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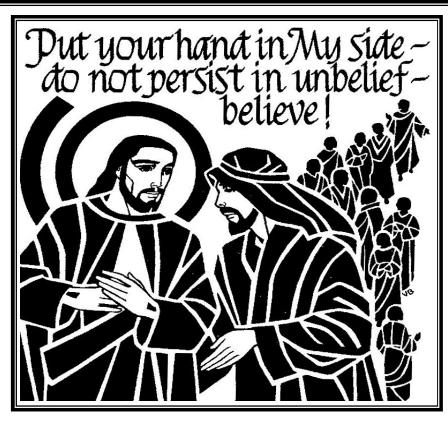
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5:00 p.m.

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
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Sacrament of Baptism Every Sunday after the 12:30 Mass



Saturday, April 22, 2017 Vigil: Second Sunday of Easter 5:00 p.m. Lawrence Bologna

Sunday, April 23, 2017 Second Sunday of Easter

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

St. John the Baptist

9:30 a.m. Sante Zangrilli

11:00 a.m. Deceased members of the Geraghty,

Flynn and Quinn Families

12:30 p.m. Thomas Twomey

Monday, April 24, 2017

Feast of St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr

8:00 a.m. Deceased Members of the

Berta and Morandin Families

12:00 noon John Concannon

Tuesday, April 25, 2017
Feast of St. Mark, Evangelist
8:00 a.m. Sabina Eves
12:00 noon Mark Krzaczynski

Wednesday, April 26, 2017

8:00 a.m. John and Maria McKenna 12:00 noon Barbara Keller - Birthday

Thursday, April 27, 2017

8:00 a.m. Eileen Courtney -- Living

12:00 noon Deceased Members of the Mullin Family

Friday, April 28, 2017

Feast of St. Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr; St. Louis

Grignion de Montfort, Priest 8:00 a.m. Phyliss Sbordone

12:00 noon Josephine and Salvatore Miceli

Saturday, April 29, 2017

Feast of St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the

Church

8:00 a.m. Mary O'Connor

Saturday, April 29, 2017 Vigil: Third Sunday of Easter

5:00 p.m. Daniel Fama and Edward Makowski

Sunday, April 30, 2017 Third Sunday of Easter

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

St. John the Baptist

9:30 a.m. Jan and Christina Jarmoszko

11:00 a.m. Rita DeLuca 12:30 p.m. John Anderson

WEDDING BANNS

III. Christopher Williamson & Andrea MoroniII. Joseph Bifolco and Francine SilvestriII. John Leopoldo Barone and Affifa YusufiI. Joseph O'Shea and Michelle Ramacca

WEEKLY PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, April 23rd

Cub Scout's Mass – 9:30 a.m. – Church Cub Scout Meeting – following Mass – lower Church

Wednesday, April 26th

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

<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>

Saturday, April 22nd

5:00 p.m. – C. Castaldi and N. DeMatteo

Sunday, April 23rd

8:00 a.m. – G. Boynes and C. Komosinski 9:30 a.m. – E. McLaughlin, J. Postighone and D. Vanadia 11:00 a.m. – N. Camacho and K. McGarvey 12:30 p.m. – S. Joyce and N. Leo

Saturday, April 29th

5:00 p.m. – M. Bello and W. Ferguson

Sunday, April 30th

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. – R. Peter and R. Peter

Enter Cub Scouts: This Sunday at our 9:30 a.m. Mass, our parish cub scouts will process at the beginning of Mass in uniform, carrying their banner. Also, Cub Scout Pack #46 is having a fundraiser to raise funds to help support the programs and activities for all the boys. So after all the Masses the scouts will be selling chocolates at the exits of the church. Please help support these youngsters!



<u>Thanks</u>: To all those in our parish community who assisted in making our Holy Week Services so beautiful and so inspiring, we thank you. We note our servers, ushers, lectors, Eucharistic ministers – our staff in the rectory and the talented members of

both our adult and children's choirs (under the excellent leadership of Mr. John Stufano).



SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER: Today's society must surely look upon the early Christians as naïve. How else to explain affluent people placing their wealth at the service of those in need? But their neighbors were apparently moved by their witness, since in today's first reading (Acts 2:42-47) St. Luke tells us that more and more people joined them. We ourselves can draw strength from these earliest followers as we integrate our work for justice with our breaking of the bread.

In our second reading (1 Pt. 1:3-9) St. Peter's words, probably from an early baptismal homily, are appropriate during this season, when the newly baptized are continuing to learn what their commitment entails, and all of us are reflecting on the promises we renewed a week ago. Baptism doesn't eliminate the ambiguity of human life: it doesn't insulate us from sorrow or hardship. But it does assure us of God's mercy. St. John's gospel reading (Jn. 20:19-31) presents the moving picture of Thomas, who finds Jesus' resurrection difficult to absorb. Jesus first offers peace to the disciples putting them at ease, then anticipates Thomas' need for tangible proof of what his friends have told him. John closes his gospel with a word of reassurance for Christians through the ages who face moments of doubt.

SPECIAL SAINTS' DAYS –SECOND WEEK OF EASTER

Monday, April 24th – St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen

Born in Germany in the late 16th century, Fidelis was a brilliant student – earning a degree in law and a doctorate in philosophy in 1603 – when he was 25 years old! He felt called to the priesthood and became a Capuchin priest. He dedicated his life to caring for the poor and preaching missions – especially in the areas where Protestants dominated. He was attacked and killed by armed thugs in 1622.

Tuesday, April 25th – St. Mark

A cousin of Barnabas, Mark accompanied St. Paul on his first missionary journey and went with him to Rome. Mark became a close disciple of St. Peter and tradition holds that Peter's teaching was the basis for Mark's gospel. St. Mark is said to be the founder of the church at Alexandria. Today might be a good day to read a few chapters of Mark's gospel.

Friday, April 28th – St. Peter Chanel and St. Louis de Montfort
St. Louis lived in the late 17th / early 18th centuries; he founded two religious communities and promoted devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. St. Peter was a French missionary to the people who lived on the islands of the South Pacific Ocean in the first half of the 19th century. Although Peter had some success, many of the natives opposed Christianity and in April of 1841 Peter was clubbed to death for his evangelism.

Saturday, April 29th – St. Catherine of Siena

This extraordinary woman was born in Siena, Italy in 1347. As a young woman she entered the Dominican Order and became by her intelligence, holiness, and dedication one of the most influential women in Church history. She brought many converts into the Church; promoted the renewal of religious life; counseled Cardinals and Popes; and found time to write books of inspiration and devotion. She died in 1380 and was named a Doctor of the Church in 1970.



Sunday Report: Once again this year attendance at our Holy Week Services was very good; at our Masses for Easter Sunday we welcomed over 2,800 parishioners and visitors. Our collection totaled a

little over \$30,000 – for which we are very grateful. This will allow us to pay some bills we have been putting off. Thank you for all your sacrifices for St. John's!

Rest in Peace: Let us pray for Serafim Ribeiro and Nunzio Cianfaglione who were buried from our church this past week. Our prayers go out to their families and friends.

New Life: We congratulate those who were initiated into full membership of our Church by receiving the sacraments of Baptism and/or Confirmation at our Easter Vigil Service. We are inspired by their profession of faith and assure them of our They are: John Carrero. Juanita Gerena, Seth Marchewka, Santos Munoz and Melvin Thomas.



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 celebrating their 50th Anniversary are invited to attend a Golden Jubilee Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral on June 11th at 2:00 p.m. Please contact the rectory a.s.a.p. if you wish to attend - but no later than Friday, May 12th.]

Operation Rice Bowl: Our Parish Lenten Program has come to an end. Please return all rice bowl donations no later than April 28th. Check should be made payable to: St. John the Baptist Church and on the memo line, write "2017 CRS Rice Bowl". Donations can be placed in an envelope and write on front "CRS Rice Bowl" and put in the collection basket at Mass or return boxes to the rectory or school office. Thanks for helping with this worthy cause.



V.B.S. News: This summer's Vacation Bible School at St. John's will be from July 24th -28th. The special Early Bird registration period begins on Monday, April 24th and ends on May 15th; the special Early Bird fee is \$35.00. Regular registration (\$40.00 fee) will be from May 16th to June 5th. <u>Late registration</u>

(\$45.00 fee) will be from June 16th to June 23rd. Don't be late!! Registration forms (for both volunteers and students) are available at both rectory and school offices as of April 24th.



Second Collection: This weekend we will take up our monthly special collection to support our In Cl school and maintain our school facilities. The COLLECTION school is not only used for our grammar school

children, our CCD classes and our RCIA program, but for a variety of community and parish activities. It is vital that we keep our school facilities in excellent condition. We ask for a contribution of \$7.00 in this monthly collection and once again express our appreciation for your generosity.



The Meaning of the Easter Season: The word Easter, derived from Old English, means "to shine," especially to shine like the dawn, and suggests both an action and a beginning, a new day. Thus, the Jesuit poet Gerard Manley Hopkins, speaking of Christ, uses easter as a verb in "The Wreck of the Deutschland": "Let

him easter in us, be a dayspring to the dimness of us, be a crimson-cresseted east" Hopkins provides a helpful attitude or disposition for us as we enter into Easter Time, the 50 days from Easter Sunday to Pentecost Sunday. Although this liturgical time is considered one feast and is called the Great Sunday, we observe several significant moments. We begin with the robust return of the Alleluia, a song of joy and praise that Christ is risen; He has conquered death, and we delight in the full participation of those newly Baptized and Confirmed. Just as they need this liturgical time as a period of growth in their experience of the sacraments they have just received, we as a Church community need this liturgical time to deepen our understanding and participation in the Paschal Mystery.

The Sunday Liturgies can be a form of catechesis about the meaning of the Fifty Days for the entire community. The Easter symbols of the white vestments, the presence of the Paschal candle, and the use of holy water are tangible signs of Baptism and of the new life we celebrate.

The sheer scope of the liturgical time explains why we can't sustain the intense joy of Easter Sunday but, like the disciples, we too may experience doubt or fear as we realize with what we, as followers of Jesus, are charged. Fortunately, the Scripture readings during this special season guide and inspire us as we listen to accounts of Jesus' post-Resurrection appearances, his Ascension, the coming of the Holy Spirit, and the growth of the early Church.

Easter Collection: We ask for your special generosity to St. John's on Easter. We depend on your special sacrifice at times like Christmas and Easter to help us defray the cost of flowers that decorate our church at this time -- as well as some of the other expenses we incur during this special season. Special Easter envelopes are available at the exits of the Church for those who have not received them in the mail.



St. Augustine Church, Support Group: Larchmont, announces the next Bereavement Support Group, April 24th to June 19th. This group meets every Monday from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m.

A Special Invitation: The Archdiocese has started a program to deepen Catholic faith and spirituality in our parishes. It is called "Revive" – it is a three-night mission event with music, special reflections, inspiring preaching from priests of our religious orders, sacraments and a community Mass. These missions are being held in various parishes throughout the diocese - and the next one begins Monday, April 24th at 7:00 p.m. in St. Barnabas Church. Parishioners from neighboring parishes (including St. John's – as well as St. Ann's and St. Paul's) are encouraged to attend. There is no cost – and the benefits are an enriched and renewed faith!



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

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