

# SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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JANUARY 23, 2022

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME

*"The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart. The command of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eye. The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever."*

— Psalm 19: 9-10

### 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

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 Brothers and Sisters of Saint John the Baptist Parish Family,  
Dear Friends of our Parish,

The Gospel of this Third Sunday in Ordinary Time is an interesting compilation of two seemingly unrelated passages from Luke's Gospel (Luke 1:1-4 and 4:14-21). The first passage brings us to the very first words of the Gospel (Luke 1:1-4), while the narrative about the return of Jesus to Galilee and to Nazareth, the town where He grew up, comes from the fourth chapter of the Gospel (Luke 4:14-21).

Among the four authors of the Gospels - Mark, Matthew, Luke and John - Saint Luke has his own unique story of faith, connected to the world of Gentiles, to Antioch, Syria, where he was born. Luke was a physician who joined Paul at Troas around the year 50 and apparently also provided medical assistance to Paul on various occasions when he had been beaten, stoned or when he nearly drowned while evangelizing the Western Roman Empire. In fact, Luke remained with Paul to the end of his life, even during his imprisonment and sufferings. "Only Luke is with me," writes Paul in one of his memorable Scripture passages (2 Timothy 4:11). Luke's writings were inspired by this close association with Paul and various Scripture passages describe how the very ordinary circumstances of their lives of faith truly molded Luke, Paul, and countless early Christians into those admirable witnesses of God's love whom we recognize as "saints."

In this context we can certainly understand better those introductory words from Luke's Gospel which we read and listen to this Sunday. "Since many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the events that have been fulfilled among us, just as those who were eyewitnesses from the beginning and ministers of the word have handed them down to us, I too have decided, after investigating everything accurately anew, to write it down in an orderly sequence for you, ..." (Luke 1:1-4). Luke's entire narrative of the stories of Christ which follows this introduction is a personal witness of Luke's faith and friendship with the Lord which he desires to share and pass on to the future generations of Christians, and also to us. That witness and that story of faith "according to Luke" are always profoundly connected to the stories of Christ's humanity and to His divinity. And so are ours. Every one of our life stories has that real and profound connection to the humanity and divinity of our Lord and Savior, even the stories of our loved-ones, friends, colleagues, classmates or parishioners who might be seemingly far away from Jesus, or don't know Him so well. In this context, today's story from the place where He grew up and where He announced in the synagogue that through Him God is bringing to us love, peace, liberty and salvation is so profoundly reassuring during these challenging times, and always.

~Fr. Peter

#### SENDING HEALING PRAYERS TO:

John Angermeyer, Dimas Acevedo, Patricia Bacigalupo, Eugene Fagnano, Bernard McGlone, Phoenix Dickerson, Kenneth Kerwin, Daisy Ramirez, Deborah Dalle Molle, Charlie McDevitt, Jim Lyons, Kevin Jackson

#### REMEMBERING THOSE WHO HAVE PASSED:

Marie Conroy, Leonard Riccardi, Marina Garcia, Bill Saites

## Mass Intentions

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 22

5:00 PM Thomas Rooney

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 23

8:00 AM Judy Rattigan

10:00 AM Valentin Tarasenko

12:00 PM Ginny Bonner

### MONDAY, JANUARY 24

8:00 AM Norberto Gonzalez

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 25

8:00 AM Virginia Bonner

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26

8:00 AM Jozef Smutelovic

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 27

8:00 AM John Harrigan

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 28

8:00 AM Enzo Miserere

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 29

8:00 AM Ben Muggeo

5:00 PM Joseph Roth

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 30

8:00 AM Vlasta Mirkovic

10:00 AM Jozef Smutelovic

12:00 PM Ginny Bonner

THE VOTIVE CANDLE BURNS  
IN MEMORY OF

**PETER IORIO**

AT THE REQUEST OF  
THE IORIO FAMILY

THE BREAD & WINE IS DONATED  
IN MEMORY OF

**NICK DONATO, SR.**

AT THE REQUEST OF  
HIS LOVING WIFE & FAMILY



## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

THURSDAYS 3:00 - 6:00 PM

Benediction & Community Prayer  
just before 6:00 PM.

OUR CHURCH IS

— *Open Daily* —  
7AM - 7PM

## Annual Appeal <sup>the 2022</sup>

The upcoming 2022 Annual Appeal is for our parish, as a caring community of the Lord's disciples, an opportunity to support a broad variety of charitable efforts of our local Catholic Church. It will fund essential programs and ministries at the heart of our Catholic mission in the four counties of the Archdiocese of Newark - namely to proclaim the gospel, to pass on the faith to future generations, particularly through the celebration of the sacraments, and to care for the poor and those on the margins.

By now you may have already received a letter from Cardinal Tobin inviting you to make a gift to the Appeal. You may view the Appeal video at [www.rcan.org/video](http://www.rcan.org/video). I encourage all of you to review it and prayerfully consider making a pledge. Thank you for your consideration.



## NJ BISHOPS' STATEMENT ON THE PASSAGE OF THE FREEDOM OF REPRODUCTIVE CHOICE ACT INTO LAW

The Catholic Bishops of New Jersey join to express our profound disappointment and deep concern about the passage of S49/A6260 - - the Freedom of Reproductive Choice Act, which codifies into state law an individual's right to an abortion, including late-term abortions. This law departs from the fundamental Catholic teaching that all life is sacred from conception to natural death. Even more distressing is that the legal and ethical calculus that underlies this new legislation absolutely and forthrightly extinguishes the human and moral identity of the unborn child. Perhaps the legislators who rushed through this Act in the waning moments of their terms did not want citizens to understand fully its inhuman and lethal consequences.

We have failed as a society when a response to any pregnancy is fear rather than joy. Sadly, too often this fear is born out of the mother's uncertainty that she will not be able to provide for herself and her child the resources necessary to live a flourishing life. We must do better. Therefore, we urge all Catholics and people of good will to actively participate in breaking down the economic, employment, social, racial, and emotional barriers that lead mothers into thinking that abortion is a better option than life.

For our part, the Catholic Church is committed to broadening and increasing awareness about the abundant resources and programs we offer that include life-affirming health and prenatal care, emotional support, assistance in bearing and raising her child, and basic needs such as housing, food, and clothing to pregnant mothers seeking or considering alternatives to abortion.

Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R., Archbishop,  
Archdiocese of Newark

Most Reverend Kevin J. Sweeney, Bishop,  
Diocese of Paterson

Most Reverend David M. O'Connell, C.M., Bishop,  
Diocese of Trenton

Most Reverend James F. Checchio, Bishop,  
Diocese of Metuchen

Most Reverend Dennis J. Sullivan, Bishop,  
Diocese of Camden

Most Reverend Kurt Burnette, Bishop,  
Eparchy of Passaic

Most Reverend Yousif Habash, Bishop of  
Our Lady of Deliverance of Syriac Catholic Diocese

January 12, 2022



# OUR PARISH STEWARDSHIP

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 16

		2021	BUDGET
Envelope & In Pew Giving:	\$8,414	\$6,373	\$10,627
Online Giving via Faith Direct:	\$4,584	\$4,029	\$2,656
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$12,998</b>	<b>\$10,402</b>	<b>\$13,283</b>

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

## SAINT JOHN'S CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

Our Christmas collection to date is \$56,520, compared to \$45,209 last year. We are grateful for your generosity. As our Christmas collection is one of the most important annual fundraisers for our parish, donations are still being gratefully accepted, and may be placed in the Sunday collection basket or mailed. Thank you and God bless you for your kindness and generosity.

## THE 2022 PARISH CALENDAR HAS ARRIVED!

Please pick up a copy for your home. They can be found on the tables by the doors of the church. We are very grateful to Becker Funeral Home for their generosity in underwriting the cost of the calendars each year.

## SIGN UP TODAY: ONLINE GIVING!

The Faith Direct Program provides parishioners the ability to give to St. John's via electronic donation (credit card or direct debit from your bank).

Visit [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net) and enroll online using our parish code NJ48

"The nation doesn't simply  
need what we have.  
It needs what we are."

— Saint Theresia Benedicta - Edith Stein  
(1891 - 1942 A.D.)



## OPEN HOUSE

January 30, 2022 • 11:00am - 1:00pm

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