

SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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OCTOBER 25, 2026

30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. — Matthew 22:37-39

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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



A PRAYER FOR POPE LEO XIV

Gracious God,

We give thanks for the successful surgery of
Pope Leo XIV and entrust his
continued healing to your loving care.

Bless the physicians, nurses, all caregivers
who accompany him, and all who serve the sick
each day as instruments of your healing presence.

Remain close to Pope Leo in the days ahead.

Renew his strength, grant him peace, and
restore him to health, that he may continue to
shepherd your Church with faith, hope, and love.

May Mary, Intercessor of the Sick,
pray for him and for all those in need of healing.

Amen.

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.

Hector Gonzalez, Kathleen Haddad, Christa Elter

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24

5:00 PM Nunzia Maria Di Maria
Palladino

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25

8:00 AM Ruben Medina
10:00 AM Michael Treacy
12:00 PM Marie Theresa Purita

MONDAY, OCTOBER 26

8:00 AM Luis Arevalo

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27

8:00 AM Carol Meyer

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28

8:00 AM The Sheehan &
Sheridan Families

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29

8:00 AM Dorothy Mancuso

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30

8:00 AM Luis Arevalo

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31

8:00 AM Ben Muggeo
5:00 PM Gloria Truppi

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1

8:00 AM Annmarie O'Sullivan
10:00 AM Edward Powers
(10th Anniversary)
12:00 PM Martin Filon

The **Votive Candle** burns
in memory of

MARTIN HUVANE

*at the request of
The Huvane Family*

The **Bread & Wine** are given
in memory of

**THOMAS & KATHLEEN
ROONEY (68th Anniversary)**

*at the request of
The Huvane Family*

ANNUAL ALL SOULS DAY MASS



On Wednesday, November 4th, our Annual All Souls Mass of Remembrance will be celebrated at 6:30pm.

All parishioners are welcome and encouraged to join us.

The names of those buried from St. John the Baptist, as well as those names that have appeared in the bulletin, will be remembered that night.

If you have a loved one who has passed from last November to the present and would like their name listed, please contact Cathy Williamson at 201-664-3131.

ALL SOULS NOVENA 2026

*Masses & Prayers Offered
for our Beloved Faithful Departed*



Starting on Monday, November 2 and continuing through Tuesday, November 10 a Novena of Nine (9) Days of Masses will be celebrated for the souls of those who have gone before us. **All our Parish Mass intentions** during that time will be 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 to be remembered during this Novena, please fill out their names on our traditional All Souls envelopes and drop them off in our collection baskets or leave at any time in our rectory mail slot. The offerings received for All Souls Day will be distributed to the priests of the parish, who will offer prayers for the intentions of the loved ones for whom the offerings have been made. Throughout the entire Nine Day Mass Novena these request envelopes will also be placed symbolically on the altar of our church.

“Love is not a command — it is a gift...”

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This Sunday's Gospel (Mk 12:28-34) offers us Jesus' teaching on the greatest commandment, the commandment of love, which is two-fold: love of God and love of neighbor. Those who live a profound relationship with God, just as a child becomes capable of loving, starting from a good relationship with his mother and father, may put the commandment of love fully into practice. St. John of Avila writes at the beginning of his Treatise on the Love of God: “the cause”, he says, “that mostly pushes our hearts to love of God is considering deeply the love that He had for us.... This, beyond any benefit, pushes the heart to love; because he who gives something of benefit to another, gives him something he possesses; but he who loves, gives himself with everything he has, until he has nothing left to give” (n. 1). Before being a command — love is not a command — it is a gift, a reality that God allows us to know and experience, so that, like a seed, it can also germinate within us and develop throughout our life.

If the love of God has planted deep roots in a person, then he is able to love even those who do not deserve it, as God does us. Fathers and mothers do not love their children only when they deserve love; they always love them, though of course, they make them understand when they are wrong. We learn from God to seek only what is good and never what is evil. We learn to look at each other not only with our eyes, but with the eyes of God, which is the gaze of Jesus Christ. A gaze that begins in the heart and does not stop at the surface, that goes beyond appearances and manages to capture the deepest aspirations of the other: waiting to be heard, for caring attention, in a word: love. But the opposite is also true: that by opening myself to another, just as he or she is, by reaching out, by making myself available, I am also opening myself to know God, to feel that he is there and is good. Love of God and love of neighbor are inseparable and are mutually related. Jesus did not invent one or the other but revealed that they are essentially a single commandment and did so not only through the Word, but especially with his testimony: the person of Jesus and his whole Mystery embody the unity of love of God and neighbor, like the two arms of the Cross, vertical and horizontal. In the Eucharist he gives us this two-fold love, giving himself, because, nourished by this Bread, we love one another as he has loved us.

Dear friends, through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, we pray that every Christian may know how to show his/her faith in the one true God with a clear witness to love of neighbor.

Pope Benedict XVI, Angelus, St. Peter's Square, Nov 4, 2012

OUR PARISH STEWARDSHIP

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2026

		2025	BUDGET
Envelope & In Pew Giving:	\$7,431	\$ 8,275	\$ 7,900
Online Giving via ParishSOFT:	6,814	\$ 4,755	\$ 5,000
TOTAL	\$14,245	\$ 13,030	\$12,900

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

Cozy Corner Knit & Crochet



Wednesdays 9:30-11:30am

St. John's Parish Center

We are a casual, fun group that works on projects for ourselves as well as baby afghans for St. John's annual baby collection in October, which supports New Hope Inc. in Westwood, and Mercy House in Newark. We also knit and crochet prayer shawls for the witnesses of Women's Cornerstone, for the Rachel's Vineyard ministry and for individuals in need.

New members are always welcome! If you are experienced or a beginner, we are happy to have you join us.

****We are always in need of knitters and crocheters who work on projects at home for our charities.****

Donations of clean, new yarn accepted - also gift cards to Michael's Crafts or Hobby Lobby. Thank you.

For more info: Mary Ellen Breen
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Thank you, so very much, to Reyna, Willy & Gily Rojas for their kind and generous donation of the beautiful mums on the altar, by the statue of Saint John the Baptist, and all around our church, as well as for their loving care of the church and our church grounds.

May the Lord bless them, and reward them many times for their caring hearts and generosity!



Save the Date! More details coming soon.

**A VERY
BROADWAY
Christmas**

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2026
4:00PM



**EUCCHARISTIC
ADORATION**

Thursdays 3 - 6 pm

Benediction & Community
Prayer just before 6pm

"If we wish to make any progress in the service of God we must begin every day of our life with new eagerness."

— Saint Charles Borromeo (1538 - 1584)