

SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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SEPTEMBER 27, 2026

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Do nothing out of selfishness or out of vainglory; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves, each looking out not for his own interests, but also for those of others. — Philippians 2:3-4

PASTOR

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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 & SATURDAY

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

With profound gratitude, as your pastor, friend, and “companion on the journey closer to Jesus every day,” I share with you my joy and pride in the fact that Saint John the Baptist Parish has once again given witness to our faith-filled convictions and to our desire to be a loving and caring community of the Lord’s disciples—growing in our relationship with Him and continually rediscovering Him and His face in our brothers and sisters in need.

This summer, we concluded the “pledge phase” of the 2026 Annual Appeal with results that reveal the great goodness and generosity of our parish community. Pledged donations reached \$117,194, offered by 239 individual parishioners and families, with \$112,074 already fulfilled. These are historic records for our parish, and they speak beautifully of the generosity of your hearts.

When we announced the 2026 Annual Appeal earlier this year, we said on numerous occasions that the Annual Appeal is not so much “a help given to the Archdiocese,” but rather our participation in helping those in need throughout our Archdiocese. Through our Annual Appeal donations, so many of us have essentially said: “Please, go in my name to the countless places throughout Northern New Jersey and provide assistance in my name. Go in my name to those who are young or old; go to the needy, the poor, the infirm, the suffering, and those with disabilities. Reach out to our children in need, students, young families, seminarians, the elderly, and retired priests, and assist them in my name and in the name of my loving family.”

Thank you so very much for your generosity, your donations, and your support. Above all, thank you for your profound understanding that, in all those who are in need, we see not only their faces and their lives, but the very face of Christ. He has taught us: “I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me...” (cf. Matthew 25:35-36). We rejoice in the Lord’s “Commandment of Love,” lived out in our community with such dedication, compassion, and self-giving.

Thank you, from the bottom of my heart, for being such a generous and faithful community. May God bless you and reward you always!

Fr Peter

Mass Intentions

***We remember our loved ones
and community***

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

5:00 PM Michael Edward
Keating

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

8:00 AM Virginia (Ginna)
Sapanara
10:00 AM Thomas Lawlor
12:00 PM Hubert Stigliano, Jr.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

8:00 AM Rob Ryan

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

8:00 AM Richard T. Stank

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

8:00 AM Marco Minuto

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1

8:00 AM Nilda Lucero

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2

8:00 AM Debbie Kral

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3

8:00 AM Kyle Vergason
(Living)
5:00 PM Michael Ingenito

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4

8:00 AM Martin Filon
10:00 AM Nancy Farrell
12:00 PM Chang Whan Choo

The **Votive Candle** burns
in memory of

MAXINE FLEMING

*at the request of
Lee Jackson*

Prayers for Healing and Peace:

Thomas Tobin, Terry Medino, Ann Walsh, Baby Rocco, Caroline Bisi, Baby Nellie, Eileen Stasiunis, Bruce Hawkinson, Walter Minx, Mary Lou Wilson, John Manning, Alex Rodriguez, Ruth Dell Valle, Linda Palumbo, Anthony Delasey

Remembering Those Who Have Passed.

Marie Hanlon, Louis Arabello



Thank You

TO OUR SAINT JOHN'S PARISH FAMILY
for your generosity and faithful support



Thank you to our **239** Annual Appeal families and individual donors who have generously pledged **\$117,194** to our 2026 Annual Appeal

As of this weekend, **\$112,074** in pledges have already been paid.

Your kindness and generosity is touching not only countless children and adults (and their hearts, minds and souls) but our Parish will also benefit from your caring hearts and generosity.

- a) For this year's 2026 Annual Appeal St. John the Baptist Parish has placed among the **top parishes** for the amount collected and the amount which exceeded our parish goal.
- b) Our annual Archdiocesan assessment for the fiscal year 2026-2027 is **\$145,514**. This is the amount which our Parish contributes to the Archdiocese in support of all archdiocesan ministries, offices and operations. As a result of our successful 2026 Appeal, and the fact that we have exceeded our fundraising goal, this assessment will be reduced by **\$16,168**.
- c) 50% of the collected and paid pledges **OVER** our goal will be returned to the Parish and credited toward repayment of our historic parish debt. As of this weekend that amount is **\$5,867**.

May God bless you and reward you for your generosity and faithful stewardship.

YOUR SUPPORT HELPS:



*Proclaiming
the Gospel*



*Passing on
the Faith*



*Caring for the
Poor and Vulnerable*



*Forming Future Priests
and Supporting Elderly,
Infirmed and Retired Priests*

OUR PARISH STEWARDSHIP

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

Envelope & In Pew Giving:	\$7,239	2025 \$ 7,575	BUDGET \$ 7,900
Online Giving via ParishSOFT:	5,902	\$ 5,244	\$ 5,000
TOTAL	\$13,141	\$ 12,819	\$12,900

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



Saturday, October 17 at 11:00 am

The Sacrament of Anointing takes place during Mass to remind us that it is the whole church which is praying for her sick members and it is the whole church that asks the Spirit to strengthen and support those who are suffering from any kind of illness, whatever the age, including children. The Sacrament of Anointing is for those who are seriously ill or convalescing, chronically ill (heart condition, asthma, arthritis, etc.), as well as those preparing for surgery, and seniors.

A complimentary luncheon will be served in the Parish Center following the conclusion of Mass. To better accommodate those participating in the Mass and luncheon, reservations must be made by Tuesday, October 13. Please call the Parish Center at 201-666-2707 Ext. 210 between 10am and 1pm. Or email: parishsecretary@stjohnhillsdale.com. Please indicate how many people you will be registering, how many will be using wheelchairs or walkers, and whether or not you will be attending the luncheon.

Join Us in Celebrating Cathy Wollyung's Retirement...

...and thank her for more than 30 years of devoted service to St. John the Baptist Parish.

**Saturday, October 3rd following 5PM Mass
in the Parish Center**

Please RSVP by **Sat, Sept. 26** to:

Marie Rocco: 201-666-1626 / **Mary Musella:** 201-410-3272



We are looking for volunteers to help with the Healing Mass and luncheon, scheduled for October 17 at 11:00am.

There are many ways that you can assist in this ministry. We need people to help with registration as well as greeters and ushers in the church before and during the Mass. During the luncheon, we need people to help with the cold drinks and coffee. And, of course, a clean-up crew for afterwards. If you can help us in any capacity, please call Joanne Crowley at 201-664-4077 or Ellen Argiro at 201-664-4103 before Tuesday, October 13. Confirmation candidates are also welcome to assist with the luncheon and/or cleanup. Thank you.



The Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, celebrated in the Catholic Church on October 4, commemorates the life of St. Francis and his love of the poor and all God's creation. He is the patron saint of animals and the environment.

We will celebrate our traditional **Blessing of the Animals on Sunday, October 4 at 2:30pm** outside the front doors of the church by the statue of St. John the Baptist. Please come and join us, together with your little (or not so little) precious pets.

**"Acquire the habit of speaking to God
as if you were alone with Him,
familiarily and with confidence and love,
as to the dearest and most loving of friends."**

— St. Alphonsus Liguori (1696-1787 A.D.)