

# SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## 19<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*Brothers and sisters: Faith is the realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen.  
— Hebrews 11:1*

**PASTOR**  
Rev. Msgr. Peter Smutelovic

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Rev. Bogumil Misiuk

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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

## Mass Intentions

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

During this special summer season of warm weather, vacations, travels, gatherings of family and friends, and all other activities which we all place into the “enjoying life” category of our lives, the Scripture passages of this 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time and their reference to the very last days might seem out of place. Reading them and listening to them create mixed emotions and an understandable response: “Yes, Lord, I know, one day, but not yet.”

*“Gird your loins and light your lamps and be like servants who await their master’s return from a wedding, ready to open immediately when he comes and knocks. Blessed are those servants whom the master finds vigilant on his arrival. Amen, I say to you, he will gird himself, have them recline at table, and proceed to wait on them. And should he come in the second or third watch and find them prepared in this way, blessed are those servants.”*  
(cf. Gospel - Lk 12:32-48)

While the “last days” appears to be that liturgical theme, our readings, prayers and songs today point our human and spiritual sight beyond eschatological concepts which could lead to unnecessary worries or personal concerns. The place of these words and readings right in the middle of the summer season, with some “special assistance” from the long days and a lot of summer sunshine, is quite symbolic. The words of our Lord, as always, serve to you and me as a constant reminder that during the most joy-filled, relaxing and peaceful moments of our lives, as well as during those difficult and turbulent ones, we should keep in mind that He is “the Alpha and the Omega, the one who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty” (Book of Revelation 1:5-8). Jesus never plants into our hearts and minds any sense of fear or anxiety. He continues to knock and invite us to a deeper life-giving friendship, never depriving us of our own free will or ability to say “yes” or “no,” in all different situations of our lives, however enjoyable or burdensome they might be. If we say yes, He truly becomes our Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end of our lives, the Master we constantly await. And, in those moments when we or any of our loved ones and friends say “no,” we can rest assured that He will never “give up” and will continue to knock on the doors of our hearts and minds in the hope that one day they will open.

Thank you for saying “yes” once again today. That commitment is precious every day of our lives, but it is particularly precious during those weekends when coming to Mass or joining this special community in prayer from wherever you are requires an extra effort or sacrifice, like during these beautiful, sunny, and often very hot days of Summer.

-Fr. Peter

### SENDING HEALING PRAYERS TO:

Dimas Acevedo, Patricia Bacigalupo, Daisy Ramirez, Robert Culhane, Teena & Ronald Grant, Brian Ruso, Fr. John Murray, Jim Lyons, Kim Jones-Gervais, Marie Cartwright, Pamela Growney, Paul Keating, Tyson Thompson, Diana Seymour, Donna Mann, Susan DiGregorio

### REMEMBERING THOSE WHO HAVE PASSED:

Frederick Marinozzi, Mick Moloney, Anthony Baffa, Anna Schaeppkins

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 6

5:00 PM Patricia Morrissey

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 7

8:00 AM John Kosseck

10:00 AM Mary Ellen Cannon

12:00 PM Patricia Morrissey

### MONDAY, AUGUST 8

8:00 AM Caulfield & Caldera  
Families

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 9

8:00 AM Bridget Rooney

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10

8:00 AM Michael Totaro

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 11

8:00 AM Edgar Francisco

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 12

8:00 AM Timothy Boyle

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 13

8:00 AM Frank DeMarco, Jr.

5:00 PM Lorraine Socha

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 14

8:00 AM Anastazy Jank

10:00 AM Robert Cirillo

12:00 PM Patricia Morrissey

THE VOTIVE CANDLE BURNS  
IN MEMORY OF

**ANASTAZY JANK**

AT THE REQUEST OF  
THE ROSARY SOCIETY

THE BREAD & WINE IS  
DONATED IN MEMORY OF

**PATRICIA MORRISSEY**

AT THE REQUEST OF  
THE TIGHE FAMILY

## CCD PROGRAM REGISTRATION FOR SEPTEMBER



Welcome to a new catechetical year! St. John's Parish CCD programs provide an atmosphere of prayer, study and discussion to increase your child's and family's awareness of God's presence in our daily lives.

Parents who have a child entering grades Kindergarten through 8th in September and would like to register their child/children for CCD may obtain the forms at the receptionist desk in the Msgr. Morris Parish Center or online at [www.stjohnhillsdale.com/ccd.html](http://www.stjohnhillsdale.com/ccd.html)

**Sunday Weekly program** initial parent meeting is on Mon., Sept. 12 at 7:00pm in the parish center. Classes begin on Sun., Sept. 18 in the parish center at 8:45am to 9:45am.

**Family Faith @ Home Program** initial parent meeting is on Tues., Sept. 13 in the parish center at 7:00pm. This meeting is for all the families who have registered their child(ren) in home program Grades 1 through 8.

Any questions, contact Kathy Breitenbach, Registrar: [kbreitenbach@stjohnhillsdale.com](mailto:kbreitenbach@stjohnhillsdale.com)

## FIRST SACRAMENTS INFO

First Sacraments (Reconciliation & Eucharist) are celebrated in 2nd grade. This is a two year program which begins with enrollment in 1st grade of either the parish Children's Faith Formation or at St. John's Academy. In 2nd grade, there is a separate preparation program to which the family is invited to enroll. This is one program for all the children of the parish whether they are in CCD or St. John's Academy.

Registration forms will be emailed to parish families who have a child currently registered in 2nd grade CCD Program or St. John's Academy. Parent meeting is on Tues., October 4 at 12:30pm or 7:00pm in the parish center. If you have a child who has been baptized and is entering 2nd grade in September and he or she has completed one year of faith formation (either in Catholic school or a CCD program), you may register your child for First Sacraments. Please contact Kathy Breitenbach, Registrar: [kbreitenbach@stjohnhillsdale.com](mailto:kbreitenbach@stjohnhillsdale.com)



## All Education in our Catholic Faith Must Nurture the Desire for Truth, Goodness and Beauty

In an age awash in information, often transmitted without wisdom or critical sense, the task of forming present and future generations of Catholic teachers and students remains as important as ever. As educators, you are called to nurture the desire for truth, goodness and beauty that lies in the heart of each individual, so that all may learn how to love life and be open to the fullness of life. This involves discerning innovative ways of uniting research with best practices so that teachers can serve the whole person in a process of integral human development. In short, this means forming the head, hands and heart together: preserving and enhancing the link between learning, doing and feeling in the noblest sense. In this way, you will be able to offer not only an excellent academic curriculum, but also a coherent vision of life inspired by the teachings of Christ.

In this sense, the Church's work of education aims not only "at developing the maturity of the human person... but is especially directed towards ensuring that those who have been baptized become daily more appreciative of the gift of faith which they have received" (Second Vatican Council's Declaration *Gravissimum Educationis*, 2). Our faith is a great grace that each of us must daily nurture and help others to nurture as well. In the light of faith, educators and students alike come to see each other as beloved children of the God who created us to be brothers and sisters in the one human family. On this basis, all education in our Catholic Faith commits us, among other things, to the building of a better world by teaching mutual coexistence, fraternal solidarity and peace.

At the same time, Catholic education is also evangelization: bearing witness to the joy of the Gospel and its power to renew our communities and provide hope and strength in facing the challenges of the present time. I trust that this study visit will inspire each of you to rededicate himself or herself with generous zeal to your vocation as educators, to your efforts to solidify the foundations of a more humane and solidary society, and thus the advancement of Christ's kingdom of truth, holiness, justice and peace.

*Pope Francis, Address to Global Researchers Advancing Catholic Education Project, April 20, 2022*

# OUR PARISH STEWARDSHIP

## SUNDAY, JULY 31

		2021	BUDGET
Envelope & In Pew Giving:	\$7,026	\$6,335	\$10,627
Online Giving via Faith Direct:	\$5,051	\$4,764	\$3,370
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$12,077</b>	<b>\$11,099</b>	<b>\$13,997</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!*



**Thanks  
for Your  
Support!**

**Thank you for  
your support during  
these summer months,  
and always.**

## ONLINE GIVING SIGN UP TODAY!

Our **Faith Direct** program provides our parishioners the ability to give to St. John the Baptist Church through 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**

With online enrollment, you can access your account any time to view / make changes to account info and gifts.

## HELPING HAND FOOD PANTRY

Some families in our area are experiencing economic difficulties, and there is a need to replenish the shelves at the food pantry. **Can you help?** The following items are always needed:

Cake & brownie mixes, boxed potatoes, egg noodles, canned fruit & vegetables, apple sauce, ketchup, mustard, mayonnaise, white and brown rice, pancake mix, maple syrup, flour, sugar, oil, coffee, Parmalat milk, canned meat & fish, meat sauce, peanut butter, jelly, cookies, crackers, shampoo, paper towels, conditioner, toothpaste, tissues, toilet paper, all types of cleaning products, detergent for laundry. In addition, supermarket gift cards are always accepted and appreciated.

Donations may be brought directly to the Pantry which is located at the corner of Magnolia and Hillsdale Avenues - at the South entrance of Hillsdale United Methodist Church.

[www.helpinghandfoodpantry.com](http://www.helpinghandfoodpantry.com)

### 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

**"You know well enough that  
our Lord does not look so much on  
the greatness of our actions nor even  
at their difficulty, but at the love  
with which we do them."**

*— Saint Therese of Lisieux (1873-1897 A.D.)*