

SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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AUGUST 10, 2025

19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said to his disciples: "Do not be afraid any longer, little flock, for your Father is pleased to give you the kingdom. Sell your belongings and give alms...For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be."

— Luke 12:32-33a, 34

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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,

Welcome to our celebrations of the 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time, as this year our celebrations of our love of God will continue Friday, August 15th, with our liturgies of the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Scripture readings and the message of this special liturgical celebration of the eternal return of our Mother to heaven also makes us think about all our loved ones and in a very particular way about our dear mothers, whether they are still with us or already in God's eternity. They have been placed into our lives by the Almighty to assist us on our own personal journeys of life and faith toward the eternity, in the footsteps of Mary. During this week I hope to board a plane and travel to the historic city of Kosice in Slovakia where my dear mother Stefania lives and my dear father Jozef is buried. I will spend about 10 days with my mom attending to her needs, but, even more importantly, "recharging my own personal and spiritual batteries" through her motherly love, kindness, deep faith and prayers.

Every time we gather in our Church, or when we are spiritually connected through prayers with our loved ones, we honor and celebrate the spiritual heritage of our own families and our Parish. For almost a century our Spiritual Home has been bearing the name of Saint John the Baptist. We, the faithful of our parish as disciples of Jesus in our own time, celebrate every Sunday and every one of the liturgical feast days of Mary with a very special family connection: Jesus', Mary's and Joseph's closeness to Elizabeth, Zechariah and Saint John the Baptist. We will hear once again in the Gospel on the Solemnity of the Assumption that when Elizabeth saw Mary and heard her greeting, shortly after the conception of our Savior, the infant - John the Baptist - "leaped in her womb." With humility and so filled with joy she then proclaimed: "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb" (cf. Luke 1:39-56). Finding ourselves in the "family lineage" of John the Baptist, and so much being a part of the family of Jesus, gives our gatherings and prayers a very profound meaning. During the summer months many of us spend time with our family members, loved ones and friends. We can proudly declare that coming to Saint John the Baptist, or being united with this community in prayer, is our own personal "hanging out" with our special spiritual families of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, together with John the Baptist, Elizabeth and Zachariah.

May the Blessed Virgin Mary, our Sorrowful Mother, whom we also remember every year on September 15, intercede for our beautiful church, and every one of our homes and families. Let us once again celebrate our faith, pray together and ask for her motherly protection and intercessions.

-Fr. Peter

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 9

5:00 PM Charles Banks

SUNDAY, AUGUST 10

8:00 AM Diane Frolich

(2nd Anniversary)

10:00 AM Daniel Lauber

12:00 PM Grace & Donald Malone

MONDAY, AUGUST 11

8:00 AM Bridget Rooney

TUESDAY, AUGUST 12

8:00 AM Bernadette Choo

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13

8:00 AM James M. Guida

THURSDAY, AUGUST 14

8:00 AM Joseph Murphy

FRIDAY, AUGUST 15

8:00 AM People of the Parish

12:00PM Maureen Keough

SATURDAY, AUGUST 16

8:00 AM Bob Higgins

5:00 PM Benjamin Amos

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17

8:00 AM Mary Voto

10:00 AM Robert Tighe

12:00 PM Mary San Filippo

SENDING HEALING PRAYERS TO:

Michael Delehanty, Maricarmen Senande, Dash Richards, Maryann Prinke, Theresa Gorman, Julianne Lipnick, Rosalind Campos, Pamela Osbourne, Mark Miller

REMEMBERING THOSE WHO HAVE PASSED

Jenny Ott Graga, Rose Hennessy



**THE SOLEMNITY OF THE
ASSUMPTION OF THE
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
IS ON FRIDAY,
AUGUST 15, 2025.**

**IT IS A HOLY DAY
OF OBLIGATION.**

MASSES ARE AT 8:00AM & 12:00PM

The Magnificat

*My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior;
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.
From this day all generations will call me blessed:
the Almighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his Name.*

*He has mercy on those who fear him
in every generation.*

*He has shown the strength of his arm,
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,
and has lifted up the lowly.*

*He has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he has sent away empty.*

*He has come to the help of his servant Israel
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,
the promise he made to our fathers,
to Abraham and his children forever.*

Join Us For:

DAILY MASS

8:00 am

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Thursdays 3:00 - 6:00pm

Benediction & Community Prayer just before 6pm

CHURCH OPEN DAILY

7:00 am - 7:00 pm



**Pope Francis: The Madonna has
Set Foot in Paradise, The Huge
Leap Forward for Humanity**

When man set foot on the moon, he said a phrase that became famous: "That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind." In essence, humanity had reached a historical goal. But today, in Mary's Assumption into Heaven, we celebrate an infinitely greater conquest. The Madonna has set foot in paradise: she went there not only in spirit, but with her body as well, with all of herself. This step of the lowly Virgin of Nazareth was the huge leap forward for humanity. Going to the moon serves us little if we do not live as brothers and sisters on Earth. But that one of us dwells in the flesh in Heaven gives us hope: we understand that we are precious, destined to rise again. God does not allow our bodies to vanish into nothing. With God, nothing is lost! In Mary, the goal has been reached and we have before our eyes the reasons why we journey: not to gain the things here below, which vanish, but to achieve the homeland above, which is forever. And Our Lady is the star that guides us. She went there first. She, as the Council teaches, shines "as a sign of sure hope and solace to the People of God during its sojourn on earth" (Lumen gentium, 68).

What does our Mother advise us? Today in the Gospel the first thing she says is: "My soul magnifies the Lord" (Lk 1:46). Accustomed to hearing these words, perhaps we no longer pay attention to their meaning. To "magnify" literally means "to make great", to enlarge. Mary "aggrandises the Lord": not problems, which she did not lack at the time, but the Lord. How often, instead, we let ourselves be overwhelmed by difficulties and absorbed by fears! Our Lady does not, because she puts God as the first greatness of life. From here the Magnificat springs forth, from here joy is born: not from the absence of problems, which come sooner or later, but joy is born from the presence of God who helps us, who is near us. Because God is great. And, above all, God looks on the lowly ones. We are His weakness of love: God looks on and loves the lowly.

Mary, in fact, acknowledges that she is small and exalts the "great things" the Lord has done for her. The Lord works wonders with those who are lowly, with those who do not believe that they are great but who give ample space to God in their life. [...] And we - we might ask ourselves - do we remember to praise God? Do we thank Him for the great things He does for us? For every day that He gives us, because He always loves us and forgives us, for His tenderness? In addition, for having given us His Mother, for the brothers and sisters He puts on our path, and because He opened Heaven to us? Do we thank God, praise God for these things? If we forget the good, our hearts shrink. But if, like Mary, we remember the great things that the Lord does, if at least once a day we were to "magnify" Him, then we would take a great step forward.

Pope Francis, Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Angelus, Saint Peter's Square, August 15, 2020

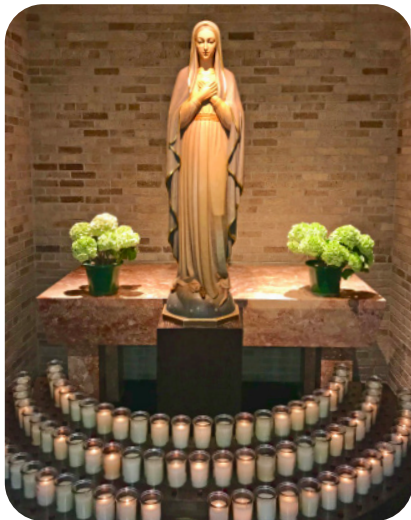
OUR PARISH STEWARDSHIP

SUNDAY, AUGUST 3, 2025

		2024	BUDGET
Envelope & In Pew Giving:	\$7,681	\$7,633	\$7,900
Online Giving via Faith Direct:	4,954	4,968	\$5,000
TOTAL	\$12,635	\$12,601	\$12,900

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

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.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT

Rachel's Vineyard is a safe place to renew, rebuild and redeem hearts broken by abortion. Weekend retreats offer a supportive, confidential, and non-judgmental environment where women and men can express, release, and reconcile post-abortive emotions to begin the process of restoration, renewal and healing. The Archdiocesan Respect Life Office will be offering a retreat the weekend of September 19 – 21, 2025. For further information and to register, please contact Cheryl Riley, Director, Archdiocese Respect Life at 973-497-4350 or cheryl.riley@can.org.

WEEKLY DEVOTIONS

Daily Mass

8:00 am

Eucharistic Adoration

Thursdays

3:00 – 6:00 pm

Benediction shortly before 6pm

Church is Open Daily

7:00 am – 7:00 pm



thankful
grateful
AND
Blessed

THANK YOU
for remembering
& supporting
our Parish
during these
summer months!

~~ Words to Live By from the Saints ~~

“From Mary we learn to surrender to God's will in all things. From Mary we learn to trust even when hope seems gone. From Mary we learn to love Christ her son and the son of God!

— Pope St. John Paul II (1920 - 2005)