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***Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time  
February 4, 2018***

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8:00, 9:30,  
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**Sacrament of  
Baptism**  
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## **MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday, February 3, 2018**

**Vigil: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**5:00 p.m.** For the deceased members of the  
Locksa and Grotto Families

**Sunday, February 4, 2018**

**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**8:00 a.m.** Salvatore Sbordone

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

**11:00 a.m.** R.A.S./H.N.S. Mass – George Fletcher

**12:30 p.m.** Catherine Denis, Con and Margaret  
O’Sullivan

**Monday, February 5, 2018**

**Feast of St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr**

**8:00 a.m.** Kenny Masiello

**12:00 noon** Giuseppe Salva

**Tuesday, February 6, 2018**

**Feast of St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs**

**8:00 a.m.** William and Anne Ludlow

**12:00 noon** Margaret Mc Redmond

**Wednesday, February 7, 2018**

**8:00 a.m.** Joseph, Carmela and Diego Gagliano

**12:00 noon** Thomas Healy

**Thursday, February 8, 2018**

**Feast of St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin**

**8:00 a.m.** Jean Lubranski

**12:00 noon** Michael Antonow and Ann Baumeister

**Friday, February 9, 2018**

**8:00 a.m.** Katherine O’ Malley

**12:00 noon** Ellen Harrington

**Saturday, February 10, 2018**

**Feast of St. Scholastica, Virgin**

**8:00 a.m.** Deceased members of the  
Longinetti Family

**Saturday, February 10, 2018**

**Vigil: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**5:00 p.m.** Owen Kehoe

**Sunday, February 11, 2018**

**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

**9:30 a.m.** Carmine Rubano

**11:00 a.m.** Ascension and Manuel Alemeida and  
Michalina and Dewey Bernardini

**12:30 p.m.** Margherita Spataro

## **WEEKLY PARISH CALENDAR**

**Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup>**

R.A.S. Bake Sale – following all Masses – lower Church

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

**Monday, February 5<sup>th</sup>**

R.A.S. Meeting – 8:00 p.m. – lower Church

**Wednesday, February 7<sup>th</sup>**

Seniors’ Leisure Club – 12:00 noon – lower Church

R.E. Grades 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> -- 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. – School

R.E. Grades 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> -- 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. – School

**Thursday, February 8<sup>th</sup>**

Cub Scout Meeting – 2:30 p.m. – lower Church

## **ALTAR SERVERS**

**Saturday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>**

5:00 p.m. – G. Boynes and A. Kocovic

**Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 a.m. – C. Komosinski and R. Rica

9:30 a.m. – E. Ruge Howard and K. Postighone

11:00 a.m. – S. Osso, P. Tozzi and R. Tuffy

12:30 p.m. – S. Joyce and N. Leo

**Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup>**

5:00 p.m. – A. Cassidy, L. Calhoun and C. Maher

**Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 a.m. – M. McCarthy and T. McCarthy

9:30 a.m. – A. Farrelly and N. Gilligan

11:00 a.m. – M. McLaughlin and V. Militzia

12:30 p.m. – R. Peter and R. Peter

**R.A.S. Annual Scholarship Bake Sale:** Our Scholarship Bake Sale which benefits two of St. John the Baptist 8<sup>th</sup> Grade girls will be held this weekend after all the masses in the lower church. There will be plenty of goodies and raffles. Any donations of baked/bought items can be dropped off to the lower church this Saturday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> after 2:00 p.m. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

**Rosary Altar Society:** We welcome the Rosary Altar Society to their monthly Rosarian Mass at the 11:00 a.m. Mass this Sunday. Join the R.A.S. for their monthly meeting which will be held on February 5<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 p.m. in the Lower Church. Their welcome back meeting will be a fun Bingo Night and “bring your own snacks”. Hope to see you there.

## **S.J.B. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**February 4, 2018**

**FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:** The readings today give us an opportunity to do some assessment in three areas of our spiritual life. Penance, almsgiving, and prayer, the watch words of Lent, are not reserved to those six weeks only. In today's first reading (Job 7:1-7) it seems as if Job is already enduring his "Lenten penance". The despairing tone of his complaints and the circumstances from which they come pose questions about the role of suffering in the life of believers.

In the letter to the Corinthians, St. Paul's mission of preaching is seen as a contribution to the spiritual life of his listeners: it is, like alms for the poor, a gift given freely for the welfare of others.

In the Gospel (Mk. 1:29-39) Jesus is busy about healing and preaching, only to find that in the midst of His activity He must find a place of solitude for prayer. Thus, the three-fold motto emphasized in Lent finds a place in Scriptural models presented to us today.

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### **SPECIAL SAINTS' DAYS THIS WEEK**

#### **Monday, February 5<sup>th</sup> – St. Agatha**

This young woman lived in the 3<sup>rd</sup> century – during the terrible persecution of the church by a succession of Roman emperors. She was martyred in Sicily about 251 A.D. because she refused to give up her faith. She is the patroness of Sicily.

#### **Tuesday, February 6<sup>th</sup> – St. Paul Miki and Companions**

Paul was a Japanese nobleman who lived in 16<sup>th</sup> century Japan; converted by Jesuits, he himself became a Jesuit and a successful missionary preacher in Japan. He and his companions were martyred by decree of Japan's brutal, anti-Catholic dictator.

#### **Thursday, February 8<sup>th</sup> – St. Jerome Emiliani**

Born in Venice in 1486, Jerome was a soldier as a young man, but was increasingly drawn to a more spiritual life. He devoted himself to the care of the poor and orphaned children, eventually establishing a small religious order to continue his work.

#### **Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup> – St. Scholastica**

The twin sister of St. Benedict, the founder of Western Monasticism, Scholastica also dedicated her life to prayer and manual labor. She remained a close collaborator with her brother all her life and is the patron of Benedictine nuns.

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**Advanced Planning:** February 14<sup>th</sup> – a week from this coming Wednesday – is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. Ashes will be blessed and distributed at all our Masses that day. We will have three Masses: at 8:00 a.m., 12:00 noon and 7:30 p.m. In addition, we will have two prayer services and distribution of ashes at 9:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Please mark your calendars.

**Cardinal's Appeal 2018:** Most of you know that during the months of February, March, and April we conduct the annual Archdiocesan Appeal. The Appeal raises critically needed funds to support the pastoral, charitable, and educational work that goes on throughout our Archdiocese. No one can exaggerate the importance of what is done for God's people thanks to the generosity of those who sacrifice for this cause; the money raised by the Appeal helps to assist: elderly priests and religious; Catholic schools, hospitals and nursing homes; parish shelters and food pantries – the list goes on and on. We realize that our economy has hit a lot of our parishioners very hard; many are barely managing to make ends meet. But we also know that it is precisely the agencies assisted by this appeal that are helping those who need help most. Every year each parish in the Archdiocese is assigned a goal and for the past several years we have reached our goal – or come very close to reaching it. Ultimately, however, this is not a matter of reaching goals – it is a matter of doing our part – making a sacrifice for others in an act of practical charity. May we all give prayerful consideration to making a pledge to this important appeal in 2018.

**Sunday Report:** Last weekend 1,250 parishioners attended Mass; our collection totaled \$7,982.00; average contribution: \$6.39. Thank you; and God bless you for your generosity to St. John's.

**Rest in Peace:** Let us pray for Mario Cucullo who was buried from our church this past week. Our prayers go out to his family and friends.

**S.J.B. School Registration:** School Registration for September 2018 has begun. Students for the Pre-K must be 4 years old by December 1, 2018. Applications may be picked up in the school office between 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. For more information, please call Mrs. Sanchez at 914-965-2356.



**Mass Requests for 2019:** The Mass "book" for 2019 will be open for reservations as of Tuesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>. Because of the number of Parishioners who wish to arrange Masses at St. John's, we must request that Mass reservations be made in person. On March 6<sup>th</sup> those seeking to make Mass reservations should do so in the lower church (not the rectory) starting at 9:00 a.m. Someone will be there all morning and in the afternoon until 3:00 p.m. After March 6<sup>th</sup>, Mass requests for 2019 should be made in the rectory, Monday-Friday from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Our office staff is simply unable to handle requests by phone if they are to complete the regular volume of work they have. In addition, individual Mass reservations are limited to three on March 6<sup>th</sup> so we may accommodate as many parishioners as possible. (After the initial day, more Mass reservations may be made at the rectory later in the week.) We remind everyone that there are a number of retired priests who are able to take Mass requests – even for 2018. We are happy to provide Mass cards for these Masses; however, they will not be celebrated here at St. John's.



**Monthly Maintenance:** Since this Sunday is the first Sunday of the month of February, we will take up our regular "First Sunday of the Month" second collection after Communion this week. This collection helps with the upkeep, maintenance, and cleaning of our beautiful church. Please be generous.

**Special Concert:** The Maryknoll Sisters Annual Charity Concert to Aid the Sisters Global Mission Outreach, on Sunday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. at the Maryknoll Sisters Center, 10 Pinesbridge Road, Ossining, NY. Tickets are \$30.00 in advance or \$40.00 at the door and may be purchased on our website [www.maryknollsisters.org/concert18](http://www.maryknollsisters.org/concert18) or by calling 1-866-662-9900 or at the door the day of the event. Credit cards, cash or checks accepted. For more information, visit [www.maryknollsisters.org](http://www.maryknollsisters.org).



**Save the Date!** St. John the Baptist presents the Annual Card Party "*An Evening at Tiffany's*" on Friday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the lower Church. Admission will be \$20.00 per person which includes unlimited sandwiches, salads, snacks, beverages, dessert and coffee. For additional information or to make a donation, contact Tina Osso at (914) 879-2975.



**Second Collection:** Next weekend we will take up our annual Peter's Pence collection for the Holy Father. This special appeal is needed to support Pope Francis' service to Christ and the world. Please give generously so that His Holiness may continue his mission as pastor to our worldwide Church and as a spokesman for peace and justice.

**Mandated Announcement:** Anyone who needs to report an alleged incident of sexual abuse of a minor by a priest, deacon, religious or lay person serving in the Archdiocese of New York is asked to contact Sr. Eileen Clifford, O.P. at 212 371-1000 x2949 or Deacon George J. Coppola at 917-861-1762. Both may also be reached via e-mail at [victimassistance@archny.org](mailto:victimassistance@archny.org). Information can also be found on the Archdiocesan website, [www.archny.org](http://www.archny.org). In keeping with the Archdiocesan policy regarding sexual abuse of minors, this information is provided to ensure that our children remain safe and secure.

**Catholic Widows/Widowers:** The Catholic Widows and Widowers of Yonkers is a social/religious/bereavement organization which helps to meet the needs of its membership. We meet on the third Thursday of each month in the Fr. Anthony Hall, next to St. Ann's big Church, 31 College Place, Yonkers. Our next meeting will be at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 15<sup>th</sup>. New members welcome. For further information, please call 914-476-4436.



**Special Retreat Weekend:** "Beginning Experience" is offering a healing weekend from April 6<sup>th</sup> through April 8<sup>th</sup> at the St. Lawrence Retreat Center in Beacon, NY. This invitation is open to men and women of all ages who have who have suffered the loss of a spouse through death, divorce, or separation. It is a time to heal and a time to begin anew. Reservations are required. For information or registration please call Janice (845) 490-7466 or Phyllis (914) 261-5812 or email us at [ny.hudson.valley@beginningexperience.org](mailto:ny.hudson.valley@beginningexperience.org).



**Vacation Bible School News:** Vacation Bible school will be held from Monday, July 16<sup>th</sup> to Friday, July 20<sup>th</sup>. More information to follow.

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