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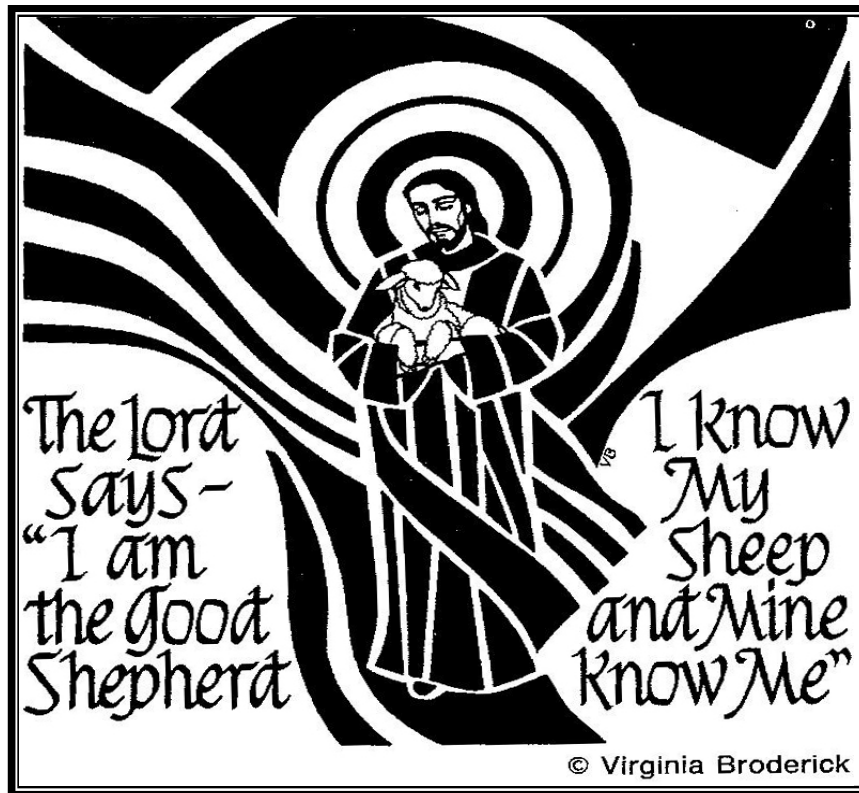
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May 7, 2017

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Masses
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, 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 Families

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

Monday, May 8, 2017

8:00 a.m. Settimia Soprano and Nancy Rubbo

12:00 noon Joseph Femia

7:30 p.m. R.A.S. Monthly Mass

Tuesday, May 9, 2017

8:00 a.m. John and Tina Manning

12:00 noon John Saglimbene

Wednesday, May 10, 2017

Feast of St. Damien de Veuster, Priest

8:00 a.m. Girard Purdy

12:00 noon Martin Menchen – 7th Anniversary

Thursday, May 11, 2017

8:00 a.m. Theresa Grant

12:00 noon Nora Glynn

Friday, May 12, 2017

Feast of Sts. Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs;

St. Pancras, Martyr

8:00 a.m. Jose Manuel Rodriguez

12:00 noon Joanne Pinto

Saturday, May 13, 2017

Feast of Our Lady of Fatima

8:00 a.m. Gambetta Conti

Saturday, May 13, 2017

Vigil: Fifth Sunday of Easter

5:00 p.m. Raquel Ragusa, Mary Gaudio and
Mary Urrico

Sunday, May 14, 2017

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Mother's Day

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

9:30 a.m. Frances Di Paola

11:00 a.m. Mother's Day Mass

12:30 p.m. Peter Smith and Martin Reidy

WEDDING BANNs

III. Joseph O'Shea and Michelle Ramacca

II. Michael Litarec and Sara Lavelle

II. Christopher Bruederlein and Brenda Reyes

WEEKLY PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, May 7th

Family Mass (Grades 3 & K) – 9:30 p.m. – Church

Breakfast – following Mass – lower Church

Monday, May 8th

R.A.S. Monthly Mass – 7:30 p.m. – Church

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

Tuesday, May 9th

1st Grade Cub Scout Meeting – 2:30 p.m. – lower Church

Wednesday, May 10th

Seniors Leisure Club – 12:30 p.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 12th

Mother/Daughter Dance – 7:00 p.m. – lower Church

ALTAR SERVERS

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

Saturday, May 13th

5:00 p.m. – E. Barrett, M. Barrett and P. Tozzi

Sunday, May 14th

8:00 a.m. – N. Crisp and M. Loughran

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

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

12:30 p.m. – N. Conlon and R. Duffy

First Eucharist: This Saturday morning (May 6th), 45 of our younger boys and girls received their First Holy Communion at two special Masses that were celebrated for them, their families and their friends. We congratulate these youngsters and their parents – and we thank the teachers in our school and Religious Education Program who worked so hard to prepare them for this special day. We have invited these youngsters back to join us for the 9:30 a.m. Mass this Sunday so some of our parish family can congratulate them as well. Please keep these boys and girls in your prayers. May they always remain close to Jesus in the Eucharist.

S.J.B. ANNOUNCEMENTS

May 7, 2017

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER: It seems fitting that our celebration this Sunday should begin with the words “The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord” (Ps. 32 – Introit Antiphon). The beauty of spring (after a winter that refused to go quietly) combines with Easter joy to fill us with new optimism about this tired old world of ours.

Our first reading from the Acts of the Apostles (2:36-41) marks the conclusion of St. Peter’s powerful sermon (last week’s reading). St. Luke tells us that 3,000 were added that day; a beginning, but not everything. Accepting baptism is the first step; living up to its meaning takes the rest of our lives. The image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd helps shape the other readings today. In the second reading (1 Pt. 2:20-25) St. Peter offers the gentle Jesus as a model for those who suffer. If we encounter hardships because we are Christians or simply because we are human, we can look to Jesus who bore suffering with dignity.

In the gospel (Jn. 10:1-10) St. John plays on the relationship between a shepherd and his sheep, making Jesus both shepherd and sheep gate. False leaders and teachers lead the sheep astray. They do not enter the sheep gate, so the sheep do well not to listen to them. Jesus is the true teacher, and the sheep who recognize his voice follow him and find safe pasture.

SPECIAL SAINTS’ DAYS – FOURTH WEEK OF EASTER

Wednesday, May 10th – St. Damien

Born in Belgium in 1840, Damien de Vuester joined a missionary order and volunteered to minister to lepers on the Hawaiian island of Molokai. He spent the rest of his life there, preaching, teaching, and showing God’s love to those whom many fled. In 1885 he began a Sunday homily: “fellow lepers.” Four years later he died of the disease; he was canonized in 2009.

Friday, May 12th – Sts. Neureus, Achilleus and Pancras

Neureus and Achilleus were brothers who served as members of the Praetorian Guards in the Roman Army in the 2nd century. They became converts to Christianity, resigned from the army, were arrested and executed for their faith. Pancras came to Rome as a young teenager. He became friends with Christians and embraced their faith; he was martyred during the persecution of the Emperor Diocletian in the early third century. He was 14 years old.

Saturday, May 13th – Our Lady of Fatima

Today we celebrate Mary who appeared to three shepherd children in Portugal in 1917. During these appearances Our Lady encouraged repentance and the praying of the Rosary. She promoted prayers for the conversion of Communist Russia.

Easter Tradition – The Easter Egg: There is an ancient legend that on the first Good Friday Simon of Cyrene was in the marketplace in Jerusalem buying food for his family. He had purchased a basket of eggs when a Roman soldier ordered him to assist a man who was carrying a cross on his way to be crucified. Simon left his basket of eggs with the grocer and went to help. When they reached Golgotha the soldier pushed Simon away, but not before Jesus thanked him and promised He would give Simon a sign that He had risen.

Simon watched from a distance as Jesus died His agonizing death and all the next day Simon was haunted by the experience. Finally two days later, Simon remembered the eggs he had bought – and he rushed back to the marketplace. The grocer handed Simon his basket – and when he looked in it he saw that each of the eggs had changed. Some were brightly colored; others had beautiful designs on them. Simon remembered the Lord’s promise – and he became a believer on the first Easter Sunday.

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.



Sunday Report: Last weekend 1,196 parishioners attended Mass; our collection totaled \$8690.00; average contribution: \$7.27. 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 Frances L. Nola and Orlando Papaleo who were buried from our church this past week. Our prayers go out to their families and friends.

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.



Rosary in May: Since May is the Month of Mary, members of St. John's Rosary Altar Society will be praying the Rosary after the 8:00 a.m. week day Mass throughout this special month. All parishioners are invited to join them.

Welcome Back: On this coming Tuesday, an old and dear friend will return from winter hibernation in Florida. Yes – Msgr. Walter Birkle will be back where he belongs. I'm sure he will be prepared with a whole new collection of stories to share with us. Msgr. Birkle will be with us until October. It is a joy to have you back, Msgr. Walter!

Golden Anniversary: Couples who are celebrating their 50th Anniversary are invited to attend a Golden Jubilee Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral on **JUNE 18TH** 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.

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.



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!

Mother/Daughter Dance: Come Dance Dance Dance the night away at the Rosary Altar Society Mother Daughter Dance Party to be held on Friday, May 12th from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. in the lower Church. Cost is \$15.00 per person which includes hot food, DJ entertainment and a memorable Mom/Daughter photo. For information contact Barbara Eifler at 914 879 6799.



Senior Leisure Club News: Our news includes a Mother's Day and Father's Day luncheon on Wednesday, May 17th, with pasta and meatballs, mini pastries and espresso coffee. On Thursday, May 18th we will attend a performance of "Born Yesterday," a comedy classic, at the Hunterdon Playhouse with a most delicious lunch with all the trimmings. A trip is planned for Wednesday, July 12th to see a production of sitting on top of the world, "Annie." It is not too late to join the club. Hurry! Contact Deacon Olivieri at 914-423-4859.

Local Card Party: St. Paul the Apostle School in Yonkers, NY is hosting their annual Card Party on Friday, May 19th at 7p.m. Tickets can be purchased for \$25.00 in advance or at the night of the event. Light refreshments will be served. Sweeps, 50/50 Raffles, and Grand prizes tickets will be available for purchase. Please call the school for me details at 914-965-2165.

Local Social: St. Bartholomew's Parish, 15 Palmer Road, Yonkers, will be hosting its Annual Sweepstakes Social on Friday, May 12th. Hundreds of prizes will be raffled! Admission is \$15.00 and includes wedges and salads. Doors open at 7:00 p.m. Reservations are requested and can be made by calling Cheryl Duda at 914-476-6676.



Monthly Maintenance: Since this 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.

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*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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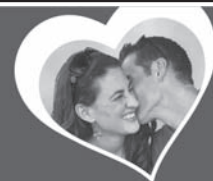
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