

# SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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SEPTEMBER 18, 2022

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

*This is my body given for you. — Luke 22:19*

### PASTOR

Rev. Msgr. Peter Smutelovic

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### DEACONS

Deacon Jack Gray  
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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,

From the first moment of their publication, some weeks ago, I have very much liked and appreciated both the theme and the artistic designs of the posters, prayer cards and materials prepared by the United States Catholic Bishops Conference for this 2022 Catechetical Sunday. They are all based on the words from the 22<sup>nd</sup> Chapter of Luke's Gospel "This is my body given for you" (Luke 22; 19), and therefore reminds us about the very fundamental place of the Eucharist and Holy Mass in our lives as members and friends of Saint John the Baptist Parish and the Catholic Church.

Catechetical Sunday, as we celebrate it in the United States once again this year, is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. We acknowledge, bless and celebrate today all those who have dedicated their lives to assisting us - and especially our children and young people - in our personal growth in faith and being witnesses to the Gospel. At the same time, we all pause for a moment, pray, and rediscover that "catechetical mission" entrusted to each and everyone of us.

One of the great lessons which we learn from the saints of the two thousand years of Christianity is the fact that every day the good Lord is giving us various opportunities to be His witnesses and to bring His love, compassion, mercy, kindness, forgiveness, generosity and the promises of our eternal destiny into the lives of all brothers and sisters whom we encounter even under the most ordinary circumstances of life. On that journey, the Eucharist and our family of faith have been given to us by our Redeemer as those priceless gifts which guide us and sustain us each and every day.

I am so very grateful, as is our entire Parish, to every one of our catechists and "instructors in faith", beginning with you, our dear parents and grandparents, who are daily making a very conscious and life-giving decision to transmit and share the precious treasure of our Catholic faith with our children and young people. As we, this Sunday, listen to the Word of God, celebrate Mass, and receive the Eucharist, let us give thanks and praise to the Almighty for His countless gifts and blessings. Saint John the Baptist, our great heavenly patron, pray for us and all our loved ones!

-Fr. Peter

#### SENDING HEALING PRAYERS TO:

Dimas Acevedo, Patricia Bacigalupo, Daisy Ramirez, Robert Culhane, Teena & Ronald Grant, Brian Ruso, Fr. John Murray, Kim Jones-Gervais, Marie Cartwright, Pamela Gowney, Paul Keating, Jim Lyons, Tyson Thompson, Diana Seymour, Marianne McMackin Sheran, Margie Sheridan, Peggy Ann Fusco

#### REMEMBERING THOSE WHO HAVE PASSED:

Patricia Ann Keller, Carol J. Petry

## Mass Intentions

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

5:00 PM Valentin Tarasenko  
(1st Anniv.)

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

8:00 AM Frank Statile, Jr.  
10:00 AM Fred LaChica, MD  
12:00 PM Salvatore LoPiccolo

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

8:00 AM Jane Conway

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

8:00 AM Margaret Mackie

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

8:00 AM Michael Hauptman  
(Living)

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

8:00 AM Frances & Dominic  
Martorano

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

8:00 AM Jane Conway

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

8:00 AM Martin Lyons (Living)  
5:00 PM William & Eileen Marie  
Weithman

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

8:00 AM Anastazy Jank  
10:00 AM Valentin Tarasenko  
(1st Anniv.)  
12:00 PM Alessandro Valenti  
(grandfather & grandson)

THE BREAD & WINE IS  
DONATED IN HONOR OF

**ROBIN BNAVARO (LIVING)**

AT THE REQUEST OF  
RAMON & TERESITA KASILAG

THE VOTIVE CANDLE BURNS  
IN MEMORY OF

**FRANCES & DOMINIC MARTORANO**

AT THE REQUEST OF  
MARIE & JAMIE ROCCO

**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 that is currently in 1st through 8th grade and would like to register their child/children for CCD, please contact Kathy Breitenbach at [kbreitenbach@stjohnhillsdale.com](mailto:kbreitenbach@stjohnhillsdale.com)

**First Sacrament Registration** is in process and available to parents of our parish community who currently have a child(ren) registered in CCD 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: [kbreitenbach@stjohnhillsdale.com](mailto:kbreitenbach@stjohnhillsdale.com)

**St. John's Youth Confirmation Program** is a two-year program for high school youth that meets throughout the year. Candidates have time for discernment and formation as they seek to follow Christ as one of His disciples. The program includes retreat time and information meetings to guide candidates on the journey. High School students who are not currently enrolled in the Confirmation program can register by contacting Kathy Breitenbach at [kbreitenbach@stjohnhillsdale.com](mailto:kbreitenbach@stjohnhillsdale.com)

**Confirmation Reminder** - there are two upcoming events: Candidates in the second year program have a parent meeting on Monday, Sept 19 at 7:00pm in the parish center. We are welcoming our first year candidates on Saturday, October 1st at the 5:00pm Mass. Any questions contact Kathy Breitenbach or Cathy Wollyung at [cwollyung@stjohnhillsdale.com](mailto:cwollyung@stjohnhillsdale.com)



### Teach Your Children the Faith by Example

You have asked for faith for your children, the faith that will be bestowed in Baptism. Faith: this means a life of faith, because faith is lived; walking on the path of faith and giving testimony of faith. Faith is not reciting the "Creed" on Sunday, when we go to Mass; it is not only this. Faith is believing what is the Truth: God the Father who sent his Son and the Spirit that enlivens us. But faith is also entrusting oneself to God, and this you must teach them, with your example, with your life. And, faith is light: in the ceremony of Baptism you will be given a lighted candle, as in the early days of the Church. For this reason Baptism, in those days, was called 'illumination' because faith illuminates the heart; it shows things in a different light. You have asked for faith: the Church gives faith to your children with Baptism, and you have the task of making it grow, safeguarding it, so that it may become testimony for all others. I would like to tell you only this: safeguard the faith; make it grow, so it may be testimony for others.

Don't forget: you have asked for faith; it is your task to safeguard the faith, make it grow, so it may be testimony for all of us, for all of us: even for us clergymen, priests, bishops, everyone. Thank you.

*Pope Francis, Homily, Baptism of the New-Born Babies, Sistine Chapel, January 8, 2017*

### A PARENT'S PRAYER

Loving God, May our children come to know you, the one true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. May your Holy Spirit help them to grow in faith, hope, and love, so they may know peace, truth, and goodness.

May their ears hear your voice. May their eyes see your presence in all things.

May their lips proclaim your word. May their hearts be your dwelling place.

May their hands do works of charity. May their feet walk in the way of Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord.

Amen. (*Loyola Press*)



# OUR PARISH STEWARDSHIP

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

		2021	BUDGET
Envelope & In Pew Giving:	\$7,799	\$8,372*	\$10,627
Online Giving via Faith Direct:	\$4,885	\$4,952	\$3,370
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$12,684</b>	<b>\$13,324</b>	<b>\$13,997</b>

*\*Including post-Hurricane Ida the previous week*

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

**We are working towards  
bringing back**

## CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

**Fall 2022**

This program is designed to provide children ages 6-11 with the opportunity to hear and understand the Gospel message in a way that is specifically geared towards them. Children hear the Scripture, sing the Psalm, and participate in a homily which allows a greater understanding of the Word of God. Held in the Parish Center, children are dismissed after the opening rites of the 10:00 AM Sunday Mass and return during the offertory.

**How can you help?** Adult and assistant teen leaders are needed for this program to be a success. If you are interested in volunteering, please email:

**[megancallea@gmail.com](mailto:megancallea@gmail.com).**

## 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.

## 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

## CHILDREN'S CHOIRS

Rehearsals start up again on Tuesdays (starting Sept. 20)!!

**Choirs will sing 1x/month at 10am Mass**

### LITTLE ANGELS CHOIR

Grades K-4:

2:30-3:15pm (or 4:00-4:45 if you prefer)

### ARCHANGELS CHOIR

Grades 5-9:

3:15-4:00pm (or 4:45-5:30 if you prefer)

Contact Dir. Roberto Sabastiani to join or any questions:  
[sabastianivoice@gmail.com](mailto:sabastianivoice@gmail.com) or 201-725-5927.



**"Jesus, help me to simplify my life by  
learning what you want me to be –  
and becoming that person."**

*– St. Thérèse of Lisieux (1873-1897 A.D.)*