

*It is the smallest of
seeds*



*and becomes the largest
of plants.*

St. John the Baptist Church

JUNE 14, 2015— 11th SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME



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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
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Deacon John Cunningham

Deacon Robert Pang

Parish Secretaries:

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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

Pastor's Notes

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Sat.	06/13 5:00 PM	Thomas Fogarty By Eileen Simon
Sun.	06/14 8:00 AM	Ned Bronuck By Makram Boulos
	10:30 AM	Michael & Mary McLaughlin By The Armstrong Family
Mon.	06/15 8:00 AM	Herminia Rivera By Luis Ruelas
Tue.	06/16 8:00 AM	Rosemary Chesterman By Catholic Daughters
Wed.	06/17 8:00 AM	Herminia Rivera By Luis Ruelas
Thurs.	06/18 8:00 AM	Pat Dumphy By Tuesday Scripture Class
Fri.	06/19 8:00 AM	Vincent Ely By Anna Ely
Sat.	06/20 9:00 AM	Helen Thompson By The Armstrong Family
	5:00 PM	John & Michael McLaughlin By The Armstrong Family
Sun.	06/21 8:00 AM	Father's Day Novena By Makram Boulos
	10:30 AM	John Zahn By The Family



THE SANCTUARY LAMP
WILL BE OFFERED THIS WEEK
IN MEMORY OF
REGINA MIRAGLIA

By
Augustina Annus &
Roland George



Please remember in your prayers the Sick and/or Homebound of our Parish Family. Theresa Veen, John Miraglia, Bill Stein, 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, Anna Ely, Marcelo Giuliante, Anna Kertys (Fr. Martin's mother), Arys Ramos, Anthony Berardi, Connie Lynch, Bo DiFrancesca, Buzz Johnson, Joan Wheeler.

As a Parish Family, let us remember in our prayers all our beloved departed members of our Parish Community, Regina Miraglia, Francis Taulman.

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.

Dear Parishioners,

On Sundays in Ordinary Time, the Old Testament reading is selected for the light it sheds on the day's Gospel. Today, Ezekiel sees God lifting up the lowly tree and making the withered tree bloom. So in the second parable of today's Gospel, Jesus encourages us by promising that, as fragile seeds grow into an abundant harvest, and the tiny mustard seed into a hearty plant, so God will grow the kingdom from small beginnings to an instrument of salvation for all. In the first parable, the land yields fruit "of its own accord" (Mark 4:28). Not only is the initiative God's, but the parable teaches that the seed's growth, though invisible at first, is actually unstoppable! To be sure, those who depend on the impressive or dramatic in order to be convinced or encouraged will be disappointed in the slow unfolding of the kingdom that Jesus announces. But for those who do accept the kingdom, all is grace, and that grace is certain.

Though the second reading is not coordinated with either the first reading or Gospel on these Sundays, today's is thematically appropriate. Saint Paul argues that our experience of God's trustworthiness thus far should make us a people of undaunted courage and unshakeable faith. But at the same time Paul warns that faith should also make us aware of our responsibility to do good.

Let's do something beautiful for God.

WEEK IN FOCUS

Sat. June 13	Dominican Sisters Sell Chances Multi-Cultural Supper, 6:00 PM
Sun. June 14	Dominican Sisters Sell Chances Baptism Preparation 11 AM Legión de María Anniversary Spanish Hospitality, Legion de Maria Anniversary, 12 PM AA Meeting, 7:00 PM
Mon. June 15	CDA Knitting, 1:00 PM
Tues. June 16	Baptism Prep. Span. 7:00 PM Span. Bible Study 7:00 PM Spanish Leaders' Mtg. 7:00 PM
Wed. June 17	Spanish Choir Practice, 7:00 PM
Thurs. June 18	CDA Knitting, 1:00 PM Span. Choir Practice, 6:30 PM Span. Council Mtg., 7:00 PM
Fri. June 19	Friday Renew Group, 10 AM Spanish Prayer Group, 7 PM
Sun. June 21	FATHER'S DAY Baptism Preparation 11 AM Legión de María, 11:30 AM AA Meeting, 7:00 PM



*I have lifted high
the lowly tree.*

TAPPAN ZEE THRIFT SHOP

The shop is in need of volunteers to donate their time to this worthy cause.

They also would appreciate any possible financial help, as things — as everywhere — are tight and could be better.

Please call Christie: 359-5753.



THE GOOD NEWS FROM OUR SCHOOL OF RELIGION

Looking for ways to get involved? Do you love kids? Want to add meaning to your life? Have we got the answer for you!!!

We need VOLUNTEERS for our Religious Ed. Program. We need a seventh grade teacher...

We need substitutes... We need assistants for some of our teachers... We need substitutes...

Will you please help us???

Remember, "God does not call the qualified, He qualifies the called."

Call Ms. Dunn at 845.942.2908 or email at kathleendunn47@gmail.com ASAP.

First Communion and Confirmation banners are on the table outside the Relig. Ed. Office ready to be picked up.

REGISTER NOW for Relig. Ed. Forms are available in the Church and outside the Office.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS JUNE 13th and 14th

Time	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers
5:00 PM	Carol Conklin-Spillane	Brian Spillane	Gianluca Gonzalez Peter Shine
8:00 AM	Fran Loftus	Lynne Dennerlein	Gabriel Ramundo Peter Ramundo Leah Dillon
10:30 AM	John Lawler	Marge Olsen	Peter Shine Christy Kohlbrenner Louis Giampiccolo
1:00 PM	Carlos Ortiz Rosario Guzman Ruth Sanabria Rafael Mazariego	Micaelina Maldonado	Emmanuel Nova David Nova Ana Ramirez

SAVE THE DATE

On **Sunday, June 28th**, we will celebrate the Mass at **11:00 AM**, at the Goswick Pavilion. It will be followed by our annual picnic. Obviously, there will be no 10:30 AM Mass, nor 1:00 PM Spanish Mass. The Mass will be bilingual.

We are asking everyone to bring salads and/or desserts. We will provide hamburgers, hot dogs and soft drinks.

Come one—come all!



FATHER'S DAY 6/21/15

Father's Day is soon approaching.

For your convenience, we have set up some beautiful Father's Day cards in the Vestibule of the Church. Buy them now before they disappear!



SUMMER ENRICHMENT ACADEMY DON BOSCO PREP

This program offers a COOP exam course to 8th grade male students. This is the examination for admission to Catholic High Schools. 12 students/class. Session 1: July 6th—16th. Session 2: July 20th—30th. Monday through Thursday, 8:15 AM—12:15 PM. \$500. Extra help will be available.

Rue Eisen: (201) 327-8003, Ext. 174.

PARISH TAG SALE

St. Margaret Church, Pearl River

Saturday, June 13th

8 am—6:30 PM

Sunday, June 14th

8 am—2 pm

School Cafeteria

SUMMER HOSPITALITY

As we do every year we are asking for volunteers to continue hospitality through the summer. This includes all Sundays beginning **June 28th through September 13th** (eleven Sundays). The sign-up sheet will be in the kitchen beginning June 14th (no hospitality this weekend, June 7th, due to the Blood Drive). Or you can e-mail Robin at robmiller124@aol.com. Making coffee is not a prerequisite -- punch and cookies will do just fine. This is a great way to meet fellow parishioners, get your children involved or just give back if you have been enjoying Hospitality all year!

2015 YEAR OF CONSECRATED LIFE

The Augustinian Recollects is a religious community of priests and brothers with Tagaste Monastery, in Suffern, as its house of initial discernment. The Order of Augustinian Recollects has eight provinces of active ministry worldwide. Our community belongs to the Province of Saint Augustine. The motto of the Order of Augustinian Recollects echoes Saint Augustine's own words: "*Our hearts are restless, Lord, until they rest in You.*"

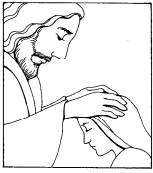
The friars are eager to meet men who have hearts open to the quiet call of Almighty God. They would love to hear from you! You may call them at (845) 357-0067 and visit their informative website at : www.augustinianrecollects.us.

PILGRIMAGE TO GREECE

We will be following the footsteps of Apostle Paul from April 10—19 next year! Visit Thessalonica, Philippi, Corinth, Ephesus, plus the Meteora Monasteries. The trip includes a 3-day cruise to Santorini and Patmos, where St. John the Evangelist wrote Revelation.

The price is \$2,740 per person.

Please contact Robin Miller, 359-0793, for a brochure and more information, or robmiller124@aol.com.



TIPS FROM THE HEALTH EDUCATION MINISTRY

Pray for one another that you may find healing."

• James 16

June is National Safety Month

This week we address *teen driving safety*. Automobile collisions are the #1 cause of teen deaths. Nearly 1/3 of deaths in 16-20 year olds are caused by car crashes.

Some tips for families with teen drivers:

- Have zero tolerance for alcohol or drugs when driving.
- "On the road: off the phone." Ban cell phones and text messaging while driving. It's against the law! There should be NO exception to this rule.
- Set a curfew. There are many more teen accidents after dark than during the day.
- Give your teenager guidance, patience, and experience behind the wheel.

MEMORIALS

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A meaningful way to honor your dear ones, deceased or alive, is by contributing towards the purchase of weekly flowers for the Altar. The house of the Lord should always be beautiful.

Of course, another way is by buying bricks in their name for the walkway leading up to Our Lady's outdoor shrine. This is a permanent memorial that is also very meaningful and only costs \$125 per brick. If interested, please contact the Rectory at 359-0078.

PRO-LIFE NEWS

Monday, July 6th, Pro-Life Mass will be held at St. Francis of Assisi Church in West Nyack at **7:30 PM**.

The Annual Vigil for Life will be held at the Marian Shrine on **Saturday, July 4th**, beginning with 10 AM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, 11:15 AM Rosary and 12 noon, Mass.

Eileen Peterson (845) 492-6709, Elizabeth Golemba (914) 450-4759.

GROUNDS CLEAN-UP DAY SATURDAY, JUNE 20th

We will be doing some yard clean-up work here at St. John's from **9:00 AM to 12 noon on Saturday, the 20th**.

Bring a rake — and yourself — and join us in beautifying our grounds! All are welcome!

OTTAWA & THOUSAND ISLANDS

5 DAYS/4 NIGHTS

September 28—October 2, 2015

Sponsored by the

ST. JOHN'S SENIOR CITIZENS

All Invited!

Tour Cost: \$650/person (double occupancy)
\$899/person (single occupancy)

- Deluxe Motorcoach Transportation
- 4 Night Accommodations
- 8 meals, incl. 4 Breakfasts & 4 Dinners
- Motorcoach Tour of Kingston, Ontario
- Sightseeing Cruise of Kingston & 1000 Islands
- Guided Tour of Rideau Hall
- Walking Tour of Ottawa, Ontario
- Sightseeing Cruise of St. Lawrence River, with Visit to Boldt Castle
- Visit to Springer Market Square, Kingston, and Byward Market, Ottawa
- Evening Performance at 1000 Islands Playhouse
- Gaming Fun at OLG Casino, Thousand Islands—4hrs.

For more info contact:

Josetta @ (845) 359-5191

2015 CARDINAL'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Our current total pledge is \$50,447, with payments of \$38,242. This represents only 118 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!



Graduation

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CONGRATULATIONS, GRADUATES!

The following TZHS students are graduating:

Cristina Aguilar	Bailey Gillen
Jenna Alvarado	Patrick Henry
Chris Andrade	Lauren Hidalgo-Smith
Grace Callan	Cayla Joyce
Brian Cawley	Christine Manni
Daniel Chilson	Colin McArdle
Christopher Daly	Nicolette Natale
Brendan Dennehy	Michaela Raphael
Jesse Dillon	Benjamin Sanders
Addison Fowler	Eric Soeder
Eric Fulgione	Dylan Thomas
John Gallucci	Emma Wilkinson

Kaila Joyce (Westchester)
Elizabeth Terzer (Albertus Magnus)

Best wishes and Blessings
to each and every one of you.
May your high school years,
and beyond,
be bright with
God's light and love.

THE POPE AND PRO-LIFE

VATICAN CITY — Here below we publish 5 of the Pope's most recent pro-life statements during which he listed the "scourge of abortion as the number one contemporary attack on human life.."

1. Saturday, May 30, 2015 address to the Italian Science and Life Association

"The degree of progress of a civilization is measured by its ability to protect life, especially in its most vulnerable stages, rather than by the spread of technological tools. When we speak of man, let us never forget all the attacks on the sanctity of human life. The scourge of abortion is an attack on life. Allowing our brothers on the boats in the Strait of Sicily is an attack on life. Deaths caused at work because the minimal safety conditions are not respected is an attack on life. Malnutrition is an attack on life. Terrorism, war, violence are attacks on life; but euthanasia is as well. To love life means always talking care of the other, wanting his own good, and cultivating respect for his his transcendent dignity."

2. May 26, 2015 interview with an Argentinian journalist from the newspaper *La Voz del Pueblo*:

Pope Francis said he finds it "curious" that there are countries with strict child-protection laws that penalize parents for slapping their kids, yet allow them to kill those children before they are born.

3. May 11, 2015 address to the bishops of Togo, who were in Rome on their *ad limina* visit:

"It is important that the positive aspects of the family that are lived in Africa should be expressed and understood. In particular, the African family is welcoming toward life, it respects and pays attention to elderly persons.

This heritage must therefore be preserved and must serve as an example and encouragement for others. The sacrament of marriage is a pastoral reality that is thoroughly accommodated in your country, although obstacles of a cultural and legal nature still exist, preventing some couples from realizing their desire to found their conjugal life on faith in Christ. I encourage you to persevere in your efforts to support families in their difficulties, above all through education and social work, and to prepare couples for the demanding but magnificent duties of Christian marriage.

Togo is not spared from the ideological and media attacks that today are spread all over, proposing models of union and family that are incompatible with the Christian faith."

4. May 10, 2015 address to participants in the Rome March for Life following the recitation of the *Regina Caeli*:

"I greet all those who have taken part in the initiative for life conducted this morning in Rome: it is important to work together to defend and promote life."

5. May 9, 2015 address to the bishops of Mozambique, who were in Rome on their *ad limina* visit:

Among the functions of the episcopal conference [...] I encourage a decisive development of good relations with the government, not of dependence, but of healthy collaboration [...], with particular attention to the laws that are approved in parliament. Beloved bishops, spare no effort in supporting the family and in defending life from its conception until natural death. In this regard, remember the choices proper to a disciple of Christ and the beauty of being a mother accompanied by the support of the family and of the local community. May the family always be defended as a privileged source of fraternity, respect for others, and the primary pathway of peace.

Weekly Offering

The Collection for 6/14 was \$4,920
 Black & Indian Collection: \$1,119



THERE WAS NO 300 CLUB DRAWING ON 6/7 DUE TO THE BLOOD DRIVE.

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.



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.

Eze 17:22-24; Sal. 91; 2 Cor 5:6-10; Mar 4:26-34

Durante los domingos del Tiempo Ordinario, la lectura del Antiguo Testamento se relaciona con el tema del Evangelio de ese domingo. Hoy Ezequiel ve a Dios elevar los árboles pequeños y florecer los árboles secos. Y en las parábolas del Evangelio de hoy, Jesús nos anima poniendo como ejemplos el fruto abundante que puede dar una semilla y que la semilla tan pequeña de mostaza crece y se convierte en uno de los arbustos más grandes, y así es Dios quien hace crecer el Reino de un pequeño comienzo a un instrumento de salvación para todos. En la primera parábola la tierra por sí sola produce el fruto (Marcos 4:28). Además de la iniciativa de Dios, la parábola enseña que el crecimiento de la semilla, al principio invisible, no se puede detener. Para estar seguros, las personas que dependen de lo que impresiona o llama fuertemente la atención para estar convencidas o animadas pues van a estar decepcionadas en lo despacio que se hace realidad el reino que Jesús anunció. Pero para quienes aceptan el reino, todo es gracia y la gracia es verdadera.

Aún cuando la segunda lectura no se relaciona ni con la primera ni con el Evangelio durante estos domingos; hay que considerar el mensaje que tiene la de hoy. San Pablo afirma que en nuestro camino de fe confiamos en Dios y esto debe hacernos un pueblo de valor indomable y fe inquebrantable. Y al mismo tiempo Pablo nos advierte que la fe también debe hacernos conscientes de nuestra responsabilidad de hacer el bien.

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: 2 Cor 6:1-10; Sal 97:1, 2b, 3-4; Mt 5:38-42
Martes: 2 Cor 8:1-9; Sal 145:2, 5-9a; Mt 5:43-48
Miércoles: 2 Cor 9:6-11; Sal 111:1bc-4, 9; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Jueves: 2 Cor 11:1-11; Sal 110:1b-4, 7-8; Mt 6:7-15
Viernes: 2 Cor 11:18, 21-30; Sal 33:2-7; Mt 6:19-23
Sábado: 2 Cor 12:1-10; Sal 33:8-13; Mt 6:24-34



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

Junio Es el Mes Nacional de Seguridad Al Manejar

Esta semana trataremos acerca de la seguridad de los jóvenes al manejar. Choques de automóvil son la causa #1 de muertes de los jóvenes. Casi 1/3 de las muertes de jóvenes entre 16 y 20 años son causadas por choques de automóviles. Damos aquí algunas sugerencias para las familias con jóvenes.

- Hay que tener cero tolerancia para alcohol o drogas cuando manejando.
- Cuando manejando no telefoneando. Prohíba teléfonos celulares y mensajes cuando estén manejando. ¡Está prohibido por la ley! **No debe haber ninguna** excepción a esta regla.
- Ponga un toque (¡tienen que volver a casa a cierta hora!). Hay muchos más accidentes cuando está oscuro que durante el día.
- Deles consejos, tenga paciencia y espere a que sus jóvenes adquieran experiencia al manejar.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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