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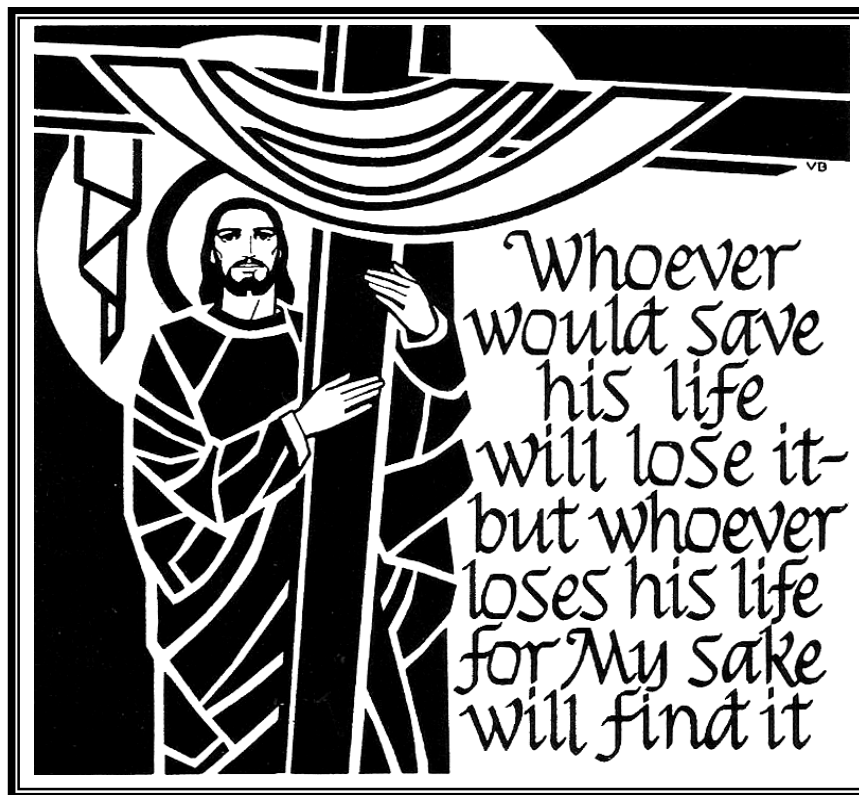
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October 29, 2017

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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 28, 2017

Vigil: Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Sunday, October 29, 2017

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Ludwik Kuznicki
9:30 a.m. For the Deceased Members of the Purdy
Family
11:00 a.m. Mass for the parishioners of
St. John the Baptist
12:30 p.m. Josephine and Salvatore Miceli

Monday, October 30, 2017

8:00 a.m. Alfonso Di Nardi
12:00 noon Ann Fama

Tuesday, October 31, 2017

8:00 a.m. Carolyn Vavrica
12:00 noon Rocchina Leone

Tuesday, October 31, 2017

Vigil: Feast of All Saints

5:00 p.m. Louise Piltz

Wednesday, November 1, 2017

Feast of All Saints

8:00 a.m. Patricia Sullivan
12:00 noon Fiorino Guglielmi
7:30 p.m. Sante Zangrilli

Thursday, November 2, 2017

**Feast of the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed
(All Souls' Day)**

8:00 a.m. All Souls' Day
12:00 noon All Souls' Day

Friday, November 3, 2017

Feast of St. Martin de Porres, Religious

8:00 a.m. Rocchina Leone
12:00 noon Lino Giammarco

Saturday, November 4, 2017

Feast of St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop

8:00 a.m. Florence Lawler

Saturday, November 4, 2017

Vigil: Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. Sarah Menchen – 8th Anniversary

Sunday, November 5, 2017

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Mass for the parishioners of
St. John the Baptist
9:30 a.m. Michelina and Antonio Oppedisano
11:00 a.m. Rosary Altar and Holy Name Societies'
Monthly Mass
12:30 p.m. Christopher Kiely

WEEKLY PARISH CALENDAR

Wednesday, November 1st

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, November 3rd

1st Friday Senior's Luncheon – following 12:00 noon
Mass. – lower Church
Holy Hour – 3:30 p.m. – chapel

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday, October 28th

5:00 p.m. – P. Tozzi and R. Tuffy

Sunday, October 29th

8:00 a.m. – C. Murphy and P. Winter
9:30 a.m. – A. Farrelly and V. Milizia
11:00 a.m. – A. Cassidy and M. McLaughlin
12:30 p.m. – C. Carroll and P. Coyle

Saturday, November 4th

5:00 p.m. – D. Odume and J. Velasquez

Sunday, November 5th

8:00 a.m. – E. Mc Garvey and S. Mc Govern
9:30 a.m. – D. Corcoran, J. Corcoran, R. Corcoran
11:00 a.m. – M. Colaiacovo and S. Osso
12:30 p.m. – S. Joyce and N. Leo



All Saints Day: This annual feast falls on Wednesday, November 1st and is a holy day of obligation.

Our Masses for All Saints Day begin with the Vigil Mass on Tuesday evening (October 31st) at 5:00 p.m.; Masses on Wednesday, November 1st are at 8:00 a.m.; 12:00 noon and 7:30 p.m. On this day, the Church celebrates not only our canonized saints but all those who have reached their heavenly glory.



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. Envelopes are available at the exits of the church for those who have not received them in the mail.

S.J.B. ANNOUNCEMENTS

October 29, 2017

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: Today's readings provide us with a very contemporary challenge. Love, not law, is the most essential characteristic of a truly moral society. In the end, we will not be judged by our Gross National Product, but by our willingness to put human values first. Today's first reading from the Book of Exodus (Ex. 22:20-26) is part of the "covenant code," stipulations for daily life. Although the directives refer to the nomadic life of desert wanderers living some 3000 years ago, they strike at the heart of many issues facing Christians today. These words can remind us that we were "aliens" ourselves – and some of the most prominent people in our national life are descended from ethnic groups who were once scorned for their poverty, their lack of education, their "un-American" customs, even their Catholic faith. This Sunday we are reminded once again that our God is a God of compassion. Can the same be said of us, made in God's image?

In today's gospel (Mt. 22:34-40) Jesus gives the answer in one word: love. True love of ourselves, our neighbors, our God, will motivate us to make choices based on human, not economic, factors. To love God is to acknowledge God, to accept the demands of the covenant, to commit ourselves to work tirelessly for the good of humanity and all of creation. Saint Paul assures us that, as hard as all this is, if we receive the word "despite great trials," we will surely know "the joy that comes from the Holy Spirit."



Wednesday November 1st – All Saints Day

Numberless men, women, and children have led lives of fidelity without ever being given official recognition by the Church. Today they are a "huge crowd which no one could count" – as St. John describes in the Book of Revelation. The Gospel for the Mass of All Saints uses St. Matthew's account of our Lord's Sermon on the Mount to teach us why these saints are now enjoying eternal glory and happiness: they lived out in their lives the principles set down by Jesus throughout His ministry. If we, in imitation of the saints, can persevere in our efforts to do God's will, then we too shall one day see God face to face.

Thursday, November 2nd – All Souls Day

The feast of All Souls is rooted in the belief that not everyone who is saved is immediately admitted to heaven.

Hints of this can already be gleaned from the Old Testament. Later Christian theology built on this belief as it envisioned an intermediate time of spiritual cleansing. Just as the saints can help us in our struggles and trials on earth, so we believe we can help the holy souls as they make their final preparation for eternal glory. The assurance of salvation and our firm belief in the Communion of Saints allow us to declare with St. Paul: "O death, where is your sting?" The mystery of death is not resolved, nor is the sorrow at the loss of a loved one or the uncertainty of our own passing removed, but this faith in eternal life helps us to overcome our anxieties and compels us to reaffirm our faith in a God who wants all of us to be saved.

Friday, November 3rd – St. Martin DePorres

Born in 1639 in Lima, Peru, Martin was the son of a Spanish father and a black slave mother. He joined the Dominican order as a lay brother and spent his life caring for the poor and the sick.

Saturday, November 4th – St. Charles Borromeo

Charles was a dynamic leader of the Church during the tumultuous 16th century. As archbishop of Milan, he reformed the clergy and religious life; as cardinal and Secretary of State under Pope Pius IV, he brought these reforms to the universal Church.

He is the patron of catechists and catechumens.

The Days of the Dead: This Tuesday evening we begin our annual Christian harvest festival – God's harvest festival celebrated on Halloween (October 31st), All Saints Day (November 1st) and All Souls (November 2nd). Although some of the activities of these days may have had their beginnings in pre-Christian Celtic practices, still they continue to have meaning for all of us – even those who have never met a Druid. On Halloween, we begin the festivities with storytelling by candle light (or a fire inside a pumpkin) as at any vigil. The customs of these days can certainly bear a positive Christian interpretation: trick or treat (door to door hospitality); jack-o-lanterns (a "welcome home" lamp); apple bobbing and candy treats (a foretaste of the abundance of God's Kingdom). Even the costumes are a sign of the kingdom where all the faithful will be raised in glory.

Sunday Report: Last weekend 1,380 parishioners attended Mass; our collection totaled \$8588.00; average contribution: \$6.22. Thank you for your continued financial support of St. John's and its many needs. Your generosity is essential and greatly appreciated.



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.

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!



Time Change: For many years, Daylight Savings Time ended and we returned to Standard Time on the last Sunday in October; however, a few years ago, Congress in its wisdom decided to extend D.S.T. for one week. Which means that D.S.T. will end on Sunday, November 5th at 2:00 a.m. Clocks should be turned **BACK** by 2:00 a.m. on November 5th (so better do it before going to bed on Saturday, November 4th). Remember: "Spring Ahead! Fall back!" This means we gain an hour of sleep.

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.



Special Mass: A Mass for Healing will be celebrated on Monday, November 13th at 7:30 p.m. at Holy Rosary Church (Hawthorne). Fr. Vincent Druding will be the celebrant. This is an opportunity to bring your spiritual and physical needs to the Lord.

Calvary Hospital: On Sunday, November 5th at 11:00 a.m., there will be a special Mass and breakfast at the Bronx hospital chapel to assist the wonderful work at this very special hospital. The donation is \$25.00. Call Kathleen Gallagher (718-822-2791) for information.

H.N.S. Father/Son Basketball: Calling all 6th, 7th, and 8th grade boys to compete against their dads for "bragging rights." Please join us on Saturday, November 4th at 5:30 p.m. in the school gym. The cost is \$10.00 per person which includes pizza, snacks, dessert and drinks. For more information please call John Sanchez at 476-1776.

Lectors: Your "2018" workbooks are ready to be picked up in the Sacristy. They are filed for each Mass Team alphabetically.



First Friday: This Friday, November 3rd is the first Friday of the month – a day of special devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Our monthly first Friday Holy Hour starts at 3:30 p.m. in our chapel. Come and join us for Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, prayer and Benediction. You will surely be blessed.



Baby Bottles: The proceeds from this year's drive will go to: Sienna House of the Bronx directed by Sr. Mary Doris and The Elinor Martin Residence for Mother & Child in New Rochelle. A final accounting will be reported after November 5th, the last day for submitting the proceeds from Bottles for Babies. Please fill the bottles with your change, dollars or checks made payable to St. John the Baptist Seniors whose account now holds the future for the Respect Life Committee. When issuing checks for the Bottles for Babies Drive, add a note, "Respect Life Committee," in your memo line so we can properly direct the funds. Please return all bottles next week!

Rosary Altar Society: Our monthly Rosarian Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, November 5th at 11:00 a.m. Join the R.A.S. for their monthly meeting which will be held on November 6th at 8:00 p.m. in the Lower Church featuring the Annual Bake-Off and a new addition, a wreath craft with Bonnie Brown from Just Craftin' Around. If you are interested in additional information regarding this meeting, please contact Tina Osso at 914-879-2975.



Operation Christmas Stockings 2017: The Rosary Altar Society is collecting items to be used in Christmas stockings for our troops. The drive is Sunday, November 26th in the lower Church from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. This is our parish's sixth drive and we need your help. Anyone interested in donating items can drop them off to the church in the boxes labeled "Support Our Troops" starting Saturday, November 11th through Sunday, November 26th. For a list of items, please pick up sheets at the exits of the church. If you know someone's address who is serving our country or for more information please call Gina Ramoni at 914- 776-1187. If you would like to sponsor a stocking for \$15.00, please make checks payable to St. John the Baptist, R.A.S. and put it in an envelope labeled "Support Our Troops". Thanks for your support.

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