

*Whoever
is in Christ*



*is a new
Creation.*

St. John the Baptist Church

JUNE 21, 2015— 12th SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME



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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:

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.	06/20 5:00 PM	John & Michael McLaughlin By The Armstrong Family
Sun.	06/21 8:00 AM 10:30 AM 1:00 PM	Father's Day Novena John Zahn By The Family Spanish Mass
Mon.	06/22 8:00 AM	Father's Day Novena
Tue.	06/23 8:00 AM	Father's Day Novena
Wed.	06/24 8:00 AM	Father's Day Novena
Thurs.	06/25 8:00 AM	Father's Day Novena
Fri.	06/26 8:00 AM	Father's Day Novena
Sat.	06/27 9:00 AM 5:00 AM	Father's Day Novena Rosemary Chesterman By Warren Berry
Sun.	06/28 8:00 AM 11:00 AM	Father's Day Novena Father's Day Novena at Goswick Pavilion Picnic

FATHER'S DAY 6/21/15

Let us pray for all Fathers, Grandfathers, Stepfathers, Adoptive Fathers, etc. May the Lord bless them and reward them for all they have done for us.



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For your convenience, we still have beautiful Father's Day cards in the Vestibule of the Church.

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

As a Parish Family, let us remember in our prayers all our beloved departed members of our Parish Community, Regina Miraglia, Francis Taulman, Magnolia Velez, Dominick DeYorgi.

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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Living along the shores of Lake Superior—the “big lake,” as the locals call it—you can often hear the advice, “Respect the lake; don't take it for granted.” People who know Lake Superior respect its power and watch out for its many moods. Sunken ships and boats crushed into kindling are testimonies to what the lake can do.

The readings of this Sunday evoke our memories of the lake, of the mighty Mississippi River, or of the ocean itself. Who but God can control these mighty waters and set limits to their advance?

The lake described in today's Gospel was a body of water subject to sudden storms and churned into dangerous waves by terrible winds.

But these mighty agents are subject to God. The sailor and the fisher all respect the water. *Even more, they respect the awesome power of the Maker of wind and sea.*

BLESSINGS & CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR TWO DEACONS!

It is indeed a blessing for us to have two Deacons in our Parish. Deacon John and Deacon Robert just celebrated their fourth anniversary as Deacons.

May they be blessed each and everyday as they go about doing God's work.

AD MULTOS ANNOS!



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WEEK IN FOCUS

Sun. June 21 FATHER'S DAY
 Baptism Preparation 11 AM
 Legión de María, 11:30 AM
 AA Meeting, 7:00 PM

Mon. June 22 CDA Knitting, 1:00 PM

Tues. June 23 Parish Council Mtg., 6:00 PM
 Baptism Prep. Span. 7:00 PM
 Span. Bible Study 7:00 PM

Wed. June 24 NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
 Piermont Senior Mtg., 1:30 PM
 Spanish Choir Practice, 7:00 PM

Thurs. June 25 CDA Knitting, 1:00 PM
 Span. Choir Practice, 6:30 PM
 Span. Council Mtg., 7:00 PM

Fri. June 26 Friday Renew Group, 10 AM
 Spanish Prayer Group, 7 PM

Sun. June 28 PARISH PICNIC, 11:00 AM
No 10:30 AM or 1:00 PM Mass
 AA Mtg. 7:00 PM



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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.



One father is more than a hundred schoolmasters.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS JUNE 27th and 28th

Time	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers
5:00 PM	Johanna Krumm	May Pang	Chris O'Brien Paige Gillen Elizabeth Chesterman
8:00 AM	Jean DeLongis	Lucy Bosco	Taylor Gazzetta Derek Gazzetta Kiera Cameron
10:30 AM	Mary Loftus	Bill Loftus	Keilty Fowler Ryan Brady Alex Gottlieb
1:00 PM	Micaelina Maldonado Liliana Sambrano July Mazariego	Lidia Reyes	Dayana Mazariego Ayleen Sincha Evelin Palma

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 beginning June 4th (no hospitality this weekend, June 7th, due to the Blood Drive).

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!

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Job 38:1, 8-11

The Lord said to Job: Who shut within doors the sea? And who said: Thus far shall you come but no farther!

Psalms 107

Give thanks to the Lord, his love is everlasting. Whoever is in Christ is a new creation.

2 Corinthians 5:14-17

Mark 4:35-41

Who is this whom even wind and sea obey?

When we find ourselves being brought to a new place in life, we often presume that the new destination will be clear before us and without turmoil. Yet crossing to the other side of anything is always unsettling. In the end faith does not just calm our insides for the duration of the journey. ***Faith is the strength and wisdom we have knowing that Christ is in our boat.***

PILGRIMAGE TO GREECE

We will be following the footsteps of Apostle Paul from April 10—19 next year! Visit Thessalonica, 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.

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

In today's Gospel, Mark says that the invitation to journey to a new and different shore comes from Jesus. He is the one who suggests, "Let us cross to the other side". Yet that invitation comes as evening draws on, as so often happens in life. It comes amid the shadows of life where clarity of action is seldom sharp or distinct. Then to step into the boat is indeed an act of faith. Who would ever choose a crossing at such a time? Yet it was "as evening drew on" that Jesus said to His disciples, "Let us cross to the other side." And so they go.

It is at this point that they take Jesus into their boat, which is always what is expected of the disciple — that the Lord be invited on the journey, and that the journey to the other side be made together. The Jesus story ends in calm and stillness, but that is not the assurance that faith can bring one to the other side, which is also the assurance given to Job out of the storm — that it is God who made the thick darkness and put limits on the sea, all along knowing its ability to burst forth. ***It is God who knows creation and is in control, it is Jesus who knows the human journey and accompanies us, and it is faith that sustains us in the midst of storms.***

— Rev. Joseph J. Juknialis



TIPS FROM THE HEALTH EDUCATION MINISTRY

Pray for one another that you may find healing."

• James 16

June is National Safety Month

This week we'll talk about playground safety.

Make sure the equipment is in good shape. Metal might have rusted and wood splintered if the equipment has not been used in a while.

- An adult should always be present to supervise.
- Check for debris such as trash, broken glass, or scrap metal.
- The playground surface should be soft (e.g. wood chips or mulch) in case a child falls.
- The equipment should be appropriate for your child's age and ability.

Teach children to use equipment safely and not to push or roughhouse while waiting a turn to use some equipment.

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.

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.

OTTAWA & THOUSAND ISLANDS

5 DAYS/4 NIGHTS

September 28—October 2, 2015

Sponsored by the

ST. JOHN'S SENIOR CITIZENS

All Invited!

Tour Cost: \$650/person (double occupancy)
\$899/person (single occupancy)

- Deluxe Motorcoach Transportation
- 4 Night Accommodations
- 8 meals, incl. 4 Breakfasts & 4 Dinners
- Motorcoach Tour of Kingston, Ontario
- Sightseeing Cruise of Kingston & 1000 Islands
- Guided Tour of Rideau Hall
- Walking Tour of Ottawa, Ontario
- Sightseeing Cruise of St. Lawrence River, with Visit to Boldt Castle
- Visit to Springer Market Square, Kingston, and Byward Market, Ottawa
- Evening Performance at 1000 Islands Playhouse
- Gaming Fun at OLG Casino, Thousand Islands—4hrs.

For more info contact:

Josetta @ (845) 359-5191

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!**

Catholics Are Called to Environmental Protection

Pope Francis releases his encyclical regarding the environment this June, which calls on Catholics to remember that conserving our Earth is an issue of morality that requires our attention.

As Catholics, we are called by God to be stewards of creation; thus, we cannot ignore the negative changes mankind has brought upon God's Earth. This encyclical comes at a critical time because although we are all impacted by this issue, the world's poor are disproportionately bearing most of the suffering caused by droughts, food shortages, civil conflicts and super storms brought on by environmental changes.

Pope Francis' encyclical motivates us to help the poor and work toward a more just and equitable distribution of the world's resources. We are called to service to protect God's creation.

TAPPAN ZEE THRIFT SHOP

The shop is in need of volunteers to donate their time to this worthy cause.

They also would appreciate any donations such as: household goods, linens, clothing (summer), unwanted jewelry etc. — all in good condition.

Please call Christie: 359-5753.



Right to Life Academy - for Students!

The future of the pro-life movement rests on the shoulders of our youth. The National Right to Life Academy is an outreach of the Educational Trust Fund that empowers today's college student leaders with tools to carry the fight for life into the future.

The National Right to Life Academy is a unique, five-week academic summer course for college students who are eager to put their pro-life passion to work. Students have the opportunity to earn 3 college credits through the Human Life Studies Program from the Franciscan University of Steubenville.

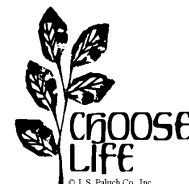
\$3600 tuition includes lodging at a university residence in downtown Washington, D.C., registration, room and board at the 2015 National Right to Life Convention in New Orleans, Louisiana, and five weeks of the most comprehensive pro-life education around!

MORE PRO-LIFE NEWS

The Annual Vigil for Life will be held at the Marian Shrine on **Saturday, July 4th**, beginning with 10 AM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, 11:15 AM Rosary and 12 noon, Mass.

Contact Eileen Peterson (845) 492-6709, or Elizabeth Golemba (914) 450-4759.

Monday, July 6th, Pro-Life Mass will be held at St. Francis of Assisi Church in West Nyack at **7:30 PM**.



Weekly Offering

The Collection for 6/14 was \$3,993

**THE WINNER OF THE 300 CLUB
DRAWING ON 6/7 WAS
FR. ROMAN PALECKI, #220.
ON 6/14, IT WAS
TOM LYNCH, #63**

*I Pod, I Pad.
Try I Pray:
God Is Listening!*

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.

EZ 17:22-24; Sal 91; 2 Cor 5:6-10; Mar 4:26-34

EL SEÑOR DE LA VIDA

En este tiempo tan fecundo del año nuestras lecturas dominicales rebosan con vida y abundancia. Tanto la primera lectura, del libro de la Sabiduría, como la tercera del Evangelio de san Marcos nos aseguran que Dios no creó la muerte, ni quiere que suframos de ninguna enfermedad. Fue por la envidia del diablo que la muerte entró al mundo, según nos dice el Sabio. Y lo que san Marcos nos cuenta sobre la curación de la hemorroisa y cómo revivió la hija de Jairo nos muestran claramente que Jesús viene de Dios. Como Hijo de Dios, Jesús no quiere que nadie sufra enfermedad ni muerte. Pero en el contexto de tanto poder, la segunda lectura, de la segunda carta de san Pablo a los corintios, nos presenta un fuerte contraste. Jesús, que puede levantar a los muertos a una nueva vida, "siendo rico se hizo pobre por ustedes" (2 Corintios 8:9). Así pues, la nueva vida que recibimos como regalo de Cristo exige una respuesta: nuestra caridad.

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 PARA LA SEMANA

Lunes: Hch 12:1-11; Sal 33:2-9;
2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19
Martes: Gn 19:15-29; Sal 25:2-3, 9-12; Mt 8:23-27
Miércoles: Gn 21:5, 8-20a; Sal 33:7-8, 10-13; Mt 8:28-34
Jueves: Gn 22:1b-19; Sal 114:1-6, 8-9; Mt 9:1-8
Viernes: Ef 2:19-22; Sal 116:1bc-2; Jn 20:24-29
Sábado: Gn 27:1-5, 15-29; Sal 134:1b-6; Mt 9:14-17;
Domingo: Ez 2:2-5; Sal 122:1-4; 2 Cor 12:7-10; Mc 6:1-6a



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

Junio Es el Mes Nacional de Seguridad

Esta semana hablaremos acerca de la seguridad en el patio de recreo.

- Asegúrese que el equipo esté en buena condición. El metal se ha podido oxidarse y la madera astillarse si no se ha usado por algún tiempo.
- Busque si hay escombros como basura, vidrio roto, o pedazos de metal.
- La superficie del patio de recreo debe ser blanda (astillas de madera o mulch) en caso que se caiga un niño.
- Enseñe a los niños que usen el equipo con cuidado y que no empujen o jueguen con fuerza y payasadas cuando estén esperando su turno para usar el equipo.

CONTACT INFORMATION

CHURCH NAME: ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

BULLETIN #: 511587

DATE: 06/21/2015

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Picnic Flyer

Appeal Flyer

CONTACT INFORMATION: Isabelle Fenton

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SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: