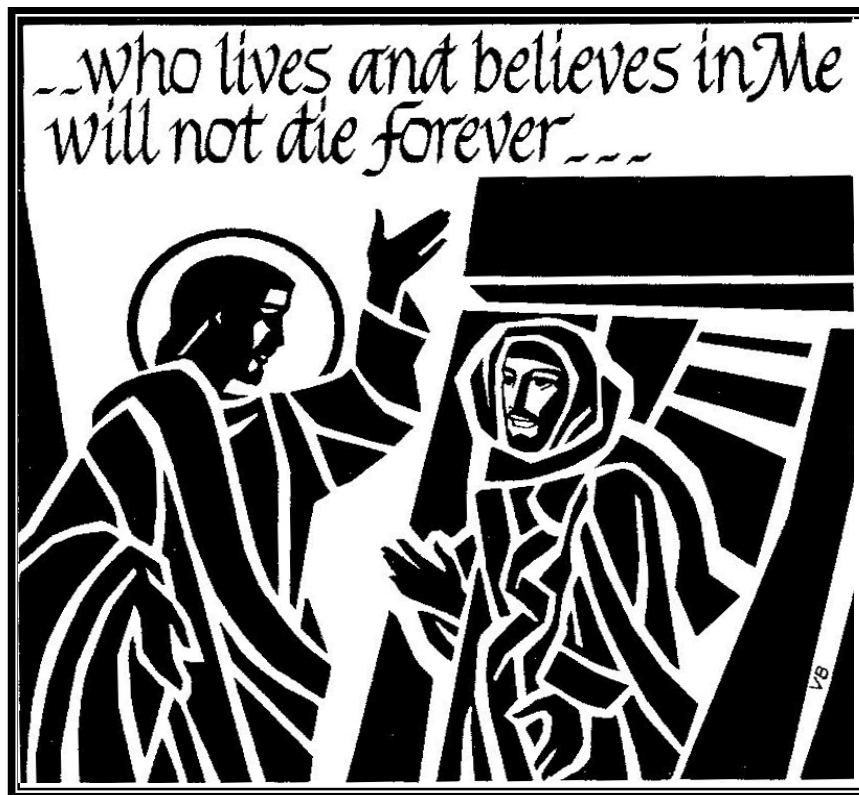
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April 2, 2017

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Saturday Vigil:
5:00 p.m.

Sunday:
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.

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

Sacrament of Marriage
Make arrangements six months
prior to wedding

Sacrament of Baptism
Every Sunday
after the 12:30 Mass

Mass Intentions

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

Monday, April 3, 2017

8:00 a.m. Patrick Donahue

**12:00 noon Deceased members of the
Suzzivalli Family**

Tuesday, April 4, 2017

Feast of St. Isidore, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:00 a.m. Vincenzo Zambito – 20th Anniversary

12:00 noon M. Victor DiFede

Wednesday, April 5, 2017

Feast of St. Vincent Ferrer, Priest

8:00 a.m. Michael McElroy, Sr.

12:00 noon Mary Flynn

Thursday, April 6, 2017

8:00 a.m. Damiano, Sarafina and Franco Zito

**12:00 noon Deceased members of the Moriarty,
Preston and Burke Families**

Friday, April 7, 2017

Feast of St. John Baptist de la Salle, Priest

8:00 a.m. Peter and Helen Duggan

12:00 noon Louann and Maria Cardone

Saturday, April 8, 2017

**8:00 a.m. Antonio Pascuicco and Salvatore
Colangelo**

Saturday, April 8, 2017

Vigil: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

5:00 p.m. Luke and Sabina O'Malley

Sunday, April 9, 2017

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

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

9:30 a.m. Allen and Geraldine Purdy

11:00 a.m. Cornelius Gleeson

**12:30 p.m. Deceased members of the Naryniecki
and Kozlowski Families**

WEDDING BANNS

III. Gilbert O'Brien and Adriana Minchilli

I. Gregory Voetsch and Regina Pellegrino

WEEKLY PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, April 2nd

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

Palm Crosses – after all Masses – exits of the Church

Monday, April 3rd

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

Wednesday, April 5th

Seniors 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, April 7th

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

Lenten Devotion – 7:30 p.m. -- Church

Saturday, April 8th

Palm Crosses – after all Masses – exits of the Church

ALTAR SERVERS

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

Saturday, April 8th

5:00 p.m. – A. Burke and K. Burke

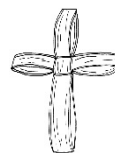
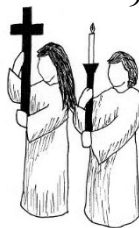
Sunday, April 9th

8:00 a.m. – D. Browne and T. Browne

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

11:00 a.m. – M. Colaiacovo and D. Odume

12:30 p.m. – R. Peter and R. Peter



Palm Crosses: The Holy Name Society will be selling Palm Crosses this weekend (April 1st and 2nd) and also Palm Sunday weekend (April 8th and 9th). The suggested donation for each cross is \$10.00. They will be available in the vestibule of the church.

S.J.B. ANNOUNCEMENTS

April 2, 2017

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT: Lent is drawing rapidly to a close. As if to remind us of our ultimate goal, the purpose behind our prayer, fasting and acts of charity, all three readings today speak of resurrection and life beyond life.

Our first reading from the book of the prophet Ezekiel (Ez.37:12-14) comes from the conclusion of the prophet's dramatic vision of dry bones. After describing a field full of bleached, disconnected bones, Ezekiel eloquently pictures Yahweh blowing into them the breath of life, followed by the reemergence of human bodies. Then the punch line: these bones are the whole house of Israel. Utterly destroyed by the Babylonian Exile, Israel will now be restored by the spirit of Yahweh. And this promise rings down through the ages until it reaches us, the latest inheritors of the ancient covenant. When we are tempted to despair or indifference, the Lord will breathe new life into our dry bones and rekindle our hope.

Our second reading from St. Paul's letter to the Romans (Rm. 8:8-10) serves as a reminder that this new life of ours must look new. It must be a life devoted to righteousness, not sin. It must be a life dedicated to the works of justice and peace; of truth and mercy. Only then will we be worthy of the spirit within us. We are not the only ones who are aware of the looming road to Calvary. In today's gospel (Jn. 11:1-45) St. John presents us with the story of the raising of Lazarus, the final straw for those who had already had enough of Jesus, the Galilean upstart. Martha again is the active sister; she runs to meet Jesus while Mary stays in the house. Martha's simple observation that Lazarus would not have died if Jesus had come sooner elicits from Jesus first the revelation that He Himself is the resurrection and the life and then the restoration of her beloved brother. The sign is effective, many more put their faith in Jesus.

SPECIAL SAINTS' DAYS THIS WEEK – LENT – WEEK FIVE

Tuesday, April 4th – St. Isidore

Isidore was born in Seville, Spain in 560, came from a family of saints (his brother, sister and father were all named saints!) and was a brilliant student who became a wise and learned bishop who authored an encyclopedia of religion that was used as a textbook in Europe for nine centuries.

Wednesday, April 5th – St. Vincent Ferrer

Born in Spain in 1350, Vincent joined the Dominican Order ("Order of Preachers") and became an influential preacher and Theologian. He was a reformer and an eloquent advocate of Catholic orthodoxy. He died in France in 1419.

Friday, April 7th – St. John the Baptist de la Salle

Born in France in 1651, John was ordained a priest and dedicated himself to the education of poor boys. He eventually brought other men into this ministry and a congregation of teaching brothers was founded. He died in 1719.



Palm Sunday Procession: Next Sunday, April 9th at our 9:30 a.m. Mass, we once again welcome younger boys and girls to a special Mass where they will be excused after the Opening Prayer and go to the Church Hall for a special Liturgy of the Word. Before Mass begins, the children will be asked to go to the vestibule of the church where they will receive palm which they will carry in procession. After this Mass please join us for a Family Coffee and Craft Hour at which we will have refreshments and make crafts for the family. We are very grateful to the parent-leaders (as well as some older children) who are assisting with this program.

Special Holy Week Confessions: In conjunction with the whole Archdiocese, St. John's will have a "Reconciliation Monday" on April 10th (the Monday of Holy Week). We will have confessions from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. again from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. This will be the last opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Penance before Easter.



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 15th. 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!



Sunday Report: Last weekend 1,398 parishioners attended Mass; our collection totaled \$9130.00; average contribution: \$6.53. 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 Argentina D'Eufemio who was buried from our church this past week. Our prayers go out to her family and friends.

Friday Lenten Devotion: 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.



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).

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).

Monthly Maintenance: Since this 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 2nd 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.

Rosary Altar Society: We welcome the members of the R.A.S. to their monthly Mass this Sunday, at 11:00 a.m. Their monthly meeting will be held on Monday, April 3rd at 8:00 p.m. in the lower Church.



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

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.



Cardinal's Appeal 2017: Thanks to everyone who has responded to Cardinal Dolan by making a gift or pledge to this 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.



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.

Silver and Gold: St. John's congratulates all our married parishioners who are celebrating their 25th, 50th (or even 60th!) anniversary this year (2017). We invite all these jubilarians to join us for Mass (followed by a reception in their honor in the lower church) on Sunday, April 30th. They are invited to attend the 12:30 Mass where they will renew their vows and then join us for the reception that follows. If you are celebrating such an anniversary, please contact the rectory **NO LATER THAN April 21st**. [N.B.: *Couples who are celebrating their Golden (50th) anniversary will be invited to St. Patrick's Cathedral for a special ceremony on a future date that we will announce as soon as that date is determined.*]

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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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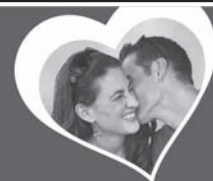
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