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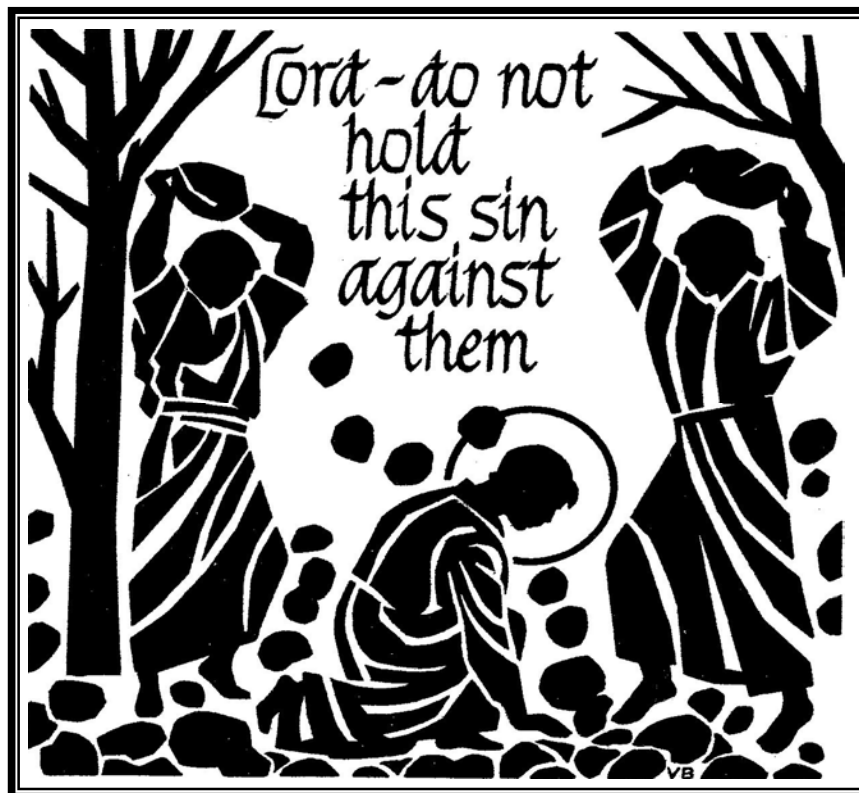
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5:00 p.m.

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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, May 7, 2016

Vigil: Seventh Sunday of Easter

5:00 p.m. Mass for the Parishioners of
St. John the Baptist

Sunday, May 8, 2016

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Mother's Day

8:00 a.m. Settimia Soprano and Nancy Rubbo
9:30 a.m. Frances DiPaola
11:00 a.m. Mother's Day Mass
12:30 p.m. Virginia DeLucci and Emma Federico

Monday, May 9, 2016

8:00 a.m. Mother's Day Mass
12:00 noon John and Tina Manning

Tuesday, May 10, 2016

Feast of St. Damien de Veuster, Priest

8:00 a.m. Rita DeLuca
12:00 noon Mother's Day Mass

Wednesday, May 11, 2016

8:00 a.m. Catherine and John Kuhnbaum
12:00 noon Rachele Ragusa, Mary Gaudio and
Mary Urrico

Thursday, May 12, 2016

Feast of Sts. Nereus, Achilleus and Pancras Martyrs

8:00 a.m. Josephine Pascucci
12:00 noon Joanne Pinto

Friday, May 13, 2016

Feast of Our Lady of Fatima

8:00 a.m. Jimmy Valle
12:00 noon Salvatore and Teresa Garguillo

Saturday, May 14, 2016

Feast of St. Matthias, Apostle

8:00 a.m. Michael Panagos – 10th Anniversary

Saturday, May 14, 2016

Vigil: Pentecost Sunday

5:00 p.m. Peter Smith and Martin Reidy

Sunday, May 15, 2016

Pentecost Sunday

8:00 a.m. Mass for the Parishioners of
St. John the Baptist
9:30 a.m. James and Nora O'Keefe
11:00 a.m. For the Deceased Members of the
Kozlowski and Naryniecki Families
12:30 p.m. Edward Makowski and Daniel Fama



Wedding Banns

II. Jesse Guena and Michelle Mastroddi
II. Luis R. Baez and Adriana L. Valencia
II. Max Ramos and Brittany Bernai
I. Juan Lazarini, Jr. and Jizzelle Ardon

WEEKLY PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, May 8th

Fr. Joseph's Mass – 5:00 p.m. – Church
Reception – following Mass – lower Church

Wednesday, May 11th

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

Friday, May 13th

Mother/Daughter Dance – 7:00 p.m. –
lower Church

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday, May 7th

5:00 p.m. – M. McCarthy and D. Vanadia

Sunday, May 8th

8:00 a.m. – C. Elias and R. Peter
9:30 a.m. – N. Camacho and J. Velazquez
11:00 a.m. – S. Joyce and N. Leo
12:30 p.m. – M. DiRosa and P. DiRosa

Saturday, May 14th

5:00 p.m. – D. Reidy and P. Tozzi

Sunday, May 15th

8:00 a.m. – E. Loughran and M. Loughran
9:30 a.m. – S. Healy and N. Tierney
11:00 a.m. – B. Collins and R. Murphy
12:30 p.m. – N. Conlon and R. Duffy

Welcome Back: This weekend an old and dear friend returns from winter hibernation in Florida. Yes – Msgr. Walter Birkle is back where he belongs! He comes back to us carrying a whole new collection of stories to share with us. Msgr. Birkle will be with us until October. It is a joy to have you back, Msgr. Walter!



S.J.B. ANNOUNCEMENTS

May 8, 2016

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER: In today's first reading (Acts 7:55-60) we hear the story of Stephen, the Church's first martyr. Stephen was a deacon. As such he was charged with the distribution of food to the poor. But we learn from Acts that he would engage in discussions, apparently heated discussions, with certain Jews. Unable to out-argue Stephen, his enemies accused him of blasphemy, using false witnesses to further their cause. Asked if the charges were true, Stephen recounts the events of salvation history, beginning with Abraham. He concludes by accusing the Jews of opposing God by murdering Jesus. Stephen's fate is sealed when, looking upward, he declares he sees "an opening in the sky, and the Son of Man standing at God's right hand." This is indeed, blasphemy in the hearers' estimation; and Stephen pays the ultimate price, praying for his enemies with his last breath.

In our second reading (Rv. 22:12-20) St. John continues to recount his visions, today emphasizing the central place Jesus must hold in the life of all believers: Jesus is "the Alpha and the Omega," the only one who can give access to the tree of life. Today's gospel reading (Jn. 17:20-26) comes again from Jesus' words at the Last Supper. As we listen to the beautiful prayer for the unity of all believers, we can only wonder when that unity will be achieved. Until that day comes, we must never allow our differences to overshadow our shared faith in Jesus. All of us must work for the time when all will be truly one.

SPECIAL SAINTS' DAYS THIS WEEK – EASTER WEEK SEVEN

Tuesday, May 10th – St. Damien

Born in Belgium in 1840, Damien de Vuester joined a missionary order and volunteered to minister to lepers on the Hawaiian island of Molokai. He spent the rest of his life there, preaching, teaching, and showing God's love to those whom many fled. In 1885 he began a Sunday homily: "fellow lepers." Four years later he died of the disease; he was canonized in 2009.

Thursday, May 12th – Sts. Neureus, Achilleus and Pancras

Neureus and Achilleus were brothers who served as members of the Praetorian Guards in the Roman Army in the 2nd century. They became converts to Christianity, resigned from the army, were arrested and executed for their faith. Pancras came to Rome as a young teenager. He became friends with Christians and embraced their faith; he was martyred during the persecution of the Emperor Diocletian in the early third century. He was 14 years old.

Friday, May 13th – Our Lady of Fatima

Today we celebrate Mary who appeared to three shepherd children in Portugal in 1917. During these appearances Our Lady encouraged repentance and the praying of the Rosary. She promoted prayers for the conversion of Communist Russia.

Saturday, May 14th – St. Matthias

In the Acts of the Apostles (1:15-26) we read how the early Christians chose Matthias, a witness of the resurrection, to take the place of Judas and to be numbered among the apostles.



Rosary in May: Since May is the month of Mary, members of St. John's Rosary Altar Society will be praying the Rosary after the 8:00 a.m. week day Mass throughout this special month. All parishioners are invited to join them.



Sunday Report: Last weekend 1,415 parishioners attended Mass; our collection totaled \$8595.00; average contribution: \$6.07.

Thank you for your continued financial support of St. John's and its many needs. Your generosity is essential and greatly appreciated.

Rest in Peace: Let us pray for Rose Presta who was buried from our church this past week. Our prayers go out to her family and friends.



Golden Anniversary: Any couples who are celebrating 50 years of marriage this year (2016) are asked to contact the rectory. They will be invited to St. Patrick's Cathedral for a special Mass.

This year there will be two Masses for Golden Anniversary couples: Saturday, June 25th (at 1:30 p.m.) and Sunday, June 26th (at 2:00 p.m.) Pre-registration is absolutely necessary for Mass at the Cathedral so any couple that is celebrating 50 years of marriage should call the rectory by Friday, June 15th, at the latest.



Honor Thy Mother: This Sunday is Mother's day! This is a day to honor all Mothers – living and dead. This is a day to express our thanks for all they have done for us. It is a day to tell them how much we love them and to ask for their prayers even as we assure them of ours. For those mothers who have gone before us into the fullness of life with God, we give thanks to God for them as we recall their memories this day. On Mother's Day we begin a Triduum of Masses for those mothers whose names are enrolled with us. Special Mother's Day cards and envelopes are available this week at the exits of the Church or in the rectory office. Let us pray that Mary, the Mother of us all, will bless all mothers, especially expectant mothers.



Special Mass: A Mass for Healing will be celebrated at Holy Rosary Church, Hawthorne, NY on Monday, May 9th at 7:30 p.m. Fr. Jeff Pomeisi will be celebrant. This is an opportunity to bring your spiritual and physical needs to the Lord.

Relics of St. Anthony: St. Ann's Parish (854 Midland Avenue) will have a public veneration of the relics of St. Anthony of Padua on Wednesday, June 15th. Veneration will begin with the noon Mass that day and continue through the afternoon; it will conclude with a special evening Mass at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome!

Support Group: St. Augustine's Parish is holding a Bereavement Support Group every Monday until July 11th from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. in the Rectory (18 Cherry Avenue, Larchmont). All are welcome!



Vacation Bible School: The theme for this year's program is: "Barnyard Roundup" and will be from July 11th through July 15th.

Registration has begun for both students and volunteer staff. Registration fee is \$35.00 (Early Bird Special) until May 16th; \$40.00 (regular) until June 6th and \$45.00 (late) until June 24th. No refunds after June 13th. Applications will be distributed through S.J.B. school and Religious Ed. Additional forms may be picked up in the rectory.

Remembering St. John the Baptist: The life of this beautiful Church of ours spans most of the twentieth century and thanks to the sacrifices of those who have gone before us it continues to serve people living in the twenty-first century! Please remember to assist St. John's in its future work by including a gift in your will. Every Christian should have a will so that your loved ones will be provided for and the charitable work you support in life will also be supported after you pass from this life. Simply include a statement like the following in your will: "I leave to the Church of St. John the Baptist, 670 Yonkers Avenue, Yonkers, NY the sum of \$_____ to be used for its general purposes." God bless you for your thoughtfulness!



Special Guests: Next Sunday, we welcome the members of the Yonkers Fire Department to the 9:30 a.m. Mass for their annual Mass and Communion Breakfast. We are most grateful to the Yonkers firefighters and their families for all that they do for our community. We are honored to have them with us. May God bless them and keep them safe!

Second Collection: Next weekend we will 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.

Mother/Daughter Dance: Mother Daughter Pancakes and Pajamas Dance sponsored by the Rosary Altar Society will be held on Friday, May 13th from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. in the lower Church. The cost is \$15 per person and includes a breakfast menu and DJ entertainment. For further information, please contact Barbara Eifler at (914) 879 6799.

Memorial Service: A memorial service will be held at Mount Hope Cemetery on Saturday, May 14th at 12:30 p.m. for all of our loved ones laid to rest in Mount Hope. Mass will be celebrated by Fr. John Riordan of St. John the Baptist Church, N.Y.C.

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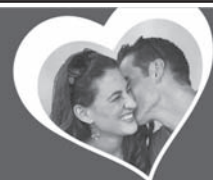
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