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Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 12, 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, November 11, 2017

Vigil: Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. John Antonaccio – 23rd Anniversary

Sunday, November 12, 2017

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Nancy and Giovanni Rubbo

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

**11:00 a.m. For the Deceased Members of the
Guglielmi and Colaiacovo Families**

12:30 p.m. Maria Taylor

Monday, November 13, 2017

Feast of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin

8:00 a.m. Joseph Gagliano – 19th Anniversary

12:00 noon Victor Campione

Tuesday, November 14, 2017

8:00 a.m. Matilda DelGiudice – 9th Anniversary

12:00 noon Guido Botticelli

Wednesday, November 15, 2017

**Feast of St. Albert the Great, Bishop and Doctor of the
Church**

8:00 a.m. Rory O'Flaherty

12:00 noon Michael Antonow

Thursday, November 16, 2017

**Feast of St. Margaret of Scotland and St. Gertrude,
Virgin**

8:00 a.m. Carmen Manarino

12:00 noon Josephine and Salvatore Miceli

Friday, November 17, 2017

Feast of St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious

8:00 a.m. Emma Federico

12:00 noon Florence Stelluti

Saturday, November 18, 2017

**Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter and Paul,
Apostles;**

Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin

8:00 a.m. Frances Dippolito

Saturday, November 18, 2017

Vigil: Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. Michael Conghlin – Birthday

Sunday, November 19, 2017

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

**9:30 a.m. Deceased members of the Sullivan,
Whalen and Tobin Families**

**11:00 a.m. Regina Capobianco - 12th
Anniversary**

12:30 p.m. Rory O'Flaherty

WEDDING BANNs

**II. Gonzalo Borba-Zorillo and Ana Karina
Ferrira-Meneses**

WEEKLY PARISH CALENDAR

Tuesday, November 14th

Cub Scouts – 2:30 p.m. – lower Church

Wednesday, November 15th

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

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday, November 11th

5:00 p.m. – M. Bello and W. Ferguson

Sunday, November 12th

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

9:30 a.m. – A. Burke and A. Burke

11:00 a.m. – F. Albano and R. Duffy

12:30 p.m. – M. Luby and O. Luby

Saturday, November 18th

5:00 p.m. – C. Gilsenan and R. McLaughlin

Sunday, November 19th

8:00 a.m. – C. Komosinski and R. Rica

9:30 a.m. – M. Albanese and N. Crisp

11:00 a.m. – R. Peter and E. Ruge-Howard

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

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.

S.J.B ANNOUNCEMENTS

November 12, 2017

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: As the liturgical year draws to a close and nature prepares to surrender to the stark beauty of winter after the green of summer and the reds and golds of fall, the Church invites us to contemplate our own mortality. Much as our own society would have us ignore or even deny the fact, we will, all of us, die. The question is not whether we will die or even when we will die. The truer question is how we will meet this moment of transition, this Day of the Lord.

Today's first reading from the Book of Wisdom (Wis. 6:12-16) points the way, reminding us that the greatest goal in life is not riches but faith, the mysterious gift that opens us up to praise God. If we seek Wisdom, we shall not be disappointed, for she graciously appears to those who watch her. If, with the psalmist, we thirst for God, we can be reassured that Wisdom will satisfy our longing.

In our second reading (1 Thes. 4:13-18) and the gospel (Mt. 25:1-13) we are reminded to be prepared to meet the Lord. Christians in Paul's day believed that Jesus' Second Coming – the Parousia – was imminent, that the end was, quite literally, near. Using cosmic images appropriate to the time, Paul assures the Thessalonians that no one who believes in Jesus will “miss out” on the glory to come. Although we see the world differently today, we can still take comfort in Paul's confidence about the glorious destiny awaiting us.

Our Blessed Lord, too, offers an image of the end of the world. Since we do not know when Jesus will return, we must be ever vigilant. His message seems to be one of warning; we have to be prepared for a long wait. We must not allow the oil of our good deeds, our commitment, our faith, to run out.

SPECIAL LITURGICAL DAYS THIS WEEK

Monday, November 13th – St. Frances Xavier Cabrini

Born in Lombardi, Italy in 1850, the woman who came to be known as Mother Cabrini was a powerful evangelist in her native country where she started an order of Missionary Sisters and established schools, hospitals and orphanages. Then in 1889 Pope Leo XIII asked her to go across the ocean and help the young church in America. Her zeal and capacity for hard work was equal to her love for Christ and His people. She founded more schools, more hospitals, more orphanages – working until her death in 1917. She became a citizen of the United States and was the first U.S. citizen to be canonized as a saint.

Wednesday, November 15th – St. Albert the Great

This great 13th century scholar and teacher was dedicated to exploring truth wherever it was to be found – in science, philosophy or theology. A gifted teacher, he promoted Aristotle as a thinker who could help Christians understand God's revelation. Albert was a member of the Dominican Order and taught St. Thomas Aquinas.

Thursday, November 16th – St. Margaret of Scotland

Born in Hungary in 1046, she married the King of Scotland and was mother of eight children. She was a queen whom her people loved and she devoted herself to the care of the poor and the sick. She is the patroness of Scotland.

Friday, November 17th – St. Elizabeth of Hungary

Born in 1207, this daughter of a king became the wife of another – but despite her royal connections, she devoted her life to prayer and work with the poor. She is the patroness of Catholic Charities.

Saturday, November 18th – Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter and Paul in Rome

The original churches dedicated to these two pillars of the early church were built in the 4th century; the great edifices which every pilgrim to Rome visits today were built in the 17th and 19th century respectively. This feast reminds us of the ongoing debt that Christians owe to St. Peter and St. Paul.

Sunday Report: Last weekend 1311 parishioners attended Mass; our collection totaled \$9,123.00; average contribution: \$6.96. Thank you for your continued financial support of St. John's and its many needs. Your generosity is essential and greatly appreciated.

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.

Holy Name Society Father Daughter Sock Hop: The Holy Name Society's Father Daughter Dance will be held on Friday, November 17th from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. in the lower Church. The cost is \$15.00 per person which includes dinner and DJ entertainment. Please make checks payable to SJB Holy Name Society. RVSP Barbara Eifler c/o Emma Eifler 4th grade or contact 914 879 6799.

SJB Senior Leisure Club: The SJB Seniors sponsor their annual Fund Raiser Bake Sale, Handmade Knitted items, Gift Baskets and 50/50 Raffle in the Church Hall the weekend of Nov. 18/19. Bring all home-made cakes or store-bought donations Saturday, Nov. 18 and Sunday, Nov. 19th before Mass. We also welcome contributions for stuffing raffle baskets. A 50/50 drawing will take place at 1 p.m., Sunday. Winner need not be present. Funds are used for Senior Club programs and St. John the Baptist School children's graduation awards.

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

Second Collection: Next weekend (November 18th and 19th) Catholics across the country are asked to assist Catholic efforts to help the poor and needy in our own country. This is the Catholic Charities Campaign for Justice and Charity – and a special second collection next week will support their efforts. Please be generous.

Remembrance: November is the month that we pray for all our dearly departed. During this month, 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.

Advanced Planning: Thanksgiving Day this year falls on Thursday, November 23rd. As is our custom, we will have a special Vigil Mass on Wednesday evening, November 22nd at 7:30 p.m. at which students from our Religious Education Program will assist at Mass, our children's choir will sing, and Thanksgiving bread will be blessed and distributed. On Thanksgiving Day (Thursday, November 23rd) we will have **only one** Mass at 9:00 a.m. On the Friday after Thanksgiving we will have **one** Mass at 8:00 a.m. There will be **no noon** Mass on Friday, November 25th. Both the rectory and school office will be closed on Friday.

Special Children's Mass: Next Sunday at our 9:30 a.m. Mass, we once again welcome younger boys and girls to a special Mass where they will be excused after the Opening Prayer and go to the Church Hall for a special Liturgy of the Word. After this Mass please join us for a Family Coffee and Craft Hour in the school cafeteria at which we will have refreshments and make crafts for the family. We are very grateful to the parent-leaders (as well as some older children) who are assisting with this program.

Senior News: The weekend of November 18th and 19th is our annual Bake Sale with our famous Gift Basket raffles, handmade knitting and 50/50 drawing in the lower Church. December 2nd is our First Friday Mass and luncheon. On Wednesday, December 20th we will celebrate Christmas with a beautiful luncheon at St. John's in our lower Church prepared by Nick's Homefield Deli before our Christmas break. Come to all our Wednesday gatherings and special events and enjoy good company, Bingo and good times. Contact Deacon Marty Olivieri 914-423-4859 for information.

H.N.S. Thanksgiving Project: Once again this year, on November 18th, our Holy Name Society will distribute Thanksgiving baskets to needy families in the parish community. In the past, we found that it was much easier for us if parishioners would make cash donations instead of dropping off turkeys. It becomes difficult to find storage space for them all! We will use the money to buy the turkeys on the day that they will be delivered. Donations should be placed in an envelope marked "Thanksgiving Baskets" and dropped in the collection or sent to the rectory. We do welcome donations of canned goods which can be more easily stored. It would be helpful if donations are received A.S.A.P but no later than Monday, November 13th. We are most grateful for whatever you can give.

Baby Bottle Drive: Thanks to everyone who participated in this annual Right-to-Life Parish activity. Anyone who has not yet returned a Baby Bottle may do so by bringing it to the Rectory anytime. Checks can be made payable to "St. John the Baptist Seniors" with "Respect Life Committee" in your memo. Also, please return any unused bottles for future use. We sincerely thank you for helping hundreds of needy mothers and their babies get a good start in life and promoting a culture of life.

Study Sabbatical: Every year the Archdiocese sponsors two priests to take part in a three month "study sabbatical" that includes a review of the latest Catholic teaching on sacred doctrine, Moral Theology, sacred scripture, and pastoral practice. The "study sabbatical" is a three-month program and is based in Rome. Msgr. Maloney has been approved for this "study sabbatical" which begins mid-January 2018 and concludes in April 2018. During his absence, St. John's will be administered for one month by Msgr. Birkle (yes – he is coming back in the winter!) and Fr. James Healy who is recently retired after six years as Pastor of our neighbor St. Paul the Apostle. St. John's will be in good hands!

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