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*Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
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8:00, 9:30,  
11:00 a.m., 12:30 p.m.

**Monday thru Friday:**  
8:00 a.m. & 9:00 a.m.

**Saturday:**  
8:00 a.m.

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

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Marriage*  
Make arrangements six months  
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*Sacrament of  
Baptism*  
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after the 12:30 Mass

# Mass Intentions

*Saturday, July 15, 2017*

*Vigil: Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

5:00 p.m. For the Deceased Members of the  
O'Connor and O'Sullivan Families

*Sunday, July 16, 2017*

*Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 a.m. Joseph Esposito -- Anniversary  
9:30 a.m. Josephine and Salvatore Miceli  
11:00 a.m. For the Deceased Members of the  
Naryniecki and Koslowski Families  
12:30 p.m. Mass for the parishioners of  
St. John the Baptist

*Monday, July 17, 2017*

8:00 a.m. Special Intentions  
9:00 a.m. Guido Botticelli

*Tuesday, July 18, 2017*

*Feast of St. Camillus de Lellis, Priest*

8:00 a.m. Silvestro Filancia  
9:00 a.m. Timothy Jones

*Wednesday, July 19, 2017*

8:00 a.m. Rory O'Flaherty  
9:00 a.m. Carolina Diana

*Thursday, July 20, 2017*

*Feast of St. Appollinaris, Bishop and Martyr*

8:00 a.m. Lydia Williams  
9:00 a.m. Thomas Vitale

*Friday, July 21, 2017*

*Feast of St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor of the Church*

8:00 a.m. Rita Flynn  
9:00 a.m. Alessandro Moschetta -- 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary

*Saturday, July 22, 2017*

*Feast of St. Mary Magdalene*

8:00 a.m. Kathleen McKeon

*Saturday, July 22, 2017*

*Vigil: Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

5:00 p.m. For the Deceased Members of the  
Gullotta Family

*Sunday, July 23, 2017*

*Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 a.m. Sabina Eves and Martin O'Malley  
9:30 a.m. Angelo (Andy) Monte -- Birthday  
11:00 a.m. Anne Duffell  
12:30 p.m. Mass for the parishioners of  
St. John the Baptist



*Wedding Banns*

**I. Melvin Thomas and Maria Almeida**

**I. Daniel Brusco and Jocelyn Murray**

## WEEKLY PARISH CALENDAR

*Monday, July 17<sup>th</sup>*

V.B.S. Volunteer Staff Meeting -- 7:30 p.m. -- lower Church

*Tuesday, July 18<sup>th</sup>*

V.B.S. Volunteer Staff Meeting -- 7:30 p.m. -- lower Church

*Wednesday, July 19<sup>th</sup>*

V.B.S. Volunteer Staff Meeting -- 7:30 p.m. -- lower Church

*Saturday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>*

V.B.S. Setup -- 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. -- lower Church

## ALTAR SERVERS

*Saturday, July 15<sup>th</sup>*

5:00 p.m. -- C. Gilsenan, M. McCarthy and T. McCarthy

*Sunday, July 16<sup>th</sup>*

8:00 a.m. -- C. Komosinki and C. Murphy  
9:30 a.m. -- D. Corcoran, J. Corcoran and R. Corcoran  
11:00 a.m. -- A. Cassidy, R. Peter and R. Peter  
12:30 p.m. -- S. Joyce and E. Ruge-Howard

*Saturday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>*

5:00 p.m. -- W. Ferguson and R. McLaughlin

*Sunday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>*

8:00 a.m. -- L. Loughran, M. Loughran and S. McGovern  
9:30 a.m. -- S. Osso and P. Winter  
11:00 a.m. -- N. Camacho and A. Farrelly  
12:30 p.m. -- A. Carroll and D. Liberatore



**Vacation Bible School Volunteer Staff:** There will be three volunteer staff meetings on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, July, 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, and 19<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the lower church. **All volunteer staff members are required to attend at least one of the 3 meetings.**

**Vacation Bible School News:** V.B.S. program will begin next week -- Monday to Thursday, July 24<sup>th</sup> to July 27<sup>th</sup> from 8:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and from 8:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. on Friday, July 28<sup>th</sup>. For safety reasons, **"No Sandals Allowed"**. All staff and students **must** wear either sneakers or closed toe shoes every day. Beverages and snacks will be provided.



## **S.J.B. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**July 16, 2017**

**FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:** Today our Scripture readings focus on the power of God's word – and our need to be attentive to that word. Ancient Israel perceived God's word as an expression of His revealed will for mankind, intervening again and again like a "hammer shattering rocks" (Jer. 23-29). Once proclaimed, God's word proved to be a decisive force, guiding the course of Israel's history. In today's first reading (Is. 55:10-11) the prophet Isaiah celebrates the power and effectiveness of God's word. As surely as rain brings growth and fruitfulness to the earth, so God's word will realize the purpose for which it was spoken. St. Paul in our second reading (Rom. 8:13-23) calls on believers to accept the suffering which is part of any acceptance of God's word; present pain will be overwhelmed by joy and glory. Finally in today's gospel (Mt. 13:1-23) Our Blessed Lord tells the familiar parable of the sower which teaches the importance of being attentive and receptive to God's word. The lesson challenges us to examine whether in our own case the soil of a resistant heart prevents God's word from taking full root in our life.

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### **SPECIAL SAINTS' DAYS THIS WEEK**

#### **Tuesday, July 18<sup>th</sup> – St. Camillus de Lellis**

Born in Italy in 1550, Camillus entered military service, then had a change of heart – a religious conversion – and entered the seminary, was ordained and spent his life caring for the poor and the sick. He eventually founded a religious order that established hospitals throughout Italy.

#### **Thursday, July 20<sup>th</sup> - St. Appollinaris**

This second century bishop and martyr was the first bishop of the city of Ravenna, Italy. Two churches in that city bear his name – and they contain some of the most beautiful mosaics in the world. We know little about his life, but anyone who could inspire such art and beauty must have been a powerful influence for good.

#### **Friday, July 21<sup>st</sup> – St. Lawrence of Brindisi**

St. Lawrence lived in the 16<sup>th</sup> century and was able to combine personal holiness, academic scholarship and pastoral leadership. He brought many Jewish converts into the Church because of his mastery of scripture and his personal example.

#### **Saturday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> – Mary Magdalene**

Mary was a faithful disciple and St. John in his gospel records that she was the first person to encounter the risen Jesus – and brought news of the resurrection to the apostles. As a result, she has often been called the "apostle to the apostles". Although she often is identified as the woman taken in adultery (whom Jesus saved from stoning), most scripture scholars claim this is a mistake. She is revered for her devotion to Our Lord and her total commitment to His gospel.

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We welcome into our parish family the following children who were baptized at St. John's over the past few months: Dylan McGrory, Fionnuala Robben, Dominic Anthony Laecca, Jayson Neil Rose, John Carrero, Juanita Gerena, Seth Marchewka, Melvin Thomas, Alan Castillo, James Patrick O'Connor, Ava Grace Saglimbene, Anthony Vincent Virga, James Francis Daly, Genessee Lilou Castellon, Ashley Ryan

Keane, Taylor Marie Keane, Camilla Sophia Vargas, Sophia Cristina DiCaprio, Madilynn Rose DiCaprio, Hudson Geigel, Jillian Kate Tinelle, Kylie Avila, Danyel Olivares, Neila Royas, Ava Grace Gervacio Colon, Austin Jeremy Cobrador Seise, Ziara George, Danexie George, Erasmo Cruz, Jr., Hope Florence Sciarabba, Henry John Sciarabba, Harrison Daniel Sciarabba, Christopher Troy, Shane Brown, Abel Alexander Aquino, Ishmel Alexander Aquino, Benjamin Leonardo Caicedo, Mae Dorothy McLaughlin, Madison Grace Nunez, Vanessa Polanco, Emmanuel Nicholas Louros, Antonio Oscar Ruis, and Libby Byrne. We extend our congratulations and prayers in a special way to their parents and godparents!

**Sunday Report:** Last weekend 1,065 parishioners attended Mass; our collection totaled \$8,524.00; average contribution: \$8.00. 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 Gilbert Javier and Vincent Maydan who were buried from our church this past week. Our prayers go out to their families and friends.



**Religious Education Program:** 2017-2018 Registration for new families began in early June. In the fall, classes will 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 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.

**Summer Mass Schedule:** As we do every summer at St. John's, our daily Mass schedule (Monday – Friday) is changed slightly. Instead of having Mass at 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon, our two daily Masses are at 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. This extends until Monday after Labor Day (September 5<sup>th</sup>).

**First Friday:** There will be no First Friday Holy Hour for the months of July, August and September. We will resume in October.



**Welcome to St. John's:** Registering in a parish is a declaration of your desire to be part of a Catholic community and a commitment to the life of the parish family. Being a registered parishioner makes things much easier when it is time for infant baptism, school registration, weddings, and when asked to be a baptismal or confirmation sponsor. We are often asked to provide affidavits for baptismal and confirmation sponsors. We can only do this if a person is a registered, active, and contributing member in our parish. Registration forms are available at the exits of the church and in the rectory.

**Festa Italiana:** The Church of St. John the Evangelist and Our Lady of Mt. Carmel in White Plains (on the grounds of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, 92 So. Lexington Ave.) will hold its annual "Festa Italiana" from Thursday to Sunday, July 13<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> (6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Thursday to Saturday and 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Sunday). Our "Festa Italiana" features live Italian music and entertainment, an outdoor dance floor, children's games and entertainment, great Italian food and desserts, American fare, espresso bar, air conditioned casino and much more. The admission and entertainment are free.

**Take Me Home:** After nearly every Mass we can find bulletins and missalettes scattered throughout the pews. This makes for unnecessary work for our ushers. Please help by returning missalettes and hymnals to the pew racks. The bulletins may be returned to the Church exits, but we encourage everyone to take a copy home where it can be a reminder of the week's events. Every little bit helps!



## **The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (popularly known as "RCIA")**

is the process designed by the Church for adults to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion. The goals are to give a complete overview of Catholic teaching and practice and to begin to deepen a Christian spiritual life centered in the Sunday Scripture readings. The sacraments are received at the Easter Vigil Mass.

### **It is open to adults who:**

- Have never been baptized; they would be preparing for all three sacraments.
- Were baptized in a non-Catholic Christian denomination who are interested in becoming Catholic; they would be preparing for Confirmation and First Communion.
- Were baptized Catholic but never received Confirmation and/or Communion; they would be preparing for the sacraments they have not yet received.

The 2017-2018 program at St. John's which prepares adults (and older adolescents) to receive sacraments will begin in October. However, if you (or anyone you know) is interested in learning more about our program, please leave your name at the rectory 963-1486.

**Pastoral Care of the Sick:** Anyone who is unable to come to Mass because of illness, age, or physical disability is asked to call the rectory if you wish to receive the sacraments of Penance, Holy Communion or Anointing at home. Also, we ask any parishioner to notify us if you are required to spend time in a hospital. We try to visit our parishioners if it is at all possible, but often we are not notified about a hospital stay until it is over.



**Second Collection:** Next 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.

**Devotion and Decorum:** We continue to ask everyone to make a special effort to arrive at church before Mass begins and to wait until the priest celebrant has reached the end of the main aisle (or for the final hymn is concluded) before exiting the church. In addition – to allow parishioners who wish to pray and reflect – we ask everyone to maintain a respectful silence in the main body of the church before and after Mass.



**Special Invitation:** The Catholic Widow and Widowers of Yonkers is a social, religious and bereavement organization which helps to meet the needs of its members. We meet on the third Thursday of each month at St. Ann's Church (Fr. Anthony Hall), 31 College Place. New members are welcome. For more information, please call 914-423-5331. Our next meeting will take place on Thursday, July 20<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m.



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