

# SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

69 VALLEY STREET, HILLSDALE NJ 07642 • STJOHNHILLSDALE.ORG



OCTOBER 12, 2025

## 28<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*This saying is trustworthy: If we have died with him, we shall also live with him;  
if we persevere, we shall also reign with him. — 2 Timothy 2:11-12*

### PASTOR

Rev. Msgr. Peter Smutelovic

### WEEKEND ASSISTANTS

Rev. Bogumil Misiuk  
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### DEACONS

Deacon Jack Gray  
Deacon Albert Ganter

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Ann Mitchell, Principal

### MASS SCHEDULE

#### SATURDAY VIGIL

5:00 PM

#### SUNDAY, THE LORD'S DAY

8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 PM

#### WEEKDAYS

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



### *Padre Pio's Guardian Angel Prayer*

Oh, my Holy Guardian Angel,  
care for my soul and my body.

Enlighten my mind that I may  
better know the Lord my God  
and love him with all my heart.

Watch over me when I pray  
so I won't give into life's distractions.

Sustain me with your counsel  
as I live as a righteous Christian, and help me  
to do good works with a giving heart.

Protect me from the cunning of the adversary,  
and lift me up when I am being tempted  
so I may win the fight against evil.

Stay beside me at all times;  
never stop watching over me  
until I'm called back to the Father's house,  
where we will praise together  
our Great God for all eternity.

Amen.

## *Mass Intentions*

### **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11**

5:00 PM Michelle Paparella

### **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12**

8:00 AM Michael McCrory

10:00 AM Julianne Lipnick

12:00 PM James Carbone  
(Living)

### **MONDAY, OCTOBER 13**

8:00 AM John Scorzello, Jr.

### **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14**

8:00 AM Ryan Onderdonk

### **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15**

8:00 AM Patricia Lucia

### **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16**

8:00 AM John Gleeson

### **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17**

8:00 AM Dita Filipa Medina

### **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18**

8:00 AM People of the Parish

5:00 PM Al Green

### **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19**

8:00 AM Charlie Kirk

10:00 AM Edward, Joey &  
Joseph Wysocki

12:00 PM Al Green

The Bread & Wine are Given  
in Memory of:

**JOHN GLEESON**

at the request of Sue Gleeson

The Votive Candle Burns  
in Memory of:

**RYAN ONDERDONK**

at the request of  
Kim Onderdonk Fleck & Family

### *Prayers for Healing and Peace:*

Michael Delehanty, Maricarmen Senande, Dash Richards, Theresa Gorman, Rosalind Campos, Mark Miller, Pamela Osbourne, Joe Wolfe, Susan Gilchrist, James Carbone, Ramona Suarez-Rose

### *Remembering Those Who Have Passed:*

Bridget Flynn Reidy, Joseph Heiser, Bobby Mackie



### WHAT IS IT?

Launched by Cardinal Tobin in June 2025, and inspired by *Evangelii Gaudium*, this is an invitation to “**PASTORAL CONVERSION**” – a call for every member of the Church to take shared responsibility in renewing our Catholic presence by embracing evangelization and missionary outreach while adapting to today’s cultural and social norms.

### WHAT ARE THE GOALS OF THIS INITIATIVE?



Renew Missionary Purpose



Deepen Parish Vitality



Foster Shared Listening & Action

**YET, THE POPULATION IS GROWING!**



Each county is projected to grow **3%+**



More people to reach with Christ’s love



**HOW WILL THIS WORK?** Our faith must respond to today’s realities.

We will walk together in faith, listening, discerning, and acting to bring Christ to the world.

### AREAS OF MISSION FOCUS:

1. Evangelization and Outreach – How will we share the Gospel with all people in our area?
2. Pastoral Care of the Faithful – How will we care for all Catholics in our parish communities?
3. Long-Term Sustainability – How will we provide support for parishes into the future?

### ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS TO GUIDE US:

1. Where are we now?
2. Where is God calling us to go?
3. How will we get there together?

### GUIDING VALUES:

1. *Synodality* - Listening, walking together
2. *Subsidiarity* - Trusting local wisdom
3. *Solidarity* - Unity in diversity

### WHO’S INVOLVED?

1. Clergy, religious, lay leaders, and **YOU**
2. Guided by Bishop Saporito & RCAN Commissions
3. Cardinal Tobin listens—but makes final decisions



God of Mercy, you call the Archdiocese of Newark to witness to our faith in Jesus Christ.

As we undertake the journey of pastoral conversion, endow us with your gifts of communion, courage and compassion. Help us to fulfill the mission of Jesus and his Church through convincing outreach, vibrant parishes and effective ministries.

Raise up selfless and energetic leaders to serve the Church with fidelity and zeal.

May we, the Church of Newark in Bergen, Essex, Hudson, and Union Counties, be sustained and strengthened by your grace. May we the People of God discern and follow the promptings of your Holy Spirit. May we your holy people dedicate our lives as firm disciples of Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of Mary, wherever we go.

We ask this and all our prayers through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

# OUR PARISH STEWARDSHIP

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2025

|                                 |                 | 2024            | BUDGET          |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Envelope & In Pew Giving:       | \$7,661         | \$6,356         | \$7,900         |
| Online Giving via Faith Direct: | 5,223           | 5,015           | \$5,000         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                    | <b>\$12,884</b> | <b>\$11,371</b> | <b>\$12,900</b> |

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

## OKTOBERFEST DINNER

**HOSTED BY ST. THOMAS MORE COUNCIL  
2188 AND VALLEY CHARITIES, INC.**

Join us for a festive Friday Oktoberfest Dinner on October 17, 2025, at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 40 Crest Street, Westwood, NJ 07675.

Doors open at 6:00 PM.

**Menu:** Bratwurst and sauerkraut, roasted chicken, pretzels, German potato salad, red cabbage, potato pancakes, spaetzle, dessert, and coffee, tea, or soda. Cash Bar Available.

### Cost:

Adults: \$20 per person

Couples (65 and older): \$35

Children (12 and under): \$15

**Reservation deadline:** Tuesday, October 14.

To reserve, contact Frank Mariconti, Sr. at 551-579-1123 or fms12250@aol.com (daily between 4:00 PM and 8:00 PM).

Checks should be made payable to Valley Charities.

All proceeds will benefit scholarship support.

## 1,000 STRONG ROSARY



LIFENET, a PRO-LIFE organization, is coordinating a statewide virtual Rosary for Life at 7:00pm on Monday, October 13, 2025, the 108<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Miracle of the Sun at Fatima. To join well over 1000 people praying for the protection of babies in the womb and for the reparation for the sin of abortion, register via:

[www.lifeneteducation.org/1000strong/](http://www.lifeneteducation.org/1000strong/)  
Dial: (401)252-0031; enter code: 759297#

## COLUMBUS DAY

The Parish Offices will be closed on Monday, October 13 in observance of Columbus Day.

Enjoy the holiday!

## PUMPKIN DECORATING!

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19  
11:00AM • PARISH CENTER**



**Scan the QR code to register  
by Thursday, 10/16**

Prizes, snacks & decorations provided. Option to bring your own pumpkin.

*Hosted by St. John's Women's Cornerstone*

*Together in Christ, We Find  
Peace, Hope & Strength*

**DAILY MASS: 8:00 AM**

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

**Thursdays 3:00 - 6:00 PM**

Benediction & Prayer just before 6pm

*All Are Welcome*

*"Love one another with the charity of Christ,  
let the love you have in your hearts,  
be shown outwardly in your deeds..."*

*— Saint Clare of Assisi (1194 - 1253 AD)*