

SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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JANUARY 19, 2025

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Brothers and sisters: There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. — 1 Corinthians 12:4-7

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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

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,

There is a nice saying describing the liturgical season called Ordinary Time: "There is nothing Ordinary about Ordinary Time." We have just entered this Season following the recent celebrations of Christmas; the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph (the Sunday following Christmas); the Epiphany (the second Sunday of the liturgical Season of Christmas); and the Baptism of the Lord (this past Sunday). For a number of weeks we will be gathering every "Ordinary" Sunday and every "Ordinary" day, until March 5, 2025, when we will celebrate Ash Wednesday and enter the Season of Lent.

These early days of "Ordinary Time" certainly invite us to continue our own personal mission in this world through that protective and guiding intercession of Saint John the Baptist, our parish's and our Saint John Academy's heavenly patron. Our Lord and Savior, whom John during his own days announced as "the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world" (John 1:29), constantly reminds us that there is nothing ordinary about this liturgical season. While we have as a part of our "Catholic faith treasure chest" many detailed accounts of the extraordinary events from the three years of the public life and ministry of Jesus, including the one presented to us in the Gospel of today - his first miracle at Cana in Galilee (John 2:1-11), about thirty years leading to the fulfillment of His messianic mission, were the years of ordinary, loving and self-giving life. And even those precious three years of preaching, miracles, and the unraveling of God's plan of our salvation, were filled with countless ordinary moments never recorded by the Gospel writers or the early Christians. It was also during these ordinary moments of the life of Christ that the plan of our salvation mysteriously unraveled. It is, as well, during the most ordinary moments of our lives that God's plan for our life and salvation continues to unravel in our own times.

It is that never-ending, loving and embracing invitation of Jesus that today brought us together once again, as a Parish Family. Thank you so very much for responding to that invitation of Jesus. Let's continue to pray for each other and support each other on our own journeys of life and faith, with our unique gifts and talents, as a community of brothers of sisters on that journey, daily, closer, and closer to Christ and His redeeming presence in our lives.

-Fr. Peter

SENDING HEALING PRAYERS TO:

Carolyn Graham, Ramona Suarez-Rose, John Falcone, Mike Gela, Lara Costa, Robert F. Mercandino, Daisy Fuentes, Ruth Del Valle, James Carbone, Gerald Lamond Andrews

REMEMBERING THOSE WHO HAVE PASSED

Ann Brewster, James O'Keefe, Sonny Lugo

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18

5:00 PM Anthony Marin

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19

8:00 AM Teresa Gina Cainero

10:00 AM Eugene Fagnano

12:00 PM Robert Buesser

MONDAY, JANUARY 20

8:00 AM James Rocco

TUESDAY, JANUARY 21

8:00 AM Thomas Rooney

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22

8:00 AM Thomas Rooney

THURSDAY, JANUARY 23

8:00 AM Concetta Owens

FRIDAY, JANUARY 24

8:00 AM Joseph & Sarah
Capawana

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25

8:00 AM Thomas J. O'Brien

5:00 PM Sal & Olga Cacace

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26

8:00 AM Rudi Verber

10:00 AM Denis Rettew

12:00 PM James Lyons

THE VOTIVE CANDLE BURNS
IN MEMORY OF

NICOLA GASPARRO

AT THE REQUEST OF
THE GASPARRO FAMILY

THE BREAD & WINE ARE GIVEN
IN MEMORY OF

LILY NAVARRO

AT THE REQUEST OF
RAMON & TERESITA KASILAG

ANNUAL APPEAL ²⁰²⁵



The 2025 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 20 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Enjoy your day!

AID TO THOSE AFFECTED BY THE CALIFORNIA WILDFIRES

If you are searching for a safe place to make a donation to aid those in need due to the California wildfires, Catholic Charities is coordinating relief efforts. Donations may be made directly at:

www.catholiccharitiesusa.org

We Are His Witnesses A Pastoral Letter from Cardinal Tobin



As we welcome the New Year, Cardinal Tobin invites all Catholics in the Archdiocese of Newark to read *We Are His Witnesses*, his pastoral letter outlining new pathways for the future of the Archdiocese of Newark, our parishes, schools and institutions.

Rooted in Pope Francis' call for pastoral conversion, missionary discipleship, and synodality, the letter reflects on our shared journey of faith and calls us to embrace renewal, collaboration and missionary outreach. This multi-year initiative will guide us in shaping a vibrant, hopeful future for our Church community.



TEACH YOUR CHILDREN THE FAITH BY EXAMPLE

You have asked for faith for your children, the faith that will be bestowed in Baptism. Faith: this means a life of faith, because faith is lived; walking on the path of faith and giving testimony of faith. Faith is not reciting the “Creed” on Sunday, when we go to Mass; it is not only this. Faith is believing what is the Truth: God the Father who sent his Son and the Spirit that enlivens us. But faith is also entrusting oneself to God, and this you must teach them, with your example, with your life. And, faith is light: in the ceremony of Baptism you will be given a lighted candle, as in the early days of the Church. For this reason Baptism, in those days, was called ‘illumination’ because faith illuminates the heart; it shows things in a different light. You have asked for faith: the Church gives faith to your children with Baptism, and you have the task of making it grow, safeguarding it, so that it may become testimony for all others. I would like to tell you only this: safeguard the faith; make it grow, so it may be testimony for others.

Don't forget: you have asked for faith; it is your task to safeguard the faith, make it grow, so it may be testimony for all of us, for all of us: even for us clergymen, priests, bishops, everyone. Thank you.

Pope Francis, Homily, Baptism of the New-Born Babies, Sistine Chapel, January 8, 2017

OUR PARISH STEWARDSHIP

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12, 2025

		2024	BUDGET
Envelope & In Pew Giving:	\$8,830	\$ 7,972	\$ 7,900
Online Giving via Faith Direct:	4,913	4,915	\$5,000
TOTAL	\$13,743	\$ 12,887	\$12,900



SAINT JOHN'S CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

Our Christmas collection to date is **\$60,415** compared to **\$57,140** by this date last year. Our Christmas budget is \$60,000. We are very grateful for all our parishioners and friends who have so generously supported our parish during Christmas.

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



We are also very grateful to all our parishioners, friends of our parish, and benefactors who during the blessed seasons of Thanksgiving and Christmas 2024 made donations to our parish which were particularly restricted for improvements and renovations of our parish facilities and community.

May God bless you and may He, who is the giver of all gifts, reward you for your kindness and generosity!

St. Joseph Regional High School Presents FOOTLOOSE

Performances will take place at the InSerra Theater, on the campus of St. Joseph Regional HS, 40 Chestnut Ridge Road, Montvale, NJ on Jan. 31 (7pm), Feb. 1 (2pm & 7pm), Feb. 2 (3pm), Feb. 6 (7pm), Feb. 7 (7pm), and Feb. 8 (2pm & 7pm). There is a special Senior Citizen's Preview Performance on Jan. 28 at 3pm, including a "special nosh and a pre-show discussion" at 2:15pm, all for \$15.

Tickets are \$17 and \$23 and are ON SALE NOW purchased through SJR.Booktix.com or in-person one half-hour before each show. Discounted tickets are available for all shows for groups of 10 or more by contacting asseltaj@sjrnj.org

Questions should be sent to SJRTheater@sjrnj.org or by calling 201-391-7422.



ST. JOHN'S ACADEMY



Our children, young people, and families

FROM OVER 50 DIFFERENT ZIP CODES IN NJ & NY

already know what a special community of learning, faith, growth, and service we are.



Join us for our **Catholic Schools Week**

OPEN HOUSES

Sunday, January 26
11:30am - 1:30pm

Tuesday, January 28
9:00am - 10:30am



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"Whenever you begin any good work you should first of all make a most pressing appeal to Christ our Lord to bring it to perfection." — St. Benedict (480 - 547 A.D.)