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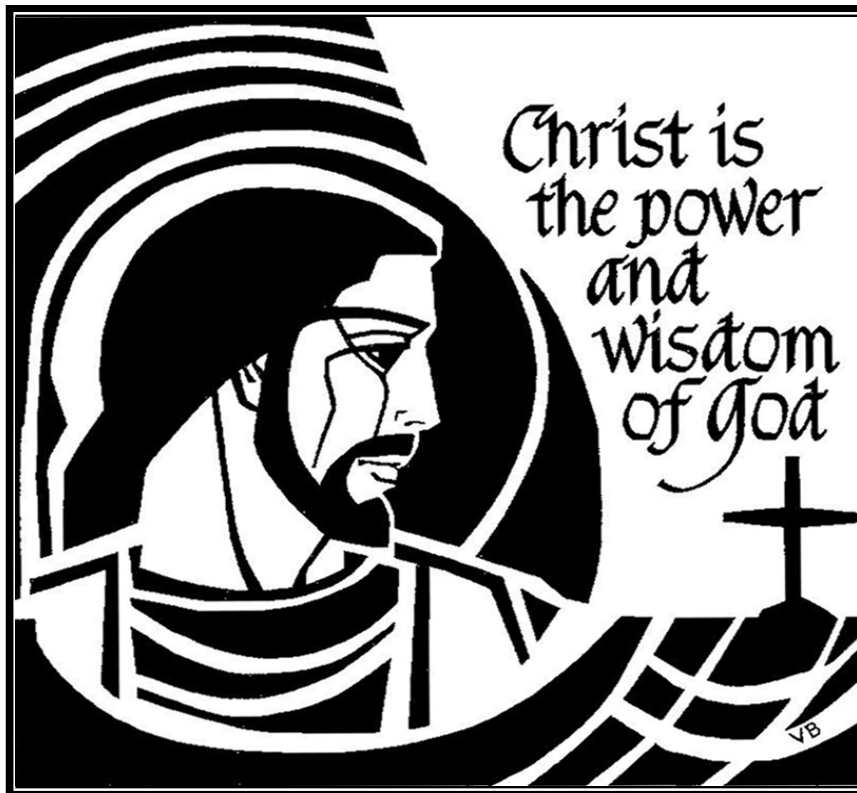
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Third Sunday of Lent
March 4, 2018

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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.

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Saturday:
4:00 - 4:45 p.m.

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Sacrament of Baptism
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after the 12:30 Mass

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 3, 2018

Vigil: Third Sunday of Lent

5:00 p.m. Joseph Vento

Sunday, March 4, 2018

Third Sunday of Lent

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

9:30 a.m. Sonny Murphy

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

**12:30 p.m. Edward Makowski, Ann and
Daniel Fama**

Monday, March 5, 2018

8:00 a.m. John Masiello

12:00 noon Cornelius Gleeson – 5th Anniversary

Tuesday, March 6, 2018

8:00 a.m. Estrella Jimenia and Parferio Tanoy

12:00 noon Anthony Marasciulo -- Birthday

Wednesday, March 7, 2018

Feast of St. Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs

8:00 a.m. Cecilia Stewart

12:00 noon Anna and Epifanio DiLeo

Thursday, March 8, 2018

Feast of St. John of God, Religious

8:00 a.m. Jimmy Valle

12:00 noon Patricia Sullivan

Friday, March 9, 2018

Feast of St. Frances of Rome

8:00 a.m. Victoria Devasto

12:00 noon Salvatore Aparo

Saturday, March 10, 2018

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

Saturday, March 10, 2018

Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Lent

5:00 p.m. Matteo Arlia

Sunday, March 11, 2018

Fourth Sunday of Lent

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

9:30 a.m. Geraldine Purdy – 8th Anniversary

**11:00 a.m. Deceased members of the Caruso,
Verbene and Provenzano Families**

12:30 p.m. Luigi and Franco Milizia

WEEKLY PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, March 4th

H.S.A.. Raffles – following Masses – exits of Church

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

Monday, March 5th

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

Wednesday, March 7th

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

Thursday, March 8th

Cub Scouts – 2:30 p.m. – lower Church

Friday, March 9th

Lenten Devotion – 7:30 p.m. -- Church

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday, March 3rd

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

Sunday, March 4th

8:00 a.m. – M. Luby and O. Luby

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

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

12:30 p.m. – R. Peter and R. Peter

Saturday, March 10th

5:00 p.m. – M. Mc Carthy and T. Mc Carthy

Sunday, March 11th

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

9:30 a.m. – A. Burke and K. Burke

11:00 a.m. – N. Camacho and J. Velasquez

12:30 p.m. – F. Albano and D. Liberatore

St. John's H.S.A. Raffles: The Home School Association will be selling their annual raffles tickets this weekend, after each Mass at the exits of the Church. The tickets are \$2.00 and the prize is \$2000.00. This raffle is a major fundraiser for the school. Please help our school if you are able.

Rosary Altar Society: This Sunday we welcome the Rosary Altar Society to their monthly Mass at 11:00 am. Their meeting will be held in the lower church this Monday, March 5th at 8:00 p.m. with a celebration for the feasts of St. Joseph and St. Patrick. Come and enjoy some Irish and Italian specialties.

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.



S.J.B. ANNOUNCEMENTS

March 4, 2018

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT: Today marks the midpoint of our Lenten journey. Wisely in today's first reading (Ex. 20:1-17) the Church directs our attention to the law given to Moses by God on Mt. Sinai – the 10 Commandments – the conditions of God's covenant with ancient Israel. These timeless ordinances give us something to measure ourselves against, goals to aspire to, ideals to live up to. What other gods do we bow before and worship? Power? Money? Status? How do we treat others? How do we treat the earth? Are we grateful for what we have or are we always grasping for more?

Today's second reading (1Cor. 1:22-24) takes us to Corinth – a commercial city that was full of diversity – and vices – like all such cities. St Paul hears that the Christians of Corinth have begun to divide themselves. Some seem to think more of those who baptized them than the Christ into whose body they had become members. St. Paul insists that such attitudes are in conflict with the true message of the gospel: justification comes only through the cross of Jesus. St. John's gospel is filled with "signs." The gospel today (Jn. 2:13-25) describes one of these signs, the cleansing of the temple. Outraged at the commercial activity going on in the temple area, Jesus creates quite a scene. Because of signs like this, people began to believe in Jesus.

SPECIAL SAINTS' DAYS - LENT WEEK THREE

Wednesday, March 7th – Saints Perpetua and Felicity

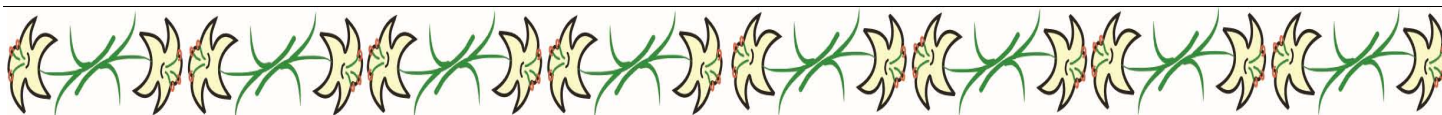
These two women who lived in the third century in North Africa were martyred for the faith during a Roman persecution. Their powerful witness is remembered whenever the First Eucharistic Prayer is used at Mass.

Thursday, March 8th – St. John of God

Born in Portugal in 1495, John pursued a military career as a young man, until he was moved by God's grace to devote himself to the care of the sick and infirm. He spent his last years in southern Spain where he found a hospital and a small nursing order (Order of Hospitallers) devoted to the sick poor. He died in Granada in 1550.

Friday, March 9th – St. Frances of Rome

Frances was born in Rome in 1384; she married and had three sons. She lived during a time of plague and devoted her later life to care of the sick and the dying. In 1425 she founded the Congregation of Oblates under the rule of St. Benedict. She died in 1440.



Friday Lenten Devotion: On all the Fridays of Lent at 7:30 p.m. there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, followed by Stations of the Cross and a reflection by Fr. Daniel Ulloa, O.P. on the topic: "Lent: Deepening our Communion with God and with One Another." The evening Holy Hour will conclude with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Lenten Fast and Abstinence: ALL THE FRIDAYS OF LENT ARE DAY OF ABSTINENCE - All Catholics above the age of 14 are obliged to abstain from meat on the days of abstinence (unless poor health excuses). Additionally, Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are both fast and abstinence. Not only is meat prohibited, but on these two fast days, only one full meal is permitted. Two smaller meals may be taken to maintain strength, but these taken together should not equal another full meal. Fasting obliges from 18 to 59 (unless poor health excuses).

Latin Chant: During Lent at our sung Sunday Masses, we will use traditional Gregorian Chant whenever the Kyrie, Sanctus and Agnus Dei are sung. The chant melodies are very easy to sing and the words of these responses are so familiar in English that the Latin shouldn't pose a problem, even for someone who has never studied Latin. Moreover, it gives us an opportunity (however small) to recapture the long tradition of singing Gregorian Chant. The text of and music for these acclamations can be found in the Music Issue: Kyrie (#853); Sanctus (#846); Agnus Dei (#850).

Sunday Report: Last weekend 1,295 parishioners attended Mass; our collection totaled \$8251.00; average contribution: \$6.93. Thank you; and God bless you for your generosity to St. John's.



Advanced Planning: Please note that there is a special schedule for Easter because there is **NO** 5:00 p.m. Mass on Holy Saturday. The only Mass allowed on Holy Saturday is the Easter Vigil Service at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 24th. Our Masses on Easter Sunday will be at 8:00 a.m.; 9:30 a.m. (children's Mass); 11:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Our traditional Easter egg hunt will take place after the 9:30 a.m. Mass in the lower Church (or, if the weather is nice, outside on the lawn). Please note: despite the time between Masses that our schedule affords, Easter has historically caused parking problems – especially since parents with children will be staying longer after the 9:30 a.m. Mass. If the weather is nice and you don't live too far away, you might consider walking to Church on Easter Sunday!

S.J.B. Senior News: During the Season of Lent, at the Senior Leisure Club meeting at 12:45 in the lower Church, Deacon Olivieri will present selected tapes from Archbishop Fulton Sheen's "Christ: His Passion & Death." The schedule is as follows: Wednesday, February 28th – "Death March to Jerusalem" (14 minutes); First Friday, March 7th – "Palm Sunday" (16 minutes); Wednesday, March 14th – "The Last Supper" (17 minutes); Wednesday, March 21st – "The Crucifixion" (20 minutes). All parishioners are welcome.



Mass Requests for 2019: The Mass "book" for 2019 will be open for reservations as of Tuesday, March 6th. 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 6th 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 6th, 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 6th** 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.

Cardinal's Appeal 2018: Your response to our In Pew Sunday appeal last weekend was outstanding. This is clearly a tribute to your generosity and your willingness to sacrifice for those in our Archdiocese who are assisted by the many Archdiocesan agencies supported by the funds raised by the Appeal. So on behalf of elderly religious, retired priests, and so many others who turn to our charitable agencies for help: **Thank you!**

We are very grateful to Deacon Nick Ramoni -- along with his daughters Teresa and Angela -- for making the presentation and to our Music Director, John Stufano, for his musical support. If you have not yet made a gift to assist this critically important appeal, please do so by completing one of the Appeal envelopes available at the exits of the church. Rather than sending them directly to the Archdiocese, you can simply drop them in the collection basket and we will forward them. God bless you for your goodness!

Lenten Seminar: Once again St. Paul the Apostle church will host a "Life in The Spirit Seminar" in the church hall on the Tuesday evenings in Lent from 7:45-9:30 p.m. – until April 3rd. All are welcome.

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



Silver and Gold: St. John's congratulates all our married parishioners who are celebrating their 25th, 50th (or even 60th!) anniversary this year (2018). We invite all these jubilarians to join us for Mass (followed by a reception in their honor in the lower church) on Sunday, April 22nd. They are invited to attend the 12:30 Mass where they will renew their vows and then join us for the reception that follows. If you are celebrating such an anniversary, please contact the rectory **NO LATER THAN April 16th**. [N.B.: **Couples celebrating their 50th Anniversary are invited to attend a Golden Jubilee Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral on June 3rd at 2:15 p.m. Please contact the rectory a.s.a.p. if you wish to attend – but no later than Friday, May 11th.**]

Monthly Maintenance: Since this Sunday is the first Sunday of the month of March, 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.



Time Change Alert: Daylight Savings Time will begin next week on Sunday, March 11th. Since clocks are to be turned **AHEAD** one hour at 2:00 a.m. that morning, better to do it before you go to bed on Saturday. Remember, "Spring ahead! Fall back!" which means – even though it isn't Spring yet, we will lose an hour of sleep!

H.N.S. Father/Son Basketball: Calling all 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade boys to compete against their dads for "bragging rights." Please join us on Saturday, March 10th 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.

V.B.S. Volunteers Needed: Adults, college and high school students are needed to volunteer for Vacation Bible School on Monday, July 16th to Friday, July 20th from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Enjoy a fun-filled week of playing games, music, teaching and serving snacks and drinks. Forms will be distributed in school and R.E. for students who will be entering 8th grade in September and current 8th Graders seeking to volunteer for service hours. For more information call or text Jim Maistre 914-309-3135.

Special Retreat Weekend: "Beginning Experience" is offering a healing weekend from April 6th through April 8th 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.



Second Collection: Next weekend we take up a second collection to support the American Bishops Overseas Appeal (now known as the "Catholic Relief Services Collection"). Funds from this national collection help our bishops fund Catholic service agencies which aid the poorest of the poor throughout the world. Please be generous.

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, March 15th. New members welcome. For further information, please call 914-476-4436.

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