

SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Mary,
Mother of Life

Pray for us!

RESPECT LIFE

OCTOBER 4, 2026

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME & RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY

Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.— Philippians 4:6-7

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 & 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



A PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH, DEFENDER OF LIFE

Dearest St. Joseph,
at the word of an angel,
you lovingly took Mary into your home.
As God's humble servant, you guided
the Holy Family on the road to Bethlehem,
welcomed Jesus as your own son
in the shelter of a manger,
and fled far from your homeland
for the safety of both Mother and Child.

We praise God that as their faithful protector,
you never hesitated to sacrifice
for those entrusted to you.

May your example inspire us also
to welcome, cherish, and safeguard
God's most precious gift of life.

Help us to faithfully commit ourselves
to the service and defense of human life –
especially where it is vulnerable or threatened.

Obtain for us the grace to do
the will of God in all things.

Amen.

**“Each person is a sacred gift that reflects Your face,
from the first instant of existence
to the final breath of their journey on earth.**

**We ask for the grace to recognize and protect the
unique and unrepeatable value of every human being.”**

Pope Leo XIV, “Pray with the Pope”, July 2, 2026, Vatican

Mass Intentions

*We remember our loved ones
and community*

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3

5:00 PM Michael Ingenito

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4

8:00 AM Martin Filon

10:00 AM Nancy Farrell

12:00 PM Chang Whan Choo

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5

8:00 AM Jack Wallace

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6

8:00 AM Gloria Truppi

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7

8:00 AM Patti Bonomolo

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8

8:00 AM Jerry Reilly

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9

8:00 AM Donna Nolan (Living)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10

8:00 AM Kristi L. Sabados

5:00 PM Nunzia Maria di Maria
Palladino

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11

8:00 AM Kathy Mallet (Living)

10:00 AM Theresa Manole

12:00 PM Donna M. Mazzarella

The **Votive Candle** burns
in memory of

FABRIZIO CORSINI

*at the request of
Lee Jackson & Family*

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, Joseph Camilleri

Remembering Those Who Have Passed.

Marie Hanlon, Elizabeth Ann Congleton, Karen Norris, Deane Driscoll, Elizabeth Ciaccio



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.



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. Please call Joanne Crowley at 201-664-4077 or Ellen Argiro at 201-664-4103 **before Tuesday, October 13** if you are able to help. Confirmation candidates are also welcome to assist with the luncheon and/or cleanup. Thank you.



THE HUMAN PERSON AND PEACE: GIFT AND TASK

Sacred Scripture affirms that "God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them" (Gen 1:27). *As one created in the image of God, each individual human being has the dignity of a person; he or she is not just something, but someone, capable of self-knowledge, self-possession, free self-giving and entering into communion with others.* At the same time, each person is called, by grace, to a covenant with the Creator, called to offer him a response of faith and love that no other creature can give in his place. From this supernatural perspective, one can understand the task entrusted to human beings to mature in the ability to love and to contribute to the progress of the world, renewing it in justice and in peace. In a striking synthesis, Saint Augustine teaches that "God created us without our aid; but he did not choose to save us without our aid." Consequently all human beings have the duty to cultivate *an awareness of this twofold aspect of gift and task.*

[...] The duty to respect the dignity of each human being, in whose nature the image of the Creator is reflected, means in consequence *that the person can not be disposed of at will.* Those with greater political, technical, or economic power may not use that power to violate the rights of others who are less fortunate. Peace is based on respect for the rights of all. Conscious of this, the Church champions the fundamental rights of each person. In particular she promotes and defends respect for the *life* and the *religious freedom* of everyone. Respect for the right to life at every stage firmly establishes a principle of decisive importance: *life is a gift which is not completely at the disposal of the subject.* Similarly, the affirmation of the right to religious freedom places the human being in a *relationship with a transcendent principle which withdraws him from human caprice.* The right to life and to the free expression of personal faith in God is not subject to the power of man.

[...] As far as *the right to life* is concerned, we must denounce its widespread violation in our society: alongside the victims of armed conflicts, terrorism and the different forms of violence, there are the silent deaths caused by hunger, abortion, experimentation on human embryos and euthanasia. How can we fail to see in all this an attack on peace?

Pope Benedict XVI, Message for the Celebration of the World Day of Peace, Vatican, 8 December 2006.

OUR PARISH STEWARDSHIP

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2026	NOR'EASTER	2025	BUDGET
Envelope & In Pew Giving:	\$6,474	\$ 7,373	\$ 7,900
Online Giving via ParishSOFT:	5,902	\$ 5,244	\$ 5,000
TOTAL	\$12,376	\$ 12,617	\$12,900

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

1000 STRONG ROSARY FOR LIFE

LIFENET, a PRO-LIFE organization, is coordinating a statewide virtual Rosary for Life at 7:00pm on Tuesday, October 13, 2026, the 109th anniversary of the Miracle of the Sun at Fatima. To join well over 1000 people praying for the protection of babies in the womb and for the reparation for the sin of abortion, register via: www.lifeneteducation.org/1000strong/

Dial: (401)252-0031; enter code: 759297#

JOB OPPORTUNITY AT SJA

St. John's Academy, a pre-k 3 through 8th grade Catholic school, is currently seeking a Part-Time Special Education Teacher. Qualified applicants should hold a Teacher of Students with Disabilities certification. The position is 5 days per week; approximately 25 hours per week. The annual salary is \$28,000 - \$30,000. Part-time employees are eligible to participate in the 403b Savings Plan.

Qualified candidates should send their cover letter, resume, and credentials to: Mrs. Annie Mitchell at amitchell@sja-hillsdale.org



St. John's Sports Association **CHEERLEADING** is back for the 2026-27 season! Sign ups are open at <http://sjsports.org>. The team is open to St. John's (Academy / CCD) girls in grades K-5. Registration will close by October 15 or when full, whichever comes first. Signups are first-come, first-served. If we fill up, we will switch to a waiting list. Please reach out with any questions. Looking forward to a great season!

JOIN US FOR PUMPKIN DECORATING,

hosted by the Women of St. John the Baptist Parish!

When: Sunday, October 18 at 11:00 am

Where: Parish Center

Details: Pumpkins, decorating supplies and treats will be provided. Prizes awarded for the scariest, funniest, and most creative pumpkins! All are welcome. Scan the QR code



PARISH OFFICES CLOSED

The Parish Offices will be closed on Monday, October 12, 2026 in observance of Columbus Day. Enjoy the holiday!

"Respect, protect, love and serve life, every human life!"

— Saint John Paul II (1920 - 2005)