

# SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Pray

IS LOVE FOR GOD

Fast

IS LOVE FOR YOURSELF

Give

IS LOVE FOR OTHERS



MARCH 19, 2023

4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

*You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light, for light produces every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth. — Ephesians 5:8-9*

## PASTOR

Rev. Msgr. Peter Smutelovic

## WEEKEND ASSISTANT

Rev. Bogumil Misiuk

## DEACONS

Deacon Jack Gray  
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Cathy Williamson, Office Manager/Outreach  
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Theresa Cabrera, Interim Principal  
Penny Jackson, Tuition Manager / Registrar  
Heather Hurley, School Secretary

## 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 Fourth Sunday of Lent. Thank you to so many of you who took an active part in the Liturgies of this past Lenten Sunday, and our special thanks to Bishop Michael A. Saporito, Auxiliary Bishop of Newark and Regional Bishop of Bergen County, who met with our 2023 Confirmation Candidates and led us in prayer at our 12 Noon Sunday Mass. He joined our community of faith, once again, not only as a bishop, friend of our parish, and successor of the Apostles, but also as a living witness to the fact that those gifts of the Holy Spirit and graces which he received many years ago on the day of his own Confirmation have been life-giving in his personal and spiritual life. I am especially grateful for his heartfelt sharing of his own faith in our Lord, both during the breakfast gathering with our Confirmation Candidates and our 12 noon Mass.

We continue to journey through the Season of Lent celebrating - every year in the middle of March - the feast days of Saint Patrick (March 17), and Saint Joseph (annually celebrated on March 19, but this year "postponed" until March 20, since March 19 is a Lenten Sunday). In the Gospel of this week our Lord is presented to us as "the light of the world," as the one who through his love and self-sacrifice shattered every darkness of our human and spiritual existence and has called us to be his disciples and witnesses of this eternal light. Both of these saintly men who had to overcome so many setbacks, sorrows, and moments of personal and spiritual darkness are still remembered and celebrated throughout the world - centuries after their passing from this life into the eternity - mainly because they were able to overcome these moments of darkness through their personal relationship with the true Light of this world, our Lord Jesus Christ. Their human and spiritual lives were undoubtedly tested through so many struggles and sorrows, but their lives were profoundly defined mainly by this eternal light of Christ's presence, love, hope and joy.

May our loving Mother, the Immaculate Virgin Mary, Saint Joseph, Saint Patrick and Saint John the Baptist, continue to accompany us and intercede for all of us on our own personal journeys toward that eternal light, Jesus, Our Lord and Savior. Please be assured of my prayers for each and every one of you, as well as for all your loved ones. I am very grateful for your personal sacrifices, expressions of support, and your countless prayers.

—Fr. Peter

#### SENDING HEALING PRAYERS TO:

Tracey Mann, Jane Ripley, Rita Brautigam, Frank Capsouras, Mary Croft, William J. Raymond, Rose Stigliano, Coryn Samone, Sheila Heron, Christine Cleary, George DiGregorio, Rene Delahanty, Donna Arnold, Odran Seeley, Paula O'Neill, Mark Robinson

#### REMEMBERING THOSE WHO HAVE PASSED

Charles Schmiedehausen, Gail Vespe, Ronald Grant

## Mass Intentions

### SATURDAY, MARCH 18

5:00 PM Margaret Wilkinson

### SUNDAY, MARCH 19

8:00 AM Anthony Gitto

10:00 AM Dino Favetta

12:00 PM Michael Daniels

### MONDAY, MARCH 20

8:00 AM Anne McCrory

### TUESDAY, MARCH 21

8:00 AM Rich Correr

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22

8:00 AM Brian Smith

### THURSDAY, MARCH 23

8:00 AM Amy Christoforetti

### FRIDAY, MARCH 24

8:00 AM Edward Cardani

### SATURDAY, MARCH 25

8:00 AM Virginia Rottenberger

5:00 PM Geraldine Duester

### SUNDAY, MARCH 26

8:00 AM Frances Manning

10:00 AM Valentin Tarasenko

12:00 PM John Carbone

THE VOTIVE CANDLE BURNS IN MEMORY OF

## A GEORGE DIGREGORIO

AT THE REQUEST OF  
SUSAN & ERIC DIGREGORIO

THE BREAD & WINE ARE GIVEN  
IN MEMORY OF

## AMY CHRISTOFORETTI

AT THE REQUEST OF  
THE DONATO FAMILY

# OUR *Lent* 2023



## A DINNER & LENTEN MOVIE NIGHT

in Honor of Saint Joseph, Patron of  
the Universal Church.

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22, 2023**

**6PM • Dinner Get-Together**

**7PM • Movie Night in our Church**

## THE MISSION (1986)



A beautiful story of courage, spiritual resolve, love of God and willingness to sacrifice for others. Spectacular musical arrangements. The story based on the 18th century Jesuit missions, inspired by desire to bring the message of our Lord's salvation to all the ends of the planet Earth. Do you want to be inspired? Do you need to be affirmed in your faith and love of God? Do you wish to be challenged during this blessed Season of Lent? Join us for this great and faith-filled evening.

**FREE\* (\*any sponsorships or voluntary donations gratefully accepted)**

For those who might be wondering whether some great Italian sweets and Saint Joseph's pastry — *Zeppole di San Giuseppe* — will also be served; the answer is...YES!

In order to reserve a seat for this limited capacity event — please call, ASAP, the Rectory at **201.664.3131** or send an email to [WeAreStJohns@gmail.com](mailto:WeAreStJohns@gmail.com)

**MARCH 20, 2023**

## SOLEMNITY OF ST. JOSEPH BELOVED FATHER OF ALL CHRISTIANS



The greatness of Saint Joseph is that he was the spouse of Mary and the father of Jesus. In this way, he placed himself, in the words of Saint John Chrysostom, “at the service of the entire plan of salvation.”

Saint Paul VI, Pope, pointed out that Joseph concretely expressed his fatherhood “by making his life a sacrificial service to the mystery of the incarnation and its redemptive purpose. He employed his legal authority over the Holy Family to devote himself completely to them in his life and work. He turned his human vocation to domestic love into a superhuman oblation of himself, his

heart and all his abilities, a love placed at the service of the Messiah who was growing to maturity in his home.”

Thanks to his role in salvation history, Saint Joseph has always been venerated as a father by the Christian people. This is shown by the countless churches dedicated to him worldwide, the numerous religious Institutes, Confraternities and ecclesial groups inspired by his spirituality and bearing his name, and the many traditional expressions of piety in his honour. Innumerable holy men and women were passionately devoted to him. Among them was Teresa of Avila, who chose him as her advocate and intercessor, had frequent recourse to him and received whatever graces she asked of him. Encouraged by her own experience, Teresa persuaded others to cultivate devotion to Joseph. Every prayer book contains prayers to Saint Joseph. Special prayers are offered to him each Wednesday and especially during the month of March, which is traditionally dedicated to him.

*Pope Francis, Apostolic Letter Patris Corde - With A Father's Heart, December 8, 2020*

## LENTEN WEEKLY DEVOTIONS

**DAILY MASS: 8AM**

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Thursdays 3 - 6PM**

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Fridays 7PM**

**CHURCH OPEN DAILY: 7AM - 7PM**

# OUR PARISH STEWARDSHIP

## SUNDAY, MARCH 12:

Envelope & In Pew Giving: \$8,536  
 Online Giving via Faith Direct: \$4,945

## 2022

\$8,342  
\$4,964

## BUDGET

\$10,627  
\$3,370

## TOTAL

\$13,481

\$13,306

\$13,997

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

## WOULD YOU LIKE TO MEMORIALIZE THE 2023 PASCHAL CANDLE?

The Paschal Candle signifies the light of Christ and will be lit for the first time at the Easter Vigil. It will adorn our sanctuary throughout the year. If you are interested in underwriting the cost of the candle in memory of a loved one, please contact Jennifer Cannon: jencannon@stjohnhillsdale.com or 201-664-3131.

Thank you!

## PLEASE HELP A CHILD FEEL SPECIAL ON THEIR FIRST COMMUNION DAY!

There are several families in our community, and many just beyond our community, who cannot afford to purchase a Communion outfit for their child. Please help these children feel special on their big day by donating used or new Communion dresses, suits, shirts, ties, headpieces or shoes.

We have set aside **ONE DAY when donations will be received: Saturday, March 25 from 10AM to 2PM at St. John's Parish Center (or call Kathy at 201-666-4185).** Please bring all articles clean, on hangers, and covered in plastic. Monetary donations will also be accepted. If you or anyone you know may need an outfit, please contact Kathy. Thank you so very much!

## 2023 ANNIVERSARY LITURGIES

The Archdiocese of Newark is preparing the annual tradition of honoring those couples in our Archdiocese who will be celebrating 5, 25 and 50 years of Christian marriage in the year 2023. These anniversary liturgies will be celebrated in the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark: Couples who celebrated their Silver or Golden Anniversaries during 2020 or 2021 are also welcome to participate. The dates are:

**April 16, 2023 3:00 pm 50 Years**

**May 7, 2023 3:00 pm 5 & 25 Years**

To register, please call the Rectory at 201-664-3131.

## TO HELP US PLAN OUR EASTER

### HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULES

#### PALM SUNDAY - APRIL 1/2

*For those who wish to join us outside, we will initiate the Mass with a reading of the Gospel, prayers and then procession from the St. John the Baptist statue area.*

5:00pm (Sat.)

8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00pm (Sun.)

#### HOLY THURSDAY - APRIL 6

8:00am Morning Prayer

7:00pm Liturgy of the Lord's Supper  
 Church open for private prayer until 11:00pm

#### GOOD FRIDAY - APRIL 7

8:00am Morning Prayer

3:00pm Liturgy of the Lord's Passion  
 7:00pm Stations of the Cross

#### HOLY SATURDAY - APRIL 8

8:00am Morning Prayer

8:00pm Easter Vigil Liturgy

#### EASTER SUNDAY - APRIL 9

8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00pm

**"When we must do something we dislike, let us say to God, My God I offer You this in honor of the moment when You died for me."**

— Saint John Vianney (1786 - 1859 A.D.)