

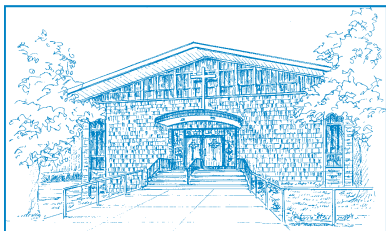
If God
so loved us,



we also must love
one another.

St. John the Baptist Church

May 17, 2015— SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



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	Janet Zahn	

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Phil McCartin James Pontone

OFFICE HOURS

Isabelle 10:15 AM—3:15 PM
May 11:00 AM—4:00 PM

REV. GEORGE TOROK, C.O., ADMINISTRATOR
Rev. Roman Dominic Palecko, C.O., Parochial Vicar

Deacon John Cunningham

Deacon Robert Pang

Parish Secretaries:

Isabelle M. Fenton, isabellefenton1@optonline.net

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We invite visitors to explore membership at St. John's. Visitors may have their questions answered by contacting the Rectory (359-0078) and asking to have a member of our Welcoming Ministry contact you by telephone.

OUR SACRAMENTAL LIFE

We celebrate the Eucharist:

Saturday Vigil:	5:00 pm
Sunday:	8:00 am, 10:30 am
Spanish Mass:	1:00 pm
Weekday: Monday thru Friday:	8:00 am
Saturday Morning:	9:00 am

Holy Days: As announced

First Friday: Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place from 8:30—10:00 AM. It will resume at 5:00 PM followed by a Holy Hour at 7:30 and ending with Benediction.

We celebrate Baptism:

Please call the Rectory well in advance of the expected day of Baptism to arrange an appointment for an interview.

Pre-baptismal meeting for parents is required. We require all Baptismal families to be registered at St. John's. Godparents must be confirmed, practicing Catholics. Generally Baptisms are celebrated the third Sunday of each month at 12:00 pm.

We celebrate Reconciliation:

Confessions are heard from 4:30-5:00 pm on Saturday. You may also make an appointment with one of the priests.

We celebrate Marriage:

Marriages should be arranged at least six months in advance. Participation in Pre-Cana is essential. Please call the Rectory to schedule an appointment with one of the priests.

We celebrate Anointing of the Sick:

Planning to enter the hospital for elective surgery or other serious treatment, and for those who have need of spiritual healing. In an emergency, call the Rectory at any time.

We celebrate Holy Orders:

Any gentleman interested in exploring the question of vocation to the priesthood or the permanent diaconate should contact Fr. George Torok. We would also be happy to direct anyone interested in living their lives as Religious Sisters or Brothers.

We celebrate the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults: We welcome you to full membership in the life of the Church. The instruction for Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist for adults.

Parish Registration: All adults (over age 21) should register in the parish themselves and should use envelopes or parishpay.com. Tithing is 5% of income. This registration is our only means of certifying anyone as a member of the parish, especially for Baptism and Confirmation sponsorship letters and for scheduling Baptisms and Weddings.

Mass Schedule

Sat.	05/16 5:00 PM	Michael & Ellen Pruenty By Armstrong Family
Sun.	05/17 9:00 AM 10:30 AM	Mother's Day Novena Veronica Hickey By Anna Hickey
	1:00 PM	Mother's Day Novena (Spanish)
Mon.	05/18 8:00 AM	Antonio Aceste By Anna Ely
Tue.	05/19 8:00 AM	Anna Ely (Healing) By Almeda, Angie, Helen, Jean and Luzenda
Wed.	05/20 8:00 AM	Vincent Ely By Anna Ely
Thurs.	05/21 8:00 AM	Marie Meyer By Catholic Daughters
Fri.	05/22 8:00 AM	Rosalie Codello Deacon Robert & May Pang
Sat.	05/23 9:00 AM 5:00 PM	Eugene & Patrick McCarthy By The McCarthy Family James & Elizabeth Armstrong By The Armstrong Family
Sun.	05/24 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	John McNamee By Jean DeLongis Al Malfa By Mildred Oslica



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Please remember in your prayers the Sick and/or Homebound of our Parish Family. Theresa Veen, John Miraglia, Bill Stein, John Steppone, Francis Conka, Sr., Martin Casey, Ken Yelonek, and Susie Bernier (all Giblin's relatives), John Set (Deacon Bob Pang's uncle), Gerri Sherwood, Nijole Paronetto, Larry Sorriento, Ginny Tercer, Casey Smith, Ray Sheehan, Linda Krasinski, Anna Ely, Marcelo Giuliante, Anna Kertys (Fr. Martin's mother).

As a Parish Family, let us remember in our prayers all our beloved departed members of our Parish Community including Rosalie Codello, Rosemary Chesterman, Pat Dumphy (Helen Bark's sister), William D. Smith.

PLEASE ADVISE THE RECTORY (359-0078) WHENEVER A PARISHIONER BECOMES HOMEBOUND, ILL, OR HOSPITALIZED SO ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE FOR A PRIEST, DEACON OR EUCHARISTIC MINISTER TO VISIT AND BRING COMMUNION TO THEM.

Pastor's Notes

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Last Sunday I had the great joy to make an announcement at all Masses that The Archdiocese of New York, in the last round of restructuring decisions, granted to our church of St. John The Baptist to keep its present status. I know how encouraged and how grateful you are to the Lord for this grace. Now we can continue to serve and worship the Lord with even greater faith and love than before.

This gratitude to the Lord and to His Eminence Cardinal Dolan was manifest in the increased generosity to the Cardinal's Appeal 2015. I can report that we pledged already almost the entire amount of our quota of \$45,000. It is truly a miracle of love and generosity. However, may I still invite those parishioners who did not have the chance to do it, to join us in pledging to Cardinal's Appeal 2015.

On Saturday, May 9, and Tuesday, May 12, we celebrated respectively the First Communions and the Confirmations of the children and youngsters in our religious education program. Once again let me thank the children themselves for their learning and for loving Jesus; their parents for their sacrifices and dedication to the faith formation of their children; the Director of religious education, Kathleen Dunn, teachers, assistant teachers and the entire team of our program for their most valuable service to our families and to our church. May God reward you with eternal life!

Summer is fast approaching. We enter into the period of graduations, traveling, visitations of family/friends and vacations. I beg you not to forget the blessing that waits for you when you go to Sunday Mass. Wherever you are, remember Jesus is the first. If you do this, he will be very proud of you when he presents you one day to his heavenly Father. And do not forget to support your church, now that we may continue but must also pay our bills.

Fr. George

WEEK IN FOCUS

Sun. May 17 SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
 25th & 50th ANIVERSARIES
 Baptism Preparation 11 AM
 Legión de María, 11:30 AM
Mother's Day Novena
1 PM Spanish Mass
 AA Meeting, 7:00 PM

Mon. May 18 CDA Knitting, 1:00 PM

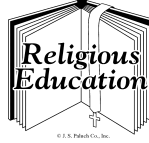
Tues. May 19 Scripture Class 9:30 AM
 Baptism Prep. Span. 7:00 PM
 Span. Bible Study 7:00 PM
 Spanish Leaders Mtg., 7:00 PM

Wed. May 20 Spanish Choir Practice, 7:00 PM

Thurs. May 21 CDA Knitting, 1:00 PM
 Span. Choir Practice, 6:30 PM
 Span. Council Mtg., 7:00 PM

Fri. May 22 Friday Renew Group, 10 AM
 Spanish Prayer, 7:00 PM

Sun. May 24 PENTECOST SUNDAY
 Baptism Preparation 11 AM
 Legión de María, 11:30 AM
 AA Meeting, 7:00 PM



**THE GOOD NEWS FROM
 OUR SCHOOL OF
 RELIGION**

**The following children received First Com-
 munion on Saturday, May 9th, at 11:00 am:**

**Leanna Bass, Raydelh Boutin, Jeffrey Fin-
 ning, Maritza Gonzalez, Aoife Kennedy, Anita
 and Viktoria Kosa, Zuliana Loaiza, Kayla
 Maguire, Kevin Narvaez, Maeve Owens,
 Christofer Rubio, Madeline Stiefel, Katelyn
 Terzer, Christian and Edward Uzha Neira and
 Alexondria Walsh.**

**These youngsters received on the same day
 at 1:00 pm:**

**Emely Acosta, Dayana Agustin, Keniea
 Agustin-Linares, Nathalie Cajamarca-Leiva,
 Billy Castaneda, Emely and Marlene Corsino
 Rodriquez, Jose Flores, Stephanny Gal-
 damez, Gabriella Gonzalez, Carlos Gutierrez,
 Jordy Guzman, Allison Hernandez, April
 Matute, Carla Mazariego, Jacqueline
 Mazariego, Kimberly Monzon and Kathy
 Ruballos Polanco.**

***** PLEASE REMEMBER TO
REGISTER ASAP FOR FALL CLASSES
IN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

*We thank the Lord for the blessing
 of keeping our Parish open and
 independent. He heard our pray-
 ers and now we must thank Him
 with all our hearts and continue
 working for His greater
 honor and glory.*

LITURGICAL MINISTERS MAY 16th & 17th

Time	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers
5:00 PM	John Lawler	Jackie Schaefer	Taylor Gazzetta Derek Gazzetta Richard Black
8:00 AM	Jean DeLongis	Betsy Feeney	Maggie Colquitt Catherine Callan Elizabeth Chesterman
10:30 AM	Scott Giblin	May Pang	Gianluca Gonzalez Christy Kohlbrenner Peter Shine
1:00 PM	Yolanda Guzman Rilma Mazariego Irma Vazquez Ana Sanabia	Alex Aguilar	Emmanuel Nova David Nova Ana Ramirez

ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER

Thursday, May 21st, 6:00 PM

\$5 per person. BYOB.

There will be a sign-up sheet in the Vestibule.
Please sign up as soon as possible.

Spaghetti
Dinner



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HANDBAG BINGO

Wednesday, May 27th, 7:00 PM

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church, 120

Kings Highway, Tappan, is holding a Handbag Bingo to support their efforts to save their Little Chapel. \$50. BYOBA: bring your own beverages and appetizers. Coffee, Tea, Water & Dessert provided. Doors open at 6:30 PM.

PIERMONT/ORANGETOWN SENIORS

The Piermont Seniors meet at St. John's Connelly Hall the **second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at 1:30 PM.**

If you are 60 years (or more!), you are invited to join them. It's a fun group that have many activities, including wonderful field trips, etc.

Come and have a great time and meet

SAVE THE DATE!

The Social Club will host a multi-cultural potluck supper on

Saturday, June 13th.

More details will be forthcoming.

We received a check for \$664.52 from the **Tappan Zee Thrift Shop.** We thank them as well as all those who volunteer their time and effort there. We encourage you all not only to visit but to contribute generously to this great organization.



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NEW YORK CATHOLIC BIBLE SUMMIT 2015

CUMBRE BIBLICA CATOLICA DE NUEVA YORK

Saturday (sábado), June 20th

350 East 56th, New York City

Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation

Constitución Dogmática sobre Divina
Revelación

Keynote Speaker:

Michael Francis Kolarcik, S.J., Rector of the Pontifical Biblical Institute, Rome, Italy

Orador Principal:

Mons. Fernando Ramos Perez, Obispo Auxilia de Santiago de Chile y Vicario General

PRIESTHOOD ORDINATION

On **Saturday, May 23, at 9:00 AM**, the following will be ordained to the Priesthood in St. Patrick's Cathedral:

For the Archdiocese of New York: James Benavides, Sean Connolly, Jose Cruz, Ricardo Garcia, Adolphus Muoghalu, Adolfo Novio, Matthew Reiman, Stephen Ries, Elvin Rivera, Jean-Marie Uzabakiriho.

For the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal: Bro. Christopher McBride, C.F.R., and Bro. Ignatius Shin, C.F.R.

Let us thank God for them and pray to Him that they will remain good and holy Priests for His greater honor and glory.

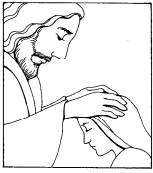
COMMON SENSE PARENTING

**6-Session Workshop for Parents of
Children Ages 6-16**

The Archdiocesan Family Life + Respect Life Office has been presenting this workshop in the Church of St. Barnabas, 409 E. 241st St., Bronx, NY 10470, Considine Center, Room 1-6, on **Tuesdays since May. Remaining sessions are on June 2, 9, 23, from 7 to 9 PM.**

\$30 covers one or both parents and includes a book. (If finances are a problem, alternative arrangements can be made confidentially.)

Learn real solutions to everyday challenges of getting children to listen and do what they are supposed to do. Contact Sue DiSisto, 646-794-3191 or susan.disisto@archny.org.



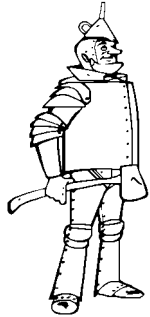
TIPS FROM THE HEALTH EDUCATION MINISTRY

Pray for one another that you may find healing."

• James 16

On **Sunday, June 7th**, St. John's will be holding our sixth annual blood drive. Your Health Ministry and your Outreach Ministry are working with the New York Blood Center to sponsor this event.

Our hope is that all healthy parishioners (and friends and relatives) will consider this opportunity to give their time (about 1 hour) and their blood (1 pint) in this tremendous community service.



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**Have
a
Heart**

BLOOD DRIVE

Did you know that one in three people will need blood sometime during their lives? Blood lasts only 42 days, so there is a constant need to replenish the supply for all those who need it.

We'll be taking appointments after all Masses this weekend, and again for the next two weeks.

We want you!!

Next week:

Answers to some questions regarding donating blood.

*EVERY BELIEVER IN THIS WORLD
MUST BECOME
A SPARK OF LIGHT.*

50th WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Couples celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary any time during 2015 are invited to attend the Annual Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass with His Eminence Timothy Cardinal Dolan at St. Patrick's Cathedral on **Saturday, June 20th, at 2 PM, or Sunday, June 21st, at 2 PM.**

Pre-registration is required. Please contact us here at the Rectory if you wish to register.

Anniversary



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Karen, 23, had an abortion in college. She thought she had a serious committed relationship with her boyfriend, but when she told him she was pregnant he was definitely less than happy about it. He told her the decision was up to her, but if she wanted an abortion, he would pay for it. She sensed his lack of commitment to her and his baby and decided on abortion. Two of her roommates had abortions and they seemed fine afterwards. What's wrong with her that she feels so depressed about it?

Karen's story is repeated every day on college campuses and in high schools across the country. Since 1973 when the Roe v. Wade decision legalized abortion, an estimated twenty-eight million women in the United States have had one or more abortions. These were women who were challenged and stressed by the circumstances surrounding the pregnancy, and the people on whom they normally would rely for support in difficult circumstances were unable, unwilling or unavailable to help with the crisis pregnancy. Boyfriends, even husbands, said they weren't 'ready for fatherhood.' A woman who lacks the willing support and encouragement of the father to help raise the child is more likely to choose abortion.

Society tells young women like Karen that abortion will solve their problem. It says nothing about the problems abortion creates. Supporters of abortion claim it is a simple procedure with no lasting impact. And women who know better don't discuss, certainly not publicly, how abortion changed their lives for the worse. They feel ashamed about the abortion and ashamed about their inability to 'just deal with it' as they think other women do. And so the deception continues.

But if society denies the mother's loss, her body does not. God prepares a woman psychologically and physically for motherhood. When a woman is pregnant she feels different. Within a few days after conception, even before the tiny embryo has nested in her uterine wall, a hormone called 'early pregnancy factor' is found in her bloodstream, alerting the cells of her body to the pregnancy. Her body may now crave different foods, she may need more rest. New cells begin to grow in her breasts, cells which will mature and secrete milk specially formulated for the needs of a newborn. She begins to think 'baby.' She starts noticing babies on the street, in the store, on television. She may dream about her baby at night, and fantasize about her baby during the day. What name? Who will he or she look like?

SUICIDAL THOUGHTS OR FEELINGS are sometimes experienced by women who have had an abortion. If this is happening to you, please get help immediately. We want you to know that there is hope for you, and that we care very much.

For immediate intervention:

**United States of America - National Suicide
Hope Line - 1-800-784-2433**

2015 CARDINAL'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Our current total pledge is \$45,700. This represents only 102 parishioners, so if you have not yet sent in your pledge/gift, please do so as soon as possible. Remember, **for every dollar we send in excess of our goal, 60% is returned to us!**

What a nice way to improve our finances, help the needy, and look good!

Introducing FLOCK NOTES

Get important updates from the parish in a timely and convenient way. This new tool we're using lets you choose what info you'd like to receive - via email or text message - from the various ministries and groups in the parish. You can unsubscribe at any time.

There are 2 easy ways to connect (pick one)

1. Visit our parish at: www.flocknote.com/stjohnbaptist **or**
2. Text SJPIermont to 84576
Text STOP to stop txt notifications at any time. Text HELP for help. There is no charge for this service, but your carrier message and data rates may apply.

The Church is like a great ship being pounded by the waves of life's different stresses. Our duty is not to abandon ship but to keep her on her course.

SAVE THE DATE!
PARISH BLOOD DRIVE
Connelly Hall
Sunday, June 7th
Before and after all the Masses.
Sign-up Weekends
TODAY, May 16/17
May 23/24
May 30/31

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BLOOD DRIVE

SACRED RELICS—
CHURCH TREASURES
115 W. Central Avenue, Pearl River, NY
Monday, May 18th, at 7:00 PM

St. Margaret of Antioch Parish is hosting an exposition of over 150 Sacred Relics, some as old as 2000 years.

Among the relics will be some from St. Maria Goretti, St. Therese of Lisieux, St. Francis of Assisi, St. Anthony, etc.

MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS
SATURDAY, MAY 23, 2015

Marian Shrine, 174 Filors Lane, Stony Point

10 AM—12 PM Visit Becchi House, replica of Don Bosco's boyhood home. Relic available

10:00 AM Mass in Spanish, Shrine Chapel
11:00 AM Confessions, Shrine Chapel
12:00 PM Mass in English
1:00 PM Lunch, Bring your own
2:30 PM Skit & Songs , Outdoor Altar
3:00 PM Rosary Procession
3:30 PM Crowning of the Statue of Mary
7:00 PM Procession with Blessed Sacrament
8:30PM Youth Movement, music/refreshments
10:00 PM Candlelight Rosary
10:45 PM Good Night

Info: (973) 851-7422, (914) 939-0547

MEMORIALS
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Now that Spring has sprung and that Nature is beguiling us with her beauty, it is time to think about beautifying Our Lady's outdoor Shrine by remembering and celebrating your dear ones, whether living or deceased. A wonderful way to do so is by buying bricks in their name for the walkway leading up to Our Lady's statue. This is a permanent memorial that is very meaningful and only costs \$125 per brick. If interested, please contact the Rectory at 359-0078.

Of course, another great way to do so is by contributing towards the purchase of flowers for the Altar.




Hch 1:1-11; Sal 46; Efe 1:17-23; Mar 16:15-20

Collection for 5/03/15 \$5,582

*The world is only peopled
to people heaven!*

**THE WINNER OF THE
300 CLUB DRAWING
ON 5/10th WAS
SEAMUS MULLEN , # 2 0 1**

MESSAGE FOR PARENTS!
A reminder that we have closed-circuit television for parents with young children. You and the children will feel more comfortable attending Mass downstairs in Connelly Hall if they become noisy and/or fidgety. Communion will be brought downstairs if you advise the Ushers. Take advantage of this service and everyone will be happier.




Hoy celebramos uno de los dogmas de nuestro Credo: que el Señor ascendió a los cielos. Del Evangelio de san Marcos escuchamos las últimas palabras que Jesús les dirigió a sus discípulos momentos antes de ascender a los cielos. Fueron palabras con un encargo, no menos real para nosotros que para los discípulos de entonces. Jesús nos encarga: "Vayan por todo el mundo y prediquen el Evangelio a toda criatura". Para la gran mayoría de nosotros, esto significa que proclamamos el Evangelio con el testimonio de nuestra vida diaria. Cuando tratamos a otros con dignidad y respeto, ayudamos a los menos afortunados que nosotros, actuamos corresponsablemente con los muchos dones que hemos recibido, y nos reunimos como familia de Dios para adorar y alabar al Padre –todas estas son señales de que el Evangelio ha echado raíces en nuestras vidas.

Para los cursos pre-bautismales llamar a:
Alex Aguilar 845-480-1502 y Carlos Ortiz 845-893-9718. Los cursos se dan previa cita los martes 7pm y domingos 11am.

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Hch 19:1-8; Sal 67:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; Jn 16:29-33
Martes: Hch 20:17-27; Sal 67:10-11, 20-21; Jn 17:1-11a
Miércoles: Hch 20:28-38; Sal 67:29-30, 33-36ab; Jn 17:11b-19
Jueves: Hch 22:30; 23:6-11; Sal 15:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Jn 17:20-26
Viernes: Hch 25:13b-21; Sal 102:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab;
Jn 21:15-19
Sábado: Hch 28:16-20, 30-31; Sal 10:4, 5, 7; Jn 21:20-25


We welcome all our new parishioners and kindly ask you to register for the parish. Our new parish census forms are available in the Vestibule or at the Rectory. Please return the form to the Rectory, to an usher or to Fr. George. May God bless your entering into our parish family! Having your name in our records is the only way we have of certifying that you are a practicing Catholic, as we have to do for people who are being asked to serve as sponsors of Baptism and Confirmation.


CONSEJOS DE PARTE DEL MINISTERIO DE SALUD
"Ruegen por los otros para que encuentren sanación."
— Jaime 16

El domingo, 7 de junio, San Juan tendrá la sexta campana anual para obtener sangre. Su Ministerio de Salud y el Ministerio de Outreach están trabajando con el Centro de Sangre de Nueva York para patrocinar este evento. Esperamos que todos los feligreses saludables (y sus amigos y familiares) tomen esta oportunidad para dar su tiempo (una hora más o menos) y su sangre (una pinta) para este magnífico servicio de la comunidad.

¿Saben Uds. que una persona en tres necesitara sangre alguna vez durante su vida? La sangre dura sólo 42 días, de modo que es necesario rellenar el surtido para todos los que lo necesitan.

Estaremos haciendo citas después de todas las Misas este fin de semana, y en las dos próximas semanas.

¡Los necesitamos!

La semana entrante: Contestaremos a algunas preguntas acerca de cómo contribuir sangre.

CONTACT INFORMATION

CHURCH NAME: ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

BULLETIN #: 511587

DATE: 05/17/2015

OF PAGES: 8 + 2 flyers:

Blood Drive: English & Spanish

CONTACT INFORMATION: Isabelle Fenton
(845) 359-0078

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IMAGE AS FIRST PAGE.