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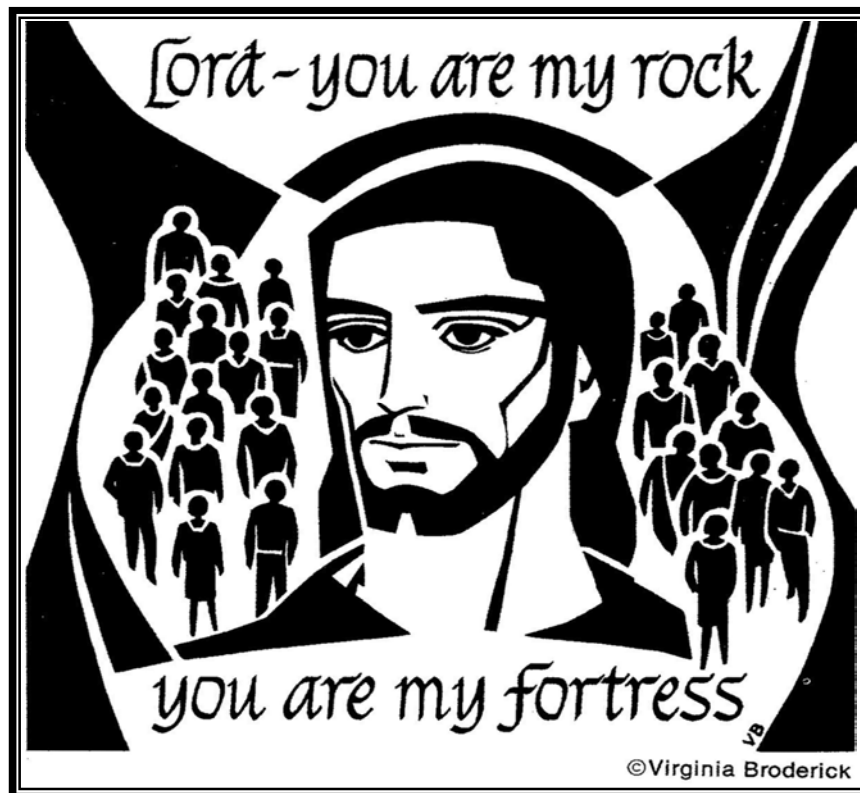
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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 31, 2016

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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, January 30, 2016

Vigil: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. Joan Winters and Bridie Kearns

Sunday, January 31, 2016

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

9:30 a.m. Mary Corcoran

11:00 a.m. Anna Olivieri – 13th Anniversary

12:30 p.m. Luise Lyddy and Breeda Flynn

Monday, February 1, 2016

**8:00 a.m. Finbar and Barry Kelleher and
Patrick Coyle**

12:00 noon Aldo Roscigno

Tuesday, February 2, 2016

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

8:00 a.m. Florence Lawler

12:00 noon Dominic Grandetti

Wednesday, February 3, 2016

Feast of St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr; St. Ansgar, Bishop

**8:00 a.m. For the Deceased Members of the
Eves Family**

12:00 noon Roy McLaughlin

Thursday, February 4, 2016

8:00 a.m. Joseph Gagliano

**12:00 noon Antonio and Veronica Cresci and
Guispeppina Leonardi**

Friday, February 5, 2016

Feast of St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr

8:00 a.m. Giuseppe Salva and Rizzo Family

12:00 noon Salvatore Sbordone

Saturday, February 6, 2016

Feast of St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs

8:00 a.m. Margaret McRedmond

Saturday, February 6, 2016

Vigil: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. Anne and William Ludlow

Sunday, February 7, 2016

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

**9:30 a.m. For the Deceased Members of the
Schlinan, Kerr and Meltz Families**

**11:00 a.m. R.A.S./H.N.S. Monthly Mass –
David Kerr**

12:30 p.m. Jean Lubanski

WEEKLY PARISH CALENDAR

Wednesday, February 3rd

Senior Club – following 12:00 noon Mass – 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, February 4th

1st Grade Cub Scouts -- 2:30 p.m. – lower Church

Friday, February, 5th

Senior Club 1st Friday – following 12:00 noon Mass – lower
Church

1st Friday Holy Hour – 3:30 p.m. -- Chapel

Saturday, February 6th

R.A.S. Bake Sale – following Mass -- lower Church

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday, January 30th

5:00 p.m. – N. Leo, D. Odume and J. Velasquez

Sunday, January 31st

8:00 a.m. – N. Camacho and D. Hijazin

9:30 a.m. – A. Burke, K. Burke and S. Joyce

11:00 a.m. – E. McLaughlin and J. Postighone

12:30 p.m. – F. Albano and K. Gilligan

Saturday, February 6th

5:00 p.m. – N. Conlon and M. McCarthy

Sunday, February 7th

8:00 a.m. – D. Browne and T. Browne

9:30 a.m. – E. Loughran and M. Loughran

11:00 a.m. – D. Liberatore and S. Osso

12:30 p.m. – F. Albano and K. Gilligan



Friday

First Friday: This Friday, February 5th, is the first Friday of the month, and as usual we have a Holy Hour with the Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 3:30 p.m. We are truly blessed to have such a remarkable person, Deacon Martin Olivieri, who leads this beautiful devotion every month. What an inspirational man he is – a genuine example of faith and service. Our monthly Holy Hour gives us the opportunity to place ourselves in the presence of the Eucharistic Lord. It is an occasion for us to join our prayers, our work, our joys, our sufferings with Our Divine Savior.



Advanced Planning: February 10th – 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.



S.J.B. ANNOUNCEMENTS

January 31, 2016

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: The Gospel today (Lk. 4:21-30) begins with the words of the final verse read last Sunday. Continuing to explain the meaning of the words of the prophet Isaiah, Jesus identifies Himself as a prophet ready to be rejected in His native place. Jesus confounds the listeners with His words and actions, leading us to recognize that He is indeed chosen by God to bring the message of salvation.

The first reading from the prophet Jeremiah (Jer. 1:4-19) warns us about the life of the prophet. Called and dedicated even before birth, a prophet can expect to meet obstacles and opposition, but neither will prevail because of the Lord's promise, "I am with you to deliver you."

In sharp contrast to the struggles of the prophetic life, the second reading offers tremendous consolation with its song of love. This familiar passage from the letter to the Corinthians (1 Cor. 12:31 – 13:13) stresses the many faces of love that come in handy when life's trials prevail. Be mindful of the virtues of faith, hope and charity expressed in this reading and the ways in which they become the hallmark of the prophet wherever he or she is found.

SPECIAL SAINTS' DAYS THIS WEEK

Tuesday, February 2nd – Presentation of the Lord

This feast on the 40th day of Christmas is concerned with the biblical events in the temple of Jerusalem which are reported in St. Luke's gospel (2:22-38). It celebrates when Mary brings the child Jesus to the temple to fulfill the Mosaic Law (Lev. 12:1-8) and to make the traditional offerings to the poor. Since this was the occasion on which Simeon speaks of Jesus as the "Light of revelation to the gentiles" the feast has been the time for processions and the blessing of candles (hence the term "candlemas"). The candles represent Christ – the light that has come into the world and which we pray will always burn brightly in our hearts and minds.

Wednesday, February 3rd – St. Blasé

This 4th century bishop and martyr is said to have healed a boy with a fish bone stuck in his throat; thus becoming the special patron for those suffering diseases of the throat. The blessing of the throats with candles began in the 16th century. The blessing of throats will take place at St. John's immediately following each of our Masses on Wednesday.

Friday, February 5th – St. Agatha

This young woman lived in the 3rd 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.

Saturday, February 6th – St. Paul Miki and Companions

Paul was a Japanese nobleman who lived in 16th 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.



Rest in Peace: Let us pray for Barbara M. Keller, Patrick Convery and Anthony Mangone who were buried from our church this past week. Our prayers go out to their families and friends.

Cardinal's Appeal: Cardinal Dolan has begun this annual Archdiocesan Stewardship Appeal. Some of our parishioners have already received information about the appeal in the mail; many more will receive such information in the days and weeks to follow. In a few weeks we will have our annual "In Pew Sunday" which will give everyone an opportunity to participate in this vital campaign which does so much to assist the Church's pastoral, charitable, and educational efforts throughout our Archdiocese. In the meantime we ask everyone to pray for the success of this appeal.



Mass Requests for 2017: The Mass "book" for 2017 will be open for reservations as of Thursday, February 18th. 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 February 18th 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 February 18th, Mass requests for 2017 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** February 18th, 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 2016. We are happy to provide Mass cards for these Masses; however, they will not be celebrated here at St. John's.

Sunday Report: Last weekend, 280 parishioners managed to get through the blizzard and come to church. Our collection totaled \$1815.00; the average donation was \$6.48. Bravo to those brave souls!



S.J.B. School Registration: St. John's School is accepting registrations for September 2016. Registration packet and further info may be picked up in the school office 8:00 a.m. to 3:00

p.m. Pre-K registrants must be 4 years old by December 1, 2016.



S.J.B. Senior Club News: The Senior Club has begun 2016 with their regular Wednesday meetings. Our February plans include First

Friday Mass on the 5th at 12:00 noon followed by a surprise luncheon. Ash Wednesday is on February 10th and the start of Lent. With winter's possible foul weather, our trips will be put on hold until the spring.



Save the Date: Come join us as the Rosary Altar Society presents its annual Card Party on Saturday, February 27th at 7:00 p.m. in the lower church. More details to follow. Anyone wishing to make a monetary or new gift donation can

kindly drop it off at the Rectory. Attn: R.A.S. Card Party.

Rosary Altar Society Annual Scholarship Bake Sale: Our



Scholarship Bake Sale which benefits two of St. John the Baptist 8th Grade girls will be held on Saturday, February 6th and Sunday, February 7th 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 on Saturday, February 6th after 2 pm. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.



“Working” Group: A free 6-week Employment/Networking Support Group will be offered by the RDC Center for Counseling and Human Development – Monday evenings 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. on

February 1st, 8th, 22nd, 29th and March 7th. This program is for persons who have recently lost their jobs or who are returning to the workforce after a few years of not working. The program will be held at the White Plains Education and Training Center, 303 Quarropas Street, White Plains. To register or for more information call Pat Sheridan, LCSW at 798-1103.

Special Promotion: H & R Block (777 Central Park Avenue, between Mavis Tire and Goldberg's Bagels) is having an early season promotion. Nationwide they will be giving \$1000 to 1000 people (\$1 million) each day for 30 days from January 16th to February 15th. Anyone (new or previous clients) who comes in and has their taxes done will be entered into the drawing for that day and all the remaining days of the contest. So you have 30,000 chances to win. Good luck. Their number is 968-5327.



Special Program: St. Barnabas is beginning a seven week program, Discovering Christ, starting on Sunday, January 31st at 2:30 p.m.

in the Barnabas high school. The 2 hour program involves a video presentation, small group discussion and a complementary dinner. The program will explore questions about the meaning of life and our personal experience of Jesus Christ. The program is free and open to all – but you must register in advance. For information, call St. Barnabas rectory (718-324-1478) or Joan Cummings, the program coordinator (914-441-2454).

Shrine for Jubilee Year: The Marian Shrine at the Don Bosco Retreat Center under the pastoral care of the Salesians of Don Bosco has been designated by Cardinal Dolan as a site for the “Holy Door” for the Jubilee Year of Mercy announced by our Holy Father. The Marian Shrine is located in Stony Point, NY, is open from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. each day, with special time for confessions, Mass and rosary. All are welcome.



Rosary Altar Society: We welcome the members of the Rosary Altar Society to their monthly Mass next Sunday, February 7th at 11:00 a.m. Their monthly meeting will be held on Monday, February 8th 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.

Monthly Maintenance: Next 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.

Financial and Sacramental Report: With this bulletin we publish the statics reported to the Archdiocese by St. John's regarding our financial status from September 2014 through August 2015 – as well as our annual sacramental report for the last few years.

Once again, our sacramental statistics indicate a parish that is strong and maintaining its strength in our essential mission of preaching the gospel and celebrating the sacraments.

Once again, our financial report is also positive – noting a growing strength in spite of increasing costs and a generally gloomy economic climate. We are very grateful for your willingness to sacrifice for St. John's. We rely on your continued generosity so that our school and our parish can remain strong for years to come. God bless you for your sacrifices for St. John's.

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