

SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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SEPTEMBER 1, 2024

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Every good act of giving and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no alteration or shadow caused by change.” — James 1:17

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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

Pope Francis: Today we want to keep dreaming and celebrate all opportunities which enable us not to lose the hope of a better world with greater possibilities.

The good thing about every school is that we make new friends. This is very important, the new friends we make. We meet people who open doors for us, who are kind to us. They offer us friendship and understanding, and they try to help us not to feel like strangers, foreigners. People work hard to help us feel at home. How nice it is to feel that our school, or the places where we gather, are a second home. This is not only important for you, but also for your families. School then ends up being one big family. A family where, together with our mothers and fathers, our grandparents, our teachers and friends, we learn to help one another, to share our good qualities, to give the best of ourselves, to work as a team, for that is very important, and to pursue our dreams.

Today we want to keep dreaming. We celebrate all the opportunities which enable you, and us adults too, not to lose the hope of a better world with greater possibilities. So many of the people I have met are also dreaming with you, they are dreaming of this. That is why they are doing this work. They are involved in your lives to help you move ahead. All of us dream. Always. I know that one of the dreams of your parents and teachers, and all those who help them is that you can grow up and be happy. Here I see you smiling. Keep smiling and help bring joy to everyone you meet. It isn't always easy. Every home has its problems, difficult situations, sickness, but never stop dreaming so you can be happy.

All of you here, children and adults, have a right to dream and I am very happy that here in school, in your friends and your teachers, in all who are here to help, you can find the support you need. Wherever there are dreams, wherever there is joy, Jesus is always present. Always. But who is it that sows sadness, that sows mistrust, envy, evil desires? What is his name? The devil. The devil always sows sadness, because he doesn't want us to be happy; he doesn't want us to dream. Wherever there is joy, Jesus is always present. Because Jesus is joy, and he wants to help us to feel that joy every day of our lives.

Before going, I would like to give you some homework. Can I? It is just a little request, but a very important one. Please don't forget to pray for me, so that I can share with many people the joy of Jesus. And let us also pray that many other people can share joy like your own, whenever you feel supported, helped and counseled, even when there are problems. We always feel peace in our hearts, because Jesus never abandons us.

Pope Francis, Our Lady Queen of Angels School, Harlem, NY, September 25, 2015

SENDING HEALING PRAYERS TO:

Victoria Davis, John Luke Bechtold, Sonia Spagnoli, Lucas Kelly, Al Spiegel, Sr., Martin Filon, Mary Schubert, Jim Lyons, Maxine Fleming, Christine Mulcahy, Carolyn Graham, Ramona Suarez-Rose, John Falcone, Dorothy Doyle, Stephen Nolan, Baby Rita Alaimo, Mary Ring, Mike Gela

REMEMBERING THOSE WHO HAVE PASSED

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, AUGUST 31

5:00 PM Joan Matuson (1st Anniv.)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

8:00 AM Dennis Conway (Living)
10:00 AM Emil Gordon
12:00 PM James Aliano

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

8:00 AM Robert Lezette

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

8:00 AM People of the Parish

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

8:00 AM Fr. Peter Smutelovic (Living)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

8:00 AM Valentina Ruocco

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

8:00 AM Constantino Donato

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

8:00 AM Madeline Nolan
5:00 PM Mary Marin

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

8:00 AM Michael Bracken
10:00 AM Nancy Baviello
12:00 PM Daniel Caulfield

THE VOTIVE CANDLE BURNS
IN MEMORY OF

EMIL GORDON

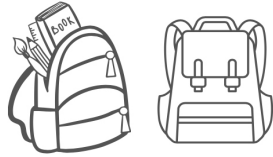
AT THE REQUEST OF
THE WILLIAMSON FAMILY

THE BREAD & WINE ARE GIVEN
IN MEMORY OF

VALENTINA RUOCCO

AT THE REQUEST OF
SARAH & ROB HUVANE & FAMILY

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A BACKPACK BLESSING!



SATURDAY | SEPTEMBER 7 | 12:00 PM

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH,
HILLSDALE NJ

RSVP: 201.664.3131

Please join us as we come together as a community of faith and pray for God's blessings for this new school year.

All teachers and students are invited to bring their backpacks for the blessing. Following the blessing, we invite all school families to join us for an ice cream social in the Parish Center.

LABOR DAY

The Parish Offices will be closed on Monday, September 2 in observance of Labor Day.

Enjoy your celebrations!

Weekly Devotions

DAILY MASS

8:00 am

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Thursdays 3:00 - 6:00pm

*Benediction & Community Prayer
just before 6pm*

CHURCH OPEN DAILY

7:00 am - 7:00 pm



We give You praise, O God,
for everything that is new and beautiful,
for everything which holds
promise and brings us joy.

Bless all our children and students
as they start this new year
with their friends and teachers.

Help them to make the most
of every chance they have to start afresh.

May they show love to one another and to all.

May the new beginning of this school year
remind them that You always give us
chances to start over again and again.

Help them to forgive others
as they receive Your forgiveness.

Help them to learn and to work together.

Help them to listen when they should
and to know the best words when they speak
and when it is better not to speak.

Help them to be good friends this school year.

Help them to be patient with
themselves and with others.

Bless all those who care for our children
and students in school and at home, especially
their parents, teachers, counselors and coaches.

May the Blessed Mother Mary protect them
and help them to live as well as they can, giving
thanks and glory to God as she did.

Saint John the Baptist, pray for us and
for all our children and students.

Amen.

OUR PARISH STEWARDSHIP

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25, 2024

		2023	BUDGET
Envelope & In Pew Giving:	\$6,917	\$ 5,737	\$7,900
Online Giving via Faith Direct:	<u>5,281</u>	<u>\$ 5,061</u>	<u>\$5,000</u>
TOTAL	\$12,198	\$ 10,798	\$12,900

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

Important Faith Formation & Sacramental Preparation Info for Parents with Children Entering Grades 1-10 in September

FOR CHILDREN ENTERING GRADES 1-8:

Online Registration for our Fall Faith Formation Program is now open! Families with children entering grades 1-8 who were in our Faith Formation program (aka CCD) last year, can register online via this link: https://bit.ly/CCD_Grades1-8

NEW families please contact Kathy Breitenbach, Registrar/Faith Formation Administrator at: kbreitenbach@stjohnhillsdale.com or 201-666-2707 ext. 211

FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST EUCHARIST PREPARATION

Who is eligible to enter our First Reconciliation and First Eucharist Preparation Program so they can receive First Eucharist in 2025? Children who have been baptized AND have already completed one year of religious education or faith formation (here or elsewhere). Most of the eligible children will be entering 2nd grade in September.

An email and registration packet was sent the week of August 19th to the families who are registered parishioners of St. John's Parish community, and their child(ren) are registered in the upcoming academic year in Faith Formation or St. John's Academy.

Contact Kathy at kbreitenbach@stjohnhillsdale.com for registration information.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

A 2-year process beginning in 9th grade, provided the student has completed faith formation / religious education covering grades 1-8 inclusive (here or elsewhere). Candidates begin YEAR 1 with Introduction to Confirmation, on Saturday, September 28 from 4:30pm to 8:00pm.

YEAR 2 candidates who are mostly in 10th grade begin with their parents attending a meeting on Tuesday, September 24 at 7:00pm in the parish center.

Contact Kathy at kbreitenbach@stjohnhillsdale.com or 201-666-2707 ext. 211



Let Us Sow Hope
2024 Feast of St. Francis

SEASON OF CREATION September 1 - October 4, 2024

September 1 begins the annual ecumenical celebration of the Season of Creation which extends to October 4 - the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology. In 2015 Pope Francis officially designated September 1 as the Annual World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. This year's theme is: **HOPE AND ACT WITH CREATION.**

In the spirit of St. Francis let us continue living the Season of Creation throughout all the seasons of our lives, forever discovering with joy all that God has made! For additional information and resources visit: www.catholicclimatecovenant.org

**"Faith is like a bright ray of sun light.
It enables us to see God in all things
as well as all things in God."**

— St. Francis de Sales (1567 - 1622)