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AUGUST 9, 2026

19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.— Psalm 85:8

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

Pope Leo XIV: Make Time for Prayer and Silence in the Summer

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Jesus himself, the Word made flesh, who gave his life for our salvation, is the seed that the Father continues to sow throughout the world so that, by dying, he may bear much fruit (cf. Jn 12:24). It is true that sometimes he finds in us hard and unresponsive soil, at other times distracted soil, like the beaten path, the rocky ground, or the thorny bushes. Yet there are also moments when he finds receptive and fertile ground, and then miracles of love are set in motion that have the power to transform everything — as we ourselves have no doubt experienced in our own lives. For this reason, the Father never ceases to sow, because he knows that the power of his love is stronger than our weakness (cf. 2Cor 12:9–10). Referring to the “seed” of the Word of God, Saint John Chrysostom asks, “How could it be reasonable to sow among thorns, on rocky ground, or on the path? In the case of seeds and soil, it would not be reasonable; but in the case of souls and doctrine, it is altogether praiseworthy” (Homilies on the Gospel of Matthew, 44, 5), because in God’s hands it is possible that “rocky ground may be transformed into fertile soil; that the path may no longer be trampled underfoot or exposed to every passer-by, but become rich earth; and that the thorns may be cleared away and the seed may enjoy complete security” (ibid.).

God’s generosity towards us is not naïve but wise. He sees within us the potential of a good that, at times, we ourselves might fail to recognize. For this reason, the Lord, who knows the soil of our hearts better than we, never ceases to believe in us — in who we are and in who we can become, day by day, if we entrust ourselves to him in faith. Thus, from the generosity and trust with which the seed is sown, and from the humility and openness with which it is received, the fruits of the Holy Spirit grow within us and spread. Saint Paul teaches that they are “love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control” (Gal 5:22). How greatly our world stands in need of these fruits: to be filled with them and transformed by them. Let us therefore resolve, especially during these summer days of vacation, to make room for listening to, reading, and meditating on the Word of God, thereby fostering—together with rest and wholesome recreation — meaningful moments of silence and prayer. In this way, we shall return to our usual activities renewed in body and spirit, ready to proclaim the Good News of the Gospel and ever more capable of contributing to the growth of the Kingdom of God. May Mary, Queen of the Apostles and Star of the Evangelization, help us.

Pope Leo XIV, Castel Gandolfo Summer Residence, July 12, 2026

Mass Intentions

*We remember our loved ones
and community*

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8

5:00 PM Jozef Smutelovic

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9

8:00 AM Frances Delasey

10:00 AM Pierce Browne
(10th Anniversary)

12:00 PM Dorothy Giacomina

MONDAY, AUGUST 10

8:00 AM Bridget Mary
Rooney

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11

8:00 AM Diane Frolich
(3rd Anniversary)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12

8:00 AM People of the Parish

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13

8:00 AM People of the Parish

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14

8:00 AM Marilyn Mascolo

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15

8:00 AM People of the Parish

5:00 PM Maureen Keough

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16

8:00 AM John Andrew Henry

10:00 AM B. Michael Choo

12:00 PM Robert Tighe

Prayers for Healing and Peace:

Kim Costa, Thomas Tobin, Anthony K., Jim Derbyshire, James Carbone, Terry Medino, Anita Lawrence, Ann Walsh, Elaine McBreen, Baby Rocco, Caroline Bisi, Baby Nellie, Liam Fanning, Ken McGlone, Walter Minx, Eileen Stasiunis, Bruce Hawkinson, Mary Lou Wilson, John Manning, Alex Rodriguez

Remembering Those Who Have Passed:

Theresa Manole, Robert Gioia

THANK YOU!

SO MUCH

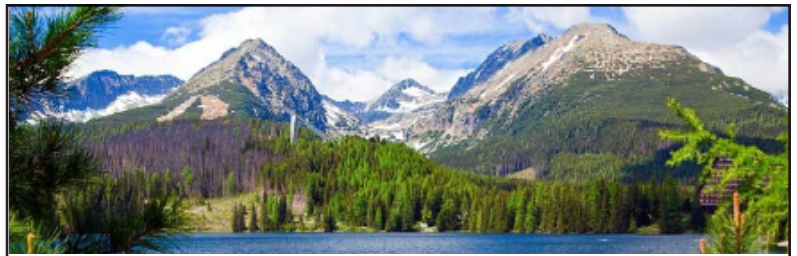
Dear Kathleen Bisi and the Parishioners of
St. John the Baptist Parish,

On behalf of our community and the children
who benefited from your generosity, we express
our heartfelt gratitude for your donation of
First Communion outfits for underprivileged
children.

Your kindness and compassion have made it
possible for many children to celebrate this
important sacrament with dignity and joy. It
brought happiness to the children and their
families, who deeply appreciate your thoughtful
support.

Please accept our sincere appreciation for your
valuable donations and for your commitment to
helping those less fortunate. May God bless you
abundantly for your kindness and generosity.

With gratitude & best wishes,
Sr. Josefa Gonzalez, Director of Catechesis
Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart
89 Ridge Road, Newark, NJ 07104



*Our summertime should refresh that interior and
exterior harmony which revitalizes the mind and
reinvigorates our body and spirit.*

During July and August many families take their holidays. We
all in fact need an occasional period of extended physical,
psychological and spiritual rest. Especially for those who live
in large cities, it is important that they immerse themselves
in nature for a while. Next Wednesday I too will go to the
mountains of Val d'Aosta to spend a few days resting and
relaxing. For a vacation to be truly such and bring genuine
well-being, in it a person must recover a good balance with
himself, with others and with the environment. It is this
interior and exterior harmony which revitalizes the mind and
reinvigorates body and spirit.

One of the values of a holiday is that of meeting and spending
time with others in an unselfish way, for the pleasure
of friendship and for sharing quiet moments together.
However, knowing the human mind and the influences of a
consumer society, I would like to suggest, especially to young
people, that you take healthy vacations, ones that provide a
healthy escape, avoiding harmful abuses of your health and
that of others. Otherwise, you will end up wasting your time
and resources, and you will return from your long-awaited
“holidays” without any benefit. Escape can be beneficial,
as long as one does not escape from sound moral criteria
and simply from the necessary respect for one’s own health.
The right to a holiday must not let us forget those who for
various reasons cannot leave their everyday surroundings
because they are hampered by age, reasons of health or work,
financial constraints or other problems. During the summer
certain essential public services are even more necessary,
and the presence of volunteers, who care for those most
alone, proves quite valuable. Today I would like to entrust
everyone’s holidays to Mary most holy, so that they will be
peaceful and beneficial, but also the summer of those who
cannot go on holiday, so that they will still have a time of
relaxation, gladdened by the presence of friends and joyful
moments.

Pope John Paul II, Angelus Prayer Reflection, July 6, 1997
Picture above, The Tatra Mountains, Slovakia

OUR PARISH STEWARDSHIP

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2, 2026

		2025	BUDGET
Envelope & In Pew Giving:	\$5,891	\$ 7,321	\$ 7,900
Online Giving via ParishSOFT:	6,442	\$ 4,752	\$ 5,000
TOTAL	\$12,333	\$ 12,073	\$12,900

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

AN INVITATION TO PRAYER



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Thursday 3 - 6 pm
Benediction &
Community Prayer
(just before 6pm)



DAILY MASS

Celebrated each
morning at 8 am



Come in,
linger awhile,
say a prayer, and
light a candle
in hope and love.

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**The Solemnity of the
Assumption of the
Blessed Virgin Mary,
Saturday, August 15,**

**IS NOT A HOLY DAY OF
OBLIGATION THIS YEAR.**

**There will be a Mass celebrated at 8:00am
for those wishing to join us. Thank you!**

***"Faith lifts the soul.
Hope supports it.
Experience says it must.
And Love says let it be!"***

— Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton (1774 - 1821)