

*Our eyes are fixed on
the Lord,*



*pleading for His
Mercy.*

St. John the Baptist Church

JULY 5, 2015— 14th SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME



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Phil McCartin James Pontone

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:

Isabelle M. Fenton, isabellefenton1@optonline.net

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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:

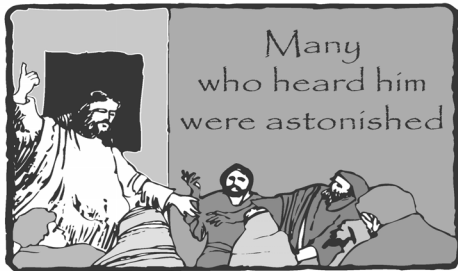
Any gentleman interested in exploring the question of vocation to the priesthood or the permanent diaconate should contact Fr. George Torok. We would also be happy to direct anyone interested in living their lives as Religious Sisters or Brothers.

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.	07/04 5:00 PM	Mary Cornetta By Connie Lynch
Sun.	07/05 8:00 AM	Elena Regala (Healing) Eden Ronquillo
	10:30 AM	Bud Sedlack By Family
Mon.	07/06 8:00 AM	John Penick By Daughter, Jean
Tue.	07/07 8:00 AM	Jacob Koza By Helen, Tony & Kathy Koza
Wed.	07/08 8:00 AM	Eileen Hoey By Rica, Peter & Dillon Kelly By Anna Ely
Fri.	07/10 8:00 AM	Mrs. Shanor By Rica, Peter & Dillon Kelly
Sat.	07/11 9:00 AM	Silvio & Christopher Castagna By Maria Castagna
	5:00 PM	Vaneck & Utchel Families By Mildred Oslica
Sun.	07/12 8:00 AM	Ada Gianna Giblin (Birthday) By Joann & Scott Giblin
	10:30 AM	Elizabeth Cartwright By Therese O'Dowd



Please remember in your prayers the Sick and/or Homebound of our Parish Family. Theresa Veen, John Miraglia, Bill Stein, Francis and Mary Conka, Sr., Martin Casey, Ken Yelonek, (all Giblin's relatives), John Set (Deacon Bob Pang's uncle), Gerri Sherwood, Nijole Paronetto, Larry Sorriento, Ginny Tercer, Casey Smith, Ray Sheehan, Anna Ely, Marcelo Giuliente, Arys Ramos, Connie Lynch, Bo DiFrancesca, Joan Wheeler.

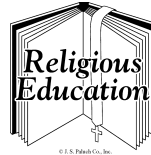
As a Parish Family, let us remember in our prayers all our beloved departed members of our Parish Community, Magnolia Velez, Dominick DeYorgi, Lina Martellacci, Anthony Berardi, Vivian Kelly.

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.

Dear Parishioners,

Mark's Gospel account today is built on a double astonishment or amazement: the neighbors and family of Jesus are astonished that He taught in the synagogue with wisdom and worked powerful signs. Jesus, in turn, is amazed that they have no faith in Him because they know His origins, not because of any fault with His teaching or ministry.

As with many of Mark's passages, we get a rather intimate glimpse here of the human part of Jesus' two-fold nature. To reinforce His point, Mark tells of Jesus' return to His native place, and further points out that He is in the midst of His own family members there. From the very people He expected the most, Jesus received the least. In the day of the Gospel's writing, Mark was attempting to illustrate a lesson to the house of Israel: the God of the covenant expected the greatest faith from the house of Israel, but often received the least. This is a good source for reflection on our part, we who are Jesus' followers today. For the wisdom of Christ to continue and for our lives to be seen as signs of His power, He must expect and be able to find great faith among us. Will He? Can He? Does He? Or is He, once again, amazed by its absence?



**THE GOOD NEWS FROM
OUR SCHOOL OF
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There is still time to register your youngsters for 2015-2016, but do hurry as a LATE FEE of \$50 goes into effect on August 1st. Please remember, books have to be ordered, classes have to be organized and paperwork has to be completed, so get your forms in ASAP.



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Registration forms are in the Church vestibule, at the Rectory and outside the Office in the Church Hall.

We are also still looking for a number of volunteers to help in a variety of ways. Please email kathleendunn47@gmail.com to offer your help in our dynamic Religious Education program.

WEEK IN FOCUS

Sun. July 05 Baptism Prep. Span. 11 AM
 Legion de Maria, 11:30 AM
 AA Mtg. 7:00 PM

Mon. July 06 CDA Knitting, 1:00 PM

Tues. July 07 Baptism Prep. Span. 7:00 PM
 Span. Bible Study 7:00 PM
 Span. Leaders Mtg. 7:00 PM

Wed. July 08 Piermont Senior Mtg., 1:30 PM
 Spanish Choir Practice, 7:00 PM

Thurs. July 09 CDA Knitting, 1:00 PM
 Span. Choir Practice, 6:30 PM
 Span. Council Mtg., 7:00 PM

Fri. July 10 Friday Renew Group, 11:00 AM
 Spanish Prayer Group, 7 PM

Sun. July 12 Baptism Prep. Span. 11 AM
 Legion de Maria, 11:30 AM
 AA Mtg. 7:00 PM

WANTED! NEEDED!

Due to Joan's illness, we are in dire need of an organist/keyboards player. Please contact



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Ted Simone as soon as possible:
 (845) 268-5143, or
theosimone@aol.com.

**THE SANCTUARY LAMP
 Is Being Offered Today
 For the Healing of
 BUZZ JACOBSON
 By
 The Parish**



LITURGICAL MINISTERS JULY 11-12, 2015

Time	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers
5:00 PM			
8:00 AM			
10:30 AM			
1:00 PM	Alfredo Martinez Elmer Mazariego Gloria Trinidad Jose Omar Mejia	Yolanda Zamora	Michael Perez Kelly Perez Dayana Garcia

SUMMER HOSPITALITY



As we do every year we are asking for volunteers to continue hospitality through the summer.

This includes all Sundays beginning **June 28th through September 13th** (eleven Sundays). The sign-up sheet will be in the kitchen.

Or you can e-mail Robin at robmiller124@aol.com. Making coffee is not a prerequisite - punch and cookies will do just fine. This is a great way to meet fellow parishioners, get your children involved or just give back if you have been enjoying Hospitality all year!



*It is easier to preach
ten sermons than it is
to live one.*

PILGRIMAGE TO GREECE

We will be following the footsteps of Apostle Paul from April 10—19 next year! Visit Thessalonika, Philippi, Corinth, Ephesus, plus the Meteora Monasteries. The trip includes a 3-day cruise to Santorini and Patmos, where St. John the Evangelist wrote Revelation.

The price is \$2,740 per person.

There is a special \$100 super saver discount if deposit of over \$500 is received by July 10, 2015.

Please contact Robin Miller, 359-0793, for a brochure and more information, or robmiller124@aol.com.



As part of their celebration of the Year of Consecrated Life, the Dominican Sisters of Sparkill invite women high school age and older to join the Sisters for an afternoon of prayer and reflection on **September 13, 2015**. The theme will be: **"In the Stillness You Will Know."** The afternoon includes Mass and will take place at Dominican Convent in Sparkill, beginning at 1:00 PM and concluding at 5:00 PM.

Please come and share this time with us. (*Moms, this might be a perfect experience to share with your daughter!*)

To register, call Sr. Maureen at 845-359-4207. To learn more about the Sisters, visit www.sparkill.org or their Facebook page: www.facebook.com/

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

- Monday: Gn 28:10-22a; Ps 91:1-4, 14-15ab; Mt 9:18-26
- Tuesday: Gn 32:23-33; Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b, 15; Mt 9:32-38
- Wed. Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a; Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19; Mt 10:1-7
- Thursday: Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 10:7-15
- Friday: Gn 46:1-7, 28-30; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mt 10:16-23
- Saturday: Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a; Ps 105:1-4, 6-7; Mt 10:24-33
- Sunday: Am 7:12-15; Ps 85:9-14; Eph 1:3-14; Mk 6:7-13

This week's second collection will be for the Pastoral Solidarity for the Church in Africa.
Please be generous as always.



TIPS FROM THE HEALTH EDUCATION MINISTRY

Pray for one another that you may find healing."

• James 16

The Skinny on Fats

There is a lot of emphasis nowadays about controlling cholesterol. Not all cholesterol is bad, and it is necessary to keep us healthy and functioning normally. Cholesterol comes from two sources; about 75% is produced in the liver and other cells and about 25% from diet. Cholesterol is only found in animal products. There is good (HDL) and bad (LDL) cholesterol. When the bad cholesterol in the blood gets too high, it can lead to fatty deposits in many of the blood vessels in the body narrowing them (atherosclerosis) and putting us at risk for heart attack, stroke, kidney disease and peripheral artery disease. HDL cholesterol can help prevent this from happening and is protective. HDL cholesterol is thought to help carry away the LDL cholesterol for removal from the body. Cholesterol is not the whole story. Another type of fat in the blood is triglycerides (TG). TG can be just as dangerous. Obesity, diabetes, inactivity, smoking and high carbohydrate (sugar) diets can cause very high levels of TG.

MEMORIALS

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A meaningful way to honor your dear ones, deceased or alive, is by contributing towards the purchase of weekly flowers for the Altar. The house of the Lord should always be beautiful.

Of course, another way is by buying bricks in their name for the walkway leading up to Our Lady's outdoor shrine. This is a permanent memorial that is also very meaningful and only costs \$125 per brick. If interested, please contact the Rectory at 359-0078.

HOSPITALITY SPECIAL THANKS!



We would like to thank the following hostesses (and host) who served from September to June: Cindy

Anselmo, Lucia Caruana, Sheila Chesterman, Jennifer Daly, Jean DeLongis, Eileen Donohue, Dominika and Jonathan Fanning, Carol Gibbs, Kerry Gillen, Christina Mascola, Elizabeth Mazzeo, Nancy Morrissey, Amy Ramundo, Dana Reynolds, Jeanne Sheehan, Marilyn Timberger.

And a special thanks to the three hostesses who joined us this year: Laura Armstrong, Marian Armstrong-Duggan and Eileen Mo-son!

SUMMER ENRICHMENT ACADEMY DON BOSCO PREP

This program offers a COOP exam course to 8th grade male students. This is the examination for admission to Catholic High Schools. 12 students/class. Session 1: **July 6th—16th.** Session 2: **July 20th—30th. Monday through Thursday, 8:15 AM—12:15 PM.** \$500. Extra help will be available.

Rue Eisen: (201) 327-8003, Ext. 174.

COOP PREP CLASS ALBERTUS MAGUS HIGH SCHOOL

A COOP Prep Class will be offered at Albertus Magnus H.S. to prepare students entering 8th grade for the November 6, 2015, Catholic High School Entrance Exam. Monday through Thursday, from 9 am to 12 noon, for two weeks, **August 17, 18, 19, 20, 24, 25, 26 and 27.** \$450 (includes COOP Review Book).

Contact Noreen Power (845) 623-8842, or e-mail npower@albertusmagnus.net, for more info.

BEING A STEWARD MEANS LIVING WITH TRUST IN GOD'S GENEROSITY AND A REASONABLE TENDING OF THAT WHICH GOD HAS ENTRUSTED TO US.

2015 CARDINAL'S ANNUAL APPEAL

We did not receive any gifts this week and only 117 parishioners have contributed. ***It's NOT too late to do so***; therefore, 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!**

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CATHOLIC WIDOW & WIDOWERS CLUB OF ROCKLAND COUNTY

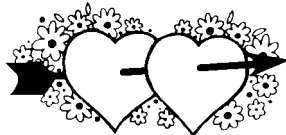
The Club will be meeting on **July 19th, at 6:30 PM** at St. Augustine's Church (downstairs). Dessert and coffee will be served. We are playing Bingo and having an ice cream social. Guests are welcome. For information, call Dotty at (845) 623-1739.

LOST

Ralph Olsen lost his Swiss Army knife at the picnic. If you found it, please return it to the Rectory. Thanks!

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

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July 11th/12th: "I will hear what God proclaims..." Get away from the busyness of life and allow God to speak to your Sacrament of Matrimony or Holy Orders.

Contact: www.wmmc.org or toll free 877-NYS-WWME, ext. 3.

PRO-LIFE NEWS

Population Growth Is Not An Obstacle to Development

The Holy See delegation to the United Nations has expressed its concern over the emphasis given to population growth as an obstacle to development.

Archbishop Bernardito Auza, the Permanent Observer of the Holy See to the United Nations was speaking on Thursday to the UN Commission on Population and Development, which was discussing sustainable development.

"In developing countries where populations are growing, economies are often growing, too," said Archbishop Auza.

"The challenge before us is not so much population growth, but the crafting of policies and programs that stimulate employment, ensure investments in basic public services, foster good stewardship of resources, underpin good governance, and encourage the transfer of technologies needed by the developing world so that they are better equipped to meet their own needs," he continued.

Archbishop Auza also expressed concern about the effects of the declining fertility rate combined with the declining mortality rate in developed countries.

"The increasing burden that it places on social safety nets and health services is creating an alarming situation, in which our elderly and our youth are more and more vulnerable," he said.

Archbishop Auza said policies that support youth employment and the family are essential, and greater attention needs to be given not only to providing increased levels of social protection coverage, but also to policies that are sensitive to and supportive of the family and of traditional family value systems that provide vast social protection.

"Providing young people with real skills and opportunities will also be essential," he said.

If you have lost a baby at birth or prior to birth, then the Rachel Ministry is the place for you. They meet at the Marian Shrine (Lomagno Hall, adjacent to Shrine Church). Their schedule is: July 20th, August 17th, September 21st, October 19th, November 16th and December 21st, at 7:00 PM. Contact: RachelMinister1@aol.com, or call (845) 492-6709. Free and Confidential.

Weekly Offering

The Collection for 6/28 was \$2,939

THE WINNERS OF THE 300 CLUB DRAWING ON 6/28 WERE:

Joe D'Auria	# 43	\$ 1,000
Deacon John	# 277	\$ 100
Bill Loftus	# 86	\$ 100
John Luckie	# 149	\$ 100
Anna Marchese	# 162	\$ 100
Chris O'Rourke	# 279	\$ 100

GOD HAS NO PLAN B.

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.



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.

Ezek 2:2-5; Sal 122; 2 Cor 12:7-10; Mar 6:1-6

Según la carta a los Hebreos 6:1-2 hay seis fundamentos de la fe cristiana. Entre ellos se encuentra la imposición de manos. El evangelista Marcos (6:5) nos relata que Jesús usaba la imposición de manos para sanar a los enfermos. La curación se realizaba mediante sus manos. Los hispanos normalmente somos táctiles, pues reconocemos la importancia de una caricia, de una mano apretando la nuestra, de una palmada en el hombro, y de otros toques de mano. Las manos tienen el poder o la facultad de transmitir sentimientos.

En los Hechos de los Apóstoles 8:17 y 19:6 se nos relata que los fieles recibían el don del Espíritu Santo mediante la imposición de manos. Los apóstoles usaban la imposición de manos para transmitir el Espíritu a los bautizados y para consagrar nuevos líderes al servicio de las comunidades cristianas (obispos o presbíteros). Al momento del Bautismo y de la Confirmación recibimos una imposición de manos de parte del ministro. La imposición de manos que ha venido desde los apóstoles, y desde más atrás, nos relaciona a los cristianos que nos han precedido. Es un gesto de unidad.

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: Gn 28:10-22a; Sal 90:1-4, 14-15ab; Mt 9:18-26
- Martes: Gn 32:23-33; Sal 16:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b, 15; Mt 9:32-38
- Miércoles: Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a; Sal 32:2-3, 10-11, 18-19; Mt 10:1-7
- Jueves: Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5; Sal 104: 16-21; Mt 10:7-15
- Viernes: Gn 46:1-7, 28-30; Sal 36:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mt 10:16-23
- Sábado: Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a; Sal 105 (104):1-4, 6-7; Mt 10:24-33



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

DETALLES SOBRE LAS GRASAS

Hoy día hay mucho énfasis en controlar el colesterol. No todo colesterol es malo, y es necesario para mantenernos saludables y funcionando normalmente. El colesterol viene de dos sitios: más o menos 75% se produce en el hígado y otras células, y aproximadamente 25% en la dieta. El colesterol se encuentra sólo en productos animales. Hay buen colesterol (HDL) y colesterol malo (LDL). Cuando el colesterol malo en la sangre está demasiado alto, puede dejar depósitos de grasa en muchas de las venas, angostándolas (aterosclerosis) y poniéndonos en riesgo de un ataque al corazón, enfermedad de los riñones, o enfermedad periferia de las arterias. El colesterol HDL puede ayudar a prevenir que esto pase y protege. Se piensa que el colesterol HDL recoge el colesterol LDL para sacarlo del cuerpo. El colesterol no es toda la historia. Otro tipo de grasa en la sangre se llama triglicéridos (TG). Los triglicéridos son igualmente peligrosos. Gordura, diabetes, inactividad, fumar y dietas con carbohidratos altos (azúcar) pueden causar altos niveles de TG.

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