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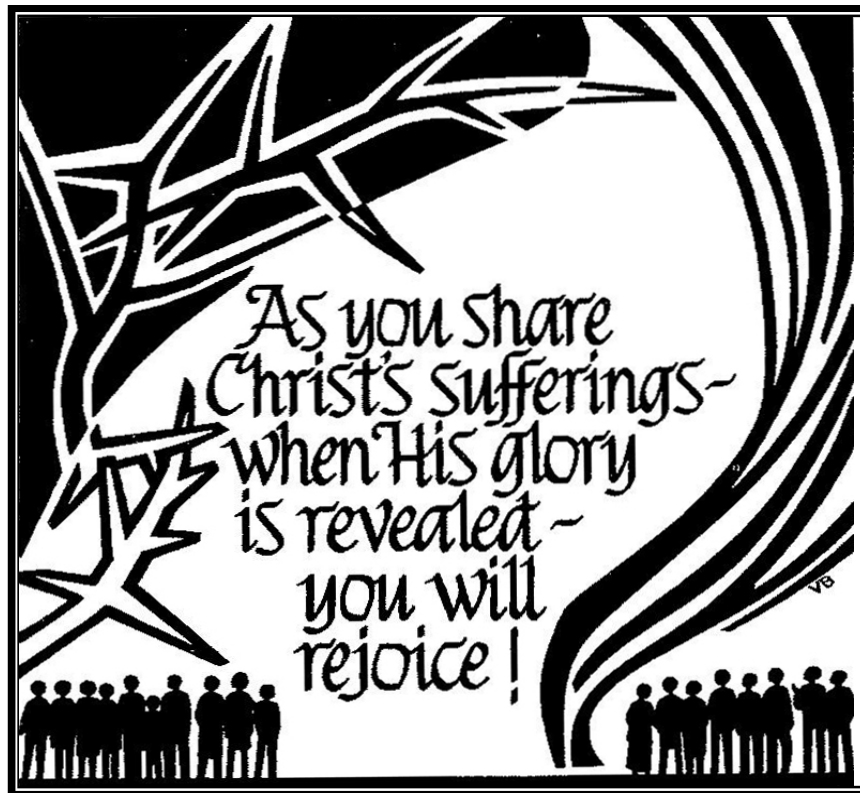
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Masses
Saturday Vigil:
5:00 p.m.

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 27, 2017

Vigil: Seventh Sunday of Easter

5:00 p.m. Anthony Pujia -- Anniversary

Sunday, May 28, 2017

Seventh Sunday of Easter

8:00 a.m. Deceased Members of the Swatowy and Parish Families

9:30 a.m. Mass for the parishioners of St. John the Baptist

11:00 a.m. Antonio Ricciardi

12:30 p.m. Deceased Members of the Sorge, Savino and Cuomo Families

Monday, May 29, 2017

Memorial Day

8:00 a.m. Daniel O'Connor

Tuesday, May 30, 2017

8:00 a.m. Ernesto Glori

12:00 noon Grace Elizabeth Clarke

Wednesday, May 31, 2017

Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 a.m. Carl Tallarico

12:00 noon Ralph Scala

Thursday, June 1, 2017

Feast of St. Justin, Martyr

8:00 a.m. Salvatore Calvello -- Anniversary

12:00 noon Ann Fama

Friday, June 2, 2017

Feast of Sts. Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs

8:00 a.m. Leo, Rosa and Gloria Savona

12:00 noon Alfred DalPino -- 7th Anniversary

Saturday, June 3, 2017

Feast of St. Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs

8:00 a.m. Nancy Branca

Saturday, June 3, 2017

Vigil: Pentecost Sunday

5:00 p.m. Stella, John and Richard Savino

Sunday, June 4, 2017

Pentecost Sunday

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

9:30 a.m. Guido Botticelli

11:00 a.m. R.A.S./H.N.S. -- Jose Leoncio DeLaCruz

12:30 p.m. Joseph Barberi -- Birthday

WEDDING BANNS

III. Gregory Colicci and Danielle Curcio

I. Richard Vazquez Scorca and

Laura Magnotta

WEEKLY PARISH CALENDAR

Monday, May 29th

Rectory Office Closed

Wednesday, May 31st

Seniors Leisure Club – following 12:00 noon Mass – lower Church

Friday, June 2nd

Senior Leisure Club 1st Friday Luncheon – 12:30 p.m. – lower Church

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

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday, May 27th

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

Sunday, May 28th

8:00 a.m. – D. Browne and T. Browne

9:30 a.m. – B. Collins and R. Murphy

11:00 a.m. – M. Luby and R. Tuffy

12:30 p.m. – N. Camacho and K. McGarvey

Saturday, June 3rd

5:00 p.m. – M. Bello and W. Ferguson

Sunday, June 4th

8:00 a.m. – R. Rica

9:30 a.m. – M. Barrett, A. Kocovic and R. Peters

11:00 a.m. – D. Liberatore and S. Osso

12:30 p.m. – S. Joyce and N. Leo

First Friday: This Friday, June 2nd, is the first Friday of the month of June. 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. All are welcome to come. Come pray with us.

Success: On Saturday, May 20th, the men of the Holy Name Society organized a parish picnic on the grounds of St. Joseph Seminary that was attended by over 300 of our parishioners. Young and old alike agreed that it was a wonderful occasion – and we thank everyone who made it possible!

S.J.B. ANNOUNCEMENTS

May 28, 2017

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER: The tone of our Easter liturgy has changed. We are now preparing for Pentecost, joining the disciples as they prayerfully await the coming of the Spirit.

In today's first reading (Acts 1:12-14) St. Luke recalls the events that followed Our Lord's Ascension. The disciples return to the upper room (where Jesus celebrated the Last Supper on Holy Thursday) to spend some time in prayer and meditation. The pace of contemporary life is so hectic, our days so full of activity, that it is perhaps hard for us to consider spending over a week in quiet reflection. The traditional custom of a yearly retreat however, can be a most effective way to recharge our spiritual batteries.

In today's second reading (1Pt. 1:13-16) St. Peter continues his message of encouragement to Christians who are experiencing difficulties or sorrow in their lives. Sharing Christ's suffering leads to sharing His glory. So long as we avoid being the cause of our own distress through sin or infidelity, we can feel the presence of the Spirit in all the events of our lives.

Today's gospel (Jn. 17:1-11) is taken from the great priestly prayer of Jesus, the words He shared with His friends just before He entered into His passion. Jesus is assured of future glory, because He has never failed to do the will of His Father. And yet, even now, when He can sense "the hour has come," His thoughts are on His disciples. Hard times lie ahead for them, too, and He prays that they will be able to continue His work of spreading the message. Those of us who are the most recent beneficiaries of that prayer can draw strength from the words of Jesus as we struggle daily to be faithful witnesses.

The Spirit will surely come. Filled with the Spirit, we will be able to go about the work of transforming the world.

SPECIAL SAINTS' DAYS – SEVENTH WEEK OF EASTER

Wednesday, May 31st – The Visitation of Mary

Today, the Church remembers the visit the Virgin Mary paid to her cousin Elizabeth who was expecting a child – a boy who would grow up to be St. John the Baptist. The visit shows Mary's concern and compassion – but it also marked the occasion when Elizabeth, inspired by the Holy Spirit, recognized Mary as the Mother of the Savior. Mary, inspired in a similar way, prayed the beautiful words of the "Magnificat" on that occasion.

Thursday, June 1st – St. Justin

St. Justin, philosopher and martyr, was born of pagan parents in Syria at the beginning of the 2nd century. Following his conversion to the faith, he wrote many works in defense of religion. He also opened a school at Rome in which public debates were held. Justin was martyred along with several companions during the reign of Marcus Aurelius around the year 165.

Friday, June 2nd – Sts. Marcellinus and Peter

There were many Christian martyrs during the terrible persecution of the Church during the reign of Roman Emperor Diocletian at the end of the 3rd and the beginning of the 4th centuries. Both of these men, leaders in the Christian community in Rome, were beheaded in 303 A.D.

Saturday, June 3rd – St. Charles Lwanga and Companions

These martyrs of Uganda who died in a bloody persecution in the 1880's were young – mostly in their teens or early twenties. But they showed a maturity beyond their years in the willingness to suffer and die for their faith.



Sunday Report: Last weekend 1,435 parishioners attended Mass; our collection totaled \$8,144.00; average contribution: \$5.68. 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 Gregory Chapins, Joseph Trombetti and Marie DiMeglio who were buried from our church this past week. Our prayers go out to their families and friends.



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.

V.B.S. News: This summer's Vacation Bible School at St. John's will be from July 24th -28th. Regular registration (\$40.00 fee) began on May 16th and extends 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.



Religious Education Program: 2017-2018 Registration for new families will begin on June 7th. Classes meet on Wednesdays: Grades 1-5, 4:00-5:30 p.m.; Grades 6-8, 7:00-8:30 p.m. Please call Sr. Mary Beth after June 1st at 965-2338 for information and to make an appointment. Leave a clear message with your name and phone number and she will get back to you as soon as possible. Please understand that we give preference to registered members of St. John the Baptist Parish, so kindly plan ahead to bring your envelope number and baptismal certificates for each child to be enrolled.

Memorial Day: This Monday is a holiday which was first observed in 1868 when it was officially designated as the day on which the graves of American soldiers would be decorated (which is why the day is also known as "Decoration Day"). The holiday was originally devoted to honoring the memory of those who fell in the Civil War, but is now also dedicated to the memory of all war dead. Let us pray for them and pray for peace on this special day.



Holiday Schedule: This Monday, May 29th, is Memorial Day, a national holiday. On that day we will **NOT** have a 12:00 noon Mass. We will have one Mass at 8:00 a.m. In addition to our announced intentions, we will be praying not only for our war dead, but for the men and women who are in the military services and who put their lives on the line for our freedoms. May God bless America! In addition, our school and parish offices will be closed for the Memorial Day holiday.

Girls Camp: Coach Michael Kiers is conducting the annual Tiger Basketball Camp at Maria Regina H.S. (Hartsdale) from June 21st - 23rd from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. It is open to from grades 3 to 8. The cost is \$100.00. For info call (917)720-5238 or go to: mikekiers528@gmail.com.



Honor Thy Father: This year father's Day fall on Sunday, June 18th. This is a day to honor all fathers – 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 fathers 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 Father's Day we begin a Triduum of Masses for those fathers whose names are enrolled with us. Special Father's Day cards and envelopes are available at the exits of the Church or in our rectory office. Envelopes can be placed in the collection basket. Let us pray that Joseph, the father of Jesus, will bless all fathers.



Second Collection: This weekend we will take up our monthly special collection to support our school and maintain our school facilities. The 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.

Rosary Altar Society: The Rosary Altar Society invites you to join them in prayer and celebration at their monthly Mass next Sunday, June 4th at 11:00 a.m. Our meeting will be held on Monday, June 5th at 8:00 p.m. in the lower Church. We will be thanking all of our chairladies for their wonderful dedication and hard work this past year. Come celebrate as we end the year. Hope to see you there.



Easter Tradition: The Easter Bunny: There is no mention in the Bible of the long-eared, short-tailed creature (a "rabbit" or a "hare") which has become for many an important symbol of Easter. Rabbits, of course, are noted for their fertility and are therefore often used as symbols of new life – which is, in a religious context, a critically important aspect of the Christian understanding of the Lord's Resurrection. Some believe the tradition of the Easter bunny can be traced to German immigrants to the United States in the 19th century who brought a custom in which rabbits protected Easter eggs from other animals, so the eggs could be shared at family meals on Easter Sunday. Children were encouraged to leave carrots for the rabbits in case they became hungry from all their hopping.

"Rice Bowl" Report: The practical Lenten penitential practice of almsgiving called "Rice Bowl" is an annual charitable effort which many of our parishioners participate in. This year the total amount we contributed to Catholic Relief Services as a result of our "Rice Bowl" effort was \$1,103.17! We thank everyone who contributed and we thank Betty Ann Menchen who coordinated this annual project again this year.

Local Festival: On June 16th, 17th and 18th, St. Michael's Ukrainian Church (21 Shonnard Place) will host its 32nd Annual Heritage Festival. There will be food and drinks, arts and crafts, rides and games for the entire family. There is no admission fee. For info and directions go to: www.yonkersukrainianfestival.org.

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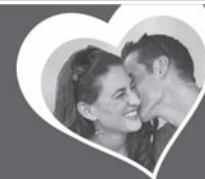
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