

SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Join Us This Ash Wednesday — February 18, 2026



6:30AM	A Moment of Prayer
8:00AM	Mass
10:00AM	A Moment of Prayer
12:00PM	Mass
2:00PM	A Moment of Prayer
4:30PM	Prayer Service
6:00PM	A Moment of Prayer
7:00PM	Prayer Service

FEBRUARY 15 & 18, 2026

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME & ASH WEDNESDAY

What eye has not seen, and ear has not heard, and what has not entered the human heart, what God has prepared for those who love him, this God has revealed to us through the Spirit. — 1 Corinthians 2:9-10

PASTOR

Rev. Msgr. Peter Smutelovic

WEEKEND ASSISTANTS

Rev. Bogumil Misiuk
Rev. Frank Lennie

DEACONS

Deacon Jack Gray
Deacon Albert Ganter

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Paulette Gilchrist, Safe Environment Coordinator

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Ann Mitchell, Principal

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 the Saint John the Baptist Parish Family,
Dear Friends of our Parish,

Thank you for participating in our liturgies of the 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time and our Ash Wednesday Masses and prayer services. The mystery of God's love - so very real in our remembrance of the suffering, death, and resurrection of our Lord Jesus - unites and binds us during this blessed liturgical season with all those who suffer and struggle, those who experience any form of illness, uncertainty, loneliness and separation. You are all remembered in the intentions of daily Masses and prayers in our beautiful church.

As we embark on the journey of Lent, it is the Word of God which continues to teach, nourish and remind us: Let us be mindful during all happy times and moments of tranquility and success, as well as in the most difficult and puzzling moments of our lives that Christ, "the righteous who suffered for the sake of the unrighteous," (cf. 1 Pt 3:18-22) endured his suffering and death so that He might lead us to God.

Let us remember during this year's Lent, also through our prayers, fasting and almsgiving, that reflecting on the suffering of our Lord and his boundless love toward us as we unite our own life's crosses to his in our desire to grow in our closeness to the Almighty. Even during the most challenging moments of our lives, one of the very significant "extended families" for each of us has been our St. John the Baptist Parish Family. I thank you for your support and generosity and humbly ask you to remember St. John's in your Lenten acts of generosity and almsgiving.

May our Lord and Savior continue to guide us and strengthen us through our spiritual journeys of the upcoming weeks of Lent, and always. May our loving Mother, the Immaculate Virgin Mary, and our great heavenly patron, Saint John the Baptist, continue to accompany us and intercede for all of us. Please be assured of my prayers for each of you, as well as for all your loved ones.

— Fr. Peter

Prayers for Healing and Peace:

Kim Costa, Rose Lyons, Thomas Tobin, Anthony K., Peter Spaccarotella, Ronnie Verra, Florence Sacco, Daniel Tintle, Jr., Jim Derbyshire, James Carbone, Terry Medino, Anita Lawrence, Nick Hodgman, Deacon Jack Gray, Ann Walsh

Remembering Those Who Have Passed:

Peter Lombardi, Carolyn Sozanski, Rosalie Fuentes, Frank Angiolelli, Kathleen Foley, Jerry Vitti, John Brogan

Mass Intentions

*We remember our loved ones
and community*

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14

5:00 PM Joseph Haskins

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15

8:00 AM Margaret Persico
(2nd Anniversary)

10:00 AM Crystal Santana

12:00 PM Jim Rocco

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16

8:00 AM Gabino Roche, Sr.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17

8:00 AM Patti Bonomolo

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

8:00 AM Ken Gibney

12:00 PM People of the Parish

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19

8:00 AM Patti Bonomolo

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20

8:00 AM Joan Mills

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21

8:00 AM People of the Parish

5:00 PM John Gallo

(5th Anniversary)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22

8:00 AM Waldemar Lewicki

10:00 AM Mary Ann Lyon

12:00 PM Fiorello Abbruzzesi
(2nd Anniversary)

The **Votive Candle** burns
in memory of

MARGARET PERSICO

at the request of The Gobin Family

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

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OUR *Lent* 2026



Daily Mass

8:00 am

Eucharistic Adoration

Thursdays 3:00 - 7:00 pm

Eucharistic Blessing & Evening Prayer

Thursdays 7:00 pm

Church is Open Daily

7:00 am - 7:00 pm



Let's gratefully and prayerfully accompany Jesus.

Come and Pray with Us The Stations of the Cross

Lent 2026

Fridays 8:30 am

(following 8:00 am Mass)

Fridays 7:00 pm

Sundays 9:15 am

Archdiocese of Newark 2026 LENTEN REGULATIONS

1. The days of both Fast and Abstinence during Lent are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily His Resurrection. The other Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence.

On a day of Fast, only one (1) full meal is permitted, and **two (2) smaller meals, which, if added together, would not exceed the main meal in quantity.**

Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast.

On a day of Abstinence, no meat may be eaten. Those who have reached the age of 14 are obliged by the law of abstinence.

2. The obligation to observe the laws of Fast and Abstinence "substantially", or as a whole, is a serious obligation.

3. The Fridays of the year, outside of Lent, are designated as days of penance, but each individual may substitute for the traditional abstinence from meat some other practice of voluntary self-denial as penance.

4. The time for fulfilling the Paschal Precept (Easter Duty*) extends from the **First Sunday of Lent, February 22 to The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, May 31, 2026.**

*Canon 920, §1. *All the faithful, after they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, are bound by the obligation of receiving Communion at least once a year.*

OUR PARISH STEWARDSHIP

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2026

Envelope & In Pew Giving: \$8,191
Online Giving via ParishSOFT: 5,241

TOTAL

\$13,432

2025

\$ 6,909
\$ 4,813

\$ 11,722

BUDGET

\$ 7,900
\$5,000

\$12,900

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



ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY!

**SATURDAY, MARCH 21 • 6:00PM
IN OUR PARISH CENTER**

A lot of wonderful food & complimentary
GUINNESS BEER, live music by Mary G and
Frankie Lees, Irish dancers & lots of fun!

\$50/person

*Reservation forms may be found
by the church doors.*

Please bring your reservation and payment
to the RECTORY OFFICE at your earliest
convenience, as seating is limited.

Questions? Please call us at **201-664-3131**.

ST. JOHN'S ACADEMY'S 26TH ANNUAL RED & WHITE GALA

**THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 2026
FROM 6-10PM**

Edgewood Country Club
(449 Rivervale Rd, River Vale)

Tickets on sale now!

\$125 if purchased before March 2nd
after March 2nd tickets are \$150

For tickets: sjahillsdale.org/gala

*Includes cocktail hour, sit-down
dinner and hundreds of amazing prizes!*

PARISH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED

on Monday, February 16 in observance
of Presidents' Day. Enjoy your day!

WOMEN'S CORNERSTONE RETREAT — MARCH 6 & 7

Step away, unplug, and do something just for you. You'll be uplifted, inspired, and surrounded by women walking through the same everyday challenges, growing in faith together, and forming friendships that feel like a breath of fresh air. Every need is taken care of - simply show up, rest, reflect, and soak in God's presence. Come alone or bring a friend.

The retreat is Friday, March 6 - 7pm to 10pm and Saturday, March 7 - 7:00am to 8:00pm in the parish center. Take an invitation at the door and pray on it. You'll be so grateful you said yes!

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Visit WeAreHisWitnesses.org
for updates, timelines and resources.

*"Love one another with the charity of Christ,
let the love you have in your hearts, be shown
outwardly in your deeds."*

— Saint Clare of Assisi (1194 - 1253)