

# SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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OCTOBER 20, 2024

REGISTER  
RENEW  
GROW



## 29<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Our soul waits for the Lord, who is our help and our shield.  
May your kindness, O Lord, be upon us who have put our hope in you." – Psalm 33:20,22

**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**  
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

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time • October 20, 2024

Dear Brothers and Sisters of Saint John the Baptist Parish Family  
Dear Friends of our Parish,

As we gather today to celebrate the 29th Sunday in Ordinary time, several weeks into the school year 2024-2025, I would like to highlight - once again - the importance of children and young people in the life and ministry of our Parish. In addition, I would like to reassure all of you that our community's ministry and outreach to ALL our "young parishioners" and their families continue to be among our most significant pastoral and human priorities. Jesus himself during his public ministry some two thousand years ago - and day by day since then in the history of the Church and of the entire humanity - has unambiguously underscored the irreplaceable role of children and young people in our human and spiritual lives.

In the passage from the 9th chapter of Mark's Gospel he told us that "Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me" (Mark 9:37). In the same chapter of the Gospel Jesus sternly warned us to be always mindful of any harm we could cause in the lives of children and young people either through our bad example or sinful actions: "Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were put around his neck and he were thrown into the sea" (Mark 9:42). And, in the following chapter of Mark's Gospel our Savior goes even one step further. He is challenging us to examine some of our own ways of "adult" living, our language, actions and attitudes, and be inspired by the love, trust, faith and simplicity of children: "Let the children come to me; do not prevent them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Amen, I say to you, whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it" (Mark 10:14-15).

May our loving Mother, whom we honor during the month of October as Our Lady of the Rosary, Saint Joseph her protector and most chaste spouse, and our heavenly patron, Saint John the Baptist, continue to accompany us and intercede for us. Let's pray for God's guidance and inspiration so that our Parish may always serve and minister to our children, young people, and their families, with dedication, concern, and zeal. Let's continue to invite them to join us for our Sunday liturgies and on the spiritual journey of our community, with Jesus, our Friend and Redeemer. We ALL need THEM, and THEY ALL need the Parish of Saint John the Baptist.

—Fr. Peter

Mass Intentions

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19**

5:00 PM Donna Tama

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20**

8:00 AM Mickey Winters

10:00 AM John Gleeson (10th Anniv.)

12:00 PM Cynthia Heiser

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 21**

8:00 AM James Krone

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22**

8:00 AM Everton Mesmain Ford

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23**

8:00 AM Maria Sculfort

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24**

8:00 AM Frances Manning

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25**

8:00 AM Carolyn Harding

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26**

8:00 AM Ruben Medina

11:00 AM Healing Mass

5:00 PM A.J. Barchetto

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27**

8:00 AM Carol Meyer

10:00 AM Mary Ring

12:00 PM George Cornejo  
(2nd Anniv.)

THE VOTIVE CANDLE BURNS  
IN MEMORY OF

**GEORGE DI GREGORIO**

AT THE REQUEST OF  
SUSAN & ERIC DI GREGORIO & FAMILY

THE BREAD & WINE ARE GIVEN  
IN MEMORY OF

**JOHN GLEESON**

AT THE REQUEST OF  
THE GLEESON FAMILY

**SENDING HEALING PRAYERS TO:**

Al Spiegel, Sr., Jim Lyons, Carolyn Graham, Ramona Suarez-Rose, John Falcone, Mike Gela, Lara Costa, Susan Gilchrist, Kathy Burns, Robert F. Mercandino, Christopher Spiegel

**REMEMBERING THOSE WHO HAVE PASSED:**

Robert Sandt, Sr., David Fusco

# OCTOBER

MONTH OF  
THE ROSARY



The Solemnity of Our Lady of the Rosary, annually celebrated on October 7, commemorates a victorious naval battle fought in Lepanto, off the western coast of Greece, on October 7th in 1571 between the Catholic Holy League, and the Turkish forces which had, ultimately, threatened the future of the Christian faith in Europe. As the Christian civilization was under threat during that time, the Dominican pope at the time, Saint Pius V, led processions in Rome, and asked the Christian people to pray the Rosary, that beautiful and distinctive Dominican prayer.



Praying together we confirm that the Holy Rosary is not a pious practice banished to the past, like prayers of other times thought of with nostalgia. Instead, the Rosary is experiencing a new Springtime. Without a doubt, this is one of the most eloquent signs of love that the young generation nourish for Jesus and his Mother, Mary. In the current world, so dispersive, this prayer helps to put Christ at the center, as the Virgin did, who meditated within all that was said about her Son, and also what he did and said. When reciting the Rosary, the important and meaningful moments of salvation history are relived. The various steps of Christ's mission are traced. With Mary the heart is oriented toward the mystery of Jesus. Christ is put at the center of our life, of our time, of our city, through the contemplation and meditation of his holy mysteries of joy, light, sorrow and glory. May Mary help us to welcome within ourselves the grace emanating from these mysteries, so that through us we can "water" society, beginning with our daily relationships, and purifying them from so many negative forces, thus opening them to the newness of God. The Rosary, when it is prayed in an authentic way, not mechanical and superficial but profoundly, it brings, in fact, peace and reconciliation. It contains within itself the healing power of the Most Holy Name of Jesus, invoked with faith and love at the center of each "Hail Mary".

*Pope Benedict XVI, Recitation of the Holy Rosary,  
Basilica St. Mary Major, May 3, 2008*



## MASS OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK / HEALING MASS

**SAT., OCTOBER 26 AT 11:00AM**

The Sacrament of Anointing is for those who are seriously ill or convalescing, chronically ill, those preparing for surgery, and seniors. The anointing takes place during Mass to remind us that it is the whole church that is praying for her sick members, whatever the illness or age, including children.

A complimentary luncheon will be served in the Parish Center following Mass. To accommodate those participating in the Mass and luncheon, reservations must be made by Wed., October 23. Please call the Parish Center at 201-666-2707x 210 between 10am and 1pm, or email the info. to: [healingmass2024@gmail.com](mailto:healingmass2024@gmail.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.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED, PLEASE!

...to help with the Healing Mass and luncheon. We need greeters & ushers in church before and during the Mass, people to serve buffet foods at the luncheon and help with drinks, and a clean-up crew for afterwards. We also need donations of desserts, whether homemade or store-bought. They can be dropped off at the Parish Center 10 - 11am on October 26. If you can help us in any capacity, please call Joanne Crowley at 201-664-4077 or Ellen Argiro at 201-666-4103 before Tues., October 22. Confirmation candidates are welcome.



**The Blessed Mother,  
like every mother, loves her  
children's visits.**

**7am – 7pm**

**Mother's doors open  
365 days a year.**

- ✠ Stop by
- ✠ Say a prayer
- ✠ Light a candle.



# St. John's Academy

FAITH • ACADEMICS • SERVICE



Join us for our Fall

## OPEN HOUSES

Tuesday, October 22  
9:00 – 10:30am

Wednesday, October 23  
1:00 – 2:00pm



From Pre-K to 8th grade, our faith-based curriculum educates the whole child – mind, body and spirit.

**It feels different because it *is* different.**

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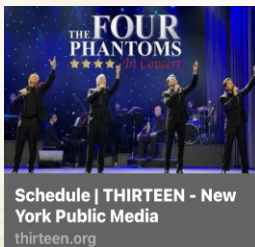
Saint John's Academy | 460 Hillside Ave | Hillside, NJ 07642



❄️ **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2024** ❄️  
**4:00PM**

**Join us for a spectacular afternoon of music, joy and a Celebration of the coming Christmas Season!**

Following the great success of our concerts these past 3 years, and the joy and excitement these beautiful events generated in our community, we will once again celebrate the Christmas Season with our **"A Very Broadway Christmas Concert!"**. More details in the coming days.



Two of the great singers who will once again perform in this year's concert, Ciarán Sheehan and Kaley Ann Voorhees, are being featured these days in a PBS Special **"The Four Phantoms in Concert."**

This program will be broadcasted this Sunday, October 20, at 8pm, and Saturday, October 26, at 9am. (PBS/Thirteen).

## JOIN US THIS SUNDAY!



Get ready for an epic night of fun as we kick off a new year of youth group activities!

**BONFIRE KICK-OFF**  
**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20 AT 6:00PM**  
**ST. JOHN'S PARISH CENTER**

S'mores, games, and of course, a cozy bonfire! The perfect time to hang out with friends, meet new faces, and share awesome stories!

Whether you're a returning member or new to the group, **we want you there!**

Bring your friends; everyone is welcome!  
**Sign up NOW! [stjohnsyouthgrp@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnsyouthgrp@gmail.com)**

## ANNUAL ALL SOULS DAY MASS



On Wednesday, November 6th, our Annual All Souls Mass of Remembrance will be celebrated at 6:30pm.

All parishioners are welcome and encouraged to come.

The names of those buried from St. John the Baptist, as well as those names that have appeared in the bulletin, will be remembered that night.

If you have a loved one who has passed from last November to the present and would like their name listed, please contact Cathy Williamson by calling 201-664-3131.

## ALL SOULS NOVENA 2024

### MASSES & PRAYERS OFFERED FOR OUR BELOVED FAITHFUL DEPARTED



Starting on Saturday, November 2 and continuing through Sunday, November 10 a Novena of Nine (9) Days of Masses will be celebrated for the souls of those who have gone before us. All our Parish Mass intentions during that time will be offered for our faithful departed and for those loved ones and friends who recently died.

If you would like a deceased family member or friend to be remembered during this Novena, please fill out their names on our traditional All Souls envelopes and drop them off in our collection baskets or leave at any time in our rectory mail slot. Throughout the entire Nine Day Mass Novena these requests will also be placed symbolically on the altar of our church.

# OUR PARISH STEWARDSHIP

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2024

		2023	BUDGET
Envelope & In Pew Giving:	\$9,467	\$ 8,270	\$7,900
Online Giving via Faith Direct:	<u>5,015</u>	<u>\$ 5,097</u>	<u>\$5,000</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$14,482</b>	<b>\$ 13,367</b>	<b>\$12,900</b>

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

## KNIGHTS TO HOST FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER

The St. Thomas More Council #2188 Westwood/Hillsdale will host a Friday Night Dinner on November 8th at 40 Crest St. in Westwood. The doors open at 6:00PM. The menu includes Lasagna and meatballs, salad, bread and butter, dessert, and coffee/tea/soda. Bar service available.

The cost is \$20 per person - \$15 for children under 16 - \$35.00 for married couples 65 and older.

Reservations are required and must be made by 12:00 NOON ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5th. NO WALK-INS.

For reservations, contact, AFTER 4:00PM, Frank Mariconti, Sr. at 551-579-1123 or FMS12250@aol.com. Money raised provide the funds for our many charitable activities/donations.

## KNIGHTS & DOMANI RESTAURANT TO HOST TOY DRIVE



Domani Restaurant in Hillsdale is partnering with the Joseph F. Lamb Assembly, Knights of Columbus, to collect toys for the Marine Toys for Tots Program, whose primary mission is to collect new unwrapped toys for distribution to less fortunate children at Christmas.

The Joseph F. Lamb Assembly is comprised of 11 Knights of Columbus Councils located in northern New Jersey.

During the week of **Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup> through Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup>**, individuals or families (parents and children only) bringing a **NEW AND UNWRAPPED TOY OR GAME** to Domani will get **15% off their bill** (dine-in and take-out.)

Domani Restaurant is located at 387 Washington Ave, Hillsdale, NJ 07642 and can be contacted by calling (201)722-8881.

Please join us in this effort to bring CHRISTMAS JOY to children in need!



at St. John the Baptist Church  
**Friday, November 15 - 7:00pm to 10:30pm**  
**returning Saturday, November 16**  
**7:30am to 8:00pm.**

You will be Inspired, Rejuvenated  
and Spiritually Uplifted.

For more details, please scan the code.



CONTACT INFORMATION:

Gerry Beatty:  
201.446.1073

Stefanie Streeter:  
201.415.2577

Or via email at [sjwcornerstone@gmail.com](mailto:sjwcornerstone@gmail.com)

**The cover photo on our bulletin  
shows our beautiful church under  
the Aurora Borealis (Northern Lights),  
which was visible in Hillsdale, NJ  
on October 10, 2024.**

**For more photos & St. John's updates  
follow us on Facebook:  
@stjohnhillsdale**

*Photo taken by Lisa Gordon, Thursday 10/10/24, 11:21pm*

**“What does love look like?**

**It has the hands to help others.  
It has the feet to hasten to the poor and needy.  
It has the eyes to see misery and want.  
It has the ears to hear the sighs and sorrows  
of men. That is what love looks like.”**

— *Saint Augustine (352 - 430 A.D.)*