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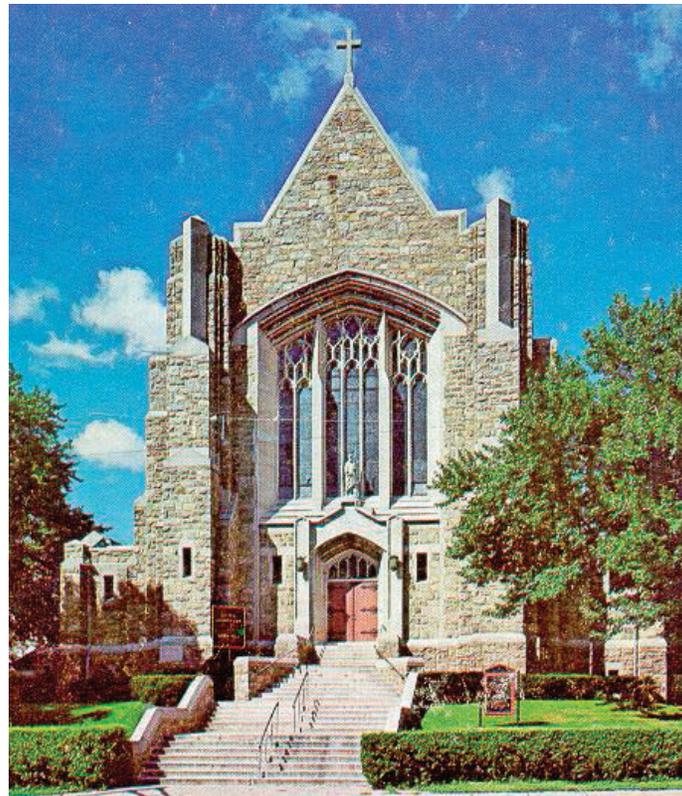
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Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 15, 2022

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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.

Sacrament of Marriage
Make arrangements six months prior to wedding

Sacrament of Baptism
Call rectory for information.



Saturday, May 14, 2022

Vigil: Fifth Sunday of Easter

5:00 p.m. Giuseppe Gullotta – 18th Anniversary

Sunday, May 15, 2022

Fifth Sunday of Easter

8:30 a.m. Settimia Soprano and Nancy Rubbo

10:30 a.m. Peter Smith

12:30 p.m. Edward Makowski and
Ann and Daniel Fama

Monday, May 16, 2022

8:00 a.m. Joseph Thomas Potter

12:00 noon Michael A. Ruggiero, Jr.

Tuesday, May 17, 2022

8:00 a.m. Rory O'Flaherty

12:00 noon Joe McCarthy

Wednesday, May 18, 2022

Feast of St. John I, Pope and Martyr

8:00 a.m. Mary Capobianco

12:00 noon Deceased Members of the Senior Club

Thursday, May 19, 2022

8:00 a.m. Leonard Mola

12:00 noon Yolanda and Fiorino Guglielmi

Friday, May 20, 2022

Feast of St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest

8:00 a.m. Rosa Siconolfi

12:00 noon John Szczepanski

Saturday, May 21, 2022

*Feast of St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest and
Companions, Martyrs*

8:30 a.m. Thomas M. Rourke

Saturday, May 21, 2022

Vigil: Sixth Sunday of Easter

5:00 p.m. Lillian Maloney and Teresa Ramoni

Sunday, May 22, 2022

Sixth Sunday of Easter

8:30 a.m. Bridie O'Connor

10:30 a.m. Lucia and Martino Olivieri

12:30 p.m. Virginia DeLucci



Wedding Banns

II. Justin Lambe and Lisa Doyle

II. Daniel Neves and Dominique Severo

II. Nicholas Nearchou and Nicole Vitale

II. Thomas Fasano and Jeanine Carriero

I. Erick Calixto and Leonela Martinez

I. Aniello DeVita, Jr. and Adriana Doati

I. Elio Moran and Maribel Moran

WEEKLY PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, May 15th

Children's Mass – 10:30 a.m. – Church
Coffee and Craft Hour – following Mass – lower church

Wednesday, May 18th

Seniors' Leisure Club – 12:00 noon – lower Church

Special Children's Mass: This Sunday at our 10:30 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 lower church for a special Liturgy of the Word. After this Mass please join us for a Family Coffee and Craft Hour in the lower church 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.

New Life: We congratulate those who were initiated into full membership of our Church by receiving the sacraments of Baptism and/or Confirmation at our 10:30 a.m. Mass last Sunday. We are inspired by their profession of faith and assure them of our prayers. They are: Christopher Canas, Mercedes Gorená, Alexander Paquero, Alexavier Paquero, and Raul Segundo.

Special Guests: Next Sunday, we welcome the members of the Yonkers Fire Department to the 10:30 a.m. Mass for their annual Mass and Communion Breakfast. We are most grateful to the Yonkers firefighters and their families for all that they do for our community. We are honored to have them with us. May God bless them and keep them safe!

Religious Education: Registration forms are now available online. Please go to the Parish web page, sjbyonkers.org; click on Faith Formation, then Religious Education. Under Religious Education you will see a listing for Religious Ed Registration forms and Calendar. Print out the forms and calendar and return the completed forms to the Religious Ed office or the Rectory with your full payment. If you have any questions or concerns about the applications please call the Religious Ed office at 914 965 2338 or email your questions to stjohnthebaptistred@gmail.com.

S.J.B. ANNOUNCEMENTS

May 15, 2022

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER: Today's readings all resonate with the eschatological mystery of the kingdom of God, what theologians often refer to as the "already but not yet" nature of that kingdom. God's reign has already begun; it broke into human history with the incarnation of Jesus in the womb of Mary. But that reign is not yet fully established, nor will it be until the end of the world. In the meantime, it is up to Christians to make the Kingdom more a reality by responding to the needs of the world's peoples. To the extent that human needs are met, the Kingdom of God is present. A look around tells us we have a long way to go.



In today's first reading (Acts 14:21-27) Paul and Barnabas are on the move, tireless in their proclamation of the Good News. They pull no punches with the communities they visit: they "must undergo many trials," if they are truly dedicated to the work of the Kingdom.

In the second reading (Rv. 21:1-5) St. John, too, is aware of all the hardships of any human life, but especially one lived according to standards the world cannot possibly understand. His vision today uses wedding imagery to describe the future joy and fulfillment that will come to those who are faithful. Troubles will end, there will be "a new heaven and a new earth."

In the gospel (Jn. 13:31-5) Jesus gives the ultimate motivation for perseverance in our work for the Kingdom: we do it all out of love for each other, in imitation of Jesus, who first loved us.

SPECIAL SAINTS' DAYS- EASTER WEEK FIFTH

Wednesday, May 18th – St. John I

Born in Tuscany, John was elected Pope in 523. John preached the orthodox teaching about the true nature of Jesus Christ (both human and divine) in a Church still plagued by the Arian heresy. He was imprisoned and starved to death for his heroic witness.

Friday, May 20th – St. Bernardine of Siena

Bernardine was born in Tuscany; he joined the Franciscan Order and spent his life preaching and giving missions throughout Italy in the early 15th century. He fostered devotion to the Holy Name of Jesus.

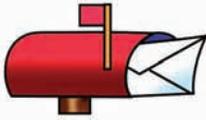
Saturday, May 21st – St. Christopher Magallanes and Companions

In the early 20th century, Christopher – along with a group of priests and laymen – were executed for their leadership in the "Cristero" movement in Mexico. The "Cristero" movement promoted religious teaching and practice in the face of persecution by the anti-Catholic Mexican government at the time. The "Cristero" motto was "Long live Christ the King and the Virgin of Guadalupe!"

Easter Tradition – The Easter Egg: There is an ancient legend that on the first Good Friday Simon of Cyrene was in the marketplace in Jerusalem buying food for his family. He had purchased a basket of eggs when a Roman soldier ordered him to assist a man who was carrying a cross on his way to be crucified. Simon left his basket of eggs with the grocer and went to help. When they reached Golgotha the soldier pushed Simon away, but not before Jesus thanked him and promised He would give Simon a sign that He had risen.

Simon watched from a distance as Jesus died His agonizing death and all the next day Simon was haunted by the experience. Finally two days later, Simon remembered the eggs he had bought – and he rushed back to the marketplace. The grocer handed Simon his basket – and when he looked in it he saw that each of the eggs had changed. Some were brightly colored; others had beautiful designs on them. Simon remembered the Lord's promise – and he became a believer on the first Easter Sunday.

Honor Thy Father: This year father's Day falls on Sunday, June 19th. This is a day to honor all fathers – living and dead. This is a day to express our thanks for all they have done for us. It is a day to tell them how much we love them and to ask for their prayers even as we assure them of ours. For those fathers who have gone before us into the fullness of life with God, we give thanks to God for them as we recall their memories this day. On Father's Day we begin a Triduum of Masses for those fathers whose names are enrolled with us. Starting in 2 weeks, special Father's Day cards and envelopes will be available at the exits of the Church or in our rectory office. Envelopes can be placed in the collection basket. Let us pray that Joseph, the father of Jesus, will bless all fathers.



FROM THE
PASTOR'S DESK

My dear people of St. John the Baptist Parish,

The month of May is dedicated to Our Blessed Mother, Mary. It is an excellent Catholic practice to pray the rosary regularly, especially during May. The rosary is a powerful prayer tool, and everyone who remains close to Mary will always be led to the Sacred Heart of Jesus now and at the hour of our death. Therefore, I recommend the rosary to all of us at St. John the Baptist Parish.

There is a Rosary Rally today at 1 pm at St. Ann's. The group will be dedicating a new statue of the Blessed Mother, pray the rosary for peace in the world, and invest anyone who wants with the Brown Scapular. The Scapular, as you may know, comes with a promise that whoever is wearing the scapular at the moment of death will not suffer the pains of hell. I always wear my scapular! All are welcome to the rosary rally at St. Ann's.

I am very excited about the upcoming parish picnic! I know it is in June, but the day will be here before we know it! Please consider coming to the picnic. It will give us all the chance to get together and me the opportunity to meet and greet all the members of the parish. I am very impressed with the games and other fun activities planned for the day. Sign-up soon and make plans to join together for the parish picnic.

Until next week, remember to pray the rosary.

Fr. Stephen P. Norton

St. John the Baptist, pray for us.

Rest in Peace: Let us pray Lucy Guarino, Dennis DeVeau, Carmelo Oliveri and Nereida Gutierrez who were buried from our church this past week. Our prayers go out to their families and friends.

Parish Picnic: It's official. The ever popular Bounce House will be back! Additionally the even more popular Bingo will be back! As we start preparing in earnest now for the Parish Picnic, we ask for volunteers who are willing to spend an hour helping with the many games and races that are planned. If you are attending and are willing to help for a short while, please reach out to John Sanchez at jsanchez@tcco.com or 646-208-3951. The sooner we confirm we have the help that is needed, the sooner we can begin signing up teams for the Tournaments! We're looking forward to seeing everyone at the Parish Picnic on June 4th (rain date – June 5th).

Volunteers Needed – SJB Vacation Bible School 2022: Vacation Bible School returns for the week of July 18th. It is a 5 day program bringing Bible Study, Music, Arts & Crafts and Recreation to Pre-K to 5th Graders. If you cannot volunteer the full 5 days and can only volunteer 2 or 3 days, we will work with your schedule. Please call or text Jim Maistre at 914 309 3135, or email at jimmaistre@gmail.com, and he will send you an SJB VBS Volunteer Registration form or you can pick one up at the rectory.

Catholic Widows and Widowers: The Catholic Widows and Widowers of Yonkers is a social, religious and bereavement organization that helps to meet the needs of its membership. We meet on the third Thursday of the month at St. Ann's Church in Father Anthony Hall, 31 College Place, Yonkers, at 1:00 p.m. Our next meeting will be held on May 19th. For more information, please call 914.423.5331.

Vacation Bible School Registration: DON'T MISS OUT!! Registration closes June 3rd. Our program will be the week of July 18th, Student Registration Forms have been distributed in the School and Religious Education Program for Pre-K to entering 6th grade classes. Student Registration Forms are also available in the Rectory. If you have any questions you can email Jim Maistre at jimmaistre@gmail.com or text or call him at 914 309 3135.

Second Collection: This 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.



SJB Senior Club News: Our Seniors have had several meetings with five new members joining. We had prayer, jokes and refreshments and of course bingo. We are making plans for the rest of the year including a Bake Sale with flea market goodies and an Oktoberfest outing. While we continue planning our calendar, we ask all seniors to join our club when we meet in the lower church on Wednesdays after the noon Mass. For more information call Deacon Marty Olivieri, 914-423-4859.

Cards and Letters: Anyone who wishes to write to either of Msgr. Maloney or Msgr. Birkle can drop off any letters, etc. at the rectory and it will be forwarded to them. Please keep them both in your prayers.

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Gospel Today

Fifth Sunday of Easter | John 13: 31-33a, 34-35

Jesus says, "all will know that you are My Disciples, if you have love for one another." *John 13:35*

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"Now is the Son of Man glorified."

John 13:31

Fill in the missing letters underlined in the text.

___hildren, I will be with you

Love ___ne another

You will look for ___e

Son of ___an

Love one ___nother

I give you a ___ew commandment

You are my ___isciples

___y disciples have love

LOV___!

___ow is the Son of Man glorified

I say it ___o you,

The letters spell which word?

"I give you a new _____."

What does Jesus ask us to do?

What can you do for others today as a disciple of Jesus?

"My children, I will be with you only a little while longer. You will look for Me, and as I told the Jews, 'Where I go you cannot come', so now I say it to you. I give you a new commandment: Love One Another."

John 13:33-35



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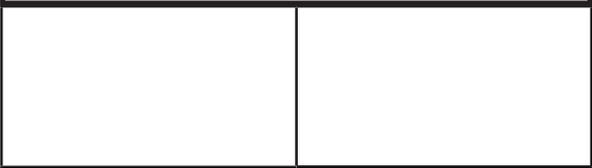


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