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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.

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prior to wedding

Sacrament of

Sacrament of Baptism Every Sunday after the 12:30 Mass

### **MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday, August 26, 2017

Vigil: Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

**Sullivan and Faulkner Families** 

Sunday, August 27, 2017

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Edward Swatowy

9:30 a.m. Angela and Christine De Fonce 11:00 a.m. Frances and Michael Fortuna 12:30 p.m. Mass for the parishioners of

St. John the Baptist

Monday, August 28, 2017

Feast of St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the

Church

8:00 a.m. Ritchie Breen

9:00 a.m. Walter Grochowski

Tuesday, August 29, 2017

Feast of The Passion of St. John the Baptist

8:00 a.m. Rosie Maughan

9:00 a.m. Josephine and Salvatore Miceli

Wednesday, August 30, 2017

8:00 a.m. Bridie O'Malley 9:00 a.m. Patrick Smyth

Thursday, August 31, 2017 8:00 a.m. Sabina Eves

9:00 a.m. Kristen Renee Mc Redmond

Friday, September 1, 2017

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

9:00 a.m. Kristen Renee Mc Redmond

Saturday, September 2, 2017

8:00 a.m. Angelo and Rositi DeLuccia

Saturday, September 2, 2017

Vigil: Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. Vincent and Millie Rao and Angelo

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Sunday, September 3, 2017

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. John Kenney

9:30 a.m. Rose and George Milder 11:00 a.m. Mass for the parishioners of

St. John the Baptist

12:30 p.m. Salvatore Spataro

### **WEDDING BANNS**

### II. Trevor Flynn and Maria Guglielmo

### ALTAR SERVERS

### Saturday, August 26th

5:00 p.m. – D. Corcoran, J. Corcoran and R. Corcoran

### Sunday, August 20th

8:00 a.m. – N. Camacho 9:30 a.m. – P. Coyle and R. Tuffy 11:00 a.m. – M. Colaiacovo and M. McLaughlin 12:30 p.m. – N. Conlon and K. Postighone

### Saturday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>

5:00 p.m. – C. Castaldi and R. Murphy

### Sunday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>

8:00 a.m. – L. Loughran and M. Loughran 9:30 a.m. – A. Burke, K. Burke and C. Murphy 11:00 a.m. – D. Odume and E. Ruge-Howard 12:30 p.m. – A. Cassidy and D. Liberatore

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 27, 2017

<u>TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</u>: In today's first reading from the Old Testament's Book of the Prophet Isaiah (Is. 22:15-23) God exercises covenant accountability. Because the existing leader is unable to rule with authority, his authority is taken away and given to another. It is God's work that we must do, and if we cannot complete what has been asked, God will find another servant.

The servant presented in today's gospel (Mt. 16:13-20) is the apostle who only a few Sundays ago was nearly drowned when his bravado led him out into the stormy sea. This Sunday, Peter is a transformed, self-assured leader who is the first to call Jesus the Son of God. Once again Peter is called to the life of disciple, but with new authority, new blessing. In knowing the identity of Jesus, he discovers that his own identity is changed. He is now the rock upon which the Church will be established.

Little did Peter understand the reverberations that were set loose when he tried to answer the question of Jesus, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" Peter's answers were dogmatically correct, but they only skimmed the surface. The question centered on the continuation of the redemption and the conversion of the world.

That question is still asked today. How we answer it reflects how we see ourselves in the universe, and consequently, in our life with Jesus. Like Peter, we become keystones by which Jesus can build the many bridges and walls and houses and doors of the kingdom. With that same power, we all have a key to those doors.

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### Monday, August 28th - St. Augustine

Sinner, scholar, and bishop, St. Augustine is an example of the infinite and unconditional love that God has for all people. Following his conversion to Christ, he seemed to see with x-ray vision the complete holiness of all creation. Let us pray today for the gift of reverence, respect, and love that sees all creation as a gift from God and all of life as graced.

### Tuesday, August 29th - The Martyrdom of John the Baptist

Within two months we recall the both birth and death of the herald of Jesus. The celebration of the martyrdom of John the Baptist invites us to sing of our salvation in the Lord. We pray with the psalmist and with John the Baptist depending on God and praising His name above all earthly things.

<u>Back to School</u>: St. John the Baptist School welcomes its wonderful students in their school uniforms according to the following schedule:



Thursday & Friday, Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Thursday, September 7<sup>th</sup> Friday, September 8<sup>th</sup> Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup> Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup> Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup>

- -- Grades 1<sup>st</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 11:30 a.m.
- -- Pre-K & K (last name) A to K from 8:30 11:30 a.m.
- -- Pre-K & K (last name) L to Z from 8:30 11:30 a.m.
- -- All Pre-K & K and  $1^{st}$  through  $6^{th}$  from 8:30 a.m. -2:30 p.m.
- -- Grades 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> from 7:45 a.m. -- 2:30 p.m.
- -- After Care Begins



**Sunday Report:** Last weekend 1065 parishioners attended Mass; our collection totaled \$6663.00; average contribution: \$6.25. 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 Nancy Purchio, Vincenza Di Leo and Marie Lorraine Berlingo 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.



Save the Date: Holy Name Scholarship Tournament will be held on

Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup>. More information to follow.

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 Zebzda (Republican) at 914-995-5702 eaz1@westchestergov.com.



**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.

**Advanced Planning**: A week from this Monday is Labor Day (September 4<sup>th</sup>), a national holiday and a time to celebrate the efforts of millions of men and women who contribute to our free economy and make our country great. Please note: Our parish office will be closed on Labor Day. The church will be open for our 8:00 a.m. Mass; after the 8:00 a.m. Mass, the church and chapel will be closed.

Y.P.D. Recruitment: The City of Yonkers is looking for qualified candidates for the position of Police Officer in the Yonkers Police Department. The written civil service exam will be held on December  $2^{nd}$  – but the deadline for <u>registering</u> for the exam is October 2<sup>nd</sup>! A member of the Yonkers Police Department will be giving out application here at St. John's this Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Monthly Maintenance**: Since next Sunday is the first Sunday of the month of September, we will take up our regular "First Sunday of the Month" second collection after Communion next 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 on Special Mass Monday, September 11th at 7:30 p.m. Fr. Justin Cinnante will be the celebrant. This is an opportunity to bring your spiritual and physical needs to the Lord.

**Proper Reception**: It has been noticed that some of the people who come for communion do not seem to be aware of the guidelines that the Church provides for the reception of the Holy Eucharist. In particular, some who receive communion "in the hand" seem to be unaware that they should not "take" or "grab" the host from the Minister – but should open their hands so the Ministry may place the host in their outstretched palm as the Minister says: "The Body of Christ" and the one receiving says not "Thank you" but "Amen". Here is the official statement of the way we should receive Holy Communion: "When receiving the Holy Eucharist, the communicant makes a bow of the head before the sacrament as a gesture of reverence and receives the Precious Body from the minister. The Sacred Host may be received either on the tongue or in the hand at the discretion of the communicant. When receiving in the hand, the communicant should be guided by the words of St. Cyril of Jerusalem: 'When you approach, take care not to do so with your hand stretched out and your fingers open or apart, but rather place your left hand as a throne beneath your right as befits one who is about to receive the King. Then, receiving Him, take care that nothing is lost!" It is also important that - before stepping up to receive Holy Communion, should either bow his/her head in reverence or make a genuflection.

Knights of Columbus: The Knights of Columbus will be selling raffles at the exits of the church on Saturday, September 26th after the 5:00 p.m. Mass and on Sunday, September 27th after all Masses.

Senior News: St. John the Baptist Senior Club will begin on Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, in the lower Church. September meetings will be held every Wednesday. First Friday meetings will begin on October 6th with Mass followed by a Chinese Luncheon (\$6.00). On Thursday, October 12th we will be going to celebrate Oktoberfest at Krucher's in Pomona, NY, for only \$65.00 – which includes a German luncheon and transportation. On Friday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> will be our First Friday Mass followed by Pizza and salad. The weekend of November 18th/19th is our annual Bake Sale with our famous Gift Basket raffles, handmade knitting and 50/50 drawing in the lower Church. December 2<sup>nd</sup> is our First Friday Mass and luncheon followed with a wonderful Christmas Luncheon at St. Johns by Nick's Homefield Deli before we break for Christmas. Come on Wednesdays and to our special events and enjoy good company, bingo and good times. This year we will have a contest where our Seniors will apply their art talent with the new rage: themed coloring books. Contact Deacon Marty Olivieri 914-423-4859 for information.



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