CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

The Lord’s Day

Saturday: 5:00 PM

Sunday: 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 PM

Weekday Masses

Monday and Saturday: 8:00 AM

Tuesday - Friday: 8:00 AM & 12:00 PM

BAPTISMS: Baptism of Infants is normally celebrated on Sundays at 1:30 PM eleven months of the year. For arrangements and information about Baptismal Preparation of Infants, please contact Fr. Tad Jank 201-664-3131 ext. 112; for older children and adults, please contact Cathy Wollyung at 201-666-2707 ext. 217.

RECONCILIATION: This sacrament of Christ’s forgiveness is celebrated Saturdays 4:00 - 4:45 PM, and at Interparochial Communal Services during Advent and Lent.

MATRIMONY: Couples are urged to begin preparation for marriage immediately after the engagement, but not less than one year previous to the wedding date. Phone the Parish Office at 664-3131 to begin preparation.

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: In case of severe illness contact the Parish Office for a priest to visit for the Sacrament of Anointing. Contact the Ministry to the Sick Office at 201-666-2707 ext. 215 to arrange home visitation and communion for those who cannot attend Sunday liturgy. Those anticipating hospitalization for surgery, contact one of the priests for Sacrament of Anointing. Otherwise, contact the Pastoral Care Office at any of our area hospitals for anointing and communion.

PARISH REGISTRATION: We invite all new parishioners to register at the Parish Office and to introduce themselves to our parish priests after Mass or at the Parish Office. A Welcome Ministry contact will follow.

6th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 17, 2019
“Blessed are you...”

While pronouncing a series of blessings and warnings, Jesus makes clear that what we receive from God is based on what we do or do not do during our life.

In today’s world there are an amazing number of foolish people, even supposedly “faithful” Catholics, who feel no obligation to practice their faith or perform the spiritual and corporal works of mercy. They seem to think that they “deserve” and are “entitled” to the rewards of eternal life simply because of the exalted opinion they have of themselves. They “joined the club” through baptism and should get the privileges attached to membership!

Quite clearly Jesus is not impressed with such fools. Our commitment and actions in life indicate whether or not we are truly what we say we are. God is not fooled by attitude or bravado, and will judge each of us. We need to take heed of Jesus’ warnings.

Soon the season of Lent will be upon us. Some will understand the necessity of reviewing their way of life and make changes where necessary, others will just let the season pass without notice. This is the first indication of the direction we have chosen to travel. The “woes” directed to the unfaithful are real, and probably have already begun to surface in their lives in the discord and false premise on which they live.

Let us not be lulled into complacency and indifference, for the result is eternal death!

SPECIAL REMEMBRANCES

The Votive Candle burns for the Special Intention of Diane Farley

The Bread & Wine is being donated for the Special Intention of Diane Farley

REGULAR SCHEDULE of MASSES on Sunday 8am, 10am and 12pm

Saturday, February 16
5pm Joseph Puchalik req. Deb & Jim Cleary

Sunday, February 17
8am Mary Cannon req. The Ewers Family
10am Mary Treacy req. Gerry Beatty & Rick Savino
12pm John Ralph Picciotto req. Patrick & Carolyn Dentato

Monday, February 18
8am Patrick Cammisa req. Richard & Nancy Baviello

Tuesday, February 19
8am Elba Roque req. Edna Lord
12pm Marilyn Folkers req. Marie Rocco

Wednesday, February 20
8am John P. Clohessy req. Ann V. Clohessy
12pm Ben Muggeo req. Angie & Rit D’Angelo

Thursday, February 21
8am William Hudson req. Cathy Wollyung
12pm Margaret McMahon req. Rose & Jim Lyons Living

Friday, February 22
8am Mary Dunlea req. Theresa Holl
12pm Frances Martorano req. Marie & Jamie Rocco

Saturday, February 23
8am Father Gaetano Savoca req. The LoPiccolo Family
5pm Robert Green req. Janet Green

Sunday, February 24
8am Sr. Teresa McCrory req. Mike & Anne McCrory
10am John Thalmann req. The Ewers Family
12pm Dennis Heaney req. Patrick & Carolyn Dentato

Those who have pre-arranged an intention for a Mass are invited to present the gifts of bread and wine during that celebration. On the Lord’s Day and Holy Days, please inform the usher.
STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE
The Work of Christ at St. John's is supported by Parishioners who have Embraced the Biblical Ideals of Stewardship Tithing

LAST WEEKEND’S STEWARDSHIP COLLECTION
The sacrificial giving of our parishioners on the weekend of February 9 and 10 was $12,712. This includes $3,325 contributed via Faith Direct by 135 parishioners, and $8,688 in envelopes and/or checks from 287 parishioners. The average of these donations was $28.47. The collection also included $698 in cash.

Tithing is God’s plan to support His Church. Full tithing means 10% of gross income to God. We ask half of this, or 5% for your Parish church. The other 5% goes to your favorite charities.

The service provided to our parish by Faith Direct ensures that all the participants weekly contributions are made regardless of vacations or the weather. For more information, please see below, or contact Jennifer in the Rectory Office.

FAITH DIRECT
Parishioners may contribute to weekly parish stewardship collections through credit card or automatic payment from their checking account. Faith Direct accepts Discover, Visa, MasterCard and American Express. We invite you to consider using this convenient service. You can sign up on-line at www.faithdirect.net (please use church code NJ48) or call 1-866-507-8757. Registration sheets may also be found in church - or for more information, please call Jennifer in the Parish Office.

SHARING GOD’S BLESSINGS APPEAL
This year’s Appeal is a perfect opportunity for us to reflect on God’s generosity and to share the blessings we have been given with those around us. This year our parish goal is $70,414.

The Annual Appeal provides the poor with food, shelter and clothing; makes religious education, spiritual guidance and CYO programs available for the young, provides for seminarian education and training and most importantly, brings Christ’s Good News to the people of the Archdiocese. Please consider making a gift to the 2019 Sharing God’s Blessings Annual Appeal. Brochures can be found in the pews or at the doors of the church.

To view this year’s video: www.rcan.org/stories

Liturgy Corner
Ministers Assigned February 23 & 24

Saturday 5:00 PM Fr. Tad Jank
Lectors: K. Kralik / E. Addvensky
Eucharistic Ministers: M. Swords / M. Palamidis / J. Carvelli / A. Addvensky / J. Trochimiuk / M. Henni
Altar Servers: TJ Carvelli / B. Cannon / J. Henni

Sunday 8:00 AM Fr. John Korbelak
Lectors: P. Gilchrist / M. O’Connor
Eucharistic Ministers: J. Weisman / M. Rocco
Altar Server: A. McKenna / C. McKenna / A. Bodnar

Sunday 10:00 AM Fr. Tom Norton
Lectors: J. Hayde
Eucharistic Ministers: E. Lord / S. Sileo / D. Lawlor / V. Ross / S. Streeter / M. Cartwright / E. Lauria / D. Holmgren
Altar Servers: A. Sileo / A. Sileo / G. Mauriello

Sunday 12:00 PM Fr. Tad Jank
Lectors:
Eucharistic Ministers: M. Hollar / D. Heaney
Altar Servers: J. Marusic

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO SERVE, PLEASE FIND A SUBSTITUTE.

THE MASS BOOK FOR THE SECOND HALF OF THE YEAR WILL BE OPENED ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2019 AT 1:30 PM IN THE PARISH CENTER JULY 1 TO DECEMBER 31, 2019
Please Remember in Your Prayers
In love and kindness, please pray for:

DECEASED: Brian Hughes


WOMEN’S CORNERSTONE 25 YEAR CELEBRATION

Did you attend Women’s Cornerstone at St. John’s between the years of 1995 and 2018? If your answer is YES, you are invited to Women’s Cornerstone’s 25 year Reunion on Friday, March 1st at 7:00pm in the Parish Center.

It will be an evening to celebrate, reflect, reconnect, remember our experiences, sisterhood, and our relationship with God. Please spread the word to all the Cornerstone Sisters in your life.

There will be a surprise announcement at the reunion!

RSVP to Kathy Breitenbach at:
kbreitenbach@stjohnhillsdale.com
201666-2707 ext. 211

THE PARISH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18 IN OBSERVANCE OF PRESIDENTS DAY

SAINT JOHN’S ACADEMY NEWS

World Language Program

SJA has developed an enriched World Language Program. Primary students learn simple vocabulary through stories, songs and videos while also Learning about the countries where Spanish is spoken. As our early learners progress into the Middle grades, students learn to use phrases and Vocabulary useful in basic conversations. They also continue to learn about the traditions and Cultures of Spanish speaking countries.

In 6th grade, students begin a rigorous high school level Spanish 1 program. The 8th grade students complete their study of Latino culture with a salsa dancing trip.

Our graduates are prepared to continue their Spanish studies in high school. In addition to our World Language Program, students also have the Opportunity to participate in further language study through our enrichment program in French, Italian, and Chinese.

Woof! Woof! Woof! Woof!

The above is “dog talk” and says, “I want to go to St. John’s and chase away the geese!” Yes, that is one of your dogs most fervent wishes, but he may be shy in speaking up. Help make his dream come true and help us get rid of the geese by taking your dog for an occasion walk behind the church and rectory. Continual dog activity there helps to lessen the deposit of their “blessings”. Hopefully they may find the disruption a cause to move on!
**HELPING HAND FOOD PANTRY**

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2019  5:30-7:00 PM

THE PANTRY IS CLOSED ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18 IN OBSERVANCE OF PRESIDENT DAY

All Canned Vegetables, black, white & kidney beans, Meats, Fish, Fruits and Juices. Staples/Boxed Foods: coffee, tea, potatoes, milk, vegetable oil, bagged rice, brown, white, sugar, flour, cocoa, pancake mix, cake & muffin mixes frosting, brownie mix, pudding & jello mixes, stove top stuffing, chicken broth, gravy, peanut butter, protein cereal bars, tomato paste, canned tomatoes, boxed milk. Condiments: Ketchup, mayonnaise, mustard, jam, jelly, apple sauce, maple syrup, black olives, mushrooms. School snacks: cookies, crackers. Personal: hand soap, shampoo & conditioner, deodorant, toothpaste, toilet paper, paper towels, tissues. Baby items: stage 1 & 3 food, baby cereal, diapers 4, 5, 6 and baby wipes.

www.helpinghandfoodpantry.com
Supermarket gift cards also welcome!

**KNIGHT KORNER**

Winter Clothing Drive

The St. Thomas More Council 2188 Westwood/ Hillsdale is collecting clothing as part of its annual Winter Clothing Drive to help those in need. Please give by donating your clean adult and child’s coat, jackets, hats, gloves etc. The clothing should be bagged and left at the entrance to the Knights of Columbus Hall located at 40 Crest Street, Westwood, NJ 07675. The drive will continue through the end of February. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Paul Bonanno at 201 906-5897.

Thank you for participating in the worthy cause.

**BABY BOTTLE DRIVE**

For those who have not picked up a Baby Bottle last weekend, bottles are available in the Parish Center. Bottles will be collected after all of the Masses during the weekend of February 23-24. Please make checks payable to “St. Thomas More Council 2188.”

Your generosity is appreciated.

**“MEETINGS”**

**FEBRUARY 2019**

**Cozy Corner Knitting Group:** meets every Wed. from 9:30am to 11:00am in the Parish Center, Seton Room.

**Career Resource Ministry:** will meet the 2nd Wed. of the month at 7:30pm in the Parish Center.

**Divine Mercy Prayer Group:** meets daily Mon.-Fri. 9:00 - 9:30am in the church (in front of Blessed Sacrament).

**The Human Concerns Committee**—will meet on Mon. Feb. 18 at 7:00pm in the Parish Center.

**Our Lady’s Prayer Group**—will meet Wed. Feb. 27 at 7:30pm in the Parish Center.

**ROSAKY SOCIETY**

The Rosary Society will be having our meeting on February 26 at 1:00pm in the Parish Center. Our St. Patrick’s Day Party will be held on March 14, which is a Thursday, at 12:30 pm in the Parish Center. The cost will be $10.00 which will be collected at our meeting.

Please remember that you are welcome to bring a guest with you. We would love to see everyone at our meeting and at our St. Patrick’s Day Party.

**ALTAR SERVERS**

St. John the Baptist Church is looking for children of the parish to be Altar Servers.

If your child is currently in the fourth grade or higher, they are invited to join this ministry. Training will be scheduled in March once we have a group together. Most alter servers will serve about one weekend Mass per month.

If you are interested, please contact Luigi Vitale by March 15th at 201 788-6909 or luigi.vitale@outlook.com
VOICES THAT CHALLENGE

MANIFESTO FOR THE CARE OF THE COMMON HOME

Young people attending World Youth Day in Panama called attention to the world’s environmental problems, issuing what they called a “manifesto” for the “care of the common home.”

“We, young Catholics from World Youth Day in Panama, would like to raise our hearts and minds in praise, joy and gratitude for the beautiful gift of our beloved ‘sister, Mother Earth,’ in the beautiful words of St. Francis,” they said in the January 21 statement. “At the same time, we are painfully aware, as Pope Francis reminded us, that ‘our common home is falling into serious disrepair.’” “We are mindful that we, young Catholics, are not doing enough. Despite commitments assumed in earlier ‘Laudato Si’ conferences on the safeguard of Creation at World Youth Day 2013 and 2016, we still are not mobilizing enough for our common home,” they said. “We will study and better understand the ecological issue, in the quest to better prepare ourselves to advance the transformation that is needed at all levels: in our families, schools, universities, work environments, sport circles, through media and culture.”


SAVE THESE DATES
ARCHDIOCESE COMMISSION
WOMEN’S AND MEN’S RETREAT DAYS

The Women’s Day of Reflection this year is on Saturday, March 9 and the Catholic Men’s Conference is the following week on Saturday, March 16. Both retreat days will be held at Seton Hall University, beginning at 8 AM and concluding with Mass at 4:00 PM. Cardinal Joseph Tobin, Archbishop of Newark, will be the main celebrant of both Liturgies.

A continental breakfast and lunch are included. Registration is $25.00; it can be done online at www.rcan.org. Additional information regarding the speakers and registration is posted on the Church bulletin boards and in the magazine racks. A Spanish track is available for both days. Save the Dates! For any questions, call Edna Lord at 201 666-9642 for the Women’s Day or Joseph Bisi at 201 666-4185 for the Men’s Conference.

HOW TO REPORT ABUSE

The Archdiocese takes very seriously any and all allegations of sexual misconduct by members of the clergy, Religious and lay staff of the Archdiocese. We encourage anyone with knowledge of an act of sexual misconduct to inform us immediately so that we may take appropriate action to protect others and provide support to victims of sexual abuse.

Individuals who wish to report an allegation of sexual misconduct may do so by calling the Archdiocesan Office of Child and Youth Protection at: 201 407-3256
St. John the Baptist Church
Hillsdale, NJ
201-664-3131
Naomi Kavanah