

# SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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JULY 4 & 5, 2026

## 14<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME & INDEPENDENCE DAY

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

Thank you for being such an important part of our celebrations of the 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time, even during this summer season of relaxation, family gatherings and travels. In the Gospel of today we hear about Jesus giving thanks and praise to the Father for the gift of each one of us, and offering his joy, rest and peace to each of his friends and disciples: "All things have been handed over to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son wishes to reveal him. Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light." (Matthew 11:25-30). We are all special friends and disciples of Jesus, and during these summer days as we spend some extra time with our family and friends, we recognize also in them this precious relationship with our Lord and Redeemer.

Toward the end of this month, on July 29, the Catholic Church celebrates the Memorial of Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus. These "early Christians" are certainly on the short list of people who were humanly "closest" to Jesus during his earthly life. The place of this annual celebration in our liturgical calendar during the summer season of gatherings, trips, and family celebrations, highlights the great importance of our loved ones and friends in our lives. From the moment of our birth until the very last moments on this earth, and, in fact, for all eternity, they have been placed into our lives according to God's providential plan of love towards us. Jesus, who had unconditionally taken on himself our humanity with all its joys, challenges and sorrows, gave personal witness to the essential role of our human relationships. None of us, however young or old, however well off or poor, could humanly or spiritually survive on our own. And on that journey, as his reassurance and his sign of unconditional love, Jesus even promoted and adopted us into his own family when He adamantly declared that "whoever does the will of my heavenly Father is my brother, and sister, and mother" (cf. Mt 12:50).

Let us pray this Sunday in a special way for all dear and special people in our lives, for our families, and also for our parish family of Saint John the Baptist that the good Lord will guide us and assist us to live always as the family and friends of our Risen Savior.

— Fr. Peter

## *Mass Intentions*

*We remember our loved ones  
and community*

### **SATURDAY, JULY 4**

5:00 PM Erminia Caldera

### **SUNDAY, JULY 5**

8:00 AM Florence Sacco

10:00 AM Kelly Hannigan

12:00 PM Peter McCann

### **MONDAY, JULY 6**

8:00 AM Maria Schiavone

### **TUESDAY, JULY 7**

8:00 AM Michael McGrath

### **WEDNESDAY, JULY 8**

8:00 AM People of the Parish

### **THURSDAY, JULY 9**

8:00 AM Noel Bansil  
(5th Anniversary)

### **FRIDAY, JULY 10**

8:00 AM Robert S. Ryan

### **SATURDAY, JULY 11**

8:00 AM Emil Gordon  
(2nd Anniversary)

5:00 PM Margaret Coyne

### **SUNDAY, JULY 12**

8:00 AM Maria Picinic

10:00 AM Very Rev.  
Peter T. Sticco, S.A.C.

12:00 PM Susan & Eric  
DiGregorio (Living)  
50th Anniversary

The **Votive Candle** burns  
in memory of

**KELLY HANNIGAN**

at the request of  
The Schwarz Family

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

**EMIL GORDON**

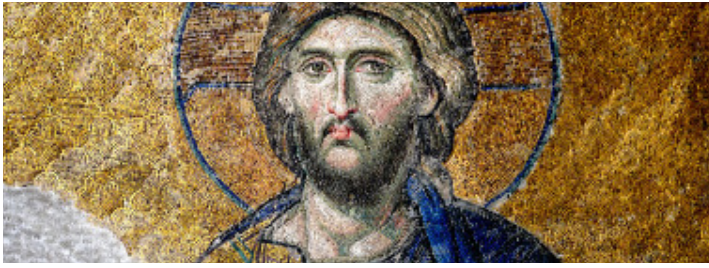
at the request of  
Rosemary Gordon

### *Prayers for Healing and Peace:*

Kim Costa, Thomas Tobin, Anthony K., Peter Spaccarotella, Jim Derbyshire, James Carbone, Terry Medino, Anita Lawrence, Ann Walsh, Elaine McBreen, Baby Rocco, Caroline Bisi, Baby Nellie, Liam Fanning, Ken McGlone, Eileen Stasiunis, Maria Spaccarotella, Bruce Hawkinson, Walter Minx, Maricarmen Senande

### *Remembering Those Who Have Passed:*

Marilyn Gallucci, Kevin Portuondo, George Bellin



## THE SUMMER SEASON IS A PROVIDENTIAL TIME TO CULTIVATE OUR TASK OF SEEKING AND ENCOUNTERING THE LORD

The disciples' ascent up Mount Tabor leads us to reflect on the importance of disengaging from worldly matters, in order to make a journey toward heaven and to contemplate Jesus. It is a matter of being attentive to the careful and prayerful listening of Christ, the beloved Son of the Father, seeking intimate moments of prayer that allow for the docile and joyful welcoming of the Word of God. In this spiritual ascent, in this disengagement from worldly matters, we are called to rediscover the peaceful and regenerative silence of meditating on the Gospel, on the reading of the Bible, which leads to a destination rich in beauty, splendor and joy. When we meditate in this way, with the Bible in hand, in silence, we begin to feel this interior beauty, this joy that the Word of God engenders in us. In this perspective, the summer season is a providential time to cultivate our task of seeking and encountering the Lord. In this period, students are free of scholastic commitments and many families take their holidays; it is important that in the period of rest and disengagement from daily activities, we can reinforce our strengths of body and soul, by deepening our spiritual journey.

In the Transfiguration, the voice of the heavenly Father is heard saying: "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him!". Let us look to Mary, the *Virgin of listening*, ever ready to welcome and keep in her heart every word of the Divine Son (cf. Lk 2:51).

May our Mother and the Mother of God help us to be in harmony with the Word of God, so that Christ may become light and lodestar throughout our life. Let us entrust to her the holidays of all, so that they may be peaceful and fruitful, but above all the summer of those who cannot go on holiday due to impediments of age, to reasons of health or of work, to economic restrictions or other problems, so that it may be a time of eased tension, gladdened by the presence of friends and of happy moments.

*Pope Francis, Angelus, Saint Peter's Square, 6 August 2017*

*Join Us!*

**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

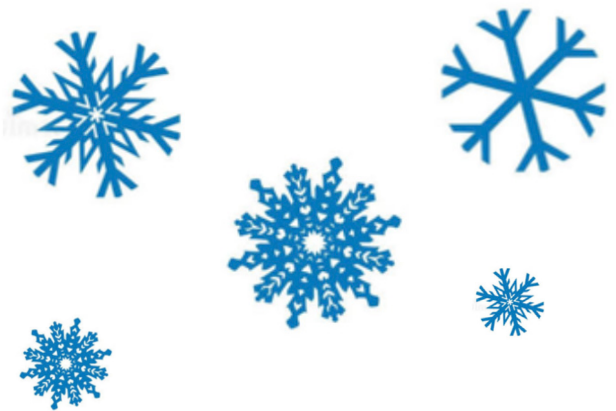
*All Are Welcome!*

**Hello Summer!**

**Enjoy Every Moment.**

**Don't Take A Vacation  
From GOD.**

**AS ONE FAMILY OF FAITH, LET'S "DIG" OUR SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST OUT OF THE WINTER SNOWSTORMS**





❄️ **Saturday & Sunday, December 13 – 14, 2025**  
**Hillsdale: 5.0"**

❄️ Tuesday, December 23, 2025  
Hillsdale: 2.1"

❄️ **Friday & Saturday, December 26 – 27, 2025**  
**Hillsdale: 3.8"**

❄️ Friday, January 2, 2026  
Hillsdale: 0.1"

❄️ **Saturday, January 17, 2026**  
**Hillsdale: 2.8"**

❄️ **Sunday, January 18, 2026**  
**Hillsdale: 2.8"**

❄️ **Sunday & Monday, January 25 – 26, 2026**  
**Hillsdale: 15.0" with coating of freezing rain**

❄️ **Friday & Saturday, February 6 – 7, 2026**  
**Hillsdale: 0.3"**

❄️ Tue & Wed, Feb 10 – 11, 2026  
Hillsdale: Ice coating of freezing rain

❄️ **Sunday & Monday, February 15 – 16, 2026**  
**Hillsdale: 0.5"**

❄️ **Sunday & Monday, February 22 – 23, 2026**  
**Hillsdale: 21.3"**

❄️ Wednesday, Feb 25, 2026  
Hillsdale: 1.2"

**CUMULATIVE SNOWFALL TOTALS:**

**Hillsdale: 54.9 inches**

**December: 10.9 inches**

**January: 20.7 inches**

**February: 23.3" inches**



**A Special Collection to Assist our Parish**

with missed weekend collections during Saturdays & Sundays of numerous winter storms and with extraordinary expenses during the very cold and challenging **Winter of 2025-2026**



<https://bit.ly/Winter-Recovery>

## OUR PARISH STEWARDSHIP

**SUNDAY, JUNE 28, 2026**

		<b>2025</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>
Envelope & In Pew Giving:	\$6,391	\$ 6,416	\$ 7,900
Online Giving via ParishSOFT:	5,284	\$ 4,911	\$ 5,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$11,675</b>	<b>\$ 11,327</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!*



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ANNUAL <sup>2026</sup> APPEAL

### THANK YOU VERY MUCH TO OUR CARING AA DONORS!

**Thank you so very much (!)** to all our kind and generous donors who through your kindness, concern and generosity have sent a powerful message about the caring and compassionate spirit of our community to the entire Archdiocese of Newark. We are very grateful to the 228 families and individual parishioners who have helped us to raise \$99,798 and surpass our \$98,750 parish goal.

This great news, and our joy, will now be even further multiplied through an important 2% reduction of our Annual Archdiocesan Parish Assessment. In addition, about 50% of the funds collected and exceeding our parish goal will be given back to our parish for our pastoral needs. Please note that only the part of your pledges which is paid by June 30 will be counted toward our parish rebate and the reduction of our Archdiocesan Assessment.

Please indicate on all pledges and donations that you are a member of St. John the Baptist Parish in Hillsdale. May God bless you always and reward you many times for your kind assistance and support. ([www.rcan.org/sharing](http://www.rcan.org/sharing))

### FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION

Our parish Religious Education Office is excited to share that the 2026-2027 Faith Formation Registration (aka CCD) for St. John's is open & available on our parish website [www.stjohnhillsdale.org](http://www.stjohnhillsdale.org) "Faith Formation".

Our Faith Formation programs are available to all Catholic children in grades 1 - 8 who are attending public school. Our programs are in-person or family-at-home (gathering once a month during a weekday evening for both children and parents). All families who register for faith formation must be registered parishioners of St. John's Parish Community.

Faith Formation is a lifelong journey of growing in our relationship with Jesus and understanding our Catholic faith more deeply. Participating each year helps children remain connected to the parish community, develop friendships rooted in faith, and better understand the importance of living as disciples of Christ in everyday life.

We encourage families enrolling their child in the summer program to register immediately to assist the staff in planning for a successful program.

Families with a child entering second grade in September (who has been baptized and completed 1st grade religious education), please register him/her for First Reconciliation and First Communion along with Faith Formation.

For further information please contact Kathy Breitenbach, Registrar at [kbreitenbach@stjohnhillsdale.com](mailto:kbreitenbach@stjohnhillsdale.com)



WE ARE HIS  
**WITNESSES**

[WeAreHisWitnesses.org](http://WeAreHisWitnesses.org)

for updates, timelines and resources.

***"The secret to happiness is to love  
moment by moment, and then thank God for all He,  
in His goodness, sends to us day by day."***

— Saint Gianna Molla (1922 - 1962)