

*Tongues
of fire*



*descended
upon them.*

St. John the Baptist Church

May 24, 2015— PENTECOST SUNDAY



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OFFICE HOURS

Isabelle 10:15 AM—3:15 PM
May 11:00 AM—4:00 PM

REV. GEORGE TOROK, C.O., ADMINISTRATOR
Rev. Roman Dominic Palecko, C.O., Parochial Vicar

Deacon John Cunningham
Deacon Robert Pang

Parish Secretaries:

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We invite visitors to explore membership at St. John's. Visitors may have their questions answered by contacting the Rectory (359-0078) and asking to have a member of our Welcoming Ministry contact you by telephone.

OUR SACRAMENTAL LIFE

We celebrate the Eucharist:

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:30 am
Spanish Mass: 1:00 pm
Weekday: Monday thru Friday: 8:00 am
Saturday Morning: 9:00 am

Holy Days: As announced

First Friday: Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place from 8:30—10:00 AM. It will resume at 5:00 PM followed by a Holy Hour at 7:30 and ending with Benediction.

We celebrate Baptism:

Please call the Rectory well in advance of the expected day of Baptism to arrange an appointment for an interview.

Pre-baptismal meeting for parents is required. We require all Baptismal families to be registered at St. John's. Godparents must be confirmed, practicing Catholics. Generally Baptisms are celebrated the third Sunday of each month at 12:00 pm.

We celebrate Reconciliation:

Confessions are heard from 4:30-5:00 pm on Saturday. You may also make an appointment with one of the priests.

We celebrate Marriage:

Marriages should be arranged at least six months in advance. Participation in Pre-Cana is essential. Please call the Rectory to schedule an appointment with one of the priests.

We celebrate Anointing of the Sick:

Planning to enter the hospital for elective surgery or other serious treatment, and for those who have need of spiritual healing. In an emergency, call the Rectory at any time.

We celebrate Holy Orders:

Any gentleman interested in exploring the question of vocation to the priesthood or the permanent diaconate should contact Fr. George Torok. We would also be happy to direct anyone interested in living their lives as Religious Sisters or Brothers.

We celebrate the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults: We welcome you to full membership in the life of the Church. The instruction for Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist for adults.

Parish Registration: All adults (over age 21) should register in the parish themselves and should use envelopes or parishpay.com. Tithing is 5% of income. This registration is our only means of certifying anyone as a member of the parish, especially for Baptism and Confirmation sponsorship letters and for scheduling Baptisms and Weddings.

Mass Schedule

Sat.	05/23 5:00 PM	James & Elizabeth Armstrong By The Armstrong Family
Sun.	05/24 8:00 AM	John McNamee By Jean DeLongis
	10:30 AM	Al Malfa By Mildred Oslica
Mon.	05/25 9:00 AM	Rosalie Codello
	CEMETERY	By Robin Miller
Tue.	05/26 8:00 AM	Rosalie Codello By Mary & Bill Loftus
Wed.	05/27 8:00 AM	Richard Stadnick By The Stadnick Family
Thurs.	05/28 8:00 AM	Rosalie Codello By The Bark Family
Fri.	05/29 8:00 AM	Connie Lynch (Healing) By The Outreach Ministry
Sat.	05/30 9:00 AM	Bob Crable By Mary O'Sullivan
	5:00 PM	Millicent DeRosa By Elaine Laurino
Sun.	05/31 8:00 AM	Elena Regala (Healing) By Eden Ronquillo
	10:30 AM	Michele Arroyo

MEMORIAL DAY—MONDAY, MAY 25TH

Mass will be offered at the entrance to Rockland Cemetery at 9:00 AM.

Bring a lawn chair and join us!

Please remember in your prayers the Sick and/or Homebound of our Parish Family. Theresa Veen, John Miraglia, Bill Stein, John Steppone, Francis Conka, Sr., Martin Casey, Ken Yelonek, and Susie Bernier (all Giblin's relatives), John Set (Deacon Bob Pang's uncle), Gerri Sherwood, Nijole Paronetto, Larry Sorriento, Ginny Tercer, Casey Smith, Ray Sheehan, Linda Krasinski, Anna Ely, Marcelo Giuliante, Anna Kertys (Fr. Martin's mother), Arys Ramos, Anthony Berardi.

As a Parish Family, let us remember in our prayers all our beloved departed members of our Parish Community including Rosalie Codello, Rosemary Chesterman, Pat Dumphy (Helen Bark's sister), William D. Smith.

PLEASE ADVISE THE RECTORY (359-0078) WHENEVER A PARISHIONER BECOMES HOMEBOUND, ILL, OR HOSPITALIZED SO ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE FOR A PRIEST, DEACON OR EUCHARISTIC MINISTER TO VISIT AND BRING COMMUNION TO THEM.

Pastor's Notes

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Receive the Holy Spirit

"And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were" (Acts 2:2).

The Holy Spirit's arrival on that first Pentecost was signaled by a rush of wind. We all know what it's like when our windows are open just as a summer storm rises up. Curtains fly, papers become airborne, house plants shudder, dust is scattered. A rush of wind disrupts the orderliness of our home. The coming of the Holy Spirit, as celebrated each year at Pentecost, can also disrupt ways that have become comfortable and orderly.

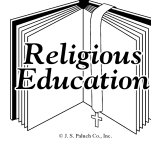
The Church always needs Pentecost. We need the breath of God's Spirit to blow away any complacency or malaise that has settled into our faith. Jesus breathes on his disciples and they receive the Holy Spirit. With that reception comes the power to share the Good News of salvation. Today, this is no less true for us.



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Unless the eye catch fire,
God will not be seen.
Unless the ear catch fire,
God will not be heard.
Unless the tongue catch fire,
God will not be named.
Unless the heart catch fire,
God will not be loved.
Unless the mind catch fire,
God will not be known.

—William Blake



**THE GOOD NEWS FROM
OUR SCHOOL OF
RELIGION**

Looking for ways to get involved? Do you love kids? Want to add meaning to your life? Have we got the answer for you!!!

We need VOLUNTEERS for our Religious Ed. Program. We need a seventh grade teacher...

We need substitutes... We need assistants for some of our teachers... We need substitutes...

Will you please help us???

Remember, "God does not call the qualified, He qualifies the called."

Call Ms. Dunn at 845.942.2908 or email at kathleendunn47@gmail.com ASAP.

First Communion and Confirmation banners are on the table outside the Relig. Ed. Office ready to be picked up.

REGISTER NOW for Relig. Ed. Forms are available in the Church and outside the Office.

WEEK IN FOCUS

Sun. May 24	PENTECOST SUNDAY Baptism Preparation 11 AM Legión de María, 11:30 AM AA Meeting, 7:00 PM
Mon. May 25	MEMORIAL DAY— CEMETERY CDA Knitting, 1:00 PM
Tues. May 26	Scripture Class 9:30 AM Baptism Prep. Span. 7:00 PM Span. Bible Study 7:00 PM
Wed. May 27	Spanish Choir Practice, 7:00 PM Piermont Senior Meeting, 1:30 PM
Thurs. May 28	CDA Knitting, 1:00 PM Span. Choir Practice, 6:30 PM Span. Council Mtg., 7:00 PM
Fri. May 29	Friday Renew Group, 10 AM Spanish Prayer, 7:00 PM
Sun. May 31	THE MOST HOLY TRINITY Baptism Preparation 11 AM Legión de María, 11:30 AM

Congratulations

The following couples celebrated wedding anniversaries:

- Mr. & Mrs. Cajamarca —50 yrs.
- Margaret & Thomas McManamon —50 yrs.
- Lucia & Sal Caruana —25 yrs.
- Jennifer & John Daly —25 yrs.



LITURGICAL MINISTERS MAY 30th & 31st

Time	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers
5:00 PM	Carol Conklin-Spillane	Brian Spillane	Aishling Cavanaugh Patrick Cavanaugh Ryan Brady
8:00 AM	Fran Loftus	Lynne Dennerlein	Shane Cawley Alex Gottlieb Reilly Steifel
10:30 AM	Anna Vorse	Jeanne Sheehan	Gabriel Ramundo Peter Ramundo Louis Giampiccolo
1:00 PM	Carlos Hernandez Marlene Lemus Mario Zamora Hilda Alarcon	Antonio Ramirez	Dayanna Ramirez Ayleen Sicha Evelin Palma

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HANDBAG BINGO

Wednesday, May 27th, 7:00 PM

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church, 120 Kings Highway, Tappan, is holding a Handbag Bingo to support their efforts to save their Little Chapel. \$50. BYOBA: bring your own beverages and appetizers. Coffee, Tea, Water & Dessert provided. Doors open at 6:30 PM.

PIERMONT/ORANGETOWN SENIORS

The Piermont Seniors meet at St. John's Connelly Hall the **second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at 1:30 PM.**

If you are 60 years (or more!), you are invited to join them. It's a fun group that have many activities, including wonderful field trips, etc.

Come and have a great time and meet great people!

SAVE THE DATE!

The Social Club will host a multi-cultural potluck supper on

Saturday, June 13th.

More details will be forthcoming.

Start planning your menu!

NEW YORK CATHOLIC BIBLE SUMMIT 2015 CUMBRE BIBLICA CATOLICA DE NUEVA YORK Saturday (sábado), June 20th 350 East 56th, New York City

**Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation
Constitución Dogmática sobre Divina
Revelación**

Keynote Speaker:

Michael Francis Kolarcik, S.J., Rector of the Pontifical Biblical Institute, Rome, Italy

Orador Principal:

Mons. Fernando Ramos Perez, Obispo Auxiliario de Santiago de Chile y Vicario General

FAMILY DAY

In celebration of our faith and family values, the Archdiocese of New York will be hosting the first Archdiocesan Family Day on **Saturday, June 27, from 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 PM**, at the San Silverio Shrine in Dover Plains, New York.

We are anticipating a fun-filled event complete with food, games and Mass celebrated by Bishop Peter Byrne with Cardinal Timothy Dolan as homilist.

Admission is \$10/person (children under 3, free). To learn more about or to purchase tickets for the event, go to <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/archdiocese-of-new-york-family-day--tickets-16582304118>. Space is limited. Register early.

COMMON SENSE PARENTING 6-Session Workshop for Parents of Children Ages 6-16

The Archdiocesan Family Life + Respect Life Office has been presenting this workshop in the Church of St. Barnabas, 409 E. 241st St., Bronx, NY 10470, Considine Center, Room 1-6, on **Tuesdays since May. Remaining sessions are on June 2, 9, 23, from 7 to 9 PM.**

\$30 covers one or both parents and includes a book. (If finances are a problem, alternative arrangements can be made confidentially.)

Learn real solutions to everyday challenges of getting children to listen and do what they are supposed to do. Contact Sue DiSisto, 646-794-3191 or susan.disisto@archny.org.



TIPS FROM THE HEALTH EDUCATION MINISTRY

Pray for one another that you may find healing."

• James 16

Our sixth annual blood drive scheduled for **Sunday, June 7th**.

Answers to common questions regarding giving blood:

- Donor age 16 needs parental permission; ages 17 through 75, no permission ; age 76 and over needs written permission from doctor.
- You need to have some identification with you, but your records will be kept confidential by the New York Blood Center.
- Most physical conditions and medications do not prevent you from giving blood. Bring a list of your medications if you are in doubt.
- You need to have something to eat and to drink before you donate blood.
- The blood donation itself takes only about twelve minutes, but you should count on being here for about an hour, including filling out the papers (basic information and your medical history) and resting and eating a snack (provided by the Blood Center) after you complete your donation.
- You are eligible to give blood again 56 days after your donation.



Blood Drive

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50th WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Couples celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary any time during 2015 are invited to attend the Annual Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass with His Eminence Timothy Cardinal Dolan at St. Patrick's Cathedral on **Saturday, June 20th, at 2 PM, or Sunday, June 21st, at 2 PM.**

Pre-registration is required. Please contact us here at the Rectory if you wish to register.

Anniversary



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ANOINTING MASS AT ST. PAUL'S Saturday, June 6th – 12 Noon

The **Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick** is a beautiful gift from God. It is a sacrament that is administered to a Catholic "who, having reached the age of reason, begins to be in danger due to sickness or old age." It is a sacrament which provides comfort, peace, courage and, if the sick person is unable to make confession, even forgives sin.

Whenever new illness develops or first illness relapses or worsens, the person may receive the sacrament a further time. It may also be given numerous times in the case of old age or chronic illness based on the pastoral judgment of the priest.

This is not to be confused with what we traditionally refer to as the "Last Rites" which involves a three-part reception of the sacraments of Anointing, Penance and the Holy Eucharist or Viaticum.

Light refreshments will be provided in the parish hall immediately following the mass. Please plan on attending this special Mass at Saint Paul, Congers, on Saturday, June 6th, at 12 noon.

"Through this Holy Anointing, may the Lord in His love and mercy help you with the grace of the Holy Spirit. May the Lord who frees you from sin, save you and raise you up."

MEMORIALS

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Now that Spring has sprung and that Nature is beguiling us with her beauty, it is time to think about beautifying Our Lady's outdoor Shrine by remembering and celebrating your dear ones, whether living or deceased. A wonderful way to do so is by buying bricks in their name for the walkway leading up to Our Lady's statue. This is a permanent memorial that is very meaningful and only costs \$125 per brick. If interested, please contact the Rectory at 359-0078.

Of course, another great way to do so is by contributing towards the purchase of flowers for the Altar.

The house of the Lord should always be beautiful.



2015 CARDINAL'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Our current total pledge is \$47,127. This represents only 107 parishioners, so if you have not yet sent in your pledge/gift, please do so as soon as possible. Remember, **for every dollar we send in excess of our goal, 60% is returned to us!**

What a nice way to improve our finances, help the needy, and look good!

Introducing FLOCK NOTES

Get important updates from the parish in a timely and convenient way. This new tool we're using lets you choose what info you'd like to receive - via email or text message - from the various ministries and groups in the parish. You can unsubscribe at any time.

There are 2 easy ways to connect (pick one)

1. Visit our parish at: www.flocknote.com/stjohnbaptist **or**
2. Text SJPIermont to 84576
Text STOP to stop txt notifications at any time. Text HELP for help. There is no charge for this service, but your carrier message and data rates may apply.



SAVE THE DATE!

PARISH BLOOD DRIVE

Connelly Hall

Sunday, June 7th

Before and after all the Masses.

Sign-up Weekends

TODAY, May 16/17

May 23/24

May 30/31



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BLOOD DRIVE

Pentecost



At last! The power hinted at and the Spirit promised are unleashed on this holy day. We call it the birthday of the church. Scripture gives us some sense of how electrifying these events must have been to those who lived through them. Up until now, they have been waiting in the upper room. In today's readings, that room is filled with wind and fire and bold proclamations in foreign tongues.



The Spirit lives on in the church in each of us who are members of the Body of Christ, given different gifts from the same Spirit. Only after Pentecost could the apostles look back and understand what Jesus meant when he said, as reported in today's Gospel reading, "Receive the Holy Spirit."



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In Sicily to this day, there is a custom of scattering rose petals down from the ceiling of church on the heads of the faithful, an effective reminder of the "tongues of flame" descending on the apostles, and a sign that the Holy Spirit still is poured out on the baptized. It is not merely a quaint custom, but a fairly potent sign of what baptism does.




Hech 2:1-11; Sal 103; 1 Cor 12:3b-7; Juan 20:19-23

Collection for 5/17/15 \$3,847

*Lord,
send out your spirit and renew
the face of the earth!*

**THE WINNER OF THE
300 CLUB DRAWING
ON 5/17th WAS
EILEEN MOSON, #151**

MESSAGE FOR PARENTS!
A reminder that we have closed-circuit television for parents with young children. You and the children will feel more comfortable attending Mass downstairs in Connelly Hall if they become noisy and/or fidgety. Communion will be brought downstairs if you advise the Ushers. Take advantage of this service and everyone will be happier.




“De repente se oyó un gran ruido que venía del cielo, como cuando sopla un viento fuerte, que resonó por toda la casa donde se encontraban” (Hechos 2:2). La llegada del Espíritu Santo en ese primer Pentecostés fue marcada por un viento fuerte. Todos sabemos lo que se siente cuando abrimos las ventanas en el momento en que se levanta una tormenta de verano. Las cortinas vuelan, los papeles se elevan, las plantas tiemblan y el polvo se revuelve. Un ventarrón que perturba el orden de nuestro hogar. La venida del Espíritu Santo, que celebramos cada año durante Pentecostés, también puede perturbar hábitos que se han vuelto cómodos y organizados. La Iglesia siempre necesita de Pentecostés. Necesitamos el soplo del Espíritu de Dios para que disperse nuestras autocomplacencias o cualquier malestar que ha penetrado nuestra fe. Jesús sopla en sus discípulos y reciben el Espíritu Santo. Con esa recepción viene el poder de compartir la Buena Nueva de la salvación. Hoy esa realidad no es diferente a lo que se espera de nosotros.

Para los cursos pre-bautismales llamar a:
Alex Aguilar 845-480-1502 y Carlos Ortiz 845-893-9718. Los cursos se dan previa cita los martes 7pm y domingos 11am.

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Sir 17:20-24; Sal 31:1-2, 5-7; Mc 10:17-27
Martes: Sir 35:1-12; Sal 49:5-8, 14, 23; Mc 10:28-31
Miércoles: Sir 36:1, 4-5a, 10-17; Sal 78:8, 9, 11, 13; Mc 10:32-45
Jueves: Sir 42:15-25; Sal 32:2-9; Mc 10:46-52
Viernes: Sir 44:1, 9-13; Sal 149:1b-6a, 9b; Mc 11:11-26
Sábado: Sir 51:12cd-20; Sal 18:8-11; Mc 11:27-33


We welcome all our new parishioners and kindly ask you to register for the parish. Our new parish census forms are available in the Vestibule or at the Rectory. Please return the form to the Rectory, to an usher or to Fr. George. May God bless your entering into our parish family! Having your name in our records is the only way we have of certifying that you are a practicing Catholic, as we have to do for people who are being asked to serve as sponsors of Baptism and Confirmation.


CONSEJOS DE PARTE DEL MINISTERIO DE SALUD
“Ruegen por los otros para que encuentren sanación.”
— Jaime 16

Nuestra sexta campaña para recoger sangre tomará lugar el **domingo, 7 de junio**.
Respuestas a preguntas frecuentes con respecto a dar sangre:

- Los de 16 años necesitan permiso de los padres, de 17 a 75 años, no permiso necesario, y de 76 en adelante se necesita permiso escrito de un médico.
- Necesita llevar alguna clase de identificación, pero su información se mantendrá confidencialmente por el Centro de Sangre de Nueva York.
- La mayor parte de condiciones físicas y remedios no previenen dar sangre. Traiga una lista de sus remedios si tiene duda.
- Necesita comer o tomar algo antes de dar sangre.
- El acto de dar sangre toma más o menos sólo doce minutos, pero debe planear estar ahí una hora, llenando papeleo (información básica y su historia médica) y para descansar y comer alguna golosina (que el Centro da) después de haber dado su sangre.
- Puede dar sangre de nuevo 56 días después de su donación.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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