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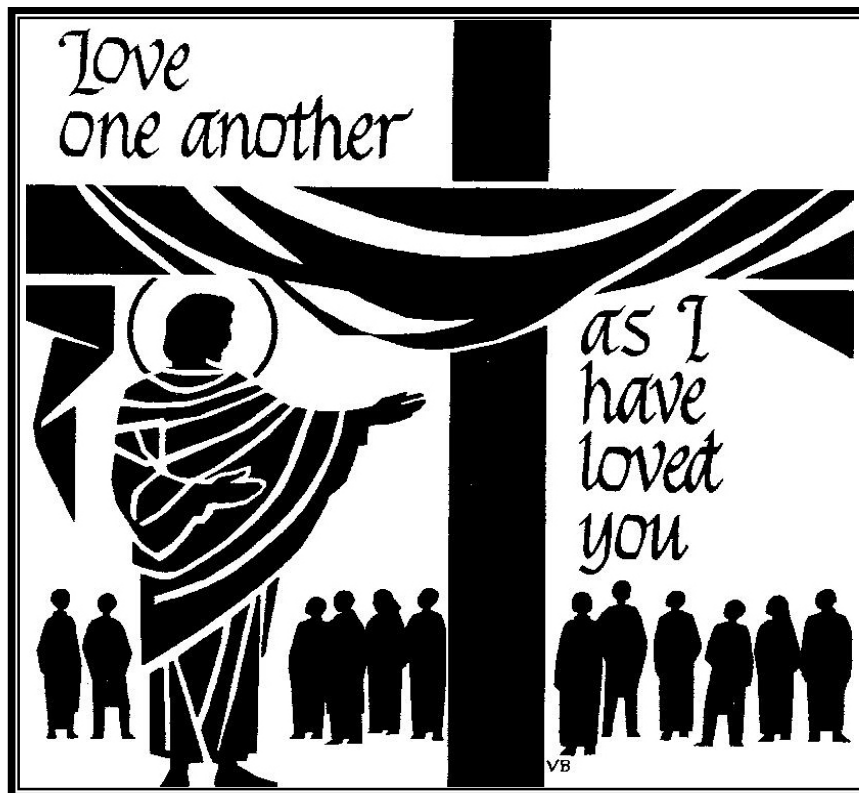
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Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 17, 2017

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Masses
Saturday Vigil:
5:00 p.m.

Sunday:
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, September 16, 2017

Vigil: Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. Elsie Drayer and Sheila Herbert

Sunday, September 17, 2017

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

9:30 a.m. Salome and Rene Guignard

11:00 a.m. Michalina & Dewey Bernardini and
Manuel & Ascencion Almeida

12:30 p.m. Conte Family, Ann and Daniel Fama,
Robert Brescia and Edward Makowski

Monday, September 18, 2017

8:00 a.m. Rory O'Flaherty

12:00 noon Bernardo and Mary Germani

Tuesday, September 19, 2017

Feast of St. Januarius, Bishop and Martyr

8:00 a.m. Sophia Naryniecki

12:00 noon Phyllis and Vincent Cardone

Wednesday, September 20, 2017

*Feast of Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest, and Paul Chong
Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs*

8:00 a.m. Kristen Renee Mc Redmond

12:00 noon Evelyn Moccio -- 1st Anniversary

Thursday, September 21, 2017

Feast of St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

8:00 a.m. For the Deceased Members of the
Albanese and Bucci Families

12:00 noon Angelina Massari, Anna Colicci and
Spencer Peroni

Friday, September 22, 2017

8:00 a.m. Giuseppe Albanese

12:00 noon Rita Flynn

Saturday, September 23, 2017

Feast of St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

8:00 a.m. For the Deceased Members of the
Cocco Family

Saturday, September 23, 2017

Vigil: Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. Elizabeth and Phillip Marra

Sunday, September 24, 2017

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. For the Deceased Members of the
Rinaldi and Rubbo Families

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

11:00 a.m. Sabino Morano

12:30 p.m. Luigi and Maria Milizia



Wedding Banns

I. Christopher Anderson and Kristen Policastro

I. Raymond O'Connor and Katelyn Amass

I. Daniel Lattin and Agnes Arbaiza Mejia

WEEKLY PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, September 17th

Catechetical Sunday – 9:30 Mass -- Church
Reception – following Mass – lower Church

Wednesday, September 20th

Seniors Leisure Club – 12:00 noon – 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
Holy Name Society Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

Friday, September 22nd

Movie Night – 6:00 p.m. – lower Church

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday, September 16th

5:00 p.m. – C. Gilseman and R. McLaughlin

Sunday, September 17th

8:00 a.m. – E. McGarvey and S. McGovern

9:30 a.m. – M. Albanese and N. Crisp

11:00 a.m. – R. Peter and E. Ruge-Howard

12:30 p.m. – N. Gilligan and K. Postighone

Saturday, September 23rd

5:00 p.m. – M. Colaiacovo and D. Odume

Sunday, September 24th

8:00 a.m. – L. Loughran and M. Loughran

9:30 a.m. – A. Burke and K. Burke

11:00 a.m. – A. Cassidy and M. McLaughlin

12:30 p.m. – N. Conlon and D. Liberatore

Hurricane Relief: Last week at St. John's we took up a special collection – at the request of Cardinal Dolan – to assist Catholic Charities efforts to aid hurricane victims in Texas, Florida and elsewhere. Since this was a special collection, many of our parishioners were unprepared for it – but Msgr. Maloney announced that anyone who wasn't able to contribute to this special effort last week can do so this week by placing their donations in an envelope marked "Catholic Charities" or "Hurricane Relief." Checks should be made payable to St. John's with the notation "Hurricane Relief." Thank you for your generosity. Please keep the victims of these terrible storms in your prayers.

S.J.B. ANNOUNCEMENTS

September 17, 2017

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: Two weeks ago we were asked to accept the hardships involved in fidelity to our Christian commitment. Last week, we were called to loving mutual correction. Today, a new dimension is added to an already demanding lifestyle: we must let go of anger, harbor no resentments, cling to no past wrongs.

In today's first reading from the Old Testament (Sir. 27:30-28:7) Sirach urges us to forgive others if we want the Lord to forgive us. He points out the hypocrisy of seeking mercy for ourselves when we are not merciful to others. Remembering the mortality we all share should not only keep us from sin; it helps us to "set enmity aside."

In today's gospel (Mt. 18:21-35) Our Lord's parable of the unforgiving servant contrasts the infinite nature of the forgiveness God extends to us and the petty grievances we hold against one another. Matthew seems to suggest that our treatment of those who wrong us is a powerful factor in determining our final destiny.

In the second reading (Rom. 14:7-9) St. Paul for his part gives, in a few phrases, a magnificent summary of the beauty of the Christian life. "While we live, we are responsible to the Lord, and when we die as the Lord's servants." Another aspect to today's readings is the totality of our Christian commitment. We may not pick and choose which of Jesus' values we will embrace. If we call ourselves Christians, we must embrace them all. Here again we will often find ourselves at odds with the broader society, but we must determine to be faithful to our baptismal promises. If we value life, then we value all life, "from womb to tomb"; if we value justice, then we work for justice for all people, regardless of inconvenience; if we say we value truth, then we must embrace truth, even when it hurts. Then we can truly proclaim with the psalmist, "The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger and rich in compassion."

SPECIAL SAINTS' DAYS THIS WEEK

Tuesday, September 19th – St. Januarius

A martyr in the fourth-century Naples, San Gennaro is mostly noted for the annual phenomenon of the liquefaction of his blood. Whatever the mystical or scientific explanation of this, the worshiping throngs in Naples' cathedral today can remind us of the centrality of blood in our ecclesial life. Appreciation of this core symbol can perhaps deepen and broaden our participation in the Eucharist.

Wednesday, September 20th – St. Andrew Kim and Companions

In the middle of the 19th century, Andrew, born in Seoul Korea, a convert and the first native Korean priest, and over a hundred other men and women evangelized the people of Korea and were martyred for their heroic witness.

Thursday, September 21st – St. Matthew

This Jewish man – a despised tax collector who worked for the occupying Romans, was called by Jesus to be one of the first apostles. He is the one credited with the gospel that appears first in the New Testament; His gospel indicates the way Jesus fulfilled the promises God made to the Jewish people as recorded in the Old Testament.

Saturday, September 22nd – St. Padre Pio

This Capuchin priest born in Italy in 1887 spent fifty years of his life in a monastery far from the capitol of the world, where he worked, prayed, was a spiritual mentor to thousands and inspired millions by the courage with which he bore the "stigmata" – the sign of the Lord's wounds – in his own body.

Sunday Report: Last weekend 1,330 parishioners attended Mass; our collection totaled \$9,547.00; average contribution: \$7.18. 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 Anna Gallego and Antonio Blasetti who were buried from our church this past week. Our prayers go out to their families and friends.

Holy Name Society Scholarship Golf Tournament: The H.N.S. will be holding their annual Scholarship Golf Tournament at Dunwoodie Golf Course on Friday, October 13th. This tournament funds two scholarships that are given annually to graduating 8th graders from St. John's. The price per golfer is \$175.00. This includes the round of golf, lunch, dinner, greens and cart fees. Reservations and payment must be made by October 4th and are on a first come basis. Become a sponsor by making a donation to the Holy Name Society Scholarship Fund. For more information, please call Vinny Vanadia at dvanadia@aol.com.



Senior News: St. John the Baptist Senior Club have begun their regular meetings on Wednesdays after the 12:00 noon Mass in the lower church. First Friday meetings will begin on October 6th with Mass followed by a Chinese Luncheon (\$6.00). On Thursday, October 12th we will be going to celebrate Oktoberfest at Krucher's in Pomona, NY, for only \$65.00 – which includes a delicious complete German luncheon and transportation. On Friday, November 3rd will be our First Friday Mass followed by Pizza and salad. The weekend of November 18th/19th is our annual Bake Sale with our famous Gift Basket raffles, handmade knitting and 50/50 drawing in the lower Church.

Catholic Group: The Catholic Widow and Widowers of Yonkers is a social, religious and bereavement organization which helps to meet the needs of its members. We meet on the third Thursday of each month at St. Ann's Church (Fr. Anthony Hall), 31 College Place. New members are welcome. For more information, please call 914-423-5331. Our next meeting will take place on Thursday, September 21st at 1:00 p.m.



H.S. Open House: Regis High School (55E. 84th St., Manhattan), an all-scholarship Jesuit secondary school for Catholic boys, announces its Open House for 8th grade boys and their parents, on Wednesday, October 4th from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. For additional information call 212-288-1100.



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.



Catechetical Sunday: This Sunday at the 9:30 a.m. Mass we will recognize and bless our catechists and support staff serving in the Wednesday Religious Education program, Children's Liturgy of the Word Mass and R.C.I.A. for 2017–2018. Refreshments will follow in the Church Hall. We are very grateful to these generous volunteers!

Being and Becoming Catholic: Very shortly we will begin a series of meetings that will prepare teenagers and adults to receive the sacrament of baptism, communion, and/or confirmation. Often adult and young adult Catholics (for a variety of reasons) have never received confirmation. In other cases, persons from another (non-Catholic) Christian tradition wish to become Catholics; such persons are prepared for reception into the Church by this program. Finally, there are individuals who were never baptized who may wish to become Catholics – this group is meant for them as well. If you know any such an individual, please have him or her contact Sr. Mary Beth Read at 965-2338.



2107 - 2018 Music Program: The adult, junior and children's choir season are beginning under the direction of Mr. John Stufano. All parishioners wishing to join are invited to visit the choir loft after any weekend Mass to introduce themselves. The adult choir sings at the 11:00 a.m. Mass every Sunday and many special events throughout the year. Rehearsal for the adult choir is held on Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. in the Church. More information about the two youth choirs (which will sing at the 9:30 a.m. Mass) is available in school and the Religious Education program. Being part of the choir is a wonderful way to participate more fully in the Sacred Liturgy. Please consider making the commitment and being part of what promises to be an exciting new season.

Virtual Pilgrimage: St. Bartolomew's Parish, 15 Palmer Road, Yonkers is hosting a Lourdes Virtual Pilgrimage, conducted by the North American Volunteers on Friday, September 22nd at 7:00 p.m. The Virtual Pilgrimage is a guided spiritual journey offering the experience of Lourdes in a local interactive way without leaving home. Touch a piece of the Grotto Rock, experience the precious water from the Grotto spring, and receive a Eucharistic Blessing as in Lourdes. No charge, free will offering. For more information call Cheryl Duda at 914-476-6676.

Special Collection: This weekend we take up our annual second collection to support St. Joseph's Seminary in its important work of preparing young men to serve the Church in the Archdiocese of New York as priests. Please be generous in this second collection – and please keep our seminarians in your prayers and pray for vocations to the priesthood and the religious life!

Attention all S.J.B. Men: Please join the Holy Name Society for their monthly meeting on Wednesday, September 20th 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!

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