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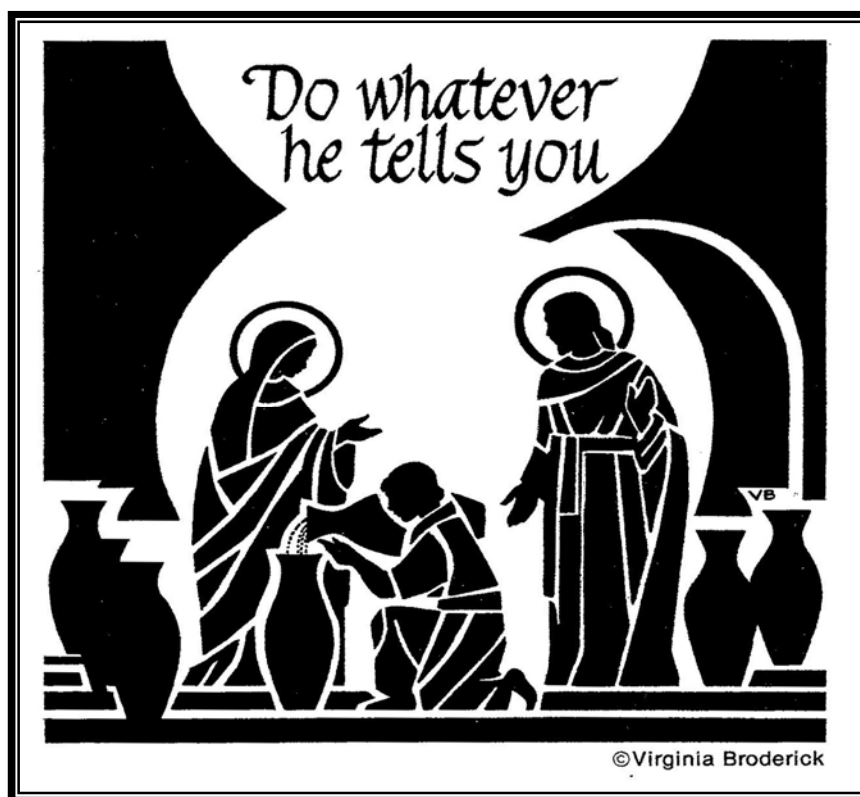
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*Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
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**Sacrament of Baptism**  
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## MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, January 16, 2016**

**Vigil: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

**Sunday, January 17, 2016**

**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**8:00 a.m.** Patrick Quigley

**9:30 a.m.** Rev. John Lennon

**11:00 a.m.** Mass for the Parishioners of  
St. John the Baptist

**12:30 p.m.** Francesco Carmine Lucariello,  
Antonio and Julia DeFilippo

**Monday, January 18, 2016**

**8:00 a.m.** Lina Yanni

**12:00 noon** Frank Leone

**Tuesday, January 19, 2016**

**8:00 a.m.** Rory O'Flaherty

**12:00 noon** Peter Fornabaio

**Wednesday, January 20, 2016**

**Feast of St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr; St. Sebastian,  
Martyr**

**8:00 a.m.** Catherine Charles Devlin

**12:00 noon** Dora Gervino – 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**Thursday, January 21, 2016**

**Feast of St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr**

**8:00 a.m.** Francesca and Vincenzo Zambito

**12:00 noon** Consuela Rosario

**Friday, January 22, 2016**

**Feast of St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr**

**8:00 a.m.** Rita DeLuca -- Birthday

**12:00 noon** John Curley

**Saturday, January 23, 2016**

**Feast of St. Marianne Cope, Virgin**

**8:00 a.m.** Frank Coppola

**Saturday, January 23, 2016**

**Vigil: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**5:00 p.m.** Frank and Rose Mazzanti

**Sunday, January 24, 2016**

**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**8:00 a.m.** Donald W. Hoyle, Sr.

**9:30 a.m.** Martin Menchen

**11:00 a.m.** Rev. Antony Erathara S.B.D. --  
Living

**12:30 p.m.** Mass for the Parishioners of  
St. John the Baptist

## WEEKLY PARISH CALENDAR

**Tuesday, January 19<sup>th</sup>**

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Cub Scouts – 2:30 p.m. – lower Church

**Wednesday, January 20<sup>th</sup>**

Senior Club – following 12:00 noon Mass – lower  
Church

R.E. Grades 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> -- 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. –  
School

R.E. Grades 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> -- 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. –  
School

Holy Name Society Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

**Friday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Family Bingo – 7:00 p.m. – lower Church

## ALTAR SERVERS

**Saturday, January 16<sup>th</sup>**

5:00 p.m. – N. Conlon and R. Duffy

**Sunday, January 17<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 a.m. – D. Browne and T. Browne

9:30 a.m. – M. McCarthy and K. McGarvey

11:00 a.m. – B. Collins and R. Murphy

12:30 p.m. – C. Maher and J. Velasquez

**Saturday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>**

5:00 p.m. – C. Castaldi and N. DeMatteo

**Sunday, January 24<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 a.m. – C. Elias and R. Peter

9:30 a.m. – S. Healy and N. Tierney

11:00 a.m. – J. Corcoran and R. Corcoran

12:30 p.m. – M. DiRosa and P. DiRosa



**2016 March for Life:** On Friday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, thousands of Americans from all over the country will gather in Washington D.C. for the annual March for Life. This will mark the 43<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of the infamous Roe vs. Wade Supreme Court decision which for all intents and purposes legitimized abortion on demand in a land which once held “life” to be one of our inalienable truths. Wherever we happen to be on Friday, let us pray for our country and for a conversion of hearts and a recommitment to a culture of life. Here at St. John’s there will be a special Rosary for Life prayed after the 8:00 a.m. Mass on Friday.



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

**January 17, 2016**

**SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:** The events of the Advent-Christmas-Epiphany season fade very gradually. The gospel reading of the wedding feast at Cana at first seems out of place. However, it is in just the right place as we continue to incorporate our acceptance of Jesus, the light of the world, into our lives. The gospel stories of the two weeks after Epiphany serve to keep the excitement of the Incarnation alive, while showing in yet one more way the marvelous presence of God-in-Christ in the world today. The messages of love, care, and unity are strong in all three readings today.

In today's first reading from the prophet Isaiah (Is. 62:1-5), the wedding theme that is the undercurrent of today's gospel first surfaces. God loves His people – and rejoices in them as a “bridegroom rejoices in his bride.” We are precious to God – and no one should ever consider himself “forsaken.” In our second reading from St. Paul's letter to the Corinthians (1Cor. 12:4-11) we are reminded of how active God's spirit is in the world – bestowing gifts on all of us; gifts meant to “build up” and enrich the Body of Christ.

Finally, in the Gospel (Jn. 2:1-11) we read about the first of Jesus' “signs”: the miracle of changing water into wine – bringing joy to all the wedding guests – a mere shadow of the joy Jesus brings to all who share His Eucharistic meal.

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### **SPECIAL SAINTS' DAYS THIS WEEK**

#### **Wednesday, January 20<sup>th</sup> – St. Sebastian**

Sebastian is often depicted in art at the moment of his heroic death – his athlete's body pierced by many arrows. Sebastian was an officer in the Roman Legion who became a convert to Christianity, one of the many martyrs put to death under the Emperor Diocletian in the late third century. He is the patron saint of athletes.

#### **Thursday, January 21<sup>st</sup> – St. Agnes**

As a young teenager, Agnes died during the persecution of Christians by the Roman Emperor Diocletian in the early fourth century. Her pagan captors tried to get Agnes to renounce her faith and her virginity but even in the face of death, Agnes refused to give in.

#### **Friday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> – St. Vincent**

Vincent suffered martyrdom during the brutal persecution of Christians by the Emperor Diocletian in the late third and early fourth centuries. Vincent was a deacon who served in his native Spain; he died in Valencia.

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**Christian Unity:** This week we mark the annual week of Prayer for Christian Unity, which begins on Monday, January 18<sup>th</sup> and continues until the following Monday, January 25<sup>th</sup>. Begun in 1908 this week is set aside each year so that Christians the world over may share the prayer of Jesus: “That they all may be one; that the world may believe” (John 17-21).



**Dr. Martin Luther King:** is honored by a national holiday this Monday, January 18<sup>th</sup>. May it be for all of us – whatever our race, color or ethnic background – an occasion to rededicate ourselves to the ideals for which he lived and died: justice for all: freedom for the oppressed; an end to violence, intolerance and prejudice. Dr. King seized every opportunity to remind us: “Do not model yourselves on the behavior of the world around but let your behavior change, modeled by your new mind” (Romans 12:2). Dr. King's marches, his imprisonments, his writings, his speeches, his eloquent witness serve to stir our hearts and prod our consciences. May his dream live forever.



**Special Children's Mass:** Next week at our 9:30 a.m. Mass, we once again welcome younger boys and girls to a special Mass where they will be excused after the Opening Prayer and go to the Church Hall for a special Liturgy of the Word. After this Mass please join us for a Family Coffee and Craft Hour in the school cafeteria at which we will have refreshments and make crafts for the family. We are very grateful to the parent-leaders (as well as some older children) who are assisting with this program.

**Sunday Report:** Last weekend 1,270 parishioners attended Mass; our collection totaled \$7807.00; average contribution: \$6.15. Thank you for your continued financial support of St. John's and its many needs. Your generosity is essential and greatly appreciated.



**S.J.B. School Registration:** Registration applications, for September 2016 may be picked up in the school office 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. during the week of January 25<sup>th</sup> through January 29<sup>th</sup>. Pre-K registrants must be 4 years old by December 1, 2016.

**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!



**Holy Name Society:** The Holy Name Society will have their monthly meeting on Wednesday, January 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the La Grotta Restaurant on McLean Avenue. The cost is \$20.00 and includes buffet dinner and beer, wine and soda. For more information, please call Vinny Vanadia on 423-9149. All are welcome!



**Holy Communion for the Homebound and Sick:** Special Ministers of Holy Communion are available to bring Holy Communion to the sick and the homebound after Mass weekdays, Saturdays and Sundays. We contact those parishioners whom we know are in the hospital who wish to receive Holy Communion when they return home, along with parishioners who are homebound. Contact the rectory and Deacon Olivieri will arrange for Holy Communion to be brought home to those who desire it.

**Second Collection:** Next weekend we will take up our monthly special collection to support our school and maintain our school facilities. The school is not only used for our grammar school children, our CCD classes and our RCIA program, but for a variety of community and parish activities. It is vital that we keep our school facilities in excellent condition. We ask for a contribution of \$7.00 in this monthly collection and once again express our appreciation for your generosity.



**Support Group:** St. John's Riverside Hospital is hosting a special Cancer Support Group meeting on the Wednesday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. in Room 111. The topic: "Ring in the New Year" featuring Chaz Garcia, author of "Power of Massage Therapy." All are welcome.



**Family Bingo:** Are the kids bored with nothing to do on a cold, wintry Friday night? Well how about coming out to the Rosary Altar Society's Annual Family Bingo Night on Friday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m., in the lower church. The cost is \$6.00 per person which includes one game card (additional cards may be purchased), light snacks, beverages, dessert and coffee. There will be cash prizes throughout the evening and a 50/50 raffle. For information, please contact Robyne Libertore at 914-325-6373.

**"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 January 25<sup>th</sup>, February 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> and March 7<sup>th</sup>. 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.



**S.J.B. Senior Club News:** The Senior Club has begun 2016 with their regular Wednesday meetings – on January 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> (with a lunch prepared by its members.) Our February plans include First Friday Mass on the 3<sup>rd</sup> at 12:00 noon followed by a surprise luncheon. Ash Wednesday is on February 10<sup>th</sup> and the start of Lent. With winter's possible foul weather, our trips will be put on hold until the spring.



**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 16<sup>th</sup> to February 15<sup>th</sup>. 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.



**Save the Date:** Come join us as the Rosary Altar Society presents its annual Card Party on Saturday, February 27<sup>th</sup> 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 off at the Rectory.



**Rosary Altar Society Annual Scholarship Bake Sale:** Our Scholarship Bake Sale which benefits two of St. John the Baptist 8<sup>th</sup> Grade girls will be held on Saturday, February 6<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, February 7<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> after 2 pm. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

**Special Program:** St. Barnabas is beginning a seven week program, Discovering Christ, starting on Sunday, January 31<sup>st</sup> 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).



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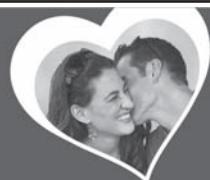
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