## St. John the Baptist Church 69 Valley Street, Hillsdale, NJ 07642 You Are Invited!

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Blessing of the Easter Baskets

When: March 31, 2018 - Holy Saturday Where: St. John The Baptist Church

*Time*: 12:30 p.m.

What: Blessing of the Easter Baskets
Duration: About 20 minutes (Not a Mass)

**Bring:** Your Easter Meal in Your Decorated Basket

While this beautiful Catholic tradition has Eastern European roots, and practiced mostly by Polish descendants, we encourage everyone to customize their basket to their own family's ethnic heritage.

This is a lovely and meaningful family tradition that you can start this year. Wouldn't it be wonderful to have your family gathered around the Easter dinner table enjoying a truly blessed meal?

Shown on the reverse side is a layout of a Polish Easter Basket, to give you an idea about this custom and the meanings behind it, as well as to guide you in assembling your own basket.

We encourage the children to partake in this symbolic, heartwarming tradition by bringing their very own decorated basket to be blessed (decorated Easter eggs, jelly beans, handmade Easter decorations, chocolate bunny, or part of the Easter meal, etc.)

We hope to see you and your family with your beautiful baskets! Please help make this Blessing Service a success, by attending.

All Are Welcome!

