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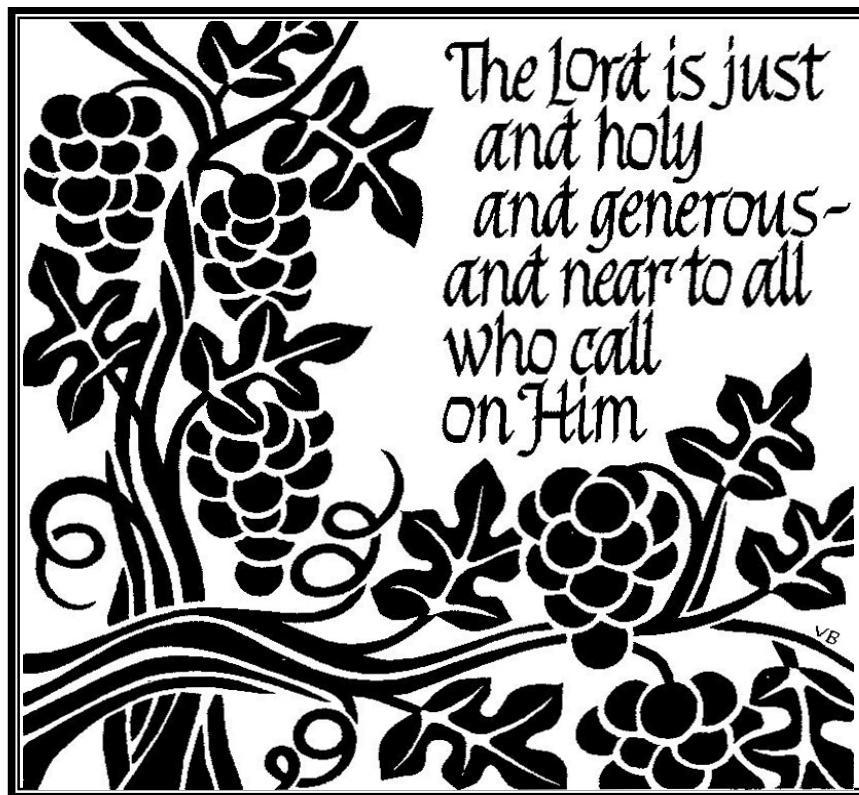
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Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 24, 2017

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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. & 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, September 23, 2017

Vigil: Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. Elizabeth and Phillip Marra

Sunday, September 24, 2017

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. For the Deceased Members of the
Rinaldi and Rubbo Families

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

11:00 a.m. Sabino Morano

12:30 p.m. Luigi and Maria Milizia

Monday, September 25, 2017

8:00 a.m. Kristen Renee Mc Redmond

12:00 noon Ann O'Boyle

Tuesday, September 26, 2017

Feast of St. Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs

8:00 a.m. Gregory Mazzanti – 10th Anniversary

12:00 noon Special Intentions

Wednesday, September 27, 2017

Feast of St. Vincent de Paul, Priest

8:00 a.m. Sante Zangrilli

12:00 noon Kathleen McKeon

Thursday, September 28, 2017

*Feast of St. Wenceslaus, Martyr; St Lawrence Ruiz and
Companions, Martyrs*

8:00 a.m. Stella O'Neill

12:00 noon Rita Flynn

Friday, September 29, 2017

Feast of Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels

8:00 a.m. Falco and Ada Di Biase

12:00 noon Ruth Nolan

Saturday, September 30, 2017

Feast of St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church

8:00 a.m. Marie Flynn

Saturday, September 30, 2017

Vigil: Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. Michael, Mary, Martin and
Katie Burke

Sunday, October 1, 2017

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

9:30 a.m. Elma Ferrari

11:00 a.m. R.A.S./H.N.S. Monthly Mass

12:30 p.m. Maria Melizia

WEDDING BANNS

II. Christopher Anderson and Kristen Policastro

II. Raymond O'Connor and Katelyn Amass

II. Daniel Lattin and Agnes Arbaiza Mejia

WEEKLY PARISH CALENDAR

Wednesday, September 27th

Seniors Leisure Club – 12:00 noon – lower Church
R.E. Grades 1st through 5th -- 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. – School
R.E. Grades 6th through 8th -- 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. – School

Friday, September 29th

Cub Scouts' Pack Night – 7:00 p.m. – lower Church

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday, September 23rd

5:00 p.m. – M. Colaiacovo and D. Odume

Sunday, September 24th

8:00 a.m. – L. Loughran and M. Loughran

9:30 a.m. – A. Burke and K. Burke

11:00 a.m. – A. Cassidy and M. McLaughlin

12:30 p.m. – N. Conlon and D. Liberatore

Saturday, September 30th

5:00 p.m. – G. Boynes, L. Calhoun and A. Kocovic

Sunday, October 1st

8:00 a.m. – C. Murphy and P. Winter

9:30 a.m. – D. Corcoran, J. Corcoran and R. Corcoran

11:00 a.m. – S. Osso and R. Tuffy

12:30 p.m. – A. Carroll and P. Coyle

2017 - 2018 Music Program: The adult, junior and children's choir season are beginning under the direction of Mr. John Stufano. All parishioners wishing to join are invited to visit the choir loft after any weekend Mass to introduce themselves. The adult choir sings at the 11:00 a.m. Mass every Sunday and many special events throughout the year. Rehearsal for the adult choir is held on Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. in the Church. More information about the two youth choirs (which will sing at the 9:30 a.m. Mass) is available in school and the Religious Education program. Being part of the choir is a wonderful way to participate more fully in the Sacred Liturgy. Please consider making the commitment and being part of what promises to be an exciting new season.

S.J.B. ANNOUNCEMENTS

September 24, 2017

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: Today's readings, particularly Our Lord's parable in today's gospel (Mt. 20:1-6) are among the most challenging in biblical literature. Human expectations are turned upside down; natural concepts of fairness are shaken; society's standards of success are questioned. Our nation's much touted ideal of "the good life" is redefined. Anyone who has ever been tempted to dismiss the Bible as naïve and fanciful is faced with defeat today. These passages are so real, so down to earth, and so completely demanding, that they leave no room for naïveté or fancy. This is the life, the "ordinary time" of the committed Christian.

What do the prophet Isaiah, St. Paul and Our Lord say that is so difficult? Put simply, they tell us that we must let God be God. Much as we might wish it were so, God does not play by our rules. God's thoughts are as high above our thoughts "as the heavens are above the earth."

In today's first reading (Is. 55:6-9) Isaiah reminds Israel that redemption and forgiveness are at hand solely because of God's generosity. Nothing the Israelites might do, nothing we might do, "earns" God's forgiveness; it is a gift freely given. In our second reading (Phil. 1:20-27) St. Paul, writing from prison and facing the possibility of death, voices his conviction that both life and death are desirable since living means working for Christ and dying means union with Him.

Our Lord's parable of the workers in the vineyards can cause even the most devoted of us to cringe. We often sympathize with the grumbling all-day workers, not because the owner doesn't value their work, but because we think he "owes" them more than the others. For all of us, the parable presents the opportunity to search our hearts and discover whether we really love one another deeply enough to rejoice in God's universal generosity.

SPECIAL SAINTS' DAYS THIS WEEK

Tuesday, September 26th – St. Cosmos and Damian

These two brothers lived at the end of the 3rd century. They both became physicians who worked with the Church in Syria to take care of the sick poor – whom they served without charge. They are patrons of doctors, surgeons, and pharmacists.

Wednesday, September 27th – St. Vincent de Paul

In 17th century France, Vincent established religious groups to care for the spiritual and physical needs of the poorest of the poor. It is a tribute to his life and mission that to this day organizations all over the world continue to serve the poor in his name.

Thursday, September 28th – St. Wenceslaus

A familiar Christmas carol reflects this saint who was King of Bohemia in the 10th century ("Good King Wenceslaus went out on the feast of Stephen"). He was known for his concern for the poor and his dedication to the Church.

Friday, September 29th – Michael, Gabriel and Raphael - Archangels

The Archangels are portrayed as ministering spirits who protect and watch over us, each in his own way. They also serve as intermediaries, carrying our hymns and prayers to the Lord. In the 13th century, St. Thomas Aquinas (called the "Angelic Doctor") wrote that each angel is its "own order in the universe, far greater than a star".

Saturday, September 30th – St. Jerome

Born in Dalmatia in 340 A.D., Jerome studied in Rome where he was baptized. He returned to the East, became a monk and because of his reputation as a scholar, he was asked by the Pope to translate the Bible from Hebrew and Greek into Latin. His translation, known as the Vulgate, remained in use for over a thousand years. He lived a life of prayer and asceticism. He once wrote "Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ". He died in Bethlehem in 420.

Being and Becoming Catholic: Very shortly we will begin a series of meetings that will prepare teenagers and adults to receive the sacrament of baptism, communion, and/or confirmation. Often adult and young adult Catholics (for a variety of reasons) have never received confirmation. In other cases, persons from another (non-Catholic) Christian tradition wish to become Catholics; such persons are prepared for reception into the Church by this program. Finally, there are individuals who were never baptized who may wish to become Catholics – this group is meant for them as well. If you know any such an individual, please have him or her contact Sr. Mary Beth Read at 965-2338.

Sunday Report: Last weekend 1,185 parishioners attended Mass; our collection totaled \$7311.00; average contribution: \$6.17. 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 Daniel P. Jordan, Ana Arias and Werner Sauter who were buried from our church this past week. Our prayers go out to their families and friends.

Senior News: St. John the Baptist Senior Club have begun their regular meetings on Wednesdays after the 12:00 noon Mass in the lower church. Early birds may arrive at 10:00 a.m. for coffee, tea, cake, conversation or crafts. On Wednesday, September 13th, we began our color your picture contest. 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 delicious complete German luncheon and transportation. Come on Wednesdays and to our special events and enjoy good company, bingo and good times. Contact Deacon Marty Olivieri 914-423-4859 for information.

H.S. Open House: Regis High School (55 E. 84th St., Manhattan), an all-scholarship Jesuit secondary school for Catholic boys, announces its Open House for 8th grade boys and their parents, on Wednesday, October 4th from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. For additional information call 212-288-1100.



Local Carnival: Sts. Peter and Paul – St. Ursula Church in Fleetwood presents its Annual Fall Carnival to be held in the Church parking lot at 129 Birch Street, Mt. Vernon (Birch St & Westchester Ave.) from Wednesday, September 27th through Sunday, October 1st. Carnival rides, games and plenty of great food. Open Wednesday thru Friday, 4:00 to 10:00 p.m., Saturday, 12:00 noon to 11:00 p.m. and Sunday, 2:00 to 10:00 p.m.

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.

Westchester "Red" Mass: The Catholic Lawyers Guild will hold its annual Red Mass for all judges, attorneys, Law Enforcement Personnel and their families at St. John the Evangelist Church (148 Hamilton Ave. in White Plains) on Thursday, October 12th, at 6:00 p.m. The celebrant of the Mass will be Cardinal Dolan. A reception follows the Mass.



Make a Difference: Do you have a bike that's great for getting up and down the beautiful hills of Yonkers, but is collecting dust in your garage? The Sisters of Life would be happy to receive it as a donation. Please call Sr. Charlotte at 914-968-8094.

Give-a-Bike: Do you have a bike that's great for getting up and down the beautiful hills of Yonkers, but is collecting dust in your garage? The Sisters of Life would be happy to receive it as a donation. Please call Sr. Charlotte at 914-968-8094.

Holy Name Society Scholarship Golf Tournament: The H.N.S. will be holding their annual Scholarship Golf Tournament at Dunwoodie Golf Course on Friday, October 13th. This tournament funds two scholarships that are given annually to graduating 8th graders from St. John's. The price per golfer is \$175.00. This includes the round of golf, lunch, dinner, greens and cart fees. Reservations and payment must be made by October 4th and are on a first come basis. For more information, please call Danny Vanadia at dvanadia@aol.com.



Yonkers Columbus Day Parade: This year's parade will take place next Sunday afternoon, October 1st and the route will begin at Yonkers and Seminary Avenues and proceed past St. Joseph's Seminary and St. Ann. Because of the potential traffic problems we will not have music at the 12:30 p.m. Mass next Sunday, so we can be assured that everyone will be able to leave the Church before 1:15 p.m. – when the parade groups are expected to assemble. We appreciate your understanding.

Welcome Back Rosarians: Our monthly Rosarian Mass resumes next Sunday, October 1st at 11:00 a.m. Our "Welcome Back" meeting will be held on Monday, October 2nd at 8:00 p.m. in the lower Church. Come and see old friends and welcome new ones. We will be honoring our 2017 Scholarship winners. New members are welcome to attend. If you are interested in becoming a member of the Rosary Altar Society, please come to our meeting or kindly contact Tina Osso at 377-1126 for more information.



Baby Bottle Drive: The St. John's Respect Life Committee is sponsoring a "Bottles for Babies" fundraiser for its 10th year during October which is Respect Life month. This year, funds raised will help support a pro-life organization that fosters a culture of life through education, promote adoption, and offer post abortion healing and crises pregnancy center, Advocates for Life. Please pick up a Baby Bottle at the church exits next weekend. Please fill the bottles during October with spare change, cash or checks payable to St. John the Baptist Respect Life Committee. Bottles should be returned on Saturday, November 4th or Sunday, November 5th. Please pick up a bottle only if you plan on to participate in this fundraiser. Last year, out of 1,000 bottles picked up more than 300 were not returned. We like to reuse the bottles rather than paying more money to replace those that are not returned. Thank you for your support and generosity.

Monthly Maintenance: Since next Sunday is the first Sunday of the month of October, 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.



Respect Life Action: On Saturday, October 7th, Westchester's "Advocates of Life" are sponsoring a special Mass at St. Mary's Church (103 S. B'way) at 10:00 a.m. followed by a procession to the Yonkers Planned Parenthood Office (20 S. B'way) where they will pray the rosary. All are welcome.

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