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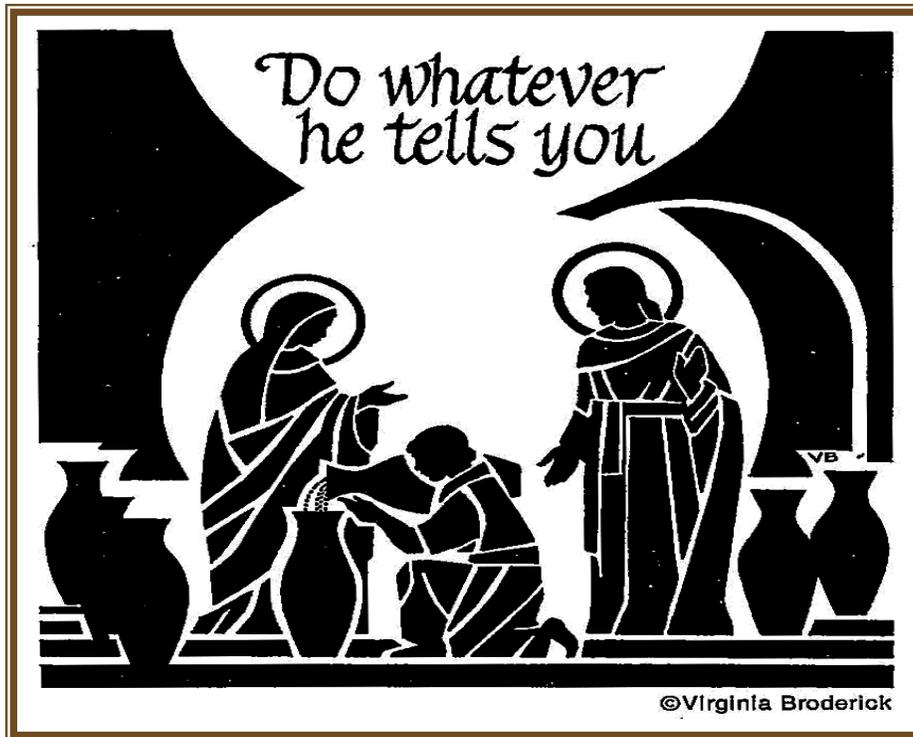
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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 16, 2022

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Masses
Saturday Vigil:
5:00 p.m.

Sunday:
8:30, 10:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m.

Monday thru Friday:
8:00 a.m. & 12:00 noon

Saturday:
8:30 a.m.

Sacrament of Penance
Saturday 4:00 - 4:45 p.m.

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Sacrament of Baptism
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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 15, 2022

Vigil: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. Angelo Maiello – 1st Anniversary

Sunday, January 16, 2022

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. Ernesto Gazzola

10:30 a.m. Vicky Feliciano -- Birthday

12:30 p.m. John Matchanickal

Monday, January 17, 2022

Feast of St. Anthony, Abbott

Martin Luther King, Jr.

8:00 a.m. Jean Lubanski

Tuesday, January 18, 2022

8:00 a.m. Rory O'Flaherty

12:00 noon Dominica Vitale

Wednesday, January 19, 2022

8:00 a.m. Maria Schiavetta

12:00 noon Alice Condura

Thursday, January 20, 2022

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

8:00 a.m. Colette Gillin

12:00 noon Barbara Keller – 6th Anniversary

Friday, January 21, 2022

Feast of St. Agnes, Virgin

8:00 a.m. Joan Mattaei

12:00 noon Edwin Rodriguez

Saturday, January 22, 2022

8:30 a.m. Rita DeLuca

Saturday, January 22, 2022

Vigil: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. Rev. John Lennon

Sunday, January 23, 2022

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. Nunzio and Elisa Cianfaglione

10:30 a.m. Margaret and Thomas Coleman and Joseph Potter

12:30 p.m. Luise Lyddy and Breeda Flynn

WEEKLY PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, January 16th

Children's Dismissal – 10:30 a.m. -- Church

Monday, January 17th

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – Rectory Closed

Wednesday, January 19th

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

Friday, January 21st

Cub Scouts – 2:30 p.m. – School Cafeteria

New Parishioners: If you are new to our parish community here at St. John's we welcome you and invite you to become an active member of our parish – participating in any of the parish societies or organizations which may interest you. Please make sure to register with us. You can find new parishioner registration forms in the back of the church or in the rectory. Once completed, you can give them to one of the priests or ushers – or you may drop them off at the rectory during the week.

Dr. Martin Luther King: is honored by a national holiday a week from this Monday, on January 17th. 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!

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!

S.J.B. ANNOUNCEMENTS

January 16, 2022

THE 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.

SPECIAL SAINT'S DAY THIS WEEK

Monday, January 17th – St. Anthony, Abbot

Born around 240 A.D. in Egypt, Anthony felt God's call as a young man to give up all worldly possessions and go into the desert where he lived a life of prayer and fasting. Others were drawn to a similar life and soon gathered near the holy man in what became the first Christian community of monks. He is considered the Father of monasticism.

Thursday, January 20th – St. Sebastian, Martyr

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.

Friday, January 21st – St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr

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.

Saturday, January 22nd – 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.

Rest in Peace: Let us pray for Dominick J. DeVito and Alberto Torres who were buried from our church this past week. Our prayers go out to their families and friends.

Practical Matters:

1. The Weekly Collection remains absolutely essential to our parish operations. Parishioners may contribute via WeShare (go to sjbyonkers.org –look for “online Donations” on the title page) or by bringing or mailing your contribution to our rectory office or dropping it into one of the baskets in church on Sunday.
2. Throughout the fall we will continue to have only one collection; if you have two (2) envelopes on any given Sunday, please put both in the one collection.
3. Our parish office is open Monday – Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
4. Please consult our parish website (www.sjbyonkers.org) for updates on parish events and activities.
5. Upon recommendation of the Archdiocese we will continue not filling holy water fonts; we will maintain the weekly sanitizing of the church (and sanitizing between Masses); there will be no “exchange of peace” and communion will be in the hand.
6. We continue to expect those who are not yet vaccinated to wear masks at all Masses and services.

Mandated Announcement: To report an alleged incident of sexual abuse of a minor by a priest, deacon, religious or lay person serving in the Archdiocese of New York may contact the victims’ assistance coordinator, Ms. Eileen Mulcahy at 646-794-2949 or victimassistance@archny.org. Information can also be found on the Archdiocesan website, www.archny.org. In keeping with the Archdiocesan policy regarding sexual abuse of minors, this information is provided to ensure that our children remain safe and secure.

Special “Children’s Dismissal” Mass: This Sunday at our 10:30 a.m. Mass we will celebrate our special liturgy where we welcome younger boys and girls and excuse them after the opening hymn and prayer – and take them to our lower church for a special Liturgy of the Word. After Mass we invite parents and their children back to the lower church for Crafts and Coffee. We will of course observe social distancing and ask parents who are not vaccinated yet to wear masks.

Gratitude: Msgr. Maloney received so many beautiful cards and letters – some of which included spiritual bouquets and monetary gifts. He will try to acknowledge each one individually – but given the pressure to move and make final arrangements – he may miss some who were so thoughtful and kind. He regrets this but wants you to know how grateful he is for the generous “send off” he received. He will keep all of you in his prayers.

My dear people of St. John the Baptist Parish,

Thank you very much for your kind welcome to me as your Pastor. I am happy to be with you. The church is magnificent, and I am thrilled to be at a parish with a Catholic school. I have enjoyed going over to see the children.

Please continue to remember Msgr. Maloney in your prayers. He has done such a fantastic job as the Pastor here at St. John the Baptist that it is easy to pick up with the administration of the parish after his stellar years as Pastor. We will always hold him especially dear in our hearts and our prayer. I am sure all of you will join me in looking forward to seeing Msgr. Maloney again in the spring. I hope he will come to the parish often and regularly after returning from Florida.

Last weekend at all the Mass, I said that I have come to serve at St. John the Baptist Parish. I promise to do my best to serve you in every way! I humbly ask you to pray for me that God will grant me the wisdom and strength to serve you and St. Ann’s Parish. Neither parish is about to close, but I serve two parishes because there are not enough priests serving in the Archdiocese of New York. Please pray for an increase of vocations to the priesthood.

Confession is such an essential part of our spiritual life as Catholics, and it is necessary for the salvation of our souls to confess regularly. Therefore, we will resume hearing Confessions at our parish beginning next Saturday evening from 4 until 4:45 PM. We will make the confessional as safe and clean as possible. If you remain unwilling to enter the confessional in the back of the church, you may come to the rectory or stop either Fr. Daniel or me anytime to hear your confession. Confession is “good for the soul,” and we should willingly come to this great Sacrament as often and as regularly as possible.

Please note that I will each week write a “Pastor’s column” to the parish members to share what is coming up in the parish or to encourage the parish with a spiritual message. Thank you for taking the time to read this column.

Until next week, peace and prayers,

Fr. Stephen P. Norton

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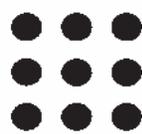
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