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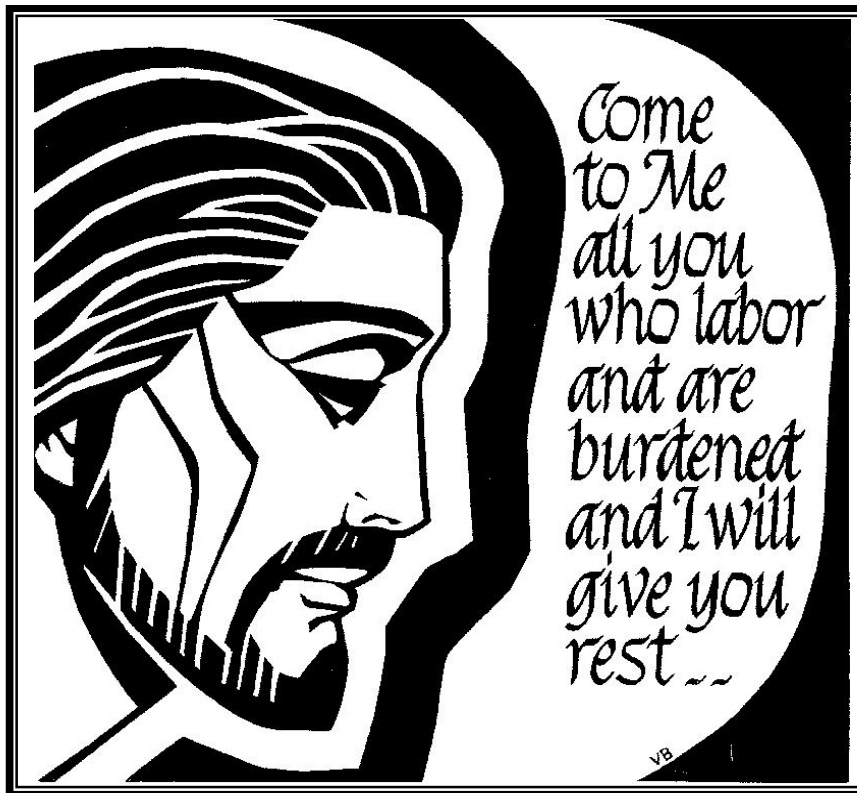
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8:00 a.m. & 12:00 noon

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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, July 1, 2017*

*Vigil: Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

5:00 p.m. Frank Giardina

*Sunday, July 2, 2017*

*Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 a.m. For the Living Members of the  
Elias Family

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

11:00 a.m. Rita Bruederlein

12:30 p.m. Maura Gibney

*Monday, July 3, 2017*

*Feast of St. Thomas, Apostle*

8:00 a.m. John Nuccio, Sr.

9:00 a.m. Dominick A. Ferraco

*Tuesday, July 4, 2017*

*Independence Day*

8:00 a.m. Louis Falsetta, Jr.

*Wednesday, July 5, 2017*

*Feast of St. Anthony Zaccaria, Priest;*

*St. Elizabeth of Portugal*

8:00 a.m. Mass of Thanksgiving to  
St. Antonio Abbate

9:00 a.m. Miriam Arias

*Thursday, July 6, 2017*

*Feast of St. Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr*

8:00 a.m. Frank Abbati

9:00 a.m. Antonio and Carmela Falsetta

*Friday, July 7, 2017*

8:00 a.m. Loreda Haynes

9:00 a.m. Mary Rafferty

*Saturday, July 8, 2017*

8:00 a.m. Rita Flynn

*Saturday, July 8, 2017*

*Vigil: Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

5:00 p.m. For the Deceased Members of the  
Masiello Family

*Sunday, July 9, 2017*

*Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

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

9:30 a.m. Giovanni Verbene

11:00 a.m. Brigid Winters

12:30 p.m. Saverino and Maria Teresa Ferrari

## WEDDING BANNES

*III. Kevin Morfe and Lorraine Feldmeth*  
*II. Roderick O'Toole and Margarita Rodriguez*  
*II. Nicholas Simons and Deanna Russell*  
*II. Elias D. Arce and Joyce Plus*

## WEEKLY PARISH CALENDAR

*Monday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>*

Rectory Office Closed

*Tuesday, July 4<sup>th</sup>*

Rectory Office Closed

## ALTAR SERVERS

*Saturday, July 1<sup>st</sup>*

5:00 p.m. – A. Burke, K. Burke and C. Gilsean

*Sunday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>*

8:00 a.m. – C. Kominski and C. Murphy

9:30 a.m. – R. Tuffy and P. Winter

11:00 a.m. – N. Camacho, E. Ruge-Howard

12:30 p.m. – A. Cassidy and D. Liberatore

*Saturday, July 8<sup>th</sup>*

5:00 p.m. – M. Bello and L. Calhoun

*Sunday, July 9<sup>th</sup>*

8:00 a.m. – L. Loughran, M. Loughran and E. McGarvey

9:30 a.m. – M. Albanese, A. Carroll and R. Murphy

11:00 a.m. – N. Gilligan, S. Osso and K. Postighone

12:30 p.m. – O. Luby, S. McGovern and D. Odume



**July 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Holiday Schedule:** This official federal holiday marking Independence Day falls on Tuesday, July 4<sup>th</sup>; our rectory and school offices will be closed that day. We will have only **one** Mass on July 4<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m., and the church and the chapel will be closed after that Mass. In addition, on Monday July 3<sup>rd</sup> both the church and chapel will be closed after the 9:00 a.m. Mass that day; the Rectory office will be closed both Monday and Tuesday – July 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Independence Day:** The 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday is an occasion for legitimate pride in our country and its achievements. It is a time of reflection – on the need to defend the freedoms which are so precious to us. We should also set aside some time on this Independence Day to give thanks for the religious freedom we enjoy in this country. One very appropriate way to celebrate this freedom is to join with your fellow parishioners here at St. John's on July 4<sup>th</sup>. Let us pray that God will continue to bless this great land of ours.

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

**July 2, 2017**

**THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:** Occasionally when traveling around the country (particularly in small towns and villages) one encounters a very friendly shopkeeper who displays a sign that says: “Welcome! There are no strangers here – only friends we haven’t met yet.” Unfortunately that welcoming spirit does not always find its way into large, urban centers like our own. (Visitors have been heard to complain about New Yorkers’ cold, unfriendly attitudes! Hard to believe!)

Well, hospitality is clearly a theme in today’s Scripture readings, so perhaps today is a good day for each of us to do and “examination of conscience” on how friendly and hospitable we are. In ancient times hospitality was considered a sacred duty – and in today’s first reading (2Kgs. 4:8-11) one woman’s kindness to the prophet Elisha becomes the occasion for a special blessing from God.

In today’s second reading (Rom. 6:3-11), St. Paul, who often encountered hostility and rejection, rejoices in the baptism that has welcomed us into God’s family.

Finally in today’s gospel (Mt. 10:37-42) our blessed Lord reminds us that the welcome we offer to the neediest of our brothers and sisters is offered to Jesus Himself.

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### **SPECIAL SAINTS’ DAYS THIS WEEK**

#### **Monday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> – St. Thomas the Apostle**

The feasts of the Apostles, celebrated throughout the Church’s year, are more than the celebration of one person. These feasts remind us of our foundation – the apostolic heritage that formed the Church. During the Easter season we read the story of Thomas (“Doubting Thomas”) and recall his profession of faith. Thomas went on to spread the faith in India where he is honored to this day for his missionary work.

#### **Wednesday, July 5<sup>th</sup> – St. Anthony Zaccaria and St. Elizabeth of Portugal**

St. Anthony lived in the 16<sup>th</sup> century; born in Cremona (Italy), he studied at Padua, became a priest and founded a small society of priests that was devoted to the reform of people’s morality. May the spirit of St. Anthony help our efforts to bring back values and moral standards to our permissive culture!

Born into a Spanish royal family in 1271, Elizabeth married the King of Portugal and raised two children. After her husband died, she devoted herself to the poor. She died in 1331.

#### **Thursday, July 6<sup>th</sup> - St. Maria Goretti**

Today we honor a 20<sup>th</sup> century saint, Maria Goretti, the young Italian girl who died in 1902 at the age of 12 resisting a sexual assault. Maria was the daughter of a poor Italian tenant farmer; she had no chance to go to school, never learned to read and write. But in a century noted for sexual promiscuity, she became a model of purity and chastity. At her canonization in 1950, Maria’s attacker (who spent nearly 30 years in prison) knelt among the throngs gathered in St. Peter’s Square and wept. On this day let us pray for our young people and – in a special way, for victims of rape and sexual abuse.

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**Summer Mass Schedule:** As we do every summer at St. John’s, our daily Mass schedule (Monday – Friday) will be changed slightly. Instead of having Mass at 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon, our two daily Masses will be at 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. – starting Monday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>. This extends until Monday after Labor Day (Sept. 5<sup>th</sup>).

**First Friday:** There will be no First Friday Holy Hour for the months of July, August and September. We will resume in October.

**Special Mass:** A Mass for Healing will be celebrated at Holy Rosary Church, Hawthorne, on Monday, July 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. Fr. Claver Ugo will be celebrant. Bring your spiritual and physical needs to the Lord.

## *A Prayer for Independence Day*

*God Our Father,  
There is no greater joy than to experience the freedom from sin and death that has been  
won for us by the life, death, and resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ.  
Today we live in a country where we are free to worship you.  
For this we offer thankful praise.*

*On this Independence Day all Americans are reminded of those who have sacrificed for our freedom.  
We pray this day that we will never take our freedom for granted.  
May we always remember that our freedom was purchased at a very high price –  
our freedom cost others their very lives.*

*Lord, today, we ask you to bless those who have served our country and continue  
to give their lives so that America will remain free.*

*With favor and bounty meet their needs and watch over their families.*

*Help us to live our lives in a way that glorifies you.  
Give us the strength to be a blessing in someone else's life today,  
and grant us the opportunity to lead others into the freedom  
that can be found in knowing Your Son.*

*We ask this through Christ our Lord.*

*Amen*

**Sunday Report:** Last weekend 1,160 parishioners attended Mass; our collection totaled \$7714.00; average contribution: \$6.65. 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 Leonard DiMeglio who was buried from our church this past week. Our prayers go out to his family and friends.

**Cardinal's Appeal Update:** Usually around this time – for most of the recent years – we have happily announced that we have reached (and in most years, exceeded) our annual goal for the Cardinal's Appeal. This year, however, that is not the case. This year our goal for St. John's was the highest it has ever been: \$99,000! The goal was high – but in past years, we have received pledges and gifts totaling nearly that much, so we know the goal was not impossible. In fact, thus far, we have done very well – thanks to your generosity. We have pledges totaling a little over \$80,000. In any other year, that total would be a resounding success; but this year it leaves us \$19,000 short of our goal. It is also true that thus far only 340 of our parishioners have made pledges – and in past years well over 400 of our parishioners have participated. If you have given in the past – but have postponed your pledge this year, we encourage you to make your pledge this week! If you have never contributed to the Appeal, we encourage you to do so this week – just take one of the “envelopes” forms at the exits of the church, fill in your contact information and pledge amount, and drop the envelope in the regular collection basket. No need to place any money in that envelope, you will be contacted on how to fulfill your pledge. Remember: no gift is too small, if it is given with a generous spirit! God bless you for your sacrifice!

**Religious Education Program:** 2017-2018 Registration for **new families** began in early June. In the fall, classes will meet on Wednesdays: Grades 1-5, 4:00-5:30 p.m.; Grades 6-8, 7:00-8:30 p.m. Please call Sr. Mary Beth at 965-2338 for information and to make an appointment. Leave a clear message with your name and phone number and she will get back to you as soon as possible. Please understand that we give preference to registered members of St. John the Baptist Parish, so kindly plan ahead to bring your envelope number and baptismal certificates for each child to be enrolled.

**Welcome to St. John's:** Registering in a parish is a declaration of your desire to be part of a Catholic community and a commitment to the life of the parish family. Being a registered parishioner makes things much easier when it is time for infant baptism, school registration, weddings, and when asked to be a baptismal or confirmation sponsor. We are often asked to provide affidavits for baptismal and confirmation sponsors. We can only do this if a person is a registered, active, and contributing member in our parish. Registration forms are available at the exits of the church and in the rectory.

**V.B.S. News Update:** A volunteer nurse is needed for the “First Aid Area” in the lower church from 8:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. during the week of July 24<sup>th</sup> to the 28<sup>th</sup>. Please call the rectory office (963-1486) by June 26<sup>th</sup> if you are interested in helping during Vacation Bible School.

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

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