

SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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JANUARY 18, 2026

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and said,
"Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world." — John 1:29*

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

8:00 AM

HOLY DAYS

8:00 AM, 12:00 PM, 7:00 PM

CONFESIONS

- 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,

During the entire Christmas Season, which we concluded this past Sunday with our celebrations of the Lord's Baptism, I was admiring your commitment to our faith and friendship with the Lord. It is always particularly encouraging to see so many of our young families praying in our church and reassuring us of the vitality of our parish.

Thank you for joining us for today's liturgies. We certainly are at the right place! In the Second Reading of this Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Saint Paul writes to the faithful of Corinth not only about various important aspects of their and our faith in the Risen Lord, but he introduces his First Letter to them with a witness statement regarding his and our own personal and spiritual identity:

“Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, [...],
to the church of God that is in Corinth,
to you who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be holy,
with all those everywhere who call upon
the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, their Lord and ours.
Grace to you and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ (cf. 1 Cor 1:1-3).

As Saint Paul so often joyfully announces this “identity” deeply rooted in our sanctification in Christ, he also explains the profound meaning of our liturgical gatherings even during this season which is simply called “Ordinary Time”. It is through the miracle of the Eucharist, which we celebrate today, that we live as brothers and sisters in Christ. We gather, we pray, we celebrate the Eucharist, and so we are brought together as a family of faith through the Body and Blood of Christ.

Let us continue to be united in prayer of thanksgiving for this most precious gift and for the spiritual heritage of Saint John the Baptist which we proudly share with all past, present and future parishioners in this blessed place which we together call our “spiritual home.”

-Fr. Peter

Prayers for Healing and Peace:

Kim Costa, Rose Lyons, Thomas Tobin, Anthony K., Peter Spaccarotella, Frank Angiolelli, Ryan Artinger, Ronnie Verra, Florence Sacco, Daniel Tintle, Jr., Jim Derbyshire, Chuck Wintermute, James Carbone, Terry Medino, Anita Lawrence

Mass Intentions

*We remember our loved ones
and community*

SATURDAY, JANUARY 17

5:00 PM Ann Marie Ford

SUNDAY, JANUARY 18

8:00 AM Helen Markey
10:00 AM Craig Kellem
12:00 PM Kenneth Cucchia

MONDAY, JANUARY 19

8:00 AM Kevin Tinsley

TUESDAY, JANUARY 20

8:00 AM Jim Rocco

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21

8:00 AM Agnes Lyons

THURSDAY, JANUARY 22

8:00 AM Thomas Rooney

FRIDAY, JANUARY 23

8:00 AM Michael Cunningham

SATURDAY, JANUARY 24

8:00 AM Norberto Gonzalez
5:00 PM Kenneth Gibney

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25

8:00 AM Rosaline McCormick
10:00 AM Fiorello Abbruzzi (2nd Anniversary)
12:00 PM Vincent Boyle

The **Votive Candle** burns

in memory of

FRANCIS WALLACE

at the request of The Wallace Family

Remembering Those Who Have Passed:

Anne Marie Barry, Sr. Ann Veronica Bivona, RSM, Michael Delehanty, Patricia Bonomolo, Timothy McGrath, Joseph Felice, Joseph Tomaszek, Thomas Farrell

ANNUAL APPEAL 2026



The 2026 Annual Appeal has begun! This is an opportunity to support essential ministries and programs of our Archdiocese. Your sacrificial support makes it possible for the Archdiocese to carry out the important work that we are all called to do as missionary disciples of Jesus. Please make a gift online today by visiting rcan.org/sharing or by scanning the QR code. Be sure to list St. John the Baptist, Hillsdale as your parish!

PARISH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED

on Monday, January 19 in observance
of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Enjoy your day!



Kindness is a Virtue to be Retrieved and Practiced Every Day in Order to Go Against the Tide and to Humanize our Societies.

The way Jesus chose to come to save us is the way on which he also invites us to follow him so as to continue to weave humanity – new, free, reconciled – together with him. This is the word: reconciled humanity. It is a style, a way of relating to us, from which derives the multiplicity of human virtues of good and dignified living together. One of these virtues is kindness, as a way of life that fosters fraternity and social friendship.

And speaking of kindness, at this moment, my thought naturally goes to dear Pope emeritus Benedict XVI who left us this morning. We are moved as we recall him as such a noble person, so kind. And we feel such gratitude in our hearts: gratitude to God for having given him to the Church and to the world; gratitude to him for all the good he accomplished, and above all, for his witness of faith and prayer, especially in these last years of his recollected life. Only God knows the value and the power of his intercession, of the sacrifices he offered for the good of the Church.

Kindness is an important aspect of the culture of dialogue, and dialogue is indispensable to live in peace, to live as brothers and sisters, who do not always agree – this is normal – but who nevertheless speak to each other, listen to each other and try to understand each other and to move toward one another. Kindness, then, is a part of dialogue. It is not only an issue of “good manners”; it is not a question of “etiquette”, of courteous behavior.... No. This is not what we mean when speaking of kindness. Instead, it is a virtue to be retrieved and practiced every day in order to go against the tide and to humanize our societies.

Pope Francis, Homily, First Vespers, Solemnity of Mary, December 31, 2022

SAVE THE DATE
for a fun night!

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY

Eating, Drinking, Dancing, Singing

Saturday, March 21 • 6:00pm
St. John's Parish Center

LOOK BACK AND THANK GOD LOOK FORWARD AND TRUST GOD

Congratulations to Michael Nasello, his dear wife Mia, as well as to his dear family members and friends on the blessed occasion of Michael's Baptism, and reception of the Sacraments of Confirmation and the Eucharist.

Michael's full initiation into the Catholic Church and our Parish Community took place during the 10am Mass on the Sunday of the Baptism of the Lord, through a special delegation received by Fr. Peter who administered to Michael these precious Sacraments of Christian Initiation.

As a young adult, Michael longed for a full Sacramental life and participation in the life of the Church. Thanks to the support and prayers of our Parish Family, including our priests and deacons, our faith formation team, staff members and parishioners who guided and supported him on his two-year journey of learning, preparation and spiritual discernment, Michael reached this very important personal and spiritual milestone. We are grateful to all of you who assisted Michael and have prayed for him. May God bless you and reward you many times!

Thank you also to all those who so prayerfully participated in the Mass at which Michael was Baptized, including many young families, young people and children from Saint John's Academy and Saint John's Faith Formation Programs - Confirmation and First Communion preparations, and in our CCD Program.

Holy Mary, Mother of God and our Mother, pray for us!

Saint John the Baptist, pray for us!



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OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, January 25 • 11:30am – 1:30pm



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OUR PARISH STEWARDSHIP

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11, 2026

Envelope & In Pew Giving:	\$ 8,965
Online Giving via Faith Direct:	5,241
TOTAL	\$ 14,206

2025

\$ 8,830
\$ 4,813
\$ 13,643

BUDGET

\$ 7,900
\$ 5,000
\$12,900



SAINT JOHN'S CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

Our Christmas collection to date is **\$60,192** compared to **\$59,416** on this date last year. Our Christmas budget is \$62,000. We are very grateful for all our parishioners and friends who have so generously supported our parish during Christmas. We are also very grateful to a number of parishioners who gave generous end of year restricted gifts to the parish, which are not included in this total.

Donations to our Christmas collection are still being gratefully accepted, and may be placed in the Sunday collection basket, or mailed (or hand delivered) to the Rectory Office at 69 Valley Street, Hillsdale, NJ 07642. OR **you may use this QR code to donate to the Christmas Collection via our online giving platform, ParishSoft.**

Thank you and God bless you for your kindness and generosity.

2026 WOMEN'S CORNERSTONE RETREAT – March 6 &7

A New Year's resolution you'll keep.

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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JANUARY 31 - 2:00PM & 7:00PM

FEBRUARY 1 - 3:00PM

FEBRUARY 5 - 7:00PM

FEBRUARY 6 - 7:00PM

FEBRUARY 7 - 2:00PM & 7:00PM

TICKETS \$20 & \$25

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*“When you know how much
God is in love with you then you can
only live your life radiating that love.”*

— Saint Teresa of Calcutta (1910 - 1997)