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October 15, 2017

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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. & 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, October 14, 2017

Vigil: Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. Edward Locksa

Sunday, October 15, 2017

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Libero, Giovanni and Nancy Rubbo

**9:30 a.m. For the Deceased Members of the
Purdy and Sullivan Families**

**11:00 a.m. For the Deceased Members of the
Mancuso Family**

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

Monday, October 16, 2017

**Feast of St. Hedwig, Religious; St. Margaret Mary Alacoque,
Virgin**

8:00 a.m. Joseph Flynn

12:00 noon Vincent Streva

Tuesday, October 17, 2017

Feast of St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr

8:00 a.m. Philip Federico, Sr.

12:00 noon Rory O'Flaherty

Wednesday, October 18, 2017

Feast of St. Luke, Evangelist

8:00 a.m. Kristen Renee McRedmond

12:00 noon Rita Flynn

Thursday, October 19, 2017

Feast of Sts. John de Brebeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests

8:00 a.m. Bernard Smith

12:00 noon Ann O'Boyle

Friday, October 20, 2017

Feast of St. Paul of the Cross, Priest

8:00 a.m. Philip Federico, Sr.

12:00 noon Rosa Salva

Saturday, October 21, 2017

8:00 a.m. Eileen Courtney

Saturday, October 21, 2017

Vigil: Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**5:00 p.m. For the deceased Members of the
D'Addato and Rendine Families**

Sunday, October 22, 2017

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Angelo, Enzo and Settimia Soprano

**9:30 a.m. For the Deceased Members of the
Zangrilli Family**

**11:00 a.m. Mass for the parishioners of
St. John the Baptist**

12:30 p.m. Angelo (Andy) Monte

WEDDING BANNES

III. Robert Pecorella and Maria De Sisto

II. Ernesto Sanzi and Johnna Malara

II. Emmett Martin and Caroline Moran

WEEKLY PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, October 15th

R.A.S./H.N.S. Mass – 9:30 a.m. – Church
Communion Breakfast – following Mass – lower Church

Monday, October 16th

Confirmation Meeting – 7:30 p.m. – lower Church

Wednesday, October 18th

No Seniors Leisure Club

No R.E.

Friday, October 20th

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

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday, October 14th

5:00 p.m. – M. Bello and C. Gilseman

Sunday, October 15th

8:00 a.m. – C. Komosinski and R. Rica

9:30 a.m. – S. Osso, P. Tozzi and R. Tuffy

11:00 a.m. – A. Burke and K. Burke

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

Saturday, October 21st

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

Sunday, October 22nd

8:00 a.m. – M. Albanese and N. Crisp

9:30 a.m. – D. Corcoran, O. Luby and T. McCarthy

11:00 a.m. – N. Gilligan and K. Postighone

12:30 p.m. – C. Maher, R. Peter and E. Ruge-Howard

A Little While: Hard as it is to believe, we are coming to the end of Msgr. Birkle's annual sojourn at St. John's. Next Sunday, October 22nd, will be his last Sunday with us until May! On Tuesday, October 24th he will begin his trip to Florida where he will spend the winter assisting at St. Patrick's parish in Palm Beach Gardens and missing all of us at St. John's desperately! We thank him for his priestly service among us and wish him "Bon Voyage!" Please keep Msgr. Birkle in your prayers.

S.J.B. ANNOUNCEMENTS

October 15, 2017

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: If today's readings tell us anything, they tell us that God cannot, ultimately, do everything. In a mysterious way, God chose to be limited by granting human beings freedom to make choices about their behavior.

In today's first reading (Is. 5:1-7) the prophet Isaiah's "song of the vineyard" is a magnificent example of the power of the prophetic imagination. In vivid poetic fashion, Isaiah draws his hearers in until we are totally engrossed in the story of his "friend" and the love and care lavished on this chosen piece of land. But then disappointment: when he looked for the crop, it yielded only sour grapes. And then the punch line: God is the vinedresser and Isaiah's hearers are the vineyard that fails to produce the longed-for harvest. Saint Paul, too, is in a mood for chiding today. Despite his tireless journeying, his constant preaching, and his numerous letters, the communities he has visited often do not live up to his expectations. We can almost hear the longing in his voice as he begs the Philippians to "live according" to what they have been taught. Like Isaiah, Our Lord in today's gospel (Mt. 21:33-43) turns to the image of a vineyard in order to tell a vivid story of divine election, an election abused and neglected by the chosen people. While Jesus' story is more extended, less poetic, and more violent than Isaiah's story, the end result is the same. Those entrusted with the harvest, those on whom so much attention and care have been lavished, have proven themselves unworthy of the gift, unable to fulfill God's great expectation of them.

SPECIAL SAINTS' DAYS THIS WEEK

Monday, October 16th – St. Margaret Mary

Margaret Mary Alacoque lived in the 17th century France and spent most of her life in a convent where she lived, worked and prayed as a Visitation nun. She is remembered as a mystic whose devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus was principally responsible for the spread of that devotion to the entire Church.

Tuesday, October 17th – St. Ignatius of Antioch

One of the greatest and earliest martyrs, Ignatius was bishop of Antioch when he was brought to Rome for execution and martyred there (by being thrown to wild animals) under the Emperor Trajan in the year 107. On his way to Rome he wrote seven letters (still extant) to different Churches on the Christian life and the need for faith and courage in the face of adversity.

Wednesday, October 18th – St. Luke

A physician and a companion of St. Paul, St. Luke wrote the third of our gospels and the Acts of the Apostles which details the structure and activity of the early church. His legacy includes an emphasis on God's love for the poor and the importance of prayer in a Christian's life.

Thursday, October 19th – St. Isaac Jogues and Companions

The "North American Martyrs" commemorated today bring the ancient Church's heroic witnesses of martyrdom to the shores of the New World. These 8 martyrs (Jesuit priests and lay missionaries) worked with the Huron and Iroquois nations in the early 17th century.

Friday, October 20th – St. Paul of the Cross

Born in Italy at the end of the 17th century, Paul and a group of associates dedicated themselves to caring for the poor and the sick. The group eventually was recognized as a religious order – known as the Passionists -- whose primary work is retreats and parish missions.

Sunday Report: Last weekend 1,200 parishioners attended Mass; our collection totaled \$7366.00; average contribution: \$6.62. Thank you for your continued financial support of St. John's and its many needs. Your generosity is essential and greatly appreciated.

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.

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.

H.S. Open Houses: Many high schools are hosting open houses in the next few weeks and some ask for bulletin space. We will limit space for those who contact us directly and can provide only basic information. The following have contacted us: Kennedy Catholic H.S. (Somers), Sunday October 22nd, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.; Xavier H.S. (W. 16th St., Manhattan), Saturday, October 21st, 11:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; Cardinal Spellman (Bronx), Sunday, October 22nd, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.; Iona Prep (New Rochelle), Sunday, October 22nd, 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m. and Wednesday, October 25th, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.; The Ursuline School, Saturday, October 28th, 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.; Maria Regina H.S., Saturday, October 28th, 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m.

Special Month: October is considered the Month of the Holy Rosary – a time for special devotion to Our Lady. During our sung Masses this month our Communion Hymn will be a Marian hymn. We encourage everyone to pray the rosary during October.

Career Opportunity: The Knights of Columbus is seeking a candidate for a career opportunity representing their insurance company. They offer a complete benefits package with this full-time position. In order to qualify, one must be eligible for membership in the Knights of Columbus. For more information, please contact Bill Schneider, General Agent, at 914-420-6836 or William.schneider@kofc.org.

Save the Date: The Holy Name Society's Annual Father Daughter Dance will be held on Friday, November 17th in the lower church. More details to follow.

Volunteer Request: Volunteers are needed at Cabrini of Westchester in Dobbs Ferry. If you have a few hours to give to this rewarding experience please contact Simone Smith (Director of Human Resources and Volunteers) at 914-693-6800 ext. 571 or Yvonne at ext. 592.

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.



All Souls Day: November is the month that we pray for all our dearly departed. On All Souls Day, November 2nd, we remember our friends and loved ones who have gone before us into eternal life. Those whose names are returned to us on All Souls envelopes will be remembered at all Masses at St. John's during the month of November. Starting next week, envelopes will be available at the exits of the church for those who have not received them in the mail.

Catholic Widows/Widowers: The Catholic Widows and Widowers of Yonkers will hold their monthly meeting at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 19th, in the Fr. Anthony Hall, next to St. Ann's big Church, 31 College Place, Yonkers. New members welcome. For further information, please call 914-423-3331.



Mission Sunday: Next Sunday, October 22nd is Mission Sunday – the day we are invited to pray for missionaries and to support by our contributions the tremendous work being done all over the world by priests, religious, and lay people who are part of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. They have dedicated their lives to serving the poorest of God's people. We will take up a special collection next week after communion to assist their efforts. Please be generous.

Special R.A.S./H.N.S. Event: This Sunday, at our 9:30 a.m. Mass we welcome Rev. Richard Veras as the principal celebrant of the Mass which members of both societies will attend – and at which both our Junior and Adult choirs will sing. Those societies have invited Fr. Veras to be the speaker at the Communion Breakfast which follows the Mass. Fr. Veras is a well-known preacher who is Director of Pastoral Formation at St. Joseph's Seminary; in addition he is the author of several books, most recently a book of reflections on the presence of Christ entitled, "The Word Made Flesh." We welcome Fr. Veras!



Local Fair: St. Paul the Apostle Parish on McLean and Lee Avenues will sponsor a Christmas Fair on Saturday, November 4th from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Clothing and household items as well as Christmas items will be for sale. All are welcome!

Attention all S.J.B. Men: Please join the Holy Name Society for their monthly meeting on Wednesday, October 18th at 7:00 p.m. at the La Grotta Restaurant on McLean Avenue. The cost is \$20.00 per person and includes family style dinner and beer, wine and soda. For more information, please call Vinny Vanadia on 423-9149. All are welcome!

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