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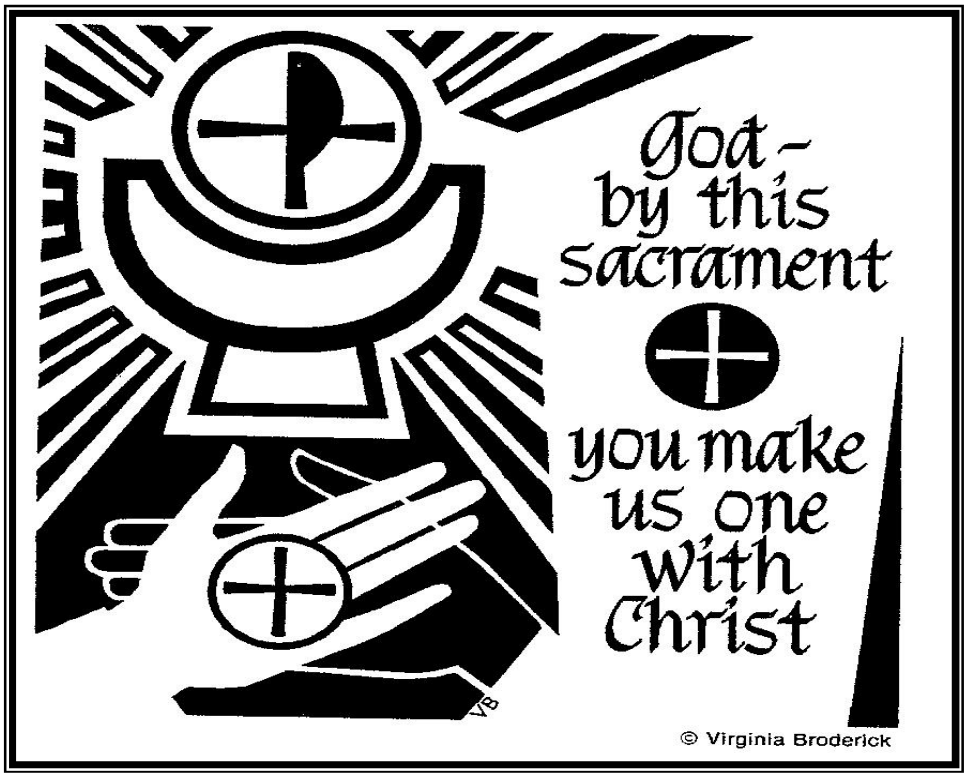

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Masses
Saturday Vigil:
5:00 p.m.

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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, August 18, 2018
Vigil: Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00 p.m. **Deceased members of the O'Connor and O'Sullivan Families**

Sunday, August 19, 2018
Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. **Delia and James Whalen**
9:30 a.m. **Mass for the parishioners of St. John the Baptist**
11:00 a.m. **Frank Curovic**
12:30 p.m. **John Concannon**

Monday, August 20, 2018
Feast of St. Bernard, Abbott and Doctor of the Church
8:00 a.m. **Kathleen Callahan**
9:00 a.m. **Cara Pezzulo**

Tuesday, August 21, 2018
Feast of St. Pius X, Pope
8:00 a.m. **Michael Tenore**
9:00 a.m. **Vincent Streva**

Wednesday, August 22, 2018
Feast of **The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
8:00 a.m. **Regina Capobianco**
9:00 a.m. **Joseph Sabato**

Thursday, August 23, 2018
Feast of St. Rose of Lima, Virgin
8:00 a.m. **Mary Ann Davis**
9:00 a.m. **Kate Doonan**

Friday, August 24, 2018
Feast of St. Bartholomew, Apostle
8:00 a.m. **Philomena McCooey**
9:00 a.m. **Tommy Morrin**

Saturday, August 25, 2018
Feast of St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest
8:00 a.m. **Antonio Blasetti**

Saturday, August 25, 2018
Vigil: Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00 p.m. **Deceased members of the Grady Family**

Sunday, August 26, 2018
Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. **Edward Swatowy**
9:30 a.m. **Angela and Christine DeFonce**
11:00 a.m. **Catherine and Denis O'Sullivan**
12:30 p.m. **Mass for the parishioners of St. John the Baptist**

WEDDING BANNS

III. Andrew Rauso and Lisa Marie Gorman
III. William E. Seabrook and Nancy A. Ulrich
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ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday, August 18th
5:00 p.m. – M. Bello and N. Crisp

Sunday, August 19th
8:00 a.m. – M. Albanese and C. Elias
9:30 a.m. – G. Boynes and R. Boynes
11:00 a.m. – E. Ruge-Howard and S. Ruge-Howard
12:30 p.m. – J. Velasquez and M. Duffy

Saturday, August 25th
5:00 p.m. – M. Colaiacovo

Sunday, August 26h
8:00 a.m. – C. Elias
9:30 a.m. – M. Bello
11:00 a.m. – B. Ferguson
12:30 p.m. –

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (popularly known as "RCIA") is the process designed by the Church for adults to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion. The goals are to give a complete overview of Catholic teaching and practice and to begin to deepen a Christian spiritual life centered in the Sunday Scripture readings. The sacraments are received at the Easter Vigil Mass. **It is open to adults who:**

- Have never been baptized; they would be preparing for all three sacraments.
- Were baptized in a non-Catholic Christian denomination who are interested in becoming Catholic; they would be preparing for Confirmation and First Communion.
- Were baptized Catholic but never received Confirmation and/or Communion; they would be preparing for the sacraments they have not yet received.

The 2018-2019 program at St. John's which prepares adults (and older adolescents) to receive sacraments will begin in October. However, if you (or anyone you know) is interested in learning more about our program, please leave your name at the rectory 963-1486.

S.J.B. ANNOUNCEMENTS

August 19, 2018

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: Today our readings from Sacred Scripture invite us to enter into the banquet prepared for us by the Lord Himself. Today's first reading from the Old Testament's Book of Proverbs depicts Wisdom (a symbol of God) building a house and preparing a meal. The only prerequisite for entry into the feast is simplicity of mind and heart. The book of Proverbs is full of gentle reminders that we must forsake foolishness so that we may live well in God's sight. In the second reading from the letter to the Ephesians (5:15-20), St. Paul also advises us to avoid acting like fools; we are to avoid the "wine of debauchery" and imbibe the wine of the Holy Spirit.

Finally, in the Gospel (John 6:51-58) Our Lord once again affirms that He is the bread of life. This time He makes it undeniably clear that the bread which He gives for our life is His very flesh, the substance that will allow us to partake in eternal life. Many of those who first heard His words thought that this was going too far. They left the synagogue and never followed Jesus again. Truly the mystery of God's flesh and blood in the Eucharist is a difficult one to understand, but in faith we must affirm it and in so doing, we will be guaranteed a place at the great banquet that God will provide for all His faithful.

SPECIAL SAINTS' DAYS THIS WEEK

Monday, August 20th – St. Bernard

Today we celebrate one of the great Church leaders of the middle ages – St. Bernard of Clairvaux who seemed to be everywhere in the first half of the twelfth century – preaching crusades, reinvigorating monks and monasteries, advising popes, fighting heresy, writing theological and spiritual works. He remains a powerful inspiration to us because of his holiness of life.

Tuesday, August 21st – Pope Pius X

Before he was elected Pope Pius X in 1903, Giuseppe Sarto served the Church as pastor, bishop, and Patriarch of Venice. He is remembered as a pastoral Pope who encouraged the frequent reception of Holy Communion, the lowering of the age for First Holy Communion and the daily reading of the Scripture. His motto was "Renew all things in Christ" and many of his reforms (as well as his personal holiness) helped to renew the Church in the twentieth century.

Wednesday, August 22nd – Queenship of Mary

This is the octave day of Our Lady's Assumption – the day prescribed by the Church for the celebration of Mary as Queen of Heaven and Earth. This feast (long celebrated in many parts of the world) was extended to the Universal Church by Pope Pius XII during the Marian Year in 1954. We venerate Mary as queen for 2 reasons: because of her unique part in redemption and because she is the first among the saints. Pius XII said of her, "Like her Son before her, she conquered death and was raised body and soul into heaven, where as queen, she sits in splendor at the right hand of her Son."

Thursday, August 23rd – St. Rose of Lima

The first canonized saint of the Americas, Rose was born in Lima, Peru in 1586; she lived a life of prayer, penance and virtue, caring selflessly for the homeless, the poor, the elderly and the sick. She died in 1617.

Friday, August 24th - St. Bartholomew

Tradition tells us that Bartholomew preached the Gospel in Arabia and gave his life for the message of Christ. From his life and that of the other apostles, we learn lessons of unwavering zeal and commitment to Christ and His teaching. They demonstrated the kind of discipleship "that keeps on going". Pray today from the reading from Revelation in thankful praise for the life of Bartholomew, the apostles, and for those martyrs of today who preach the message of justice and peace in the midst of discord and strife.

Saturday, August 25th – St. Louis

Born in 1214, Louis became king of France at age 22; as Louis IX he provided a model of what a good, just, honest and honorable leader can be. He was a faithful husband, a loving father and a man of deep spirituality.

Sunday Report: Last weekend 1,060 parishioners attended Mass; our collection totaled $7607.00; average contribution: $7.18. Thank you; and God bless you for your generosity to St. John's.

Rest in Peace: Let us pray for Liboria Governali, Frank Calabrese and Almicinda Ramirez 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 19th. This tournament funds two scholarships that are given annually to graduating 8th graders from St. John's. The price per golfer is $200.00 (dinner only -- $75.00). This includes the round of golf, lunch, dinner, greens, and cart fees. Reservations and payment must be made by October 12th 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 email Danny Vanadia at dvanadia@aol.com.

Contemplative Prayer Retreat: This retreat is intended for those interested in a contemplative prayer experience. First-timers as well as those who are familiar and experienced with this type of retreat are all welcomed. Our time will be filled with prayer experiences, quiet personal time, spiritual liturgies and daily Eucharist. It will be held on Monday, September 24th through Thursday, September 27th at the Marianist Family Retreat Center in Cape May, NJ. For more information, contact Anthony Fucci, Center Director, at 609-884-3829 or email www.capemaymarianists.org.

Special Masses: 1) On Tuesday, September 4th at 7:30 p.m. St. Paul the Apostle (602 McLean Avenue) will host a Mass for Healing celebrated by Rev. Msgr. Jose Puthenparambil of a Mission Diocese in Kerala, India; 2) A Mass for Healing will be celebrated at Holy Rosary Church, Hawthorne on Monday, September 10th at 7:30 p.m. Fr. Justin Cinnante will be the celebrant. This is an opportunity to bring your spiritual and physical needs to the Lord.

Religious Education Program: The 2018 - 2019 registration for the St. John the Baptist Religious Education Program has begun. **To obtain a New Family Religious Education Registration Form (for your child):** Please call the Rectory (963-1486) as soon as possible. When completing the registration, a copy of your child's Baptismal Certificate will be necessary; families must, of course, be members of our parish.

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.

Bequests: In preparing your will or considering a bequest, please keep in mind the Church of St. John the Baptist. The fact that this magnificent church exists and has been able to serve so many during its more than 100 years of Catholic ministry here in Yonkers has been made possible by the tremendous sacrifices – financial and personal – of those who have gone before us. Please help to ensure that the work of preaching the gospel, handing on the faith and administering the sacraments will be continued for years to come! A simple statement like "I give the Church of St. John the Baptist the sum of $_____ to be used for its general purposes" is sufficient. Remember to pray for all our benefactors. (Bequests to your parish are fully deductible for Federal estate tax purposes.)

Advanced Planning: Two weeks from this Monday is Labor Day (September 3rd), a national holiday and a time to celebrate the efforts of millions of men and women who contribute to our free economy and make our country great. Please note: Our parish office will be closed on Labor Day. The church will be open for our 8:00 a.m. Mass; after the 8:00 a.m. Mass, the church and chapel will be closed.

Back to School: St. John the Baptist School welcomes its wonderful students in their school uniforms according to the following schedule:

Wed., Thurs. & Fri., Sept. 5th, 6th, & 7th	-- Grades 1st through 8th from 8:30 – 11:30 a.m.
Wednesday, September 5th	-- Pre-K & K - (last name) A to K (only) from 8:30 – 11:30 a.m.
Thursday, September 6th	-- Pre-K & K - (last name) L to Z (only) from 8:30 – 11:30 a.m.
Friday, September 7th	-- All Pre-K & K -- from 8:30 --11:30 a.m.
Monday, September 10th	-- Pre-K to 6th grade from 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.; 7th and 8th grades from 7:45 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Monday, September 10th	-- After Care begins

N.B.: Registration for new students is ongoing; please call 965-2356 for information.

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