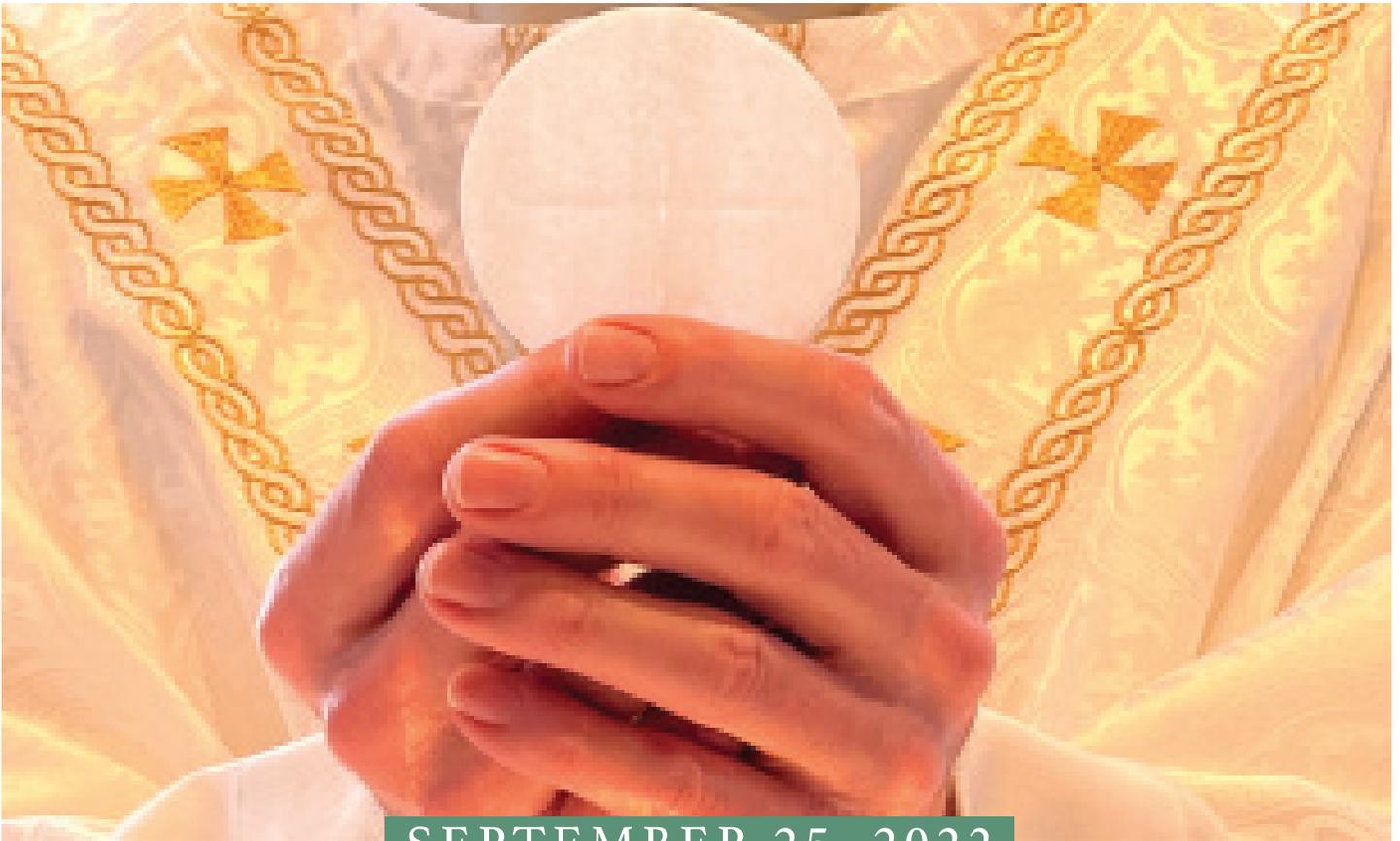


SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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SEPTEMBER 25, 2022

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*Praise the Lord my soul; I will praise the Lord all my life, sing praise to my God while I live.
— Psalm 146:2*

PASTOR

Rev. Msgr. Peter Smutelovic

WEEKEND ASSISTANT

Rev. Bogumil Misiuk

DEACONS

Deacon Jack Gray
Deacon Albert Ganter

• RECTORY 201.664.3131

Cathy Williamson, Office Manager/Outreach
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• PARISH CENTER 201.666.2707

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Kathy Breitenbach, Registrar / CCD
Roberto Sabastiani, Director of Music
Dee Ford, Youth Ministry

• ST. JOHN'S ACADEMY 201.664.6364

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,

During these late days of September, as we celebrate the 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time, we continue to reflect on the importance of the Eucharist in our lives. The Bishops of the United States have decided that the catechesis regarding this very central place of the Eucharist, through which Jesus continues to sacrifice Himself and give Himself to us, should be one of the main themes of our parish catechesis and our ordinary Catholic lives during this “academic year” of our growth in faith and in our love of Christ. That is one of the main reasons why we have decided to keep on the cover page of our bulletin this week that beautiful image depicting the Eucharist raised by a priest, used in the materials of the 2022 Catechetical Sunday. And we will once again keep it on the cover page of next week’s bulletin which we would like to prepare as an invitation to our brothers and sisters of all ages who have not yet received the Sacrament of Baptism, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, the Eucharist, or the Sacrament of Confirmation, to let us know, so that we can reach out to them and assist them in any way we can.

We also welcome all our new parishioners, as a good number of our new families have registered in our parish during these past months. We thank our loving God that our parish family continues to grow in numbers and holiness through the glorious gift of the Body and Blood of Jesus. In our Catholic tradition we define and appreciate the Eucharist as “the source and summit of the Christian life. The other sacraments, and indeed all ecclesiastical ministries and works of the apostolate, are bound up with the Eucharist and are oriented toward it. In the blessed Eucharist is contained the whole spiritual good of the Church, namely Christ himself.” As we receive the Eucharist we all experience - over and over again - the glory and boundless love of God towards each and every one of us. These words are not only some elaborate theological concept but a profound description of the relationship of God with us. Not only that we are eternally loved, but we are also reassured that this love, daily expressed through the self-giving of God in the Eucharist, unites us with heaven. (Catechism of the Catholic Church, nn.1325-1326).

Thank you for joining us for our celebrations of the Eucharist whether it is in person, through our Saint John’s online broadcast, or through our union in prayer. Please be assured of my prayers for each and every one of you, as well as for all your loves 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 Growney, Paul Keating, Jim Lyons, Tyson Thompson, Diana Seymour, Marianne McMackin Sheran, Margie Sheridan, Peggy Ann Fusco, Sirra Roche

REMEMBERING THOSE WHO HAVE PASSED

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

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)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

8:00 AM Michael Lyons

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

8:00 AM John Harrigan

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

8:00 AM Edmund Gehan
(1st Anniv.)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

8:00 AM Margaret Lyons (Living)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

8:00 AM Anne Roberts

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1

8:00 AM John O’Reilly, Sr.

5:00 PM Kenneth Jackson

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2

8:00 AM Edward Flynn

10:00 AM Nancy Sheehy

12:00 PM James Luttrell

THE VOTIVE CANDLE BURNS
IN MEMORY OF

KENNETH JACKSON

AT THE REQUEST OF
MARIE & JAMIE ROCCO

THE BREAD & WINE IS
DONATED IN MEMORY OF

MARGE KEENAN

AT THE REQUEST OF
THE HOLL FAMILY

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 in 2nd grade 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

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. If you have any questions, or would like to register for the Confirmation program, please contact Kathy Breitenbach, kbreitenbach@stjohnhillsdale.com or Cathy Wollyung, cwollyung@stjohnhillsdale.com

Reminder - We are welcoming our first year candidates on Saturday, October 1st at the 5:00pm Mass.

FALL 2022: We are working towards bringing back CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

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.



Dear friends, we must start again from the Eucharist.

May Mary help us, a Eucharistic woman, to be in love with it.

In the Eucharist, we contemplate the sacrament of this living synthesis of the law: Christ gives us, with himself, the full realization of the love for God and the love for our brothers. And this love of his, he communicates to us when we are nourished by his Body and his Blood. This is when what St. Paul wrote to the Thessalonians in today's reading is achieved: "You broke with the worship of false gods and became the servants of the living and true God" (1 Thessalonians 1:9). This conversion is the beginning of the path of holiness that the Christian is called to achieve in his own existence.

The ecclesial community, when celebrating the Eucharist, especially on the Lord's Day, is always more conscious that the sacrifice of Christ is "for many" (Matthew 26:28) and the Eucharist urges the Christian to be the "broken bread" for others, to commit oneself for a more just and more brotherly world. Even today, faced with the crowds, Christ continues to exhort his disciples: "Give them something to eat yourselves" (Matthew 14:16) and, in his name, the missionaries proclaim and witness the Gospel, at times even to the sacrifice of life. In the Eucharist, we contemplate the sacrament of this living synthesis of the law: Christ gives us, with himself, the full realization of the love for God and the love for our brothers. And this love of his, he communicates to us when we are nourished by his Body and his Blood.

Dear friends, we must start again from the Eucharist. May Mary help us, a Eucharistic woman, to be in love with it, help us to "remain" in the love of Christ, to be intimately renewed by him. Docile to the action of the Spirit and attentive to man's needs, the Church then will be a greater beacon of light, of true joy and hope, achieving fully her mission as the "sign and attentive to man's needs, the Church then will be a greater beacon of light, of true joy and hope, achieving fully her mission as the "sign and instrument of the unity of the whole human race" ("Lumen Gentium," No. 1).

Pope Benedict XVI, October 23, 2002, Closing Mass of the Year of the Eucharist

OUR PARISH STEWARDSHIP

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

		2021	BUDGET
Envelope & In Pew Giving:	\$6,762	\$8,452*	\$10,627
Online Giving via Faith Direct:	\$5,034	\$4,952	\$3,370
TOTAL	\$11,796	\$13,404	\$13,997

**Including post-Hurricane Ida delayed Sunday donations from previous two weeks.*

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

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES

BOYS SCHOOLS

Bergen Catholic, Oradell

Sun, Sept 25 at 1:00PM
Tues, Nov 1 at 7:00PM
Register - bergencatholic.org

Don Bosco Prep, Ramsey

Thurs, Sept 29 at 6:30PM
Sun, Oct 23 at 1:00PM
Register - donboscoprep.org

St. Joseph Regional, Montvale

Sun, Oct 2 at 11:00AM
Tues, Nov 8 at 6:30PM
Reserve your spot - sjrnj.org

GIRLS SCHOOLS

Academy of the Holy Angels, Demarest

Sun, Oct 2 at 10:00AM
Register - holyanimals.org

Immaculate Heart Academy, Wash. Twp.

Sun, Oct 23 at 11:00AM
Thurs, Oct 27 at 6:30PM
More info - ihanj.org

COED SCHOOL

Paramus Catholic, Paramus

Sun, Sept 25 at 12:00PM
Wed, Oct 19 at 6:30PM
Register - paramuscatholic.com



Your Generosity Makes A Difference!

Our sincere thanks to Sr. Lilia Kagendo, LSOSF for sharing stories of her missionary work with us at Mass two weeks ago. We especially thank all our parishioners who so graciously donated \$3,961

to the Missionary Appeal collection these past two weeks and via Faith Direct. Your donations show our support for the missionary works of Sr. Lilia and The Little Sisters of St. Francis of Assisi, and helps them in their countless works of mercy in assisting the poorest of the poor on the African continent. Please continue to pray for all the missionaries of the Church.

CHILDREN'S CHOIRS

— Rehearsals held on Tuesday Afternoons —
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 or 201-725-5927.

"All the good works in the world are not equal to the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass because they are the works of men; but the Mass is the work of God."

— Saint John Vianney (1786-1859 A.D.)