

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
PARISH COMMUNITY
HILLSDALE, NEW JERSEY



*“What shall I return to the Lord
for all the Lord has given to me?”*

Psalm 116:12

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**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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MINISTRIES OF EVANGELIZATION, CATECHESIS, AND SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT

Baptism Ministry

Helps families prepare for and celebrate the baptism of a child. Members of the ministry team conduct an informal information meeting with the parents and, if possible, the godparents. Lay members also assist the presider at the celebration of the sacrament.

Deacon Jack & Virginia Gray
Fr. Tadeusz Jank

Bible Study Group

A new Bible Study journey through two of the most beloved stories from the Old Testament – Jonah and Ruth. Discover the wide embrace of a surprising and loving God.

Olivia Carbonaro
Linda Parisi

Catechists and Aides (CCD)

The word catechist comes from a Greek word meaning “to echo.” Catechists “echo” the Word of God to the children in their classes, aiming to deepen their relationship with God and their commitment to living out the Gospel in their daily lives. Courses are offered at various times during the year for catechist certification in the Archdiocese of Newark. Aides assist catechists in the classroom in grades K through 8.

Kathy Breitenbach
Registrar and Program Administrator
Kathleen Miles
Administrative Assistant
Cathy Wollyung, Director

Christian Initiation of Adults Team (RCIA)

Provides for the instruction and formation of adults preparing for Baptism, Confirmation and First Eucharist, and of adult Christians preparing for full communion with the Roman Catholic Church. The program is also adapted for children (RCIC). This ministry consists of a team of parishioners working under the direction of Parish Staff Members.

Deacon Al Ganter
Cathy Wollyung

Cornerstone Team - Men's and Women's

Plan, coordinate and conduct the annual parish based retreats. These separate retreats offer parishioners space and time to develop a deeper relationship with Jesus. To be a team member you must first have participated in a Cornerstone retreat as a candidate.

Deacon Jack Gray
Cathy Wollyung
Kathy Breitenbach

First Eucharist & First Penance Team

Lends invaluable assistance to the CCD Director and Coordinators of the First Sacraments program at St. John's.

Kathy Breitenbach, Registrar
Vincenza Bruno
Stefanie Streeter

Our Lady's Charismatic Prayer Group

Grows in love, praise and knowledge of God and cares for the needs of the community through prayer and service. Led by the Spirit, members express worship of God through song, Scripture reading, meditation and spontaneous prayer.

Janet & Charles Benante

Youth Confirmation Team

Prepares parish high school candidates to complete their initiation into the Church by receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. Preparation is a two year program which consists of a day of reflection, eight formation sessions (four per year), a Candidate/Sponsor day, a retreat day and involvement in a parish ministry and community service.

Nicole Mahncke

Fr. Tadeusz Jank

MINISTRIES SERVING WORSHIP

Altar Servers

Assist the priest and the assembly with the celebration of the liturgy. Altar service is open to any boy or girl in the parish beginning the summer before entering the 4th grade or higher. Training is offered in the Spring of each year.

Luigi Vitale

Fr. Tadeusz Jank

Children's Liturgy of the Word Ministry

Children (Pre K through 5th grade) are dismissed after the opening rites of the 10:00 AM Sunday Mass, late September through Pentecost. Liturgists are trained and provided with the materials necessary to design a Liturgy of the Word that is age appropriate.

Jennifer Kerrigan

Stefanie Streeter

God's Tots

A Bible based program for 3-5 year olds during the 10 AM Mass. The program meets in the Parish Center Library. The children will be led in fun activities designed for their age group and to build a foundation of worshiping God. It's like Kindergarten for church. Adult volunteers are needed to assist.

Krizia & Tolga Sungu

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Parishioners, nominated by the pastoral staff, help distribute communion at Mass and also bring the Eucharist to those who are unable to attend Mass due to illness or advanced age. Training is provided in the parish and at the Archdiocesan Center. Speak with one of the parish priests or a member of the parish staff if interested.

Kathy Breitenbach
Gerry Beattie-Savino
Elba Metrione
Fr. Tadeusz Jank

Intercessions Committee

On a rotating weekly schedule, a group of parishioners write the Prayers of the Faithful (General Intercessions) to be proclaimed after the homily on Sundays, Holy Days and other liturgical celebrations. Prayers are to reflect the readings for the day and special remembrances/events taking place.

Cathy Wollyung
Fr. Tadeusz Jank

Lectors

Study and proclaim "The Word of the Lord" at liturgies on Sundays, Holy Days and other liturgical celebrations. Training is provided in the parish and at the Archdiocesan Center.

Paulette Gilchrist
Fr. Tadeusz Jank

Liturgical Environment – Art and Flowers

Enhance the beauty and spirituality of our worship environment and surrounding areas during the key times of Advent, Christmas, Easter, Pentecost, Ordinary Time. Participation and creative ideas are needed and welcomed.

Gerard Bourcier (Art & Liturgical Decor)

Fr. Tadeusz Jank

Fr. John Korbela

Liturgical Environment – Sacristans

Prepare the altar and other liturgical appointments for the various seasons and celebrations of the Church. Includes changing the vestments, altar paraments and cloths, as well as the maintenance and laundering of the altar linens.

Fr. Tadeusz Jank

Liturgy Planners Committee

Coordinates the different liturgical ministries to enhance the peoples participation at Mass and other liturgies. Planners are also responsible for the training of new people in the associated ministries such as Ushers, Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.

Cathy Wollyung

Fr. Tadeusz Jank

Music Ministry – Children’s Choir

The Children’s Choir (ages 5+) leads the music for the Christmas Eve family liturgy. They may also sing at other occasions. Rehearsals take place on Sundays immediately following the 10:00 AM Mass until 11:50 AM

Roberto Sabastiani

Music Ministry – Adult Choir

Sings at the Saturday 5:00 PM liturgy, at the celebration of Confirmation, the Triduum liturgies and Christmas. Rehearsals take place on Wednesdays in the church, 7:30-9:15 PM.

Roberto Sabastiani

Music Ministry – Contemporary Choir

Instrumentalists and singers play and sing each Sunday at the 10:00 AM liturgy. Rehearsals take place on Sundays, 9:00 – 9:45 AM.

Roberto Sabastiani

Ushers of Hospitality

Welcome people as they enter church for Mass, prepare for the collection, assemble gift bearers, and see to the smooth operation of communion lines. After Mass, distribute the bulletin and straighten up the church. Both men and women are encouraged to serve in this ministry of hospitality.

Peter O'Reilly

Luigi Vitale

Fr. Tadeusz Jank

Wedding Rehearsal Ministry

Arrange and conduct wedding rehearsals at St. John's. Coordinate all aspects of the marriage ceremony and, as appropriate, all details of the celebration of the Eucharist.

Jenifer Carvelli

MINISTRIES OF STEWARDSHIP, ADMINISTRATION AND MAINTENANCE

Bishop Sheen Technology Ministry

This ministry was formed in recognition of the many ways enhanced technology would benefit the mission of the parish. The recommendations and implementation of systems will assist in the pastoral, ministerial, administrative and facilities/maintenance areas of the parish. The ministry supports hardware and software needs of the parish and the web site.

Fr. John Korbelak

Collection Counters

Serve weekly or monthly by counting the collection donations.

Lee Meyer

Rose Stigliano

Finance Council

With the Stewardship Council, oversees the temporal affairs of the parish. Assists and offers counsel to the Pastor in the fiscal administration of the parish. Meetings are held every other month, September through June.

Janetta Trochimiuk

Fr. John Korbelak

Holiday Church Assistants

Enhance the church environment before Easter and Christmas by cleaning the church and setting up the flowers, wreaths, and many decorations that are used during these holy seasons.

Glen Ford

Maintenance Committee

Assesses the needs of maintaining and upgrading the buildings of the parish, formulates recommendations, sets goals, and evaluates proposals and work of outside contractors. Handles extraordinary projects that arise in a campus the size of St. John's. Seeks members who are representative of a variety of "building" related professions and trades.

Anthony Delasey
Joseph Zanini
Glen Ford

Parish Mailers

Assist in special mailings as needed. Envelopes are labeled, stuffed and prepared for delivery to the Post Office.

Jennifer Cannon

Parish Website – www.stjohnhillsdale.com

Maintenance of the website involves weekly posting of the Parish Bulletin, posting of special holiday liturgical services, ministry information & attention to the timely listing of dates for upcoming events.

Ann Job

Saint Francis Earth Ministry

Assists in conveying pride in our parish, respect for Mother Earth and a sincere concern for nature by maintaining a welcoming environment at St. John's. Responsible for planting and care of all trees, shrubs and flowers. Guidelines to maintain uniformity are provided. Adults as well as young people are needed; excellent opportunity for Confirmation Candidates to fill service hours.

Joseph Zanini, Consultant
Fr. John Korbelak

Stewardship Council

With the Finance Council, fosters awareness and commitment to the biblical ideal of stewardship within the parish community of St. John's. Encourages all parishioners to share their time, talent and treasure in gratitude for the precious gifts that God has given to each of us. Coordinates all activities associated with the Annual Stewardship Commitment program and the Archbishop's Annual Appeal. Meetings are held once a month.

Ed Addvensky
Mark Henni
Jennifer Cannon

Trustees

Appointed as members of the parish corporation, they serve as consultants to the pastor and ex officio members of the Finance Council.

Arthur Dalle Molle
Theresa Henry
Fr. John Korbelak

MINISTRIES OF FAMILY, CHRISTIAN SUPPORT, SOCIAL CONCERNS AND OUTREACH

Bereavement Ministry

Helps those suffering the loss of a loved one by tending to their needs spiritually and physically at the immediate time of loss, as well as the grieving time that follows. Assist with the necessary preparations for the Wake Service, Funeral Mass and other needs as requested.

Mary Musella
Marilyn Golusinski

Cozy Corner Knit/Crochet Group

A fun, casual group of knitters and crocheters of all levels. We make baby blankets for St. John's annual baby shower, prayer shawls, as well as projects for ourselves. We meet in the Parish Center on Wednesday mornings year round on a drop-in basis. Some members participate by creating donations at home. Beginners always welcome!

Mary Ellen Breen

Good Shepherd Ministry

Responds to the HIV/AIDS pandemic through prayer, education and outreach to those suffering with the disease. Sponsors AIDS Compassion Sunday; delivers dinner to Harrison House (a residential home for those living with HIV/AIDS) once a month, and raises funds for relief agencies supporting HIV/AIDS patients.

Kerry Ganter

Helping Hand Food Pantry

In a cooperative ministry with the Hillsdale Christian churches to provide food for those in need, volunteers transport food from St. John's and King's Supermarket to the Food Pantry (located in the Hillsdale United Methodist Church), staff the pantry during open hours and sort/stack donated food.

Edna Lord

Deacon Jack Gray

Human Concerns Ministry

Offers assistance year round to needy families in our local community experiencing both temporary and long term difficulties. Is involved with various organizations in the donation of time and funds.

Mike DeAngelo

Deacon Jack Gray

Ministry to the Sick and Homebound/Parish Visitors

Brings the Eucharist to parishioners unable to attend Mass. Visits are made to homebound parishioners and those in local area hospitals and/or nursing homes to provide comfort and support. Assists the infirm by food shopping, emergency cooking, and transportation to Mass, appointments or parish meetings. Sponsors the Annual Liturgy with the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick and luncheon for parishioners and others.

Julie Zanini

Ministry to the Sick Office . . . 201 666-2707, Ext. 215

Respect Life Ministry

Helps the parish focus on the ethical issues concerning life, from conception through natural death. Activities include observance of Respect Life Sunday in October, Annual Baby Shower in May for distribution to needy families in the local community and Pregnancy Crisis Centers and distribution of information on legislative issues and national events.

Joan Saoud

Edna Lord

Social Justice Ministry

This ministry seeks to be "*Voices That Challenge*" by being leavens of the Gospel to their families, parish and community at large. This will be done by providing educational resources, promoting activities that foster the right ordering of human relations and encouraging all to live a faith that does justice.

Edna Lord

COMMUNITY BUILDING MINISTRIES AND SOCIETIES

Book Discussion Group

Meets every 6-8 weeks to share thoughts and opinions regarding a literary work selected and read by the members. Discussions are lively and entertaining. Meetings are held in the Parish Center from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM on Thursdays. All are welcome to attend.

Angela Ruocco

Career Resource Ministry

Meets the second Wednesday of every month to discuss how to network, write resumes, prepare for interviews and other topics to help establish a new career.

John Carvelli

Holy Name Society

Encourages the personal sanctification of its members by acts of love, service to the Church, and devotion to the most holy name of Jesus. Members attend the 8:00 AM Mass on the second Sunday of each month followed by a meeting held in the Parish Center.

Charles Benante
Deacon Al Ganter

Knights of Columbus

The St. Thomas More Council 2188 of Westwood/Hillsdale serves the parishes of St. Andrew in Westwood and St. John the Baptist. The Council supports parish functions and ministries. They hold periodic fundraising events to support community scholarships and other charitable activities.

Frank Mariconti . . . Grand Knight
Joseph Bisi . . . Deputy Grand Knight

Martha & Mary's Ministry

A ministry inviting women of all ages in the parish to gather in social interaction, prayer and service at different times throughout the year building a sense of community, growing in friendship and faith fellowship.

Kathy Breitenbach
Mary Ellen Breen
Geraldynn Della Pesca

Parish Center Receptionists

Answer phones and provide other secretarial services for the staff of the Parish Center. Work two or three hour shifts once a week, or share a shift with another volunteer.

Julie Zanini
Cathy Wollyung

Parish Social Events Committee

Help to build spirit and foster a sense of community within our parish by planning and coordinating a variety of social events during the year.

Fr. John Korbela

Pastoral Council

The role of the Pastoral Council is to ensure that the life of the parish reflects its mission statement and that all parishioners have the opportunity to share in that mission. Working in a collaborative and consultative relationship with the Pastor, members are drawn from the various parish ministries. The Council meets every six weeks from September through May.

John Carvelli
Fr. John Korbela

Rosary Society

Promotes devotion to our Blessed Mother through praying the rosary and observance of special feast days honoring Mary, the Mother of God. The Society meets on the third Tuesday of most months at 1:30 PM in the Parish Center. All women of the parish are invited to join. An Annual Crowning of the Blessed Mother is held in May and the Blessing of the Roses takes place in October.

Marie Rocco
Fr. Tadeusz Jank

The Spirit of St. John's Parish Newsletter

Provides the parishioners and community with timely reporting of the many ministries and activities of the parish. Helps encourage, build involvement and deepen the faith of our parish community.

Edna Lord

Welcome Ministry

Fosters a welcoming spirit throughout our parish community and, in particular, serves to welcome our new members through phone calls and emails. A welcome packet of information is also provided to all new parishioners.

Edna Lord
Fr. John Korbelak

MINISTRIES FOR YOUTH

Scout Leaders – Boys and Girls

Teach boys and girls the value of duty to God, to oneself, to others, and to their community. The individual troops meet throughout the school year.

Gerry Beatty-Savino (Boys)

Stephanie Bazzanella (Girls)

Fr. Tadeusz Jank

High School Youth Ministry

Provides young people with positive faith formation experiences in the Roman Catholic tradition and other tools for social, emotional, and spiritual growth. Open to all parishioners and their friends of high school age. Weekly meetings are held on Sunday evenings in the Upper Room Youth Center (located above the school gym) with focus on different aspects of teenage life. Retreat programs, events and trips are organized throughout the year. Adults interested in working with teenagers are also welcome.

Dillian “Dee” Ford

Fr. Tadeusz Jank

St. John’s Sports Association

Organizes and coaches the basketball, volleyball, bowling, track and cheerleading teams for the Academy and parish children. Approximately 300 children participate in the sports programs with over 150 parish families represented. The Association holds an Annual Sports Award Luncheon in the spring of each year at which an Eagle Award is presented for attitude, character, sportsmanship, leadership, team spirit and excellence in athletics.

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We parishioners of St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Church are called by Jesus to be a community of His disciples, growing in faith and worshipping together in Eucharistic celebration.

Nourished by God's transforming love and blessed by gifts of the Holy Spirit, we are empowered to live the Gospel message and to witness it to others.

Thankful for God's many gifts, as Christian stewards we commit to share our time, talent and treasure in Christ-like service within our parish community and beyond.

We seek God's blessing and guidance to be faithful to this mission.

