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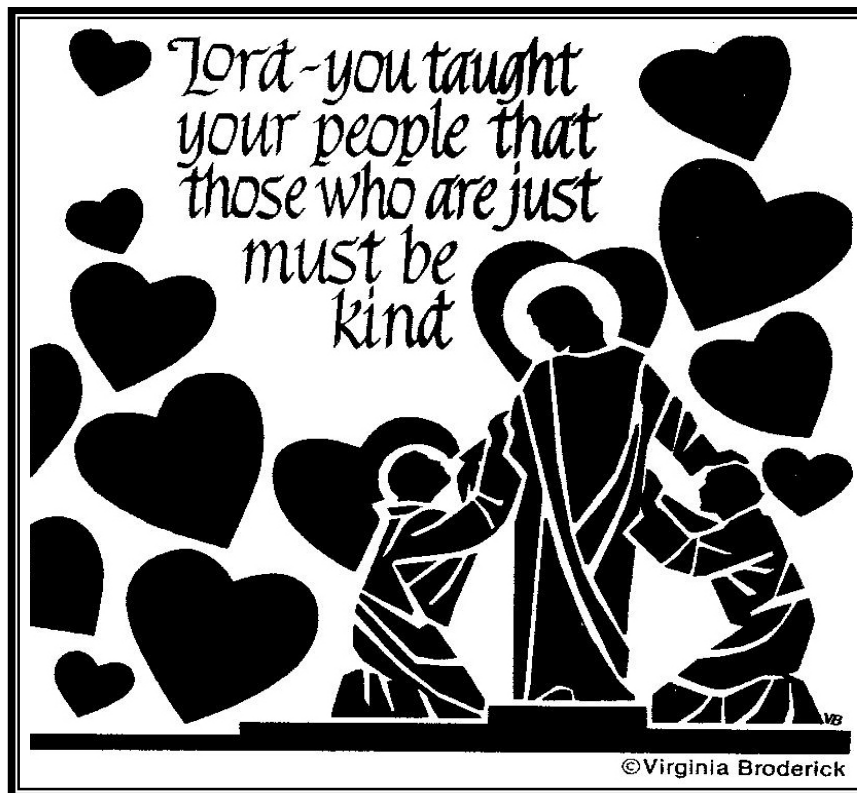
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Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 23, 2017

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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. & 9:00 a.m.

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, 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

Monday, July 24, 2017

Feast of St. Sharbel Makhluf, Priest

8:00 a.m. Donie O'Connor
9:00 a.m. Anna Procaccino -- Anniversary

Tuesday, July 25, 2017

Feast of St. James, Apostle

8:00 a.m. Daniel Robinson
9:00 a.m. Robert Buonora

Wednesday, July 26, 2017

*Feast of Sts. Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed
Virgin Mary*

8:00 a.m. Adeline Matturro
9:00 a.m. Michael and Guy Bastardi and
Daniel Longo -- 8th Anniversary

Thursday, July 27, 2017

8:00 a.m. Francesca Zambito -- 18th Anniversary
9:00 a.m. Rev. Msgr. John G. Woolsey --
1st Anniversary

Friday, July 28, 2017

8:00 a.m. Marin Golonka
9:00 a.m. Thomas and Margaret Blair

Saturday, July 29, 2017

Feast of St. Martha

8:00 a.m. Therese Devlin

Saturday, July 29, 2017

Vigil: Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Sunday, July 30, 2017

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Mass for the parishioners of
St. John the Baptist
9:30 a.m. Rose Presta
11:00 a.m. Edward Makowski and Ann and
Daniel Fama
12:30 p.m. Thomas Twomey



Wedding Banns

II. Melvin Thomas and Maria Almeida

II. Daniel Brusco and Jocelyn Murray

I. Dennis O'Leary and Keara O'Leary

I. Vincent Finelli and Dana Miraglia

WEEKLY PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, July 23rd

V.B.S. Setup -- 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. -- lower Church

Monday, July 24th

V.B.S. -- 8:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. -- lower Church

Tuesday, July 25th

V.B.S. -- 8:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. -- lower Church

Wednesday, July 26th

V.B.S. -- 8:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. -- lower Church

Thursday, July 27th

V.B.S. -- 8:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. -- lower Church

Friday, July 28th

V.B.S. -- 8:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. -- lower Church

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday, July 22nd

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

Sunday, July 23rd

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

Saturday, July 29th

5:00 p.m. -- D. Odume and L. Calhoun

Sunday, July 30th

8:00 a.m. -- M. McCarthy and T. McCarthy

9:30 a.m. -- M. Albanese, A. Burke and K. Burke

11:00 a.m. -- K. Postighone and R. Tuffy

12:30 p.m. -- N. Conlon and E. Ruge-Howard

Vacation Bible School News: V.B.S. program begins this week -- Monday to Thursday, July 24th to July 27th from 8:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and from 8:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. on Friday, July 28th. 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. Registration is now closed no walk-ins allowed.



S.J.B. ANNOUNCEMENTS

July 23, 2017

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: In marked contrast to the forbearance and patience of God, there is a tendency among His creatures to distinguish, discriminate and, all too often, disparage and even dispose of one another. This human tendency – at its worst extremes – has provoked some of the darkest periods in the history of mankind. The readings for today's liturgy offer each of us a personal opportunity to examine our consciences on how we view other people.

Today's first reading from the Old Testament's Book of Wisdom (Wis. 12:13-10) reminds us that we are all sinners; we have all been recipients of God's loving mercy and forgiveness. That should be a sufficient reminder of how we, in turn, must be kind to others.

St. Paul in our second reading (Rom. 8:26-27) insists that God's gift of His Spirit should sustain a prayerful communion which unites us to Him and with one another.

Finally in today's gospel (Mt. 13:24-43) the parable of the weeds and wheat attests how God reaches out patiently to all, encouraging the good to persevere and the sinful to make a new start. Conscious of the many weeds (bad habits) that can stifle God's life in us, we must continue to reform and renew ourselves so that we might be faithful to God's will.



SPECIAL SAINTS' DAYS THIS WEEK



Monday, July 24th – St. Sharbel Makhluf

Today's saint is by no means a household name! Born in a small village in Lebanon in 1828, he was born and raised a Maronite Catholic – one of the so-called "Eastern Rite" Christian groups that have many of their own centuries old rituals but are in communion with the Pope. Sharbel became a monk in his early 20's and lived most of his life devoted to prayer, meditation and manual labor. During his lifetime he had a reputation for holiness and many people came to him for his spiritual counsel. He died in 1898, was canonized a saint in 1977, and is known as the "Hermit of Lebanon."

Tuesday, July 25th – St. James

James, the brother of John, is called "The Greater" because he answered the call to follow Jesus before the other apostle named James. This James and his brother John were known as "sons of Zebedee" in the gospels. James was one of the apostles who were closest to Jesus during his life. James was the first of Our Lord's disciples to suffer martyrdom – he was executed by King Herod in 42 A.D. in Jerusalem. However, there is a strong tradition that James traveled to Spain and evangelized there. His remains are honored in the town in Spain called Compostella where a beautiful basilica is named in his honor.

Wednesday, July 26th – Sts. Joachim and Anne

The celebration of a feast in honor of Joachim and Anne, Mary's parents, is a welcome reminder that married life is a great source of grace and happiness for those called to it. The Roman calendar of saints more often emphasizes members of the clergy or religious orders. Today's feast is also a powerful reminder that there would be no saints at all were there not good, holy, married people living out God's love in their commitment to each other.

Saturday, July 29th – St. Martha

Today we honor the sister of Mary and Lazarus. Martha was a model of hospitality, but her activism sometimes made her "anxious and worried" as Jesus reminded her (Luke 11:41). She is best remembered for her beautiful expression of faith in Jesus as the Messiah, the Son of God, after the death of Lazarus (John 11:25-27).

Summer Mass Schedule

As we do every summer at St. John's, our daily Mass schedule (Monday – Friday) is changing 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 5th).



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

A Prayer While Taking a Summer Walk

The pace is easy. There is so much beauty to explore in the time of this summer walk.
Seeds are already blowing in the breeze, rising and falling, seeking a place to rest, a place to become.
Small flowers bloom on the most insignificant of plants, and when examined reveal an intricate beauty.

There is a voice of a prophet echoed in the creation that unfolds before me.

This prophet speaks of arrival at a new land at the journey's end.

It is the land of promise that all things will be made new!



It is the covenant promise that God so loves His creation
that He will preserve it and bring it to fullness of life.



I am a part of this journey. I am a part of the journey of all creation.

I do not walk alone today, I walk with all creation.

I do not walk to see the wonders of creation, I walk to discover my place in creation.

I come to know myself as I walk among that which speaks to me of my origin.

Lord, creator of my journey,
who gifts me with the opportunity and ability to walk along this path on this remarkable summer day,
help me find myself in this and along the way to meet You, my Lord, my Savior.
Amen.

Father Gabriel Zeis, T.O.R.



Sunday Report: Last weekend 1,085 parishioners attended Mass; our collection totaled \$7522.00; average contribution: \$6.93. 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 Lucy Cerra who was buried from our church this past week. Our prayers go out to her family 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.



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.

RCIA
A journey in faith

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.

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COLLECTION

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.

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