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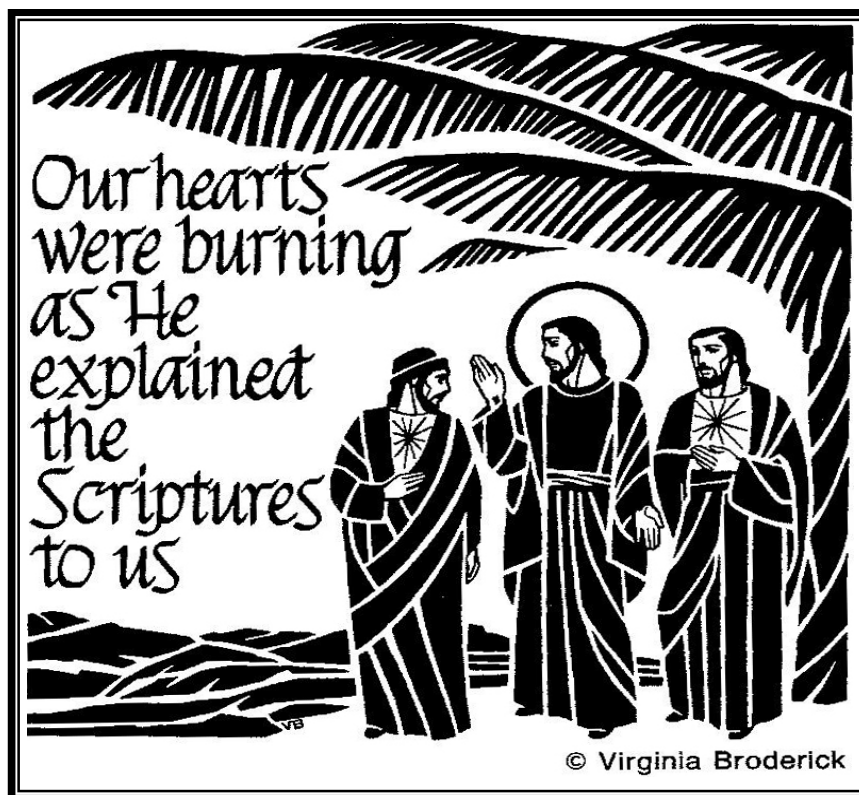
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Third Sunday of Easter
April 30, 2017

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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.

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Make arrangements six months
prior to wedding

Sacrament of Baptism
Every Sunday
after the 12:30 Mass

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 29, 2017

Vigil: Third Sunday of Easter

5:00 p.m. Ann and 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

Monday, May 1, 2017

Feast of St. Joseph the Worker

8:00 a.m. John and Tina Manning

12:00 noon Paul Reilly

Tuesday, May 2, 2017

**Feast of St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the
Church**

8:00 a.m. John and Julia Soracco

12:00 noon John Concannon

Wednesday, May 3, 2017

Feast of Sts. Philip and James, Apostles

8:00 a.m. Barbara Keller

12:00 noon Louis Gaudio

Thursday, May 4, 2017

8:00 a.m. Ralph Scala

12:00 noon Ann Fama

Friday, May 5, 2017

8:00 a.m. John and Tina Manning

12:00 noon Liam O'Driscoll

Saturday, May 6, 2017

8:00 a.m. Louis De Feo

Saturday, May 6, 2017

Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Easter

5:00 p.m. Giuseppe Gullotta – 13th Anniversary

Sunday, May 7, 2017

Fourth Sunday of Easter

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

9:30 a.m. Alcides Santambrosio

11:00 a.m. Deceased members of the
Gleeson, Herlihy and Flynn Family

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

WEDDING BANNs

III. Joseph Bifulco and Francine Silvestri

III. John Leopoldo Barone and Affifa Yusufi

II. Joseph O'Shea and Michelle Ramacca

I. Michael Litarec and Sara Lavelle

I. Christopher Bruederlein and Brenda Reyes

WEEKLY PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, April 30th

Anniversary Mass– 12:30 p.m. – Church

Reception – following Mass – lower Church

Wednesday, May 3rd

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, May 5th

Senior Leisure Club 1st Friday Luncheon – 10:45 –
lower Church

1st Friday Holy Hour – 3:00 p.m. lower Church

Saturday, May 6th

1st Holy Communion – 10:00 a.m. & 12:00 noon -- Church

ALTAR SERVERS

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

Saturday, May 6th

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

Sunday, May 7th

8:00 a.m. – D. Browne and T. Browne

9:30 a.m. – A. Burke and K. Burke

11:00 a.m. – F. Albano and J. Velasquez

12:30 p.m. – D. Liberatore and S. Osso

Confirmed: This past Thursday, April 27th, Bishop Gerald Walsh came to St. John's and confirmed 47 of our eighth graders from St. John's school and our Religious Education program. We congratulate these youngsters, their parents, and families; we thank their sponsors and dedicated teachers who prepared them to receive this sacrament of Christian maturity. Let us pray that the Holy Spirit will always be with our youngsters to guide them along the right path!

S.J.B. ANNOUNCEMENTS

April 30, 2017

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER: Today's readings show how deeply devoted to the Hebrew scriptures Jesus' earliest followers were. Still part of the Jewish tradition, they easily apply passages from the Psalms and Exodus to Jesus.

The passage from our reading from the Acts of the Apostles (2:22-28) is the first of six great sermons, all dealing with the heart of the Christ event: dying, you destroyed our death; rising you restored our life. St. Peter's use of Psalm 16 declares confidently that all who believe in God will be saved from destruction. We echo this as we repeat the words of Psalm 16. In our second reading (1 Pt. 1:17-21) St. Peter speaks to us again in a letter, likening our earthly pilgrimage to that of the early Israelites. Christ himself is the spotless lamb, chosen before the world's foundation and offered for all.

John Shea, in one of his prayer-poems, describes the Jesus in St. Luke's Emmaus gospel as "the arsonist of the heart." Luke, the master storyteller, depicts two downcast souls who pour out their sorrow and disappointment to a sympathetic stranger. Luke includes a detail which is often overlooked: they asked Jesus to stay when "he acted as if he were going farther." Had they not, they would never have been given the opportunity to recognize Him in the breaking of its bread. It was their willingness to listen and their hunger for hope that earned for them this joyous reward. Note that they immediately returned to their friends to share this wonder.

SPECIAL SAINTS' DAYS – THIRD WEEK OF EASTER

Monday, May 1st – St. Joseph the Worker

St. Joseph was not only the protector of Mary, his wife, and Jesus, his foster son. He was also a man who had to work to provide for his family. By honoring the carpenter of Nazareth today, we affirm the dignity of work, we respect the rights of working people and encourage workers to persevere in their religious faith.

Tuesday, May 2nd – St. Athanasius

Here is true defender of the faith! Born in Alexandria, Egypt, in 295, Athanasius eventually became bishop of that city during one of the most challenging periods in the history of the early Church. The challenge was posed by an insidious heresy known as "Arianism" – which denied the true divinity of Jesus Christ. Athanasius was one of the Church's most eloquent and vigorous defenders of orthodoxy.

Wednesday, May 3rd – Sts. Philip and James

These two apostles remind us of the foundations on which our Church stands. Philip had been a disciple of St. John the Baptist before becoming Jesus' follower; James, a cousin of Jesus, took charge of the first Christian community in Jerusalem and wrote the epistle that bears his name.



Easter Traditions: The Alleluia: The very familiar Easter exclamation "Alleluia" has long history in the praise and celebration given to God by His faithful people. The word itself is a combination of two Hebrew words: the imperative form of the verb "Hillel" (meaning "to praise") and "Jah" (an abbreviated form of "Jahweh," the Hebrew name of God). So "Alleluia" is an ancient form of "praise God" that became quite a common part of the Jewish prayer life – figuring prominently in many of the Old Testament Psalms. In the New Testament, it appears only in the Book of Revelation to describe the heavenly praise given to the triumphant Lamb of God. In the history of the Church the term "Alleluia" became more and more a part of the Church's official prayer (The Divine Office) and her liturgical formulas – especially in the responses, acclamations and antiphons that were used in the most joyful seasons of the Church year. (The use of "Alleluia" is not permitted during Lent). Easter as the most joyous season in the liturgical calendar is most truly an "Alleluia" season.

Easter Season: The fifty days from Easter to Pentecost are celebrated with joy as one extended feast day by the Church. One of the early Fathers of the Church, St. Athanasius, referred to the 50 day period as one "Great Sunday". These above all others are the days for singing "Alleluia". The first eight days of the Easter season make up the "octave" of Easter and are celebrated as solemnities of the Lord. At Mass during these days, we read the different New Testament accounts of the Lord's resurrection and the early preaching of the disciples who were witnesses to His resurrection.

Sunday Report: Last weekend 1,295 parishioners attended Mass; our collection totaled \$7431.00; average contribution: \$5.74. 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 Linda Vetrano, Alfonso DiNardi, Nancy D'Lando, Maria Blum and Alberto Ferrari who were buried from our church this past week. Our prayers go out to their families and friends.

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.

Golden Anniversary: Couples who are 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 as soon as possible. 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 began 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. Late registration (\$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.

 **Honor Thy Mother:** This year Mother's day falls on Sunday, May 14th. This is a day to honor all Mothers – living and dead. This is a day to express our thanks for all they have done for us. It is a day to tell them how much we love them and to ask for their prayers even as we assure them of ours. For those mothers who have gone before us into the fullness of life with God, we give thanks to God for them as we recall their memories this day. On Mother's Day we begin a Triduum of Masses for those mothers whose names are enrolled with us. Special Mother's Day cards and envelopes are available at the exits of the Church or in the rectory office. Let us pray that Mary, the Mother of us all will bless all mothers, especially expectant mothers.

Support Group: St. Augustine Church, Larchmont, began their Bereavement Support Group. This group meets every Monday from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. until June 19th. All are welcome.



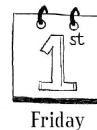
Celebration: Today at our 12:30 p.m. Mass we welcome several of our married parishioners who are celebrating their 25th, 50th or 60th anniversary this year. At this Mass they will renew their vows and receive a special blessing. After Mass they will join us in the lower church for a reception in their honor. Congratulations to our jubilarians.

Rosary Altar Society: Our monthly Mass will be celebrated on Monday, May 8th at 7:30 p.m. This special Mass is dedicated to our Blessed Mother. We urge all Rosarians to come. Our monthly meeting will follow immediately in the lower Church after Mass.



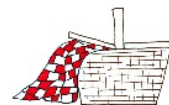
Monthly Maintenance: Since next Sunday is the first Sunday of the month of May, we will take up our regular "First Sunday of the Month" second collection after Communion this week. This collection helps with the upkeep, maintenance, and cleaning of our beautiful church. Please be generous.

Special Mass: A Mass for Healing will be celebrated at Holy Rosary Church, Hawthorne, NY on Monday, May 8th at 7:30 p.m. Fr. Peter Claver Ugo will be celebrant. This is an opportunity to bring your spiritual and physical needs to the Lord.



First Friday: This Friday, May 5th, is the first Friday of the month of May. Our First Friday devotions begin at 3:00 p.m. in the lower church. The hour will begin with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by prayer, intentions, meditation and closing with Benediction. We dedicate the month of May to our Blessed Mother, Mary. All are welcome to come. Come pray with us.

K. of C. Dinner: Join the Knights of Columbus Fr. DiFalco Council 15745 for a delicious pasta dinner that will support the Council's many charitable endeavors. The dinner will be held on Saturday, May 6th at 7:00 p.m. in St. Ann's School cafeteria, 40 Brewster Avenue. The cost is \$12.00 for adults, \$8.00 for children 6 – 12 and children under 6 eat free. Contact St. Ann's rectory at 914-965-1555 for tickets and inquiries. Please reserve your tickets by May 1st. Thank you for your support.



Parish Picnic: On Saturday, May 20th St. John the Baptist will host its annual Parish Picnic at St. Joseph's Seminary. The Parish Picnic is a long standing tradition in our parish that goes back over forty years. The picnic will include food, soft drinks, and multiple events. A small sampling of the events include the ever popular Mother/Son Softball, Kick goals on Liam McLaughlin, Soccer and Volleyball games, remote control car races, and a Poke'mon Go contest. Flyers with a full list of events, pricing, and registration information will be sent to the School and Parish shortly. We hope to see everyone there!

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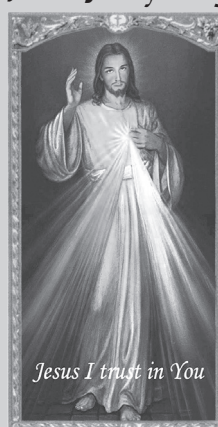
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those of the whole world.*

*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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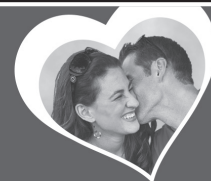
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