

SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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OCTOBER 11, 2026

28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. In verdant pastures he gives me repose;
beside restful waters he leads me; he refreshes my soul. — Psalm 23:1-3a*

PASTOR
Rev. Msgr. Peter Smutelovic

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Rev. Frank Lennie

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

Welcome to our celebration of the 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time. As many of our daily responsibilities, joys, and routines are becoming more ordinary again, we are reminded that we have lived and worshiped in the liturgical season called "Ordinary Time" since the latter days of May. Now, as we have entered the month of October, the word "ordinary" may sound even more fitting as a description of our everyday lives. Yet, even in these "ordinary" circumstances, we gather to celebrate one of the most extraordinary gifts given to us by our Lord and Savior: the Eucharist.

The Bishops of the United States continue to remind us that, in light of the countless challenges to our Catholic teaching and identity in an increasingly secularized society, catechesis concerning the central place of the Eucharist should remain one of the main themes of our parish life and our ordinary Catholic lives. In the Eucharist, Jesus continues to sacrifice Himself and give Himself to us, inviting us into a deeper relationship with Him.

At the same time, we, as a Catholic parish and as the Lord's friends, must tirelessly dedicate our efforts, resolve, and resources to responding to our community's longing and invitation to bring closer to the Lord those among our children, young people, and adults of every age who have not yet received the Sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, the Eucharist, or Confirmation. We all know that these brothers and sisters are living among us. They are our family members, friends, neighbors, classmates, teammates, and colleagues. Many of them may simply be waiting for a gentle—or perhaps even more persistent—invitation to take a more active part in the life of the Church and in our parish family. Or perhaps, as you read these words, you may realize that you are one of those who are still longing to receive a particular Sacrament of the Church.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church beautifully describes the Sacraments as the ongoing "masterworks of God" in the new and everlasting covenant with each one of us. They are precious actions of the Holy Spirit at work in His Body, the Church (Catechism of the Catholic Church, promulgated in October 1992, nos. 1113–1116).

So, please, spread the word and assist us in any way you can. The two thousand years of Christianity are filled with beautiful stories of countless disciples and friends of the Lord who, at some point, were simply and gently "invited" or "inspired" by others to draw closer to Christ.

Let us continue to care for the spiritual and personal well-being of our brothers and sisters around us. Let us remember one another in prayer as we daily strive to rediscover and relive the boundless and merciful love of Christ.

May our Lord continue to bless us and guide us, always. Saint John the Baptist, pray for us!

— Fr. Peter

Mass Intentions

*We remember our loved ones
and community*

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10

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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 12

8:00 AM Martin Filon

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13

8:00 AM Cheryl Alonso
(1st Anniversary)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14

8:00 AM Ryan Onderdonk

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15

8:00 AM Cheryl Alonso

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16

8:00 AM Nicholas Donato, Sr.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17

8:00 AM John Gleeson
5:00 PM Dita Filipa Medina

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

8:00 AM Martin Filon
10:00 AM Marie Weir
12:00 PM Patrick & Norah
Clohessy

The **Votive Candle** burns
in memory of

RYAN ONDERDONK

at the request of
Kim Onderdonk Fleck & 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, Grace Calabro

Remembering Those Who Have Passed.

Elizabeth Ann Congleton, Karen Norris, Deane Driscoll, Paul Savas



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 Tues., October 13. Please call the Parish Center at 201-666-2707 x 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.

Be an Apostle and Collaborator of Jesus in Our Community!

Invite Children, Young People and their Families to Receive the Precious Sacraments of the Church!

We have now begun St. John's preparation programs for the Sacraments of **Reconciliation and Eucharist** through our **First Communion Preparation Program** for children in 2nd grade and older who have not yet received their First Communion.

We have also begun preparation for the **Sacrament of Confirmation** for high school freshmen and older youth who have not yet received this important Sacrament, which completes our Christian Initiation.

 **Do you know children or young people in these age groups who could be invited, through their parents and families, to be part of our Faith Formation Program and prepare to receive these Sacraments?**

 Perhaps you have children, grandchildren, family members, friends, neighbors, classmates, or teammates of your children or young people who could personally and spiritually benefit from your invitation and encouragement. Sometimes, a simple invitation from someone they know, and trust can be the first step toward a deeper relationship with Jesus and His Church.

 Please share these **registration QR codes** with families who may benefit from our programs. You may also encourage family members, friends, neighbors, or colleagues to contact:

Donald Caputo Director of Lifelong Faith Formation
201-666-2707 x217
or Lifelong.Faith.Formation@stjohnhillsdale.com

Thank you for helping us reach children and young people who may be waiting for someone to invite them to take this important step in their journey of faith.



Faith Formation & First Holy Communion



Confirmation Only

OUR PARISH STEWARDSHIP

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2026

		2025	BUDGET
Envelope & In Pew Giving:	\$7,221	\$ 7,341	\$ 7,900
Online Giving via ParishSOFT:	6,814	\$ 4,755	\$ 5,000
TOTAL	\$14,035	\$ 12,096	\$12,900

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

ST. JOHN'S ACADEMY CLASS OF 2027 CAR WASH

Get your car sparkling clean while supporting St. John's Academy Class of 2027! Join us for a Car Wash Fundraiser on Saturday, October 24, from 2:00-5:00 PM at St. John's Academy. The cost is \$10 per car. Students will be selling tickets after mass on October 17 & 18. Please note - there is no rain date.

Thank you for supporting St. John's Academy Class of 2027!

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!

COME GET YOUR FLU SHOT!

Thanks to the Rosary Society's invitation, a **Walgreen's pharmacist will be here at St. John's Parish Center administering FLU shots at 11:30AM on Tuesday, October 20.** Other shots will be available as well. All parishioners are welcome. Please bring your insurance card.

PARISH OFFICES CLOSED

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

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



**"LOVE ONE ANOTHER WITH THE CHARITY OF CHRIST;
LET THE LOVE YOU HAVE IN YOUR HEARTS
BE SHOWN OUTWARD IN YOUR DEEDS."**

— Saint Clare of Assisi (1194 - 1253 A.D.)