SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



NOVEMBER 8, 2026

32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Stay awake and be ready! For you do not know on what day your Lord will come. — *Matthew 24:42a, 44*

PASTOR
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MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY VIGIL
5:00 PM

SUNDAY, THE LORD'S DAY
8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 PM

WEEKDAYS & SATURDAY
8:00 AM

HOLY DAYS
8:00 AM, 12:00 PM, 7:00 PM

CONFESSIONS
- Saturdays 2:00 - 3:00 PM
- After 8:00 AM Mass—Weekdays
- Any time by appointment



Dear God of Mercy,

I pray this day for all souls, both known
and unknown to me,
who, although touched by death,
have not yet entered Your Heavenly Kingdom.

While they loved you in their lifetime,
they failed in some way to attain the
perfection Heaven demands.

So in my love for them, I offer my prayers,
my small works of mercy in the hope that
Your mercy will flow to them and bring them
to eternal peace with You.

May they intercede for me for the graces
I may need to live out my life on earth
in perfect obedience and love of You,
My dear Heavenly Father, so that I, too,
may join them in everlasting life with You in Heaven.

May the souls of the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Amen

Prayer for All Souls Missionaries of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Mary

Prayers for Healing and Peace:

Thomas Tobin, Terry Medino, Ann Walsh, Baby Rocco, Caroline Bisi, Baby Nellie, Eileen Stasiunis, Bruce Hawkinson, Walter Minx, Mary Lou Wilson, John Manning, Alex Rodriguez Ruth Dell Valle, Linda Palumbo, Anthony Delasey, Joseph Camilleri, Grace Calabro

Remembering Those Who Have Passed.

Francesco Saverio Geraci, Linda Tammaro

Mass Intentions

We remember our loved ones and community

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7

5:00 PM The Beloved Departed enrolled in our Novena of Masses

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8

8:00 AM The Beloved Departed enrolled in our Novena of Masses

10:00 AM The Beloved Departed enrolled in our Novena of Masses

12:00 PM The Beloved Departed enrolled in our Novena of Masses

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9

8:00 AM The Beloved Departed enrolled in our Novena of Masses

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10

8:00 AM The Beloved Departed enrolled in our Novena of Masses

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11

8:00 AM Marie Hanlon

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12

8:00 AM Joan Foley

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13

8:00 AM Arthur Garcia

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14

8:00 AM Laureano & Mercedes Hipona

5:00 PM The Deceased Members of the Susek & Roth Families

SUNDAY,NOVEMBER 15

8:00 AM Gloria Truppi

10:00 AM Kevin Portuando

12:00 PM Martin Filon

The Bread & Wine are Given in Memory of:

KATHLEEN ROONEY

at the request of
The Henry Family

CARDINAL TOBIN SURGERY UPDATE

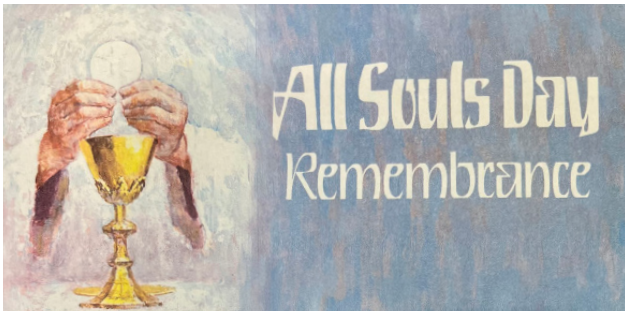


Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin underwent surgery on Thurs., Oct. 29, to remove a mass from his kidney. The procedure went as planned, with no complications, and his surgeon was pleased with the outcome. He returned home on Friday to continue his recovery and will refrain from public appearances for several weeks.

Cardinal Tobin is grateful to his medical team for their skilled, compassionate care and to the faithful for their many prayers and expressions of support. Please continue to keep him in your prayers.

ALL SOULS NOVENA 2026

Masses & Prayers Offered for our Beloved Faithful Departed



From November 2 through November 10 a Novena of Nine (9) Days of Masses is celebrated for the souls of those who have gone before us. **All our Parish Mass intentions** during this time are offered for our faithful departed and for those loved ones and friends who recently died.

If you would like a deceased family member or friend added to this Novena, please fill out their names on our traditional All Souls envelopes and drop them off in our collection baskets or leave in our rectory mail slot. The offerings received for All Souls Day will be distributed to the priests of the parish, who are praying for the intentions of the loved ones for whom the offerings have been made. Throughout the entire Nine Day Mass Novena these request envelopes are placed symbolically on the altar of our church.

"Holiness is not a privilege reserved for a few, but a universal vocation that speaks to each of us where we live."

The Solemnity of All Saints invites us to share in the joy of that countless family of men and women who, following the Lord Jesus, have made their lives a gift to God and to their neighbors. Along their different paths to holiness, they have longed for "the ocean of infinite love," to use a beautiful expression of Pope Benedict XVI (Spe Salvi, 12).

The Liturgy of the Word describes this family as "a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages" (Rev 7:9). Today, in fact, we celebrate *all* the saints: those whom the Church has recognized as such as well as the countless others who have not been formally recognized but are known to God. As today's Gospel reminds us (Mt 5:1-12), they are poor in spirit, yet rich in God's love. Their faces are streaked with tears, yet they find consolation in prayer. They are meek in the face of violence and rewarded by the Father. They hunger for justice, yet are filled in the depths of their consciences. They are ready to forgive and embraced by mercy. They are disarmed in heart, yet protected by God. They are peacemakers, called by name by God. They are persecuted and insulted, yet strong in faith and charity.

It is indeed true that it is impossible to count this multitude of brothers and sisters, and not just in numerical terms. Holiness, in fact, cannot be reduced to any calculation, for such is the good that all the saints have spread around them in the world. As we admire them, we ask ourselves: what have these people, with God's grace, brought forth? Essentially, actions and choices of love that transcend the calculations of greed and the arrogance of evil, which at times seems to prevail. The saints are the most beautiful and powerful sign of the Kingdom of God that is coming — or rather, as Jesus teaches us, is already among us (cf. Lk 17:20-21). Holiness is not a privilege reserved for a few, but a universal vocation that speaks to each of us where we live. This is the hope-filled message of today's feast: God sees the good that we do not see, knows stories that we do not know and reaches hearts to which we have no access.

Pope Leo XIV, Angelus, St. Peter's Square, Nov. 1, 2026.

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH, HILLSDALE NJ

presents

A VERY BROADWAY Christmas 2026

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13

CONCERT AT 3:30PM

Featuring



Heather Bixler



John Cudia



Ciarán Sheehan



James Gregory



Kathy Voytko

Irish tenor and Broadway star **Ciarán Sheehan** *(Phantom, Phantom of the Opera),* returns to Hillsdale, NJ for A Very Broadway Christmas!

Joining him for this special holiday concert are **John Cudia**, *(Phantom, Les Miserables*), **James Gregory** *(Pianist & Singer)*, **Heather Bixler** *(Classical Violinist & Irish Fiddler)*, and **Kathy Voytko** *(Oklahoma!, Nine)*. Enjoy a festive evening of Broadway favorites, timeless Christmas classics, and extraordinary musical talent!

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CHRISTMAS CONCERT FAQ

WHAT IS THE LAST DAY TO PURCHASE TICKETS?

The tickets will be available for purchase until 4:00PM on **Thursday, December 10**. Due to the high demand and many inquiries, we kindly encourage you to purchase your tickets as early as possible to ensure availability.

WILL TICKETS BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AT THE DOOR?

We cannot guarantee ticket availability at the door. To avoid disappointment, we strongly recommend purchasing your tickets in advance.

HOW MUCH WILL THE TICKETS COST? WILL THEY BE FOR A PARTICULAR SEAT?

General admission tickets are **$40 per seat** with seating available on a **first-come, first-served basis** in the East and West wings of the church.

A limited number of **sponsorship pews** – platinum, gold, and silver – are available in the front area and wings. These pews are sold as full units and include an advertisement in the concert program. For sponsorship inquiries, please contact Cathy Williamson at **201-664-3131**.

HOW DO I PURCHASE TICKETS?

Tickets may be purchased online through our secure portal, which provides immediate confirmation and processes payment directly to Saint John the Baptist Parish.

Prefer to pay by check or cash? Visit the Rectory during our regular hours:
Monday - Friday, 8:30AM – 12NOON and 1:00PM – 4:30PM.

HOW DO I RECEIVE MY TICKET(S)?

A confirmation email will be sent to the address provided during purchase. This email serves as your admission ticket. Please double-check your email address before completing your purchase.

ARE THE TICKETS REFUNDABLE?

Tickets are **non-refundable** once purchased. Thank you for your understanding.

WHEN WILL THE DOORS OPEN?

Guest registration opens at **2:30PM**. The doors to the church will open for seating shortly thereafter.

HOW WILL THE PROCEEDS FROM THIS WONDERFUL PARISH COMMUNITY EVENT BE USED?

After covering event expenses, all proceeds will benefit our parish community. Your support makes a meaningful difference – thank you!

WILL THERE BE A CONCERT PROGRAM? CAN I PLACE AN ADVERTISEMENT OR PERSONAL GREETING IN THE PROGRAM, OR INVITE SOMEONE ELSE TO DO SO?

Yes! Each guest will receive a beautifully designed keepsake program.

We welcome advertisements and Christmas greetings from businesses, families, and individuals. Sponsorship pews also include program ads.

To be included, submissions must be received by **4:30PM on December 4**. For details, please contact Cathy Williamson at **201-664-3131**.

I'D LIKE TO HELP — WHO SHOULD I CONTACT?

We are grateful for your generosity! If you know potential sponsors, donors, or volunteers, please reach out to Cathy Williamson at **201-664-3131** or email **sjbchristmasconcert@gmail.com**.

WHERE SHOULD I PARK? IS MASS TRANSIT AVAILABLE?

Complimentary parking is available onsite, with overflow lots available on the west side of the church and in the **metered** Hillsdale Municipal Lot (between Wendy's and Chipotle on Hillsdale Avenue). We are also just a **five-minute walk** from the Hillsdale NJ Transit station on the Pascack Valley line.

For additional questions and any inquiries, please call Cathy Williamson at 201-664-3131 or send an email to sjbchristmasconcert@gmail.com. We are happy to be of help!

OUR PARISH STEWARDSHIP

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2026		2025	BUDGET
Envelope & In Pew Giving:	$6,612	$ 7,755	$ 6,500
Online Giving via ParishSOFT:	6,814	$ 4,729	$ 7,130
TOTAL	**$13,426**	**$ 12,484**	**$13,630**

Your financial support enables our parish home to continue the mission of the Church. Thank you and God bless you!

An Invitation to the Women of St. John the Baptist

Please join us for TEA, TREATS & TOGETHERNESS

Brewing friendships, sharing faith, and building community. Join us for the kickoff of our parish women's group!

Bring a favorite batch of cookies to share.

LOCATION: St. John's Parish Center

DATE &TIME: Wed., December 9th at 7:00 PM

Helping Hand Food Pantry Turkey Drive

For many years, as a sign of our outreach and generosity, St. John's Parish has supported the efforts of the Helping Hand Food Pantry in providing turkeys to local families in need for their Thanksgiving dinner. **On Saturday, November 21, 2026 from 10:00AM to 1:00PM** please bring your frozen turkey and trimmings as a donation to the food pantry at the Hillsdale United Methodist Church, 349 Hillsdale Avenue in Hillsdale. Thank you for all donations!

ParishSOFT Giving — SIGN UP TODAY!

ParishSoft provides the ability to give to St. John's via electronic donations (credit card or direct debit from your bank.) Please use the QR code or visit:

https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/stjohnhillsdale

Once on the ParishSoft giving page, please click on Sign In to begin account.

With online enrollment, you can access your account any time to view or make changes to the account info and gifts.

The Blessed Mother Welcomes You!



Like every loving mother,
Our Lady delights in her children's visits.
Her doors are open daily:

7AM – 7PM • 365 DAYS A YEAR

✠ Stop in & say a prayer.
✠ She's always waiting with love.

"If we wish to serve God and love our neighbor well, we must manifest our joy in the service we render to Him and them."

— Saint Katharine Drexel (1858 - 1955)