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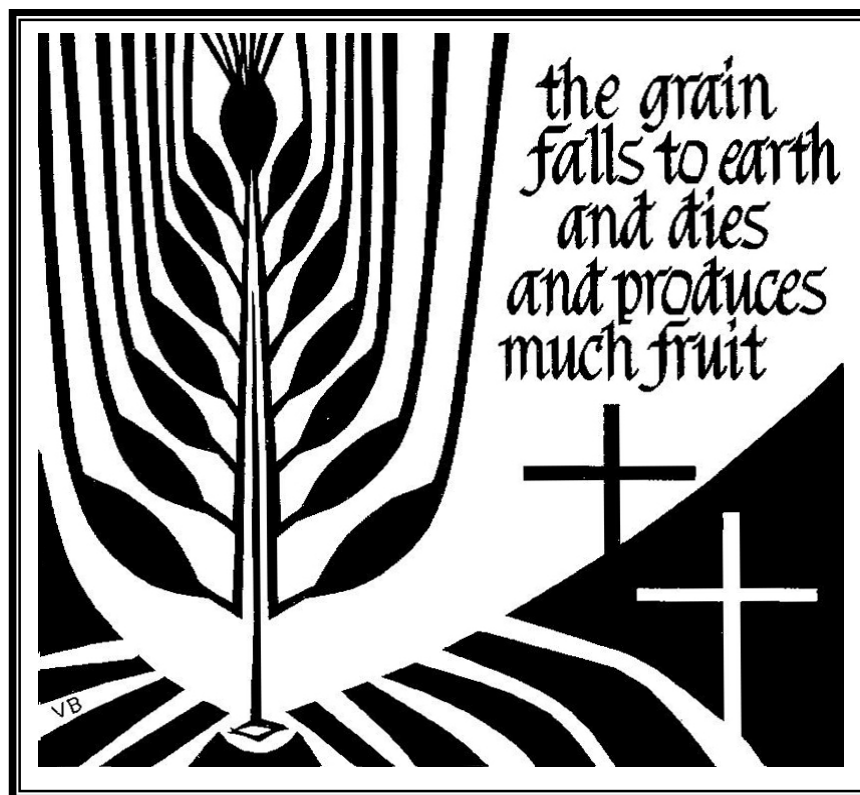
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March 18, 2018

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5:00 p.m.

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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, March 17, 2018

Vigil: Fifth Sunday of Lent

5:00 p.m. Luciana Rinaldi

Sunday, March 18, 2018

Fifth Sunday of Lent

8:00 a.m. Cpl. Patrick F. O'Keefe

9:30 a.m. Noreen O'Neill

11:00 a.m. Enma Confreda

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

Monday, March 19, 2018

Feast of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**8:00 a.m. Deceased members of the Soracco,
DeMartini and Musante Families**

12:00 noon Tse Mei Ling

Tuesday, March 20, 2018

8:00 a.m. James O'Connor

12:00 noon Thomas Healy

Wednesday, March 21, 2018

8:00 a.m. John and Tina Manning

12:00 noon Rita Flynn

Thursday, March 22, 2018

8:00 a.m. Rory O'Flaherty

12:00 noon Christopher Joyce

Friday, March 23, 2018

Feast of St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop

8:00 a.m. Chester Gogola – 5th Anniversary

12:00 noon George Abraham

Saturday, March 24, 2018

Feast of Blessed Oscar Romero, Bishop and Martyr

8:00 a.m. Sabina Eves and Martin O'Malley

Saturday, March 24, 2018

Vigil: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

5:00 p.m. Evelyn Moccio

Sunday, March 25, 2018

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

8:00 a.m. Vincenzina Gallo – 1st Anniversary

**9:30 a.m. Barry and Finbar Kelleher and
Patrick Coyle**

**11:00 a.m. James, Catherine and Sr. Joanne
Murphy**

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

WEEKLY PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, March 18th

Palm Crosses – after all Masses – exits of the Church

Wednesday, March 21st

Seniors Leisure Club – 10:15 a.m. – 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
H.N.S. Monthly Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – La Grotta II

Friday, March 23rd

Lenten Devotion – 7:30 p.m. -- Church

Saturday, March 24th

Palm Crosses – after Mass – exits of the Church

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday, March 17th

5:00 p.m. – M. Bello and W. Ferguson

Sunday, March 18th

8:00 a.m. – C. Murphy and P. Winter
9:30 a.m. – G. Boynes and C. Komosinski
11:00 a.m. – M. Albanese and N. Crisp
12:30 p.m. – N. Conlon and R. Duffy

Saturday, March 24th

5:00 p.m. – A. Kocovic and R. Rica

Sunday, March 25th

8:00 a.m. – E. Mc Garvey and S. Mc Govern
9:30 a.m. – P. Coyle and R. Mc Laughlin
11:00 a.m. – K. Postighone and E. Ruge-Howard
12:30 p.m. – S. Joyce and N. Leo



Palm Crosses: The Holy Name Society will be selling Palm Crosses this weekend (March 17th and 18th) and also Palm Sunday weekend (March 24th and 25th). The suggested donation for each cross is \$10.00. They will be available in the vestibule of the church.



Palm Sunday Procession: Next Sunday, March 25th 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. Before Mass begins, the children will be asked to go to the vestibule of the church where they will receive palm which they will carry in procession. After this Mass please join us for a Family Coffee and Craft Hour 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.

S.J.B. ANNOUNCEMENTS

March 18, 2018



FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT: Lent is drawing rapidly to a close. As if to remind us of our ultimate goal, the purpose behind our prayer, fasting and acts of charity, all three readings today speak of resurrection and life beyond life.

Our first reading from the book of the prophet Ezekiel (Ez. 37:12-14) comes from the conclusion of the prophet's dramatic vision of dry bones. After describing a field full of bleached, disconnected bones, Ezekiel eloquently pictures Yahweh blowing into them the breath of life, followed by the reemergence of human bodies. Then the punch line: these bones are the whole house of Israel. Utterly destroyed by the Babylonian Exile, Israel will now be restored by the spirit of Yahweh. And this promise rings down through the ages until it reaches us, the latest inheritors of the ancient covenant. When we are tempted to despair or indifference, the Lord will breathe new life into our dry bones and rekindle our hope.

Our second reading from St. Paul's letter to the Romans (Rm. 8:8-10) serves as a reminder that this new life of ours must look new. It must be a life devoted to righteousness, not sin. It must be a life dedicated to the works of justice and peace; of truth and mercy. Only then will we be worthy of the spirit within us. We are not the only ones who are aware of the looming road to Calvary. In today's gospel (Jn. 11:1-45) St. John presents us with the story of the raising of Lazarus, the final straw for those who had already had enough of Jesus, the Galilean upstart. Martha again is the active sister; she runs to meet Jesus while Mary stays in the house. Martha's simple observation that Lazarus would not have died if Jesus had come sooner elicits from Jesus first the revelation that He Himself is the resurrection and the life and then the restoration of her beloved brother. The sign is effective, many more put their faith in Jesus.

SPECIAL SAINTS' DAYS- LENT WEEK FIVE

Monday, March 19th – St. Joseph

Joseph can be described in many ways: father and teacher of Jesus under the Law; husband of Mary; obedient son of the covenant; and skilled craftsman. Perhaps Joseph's greatest praise is found in Matthew's account of Jesus' birth when he calls Joseph simply "a just man." All of us can find in Joseph a powerful model of an ordinary person responding to extraordinary situations with a peace and acceptance that were natural outgrowths of his honest, open lifestyle.

Friday, March 23rd – St. Toribio de Mogrovejo

Born in Spain in the late 16th century, Toribio was an excellent student who became a lawyer, a professor of law and a distinguished judge under King Philip II. Despite this secular success, Toribio was drawn to the priesthood and eventually was appointed Archbishop in Lima, Peru, where he dedicated his life to reforming the archdiocese, assisting the poor, and defending the rights of native Indians in Peru who were being persecuted under the Spanish occupation. He died in 1606 and has been named patron of Latin American bishops.



Palm Sunday: At each Mass next Sunday (and this includes the Saturday Vigil Mass on March 24th at 5:00 p.m.) palms will be blessed and distributed at the beginning of Mass and the Passion will be read. We urge everyone to make a special effort to get to church early next Sunday. A flier providing the schedule of our Holy Week Services is available at the exits of the church this weekend.

Special Holy Week Confessions: In conjunction with the whole Archdiocese, St. John's will have a "Reconciliation Monday" on March 26th (the Monday of Holy Week). We will have confessions from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. again from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. This will be the last opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Penance before Easter.



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 31st. 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!

Sunday Report: Last weekend 1,341 parishioners attended Mass; our collection totaled \$7419.00; average contribution: \$5.53. Thank you; and God bless you for your generosity to St. John's.

Rest in Peace: Let us pray for Joseph J. Cordasco, Marie Arabia, Frank Piturro and Maurice Kavanagh who were buried from our church this past week. Our prayers go out to their families and friends.



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.

Formal Ladies Tea Party: The Rosary Altar Society would like to invite you to a Formal Ladies Tea Party/Spring Fashion Show on April 15th following the 11:00 a.m. Mass in the lower Church. Come join us for tea, tea sandwiches and entertainment. As you sip your tea you will be updated with the latest fashions and trends for the season. Admission is \$20.00 per person. Please make checks payable to Rosary Altar Society and send to the School or Rectory to Priscilla Orellana's attention in c/o Maggie Orellana. Ages 4 and up please and advance payment is recommended to plan accordingly. We hope to see you there! Any questions please call Maggie at 914 619 7536.

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, March 21st – "The Crucifixion" (20 minutes). All parishioners are welcome.

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.

Cardinal's Appeal 2018: Thanks to everyone who has responded to Cardinal Dolan by making a gift or pledge to this year's Stewardship Appeal. All the charitable and pastoral agencies of the Archdiocese depend on the funds raised during this Appeal. This is a perfect way to fulfill the Lenten spiritual goal of almsgiving. Envelopes are available at the exits of the church or the rectory.



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.



Vacation Bible School Registration: S.J.B. Vacation Bible School children's registration begins Sunday, March 25th, in the school lobby directly after the 9:30 a.m. Children's Dismissal Mass. VBS is scheduled Monday, July 16th to Friday, July 20th from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The children will enjoy having fun playing games, music, classes, snacks and drinks. Children Registration forms will be available in the school and Rectory or call or text Jim Maistre, 914-309-3135. Register early for reduced fee.

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.

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.*]

Special Mass: Divine Mercy Celebration will be celebrated at Holy Rosary Church, Hawthorne, on Sunday, April 8th from 2:30 to 4:00 p.m. This is an opportunity to bring your spiritual and physical needs to the Lord.

Operation Rice Bowl: St John's is participating in the annual Catholic Relief Services' Lenten Program, "Operation Rice Bowl" as part of our Lenten observance from Ash Wednesday to Holy Saturday. Packets were distributed to all students in our parish school and Religious Education program. Additional packets are available in the church. Please take a box home to help the poor and needy people in the world.



R.A.S. Card Party! St. John the Baptist presents the Annual Card Party "An Evening at Tiffany's" on **Friday, April 27th** 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.

Holy Name Society: All men in the parish are invited to join the Holy Name Society on Wednesday, March 21st at 7:00 p.m. at La Grotta II Restaurant on McLean Avenue for their monthly meeting. All are welcome!

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