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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, August 12, 2017

Vigil: Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. Joseph Viggiano

Sunday, August 13, 2017

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Sabina Eves

9:30 a.m. Gemma Rizzi

11:00 a.m. Sabino Morano

12:30 p.m. Mass for the parishioners of
St. John the Baptist

Monday, August 14, 2017

Feast of St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr

8:00 a.m. Terence T. Martin III

9:00 a.m. Kristen Renee Mc Redmond

Monday, August 14, 2017

Vigil: Feast of The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

5:00 p.m. Julia Campione

Tuesday, August 15, 2017

Feast of The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 a.m. Eleanor Stivaletti

12:00 noon For the Deceased Members of the
Grady Family

7:30 p.m. Marina Corbellini

Wednesday, August 16, 2017

Feast of St. Stephen of Hungary

8:00 a.m. Rose and Carmine Capobianco

9:00 a.m. Mary Dorris Christensen

Thursday, August 17, 2017

8:00 a.m. Rory O'Flaherty

9:00 a.m. John Concannon -- Birthday

Friday, August 18, 2017

8:00 a.m. Daniel Robinson

9:00 a.m. Alice Goldsmith -- Birthday

Saturday, August 19, 2017

Feast of St. John Eudes, Priest

8:00 a.m. Marina Corbellini

Saturday, August 19, 2017

Vigil: Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. Joseph and Maria Carmela Federico

Sunday, August 20, 2017

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. For the Living Members of the
Elias Family

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

11:00 a.m. For the Deceased Members of the Joyce,
Horne, Holland and O'Boyle Families

12:30 p.m. Rita & Neil O'Riordan and
Bridgie & Vincent Costello



Wedding Banns

II. Kevin Quinn and Sinead Cormican

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday, August 12th

5:00 p.m. – M. Bello and W. Ferguson

Sunday, August 13th

8:00 a.m. – L. Loughran, M. Loughran and C.
Murphy

9:30 a.m. – A. Burke, K. Burke and O. Luby

11:00 a.m. – R. Murphy and D. Odume

12:30 p.m. – D. Liberatore

Saturday, August 19th

5:00 p.m. – L. Colhoun and N. Leo

Sunday, August 20th

8:00 a.m. – M. Bello and C. Murphy

9:30 a.m. – J. Velazquez

11:00 a.m. – A. Cassidy and S. Joyce

12:30 p.m. – R. Peter and R. Peter

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.

S.J.B. ANNOUNCEMENTS

August 13, 2017

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: Many themes appear in today's readings from Sacred Scripture: our own discouragement and God's compassion; perseverance in the journey; true Christian life; Jesus as the bread of heaven. The readings show us that, just as God is our companion on life's long and sometimes disheartening journey, so we must be companions for one another, offering support and encouragement whenever we can.

In today's first reading (1 Kgs. 19:4-8) Elijah has triumphed over the prophets of Baal but had to flee for his life in the face of Queen Jezebel's wrath. He is so depressed that he prays for death. Instead, God sends an angel to provide him with a hearth cake and a jug of water. These strengthen him to make the long journey to the mountain of God.

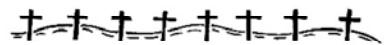
This food for the journey, or viaticum, becomes for Christians Jesus himself, the bread of life. This is why the Eucharist, which sustains us throughout our life, is also the premier sacrament of the dying. Jesus walks with us on our final journey just as He did along the way.

For our part we must live as if we truly believe this. In today's second reading (Eph. 4:30-5:2) Paul exhorts us to do nothing to sadden the Holy Spirit. He spells out exactly what this means: no bitterness or anger, no slander or harsh words. It should make a difference that we are Christians. Our lives are changed because we have met Jesus.

Just as the Angel comforted Elijah, and Jesus walks with each of us, so should we reach out to those who are overcome by the rigors of life's journey. Whenever we can, we are called to offer a comforting word, a bit of advice, a sympathetic ear, a stern but loving reproof. We must also be open to those who see our needs and try to minister to us. Jesus is the source of life for us; we in turn become a source of life for one another.



SPECIAL SAINTS' DAYS THIS WEEK



Monday, August 14th – St. Maximilian Kolbe

Fr. Kolbe was born in Poland in 1894; he entered the Franciscan Order and after his ordination he first taught in Poland, then did missionary work in Japan and India. He was recalled to Poland shortly before the Germans invaded in 1939. As a leader in the Catholic resistance, Kolbe was imprisoned in Auschwitz. When the Nazi guards of the camp decided to execute 10 prisoners as an example to the others, Kolbe asked to take the place of a married man with a family. He was killed on August 14, 1941.

Tuesday, August 15th – Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Today, together with the whole Church, we honor Mary – not just because she was the mother of God, but because by her faith, courage, and total dedication to God's will, she is the model for and mother of all believers. Today's feast is also an important reminder of the innate goodness of the human person. Due in part to the influence of Greek philosophy, some Christian thinkers in the early centuries of the Church became increasingly uncomfortable with the physical side of our human nature. The body came to be regarded as an impediment to a truly holy life; only our spiritual dimension was worthy of our call to perfection as children of God. Unfortunately, we still often deal with aspects of that kind of thinking. Mary's Assumption goes a long way toward rebalancing these tilted scales. Mary could not have lived out her spiritual commitment without the involvement of her physical body. Therefore her entire being, body and soul, was taken to heaven. Her body was fittingly spared the corruption of the grave. The God of Genesis declares that all creation is decidedly good. The summit of that creation is the human person – made in God's image. It is only right, therefore, that we celebrate a feast honoring Mary's complete personhood. By so doing we are celebrating the goodness of all humanity.

Wednesday, August 16th – St. Stephen of Hungary

Stephen was the first Christian king of Hungary – crowned in the year 1000. He was a beloved leader of his people who fostered the religious education of his subjects and who had a special love for the poor.

Saturday, August 19th – St. John Eudes

John was born in France in 1601; after his ordination, he spent many years giving missions and working to improve the training of future priests. He was instrumental in fostering devotion to the hearts of Jesus and Mary.

Sunday Report: Last weekend 1,100 parishioners attended Mass; our collection totaled \$7131.00; average contribution: \$6.48. 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 Anthony C. DeLeo and Egidio Marra 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.

Holy Day: This Tuesday the Church celebrates the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (August 15th). It is a holy day of obligation and the schedule for Masses for the feast is as follows: Monday, August 14th: Vigil Mass at 5:00 p.m.; Tuesday, August 15th: Masses at 8:00 a.m.; 12:00 noon and 7:30 p.m.



Basketball Camp: A basketball camp for girls in grades 3rd -- 8th, ages 7 – 14, will be held at Immaculate Conception, Tuckahoe, August 14th – 17th, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The cost is \$200.00. For more information, please email Michael at mikekiers528@gmail.com or text 914-720-5238.



Summer Reminders: As summer enters the “dog days of August”, we may begin to see a certain “casualness” enter into our spiritual and religious life. Casualness doesn’t refer only to dress. St. John’s is air conditioned – but often the number of people in church as well as the continued opening of doors can defeat our efforts to make the church comfortable. Summer dress (like shorts and short sleeve shirts) is certainly appropriate for the summer hot months. The casualness that should be avoided has to do with such things as skipping Mass, neglecting prayer, forgetting about confession, etc. It also has to do with coming to church late or leaving early – or not entering into the prayers (or hymns) of the Mass. Summer should be a time of rest and relaxation so that the body and spirit can be refreshed and renewed. Let’s never let relaxation become sloth.



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.

Workers Needed: The Westchester County Board of Elections is looking for qualified individuals to work as Election Inspectors for the upcoming 2017 Elections. Election Inspector requirements are as follows: **You must be a registered voter, a resident of Westchester County and attend 2 training classes.** The Board of Elections will pay you \$225 for working Election Day and \$25 for each training class. Please contact one of the following individuals for more information: Ericka Sterling (Democrat) at 914-995-8568 or ems2@westchestergov.com or Ed Zebzda (Republican) at 914-995-5702 or eaz1@westchestergov.com.

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Celebrating a 200th Anniversary: The Sisters of Charity of New York welcome you to walk in the footsteps of three sisters – sent by Mother Elizabeth Seton – who made their way from Emmitsburg, Md., to New York City in 1817 to spread the mission of charity. During the week of August 13th – 20th, five reflections will be posted on www.scny.org on a day-to-day basis. Celebrate the courage and steadfast faith of the pioneer Sisters whose arrival at St. Patrick's on Prince and Mott Street on August 20, 1817, marked the beginning of the congregation's lifework in New York.



Save the Date: Holy Name Society Scholarship Golf Tournament will be held on Friday, October 13th. More information to follow.

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