

SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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AUGUST 1, 2021

18th Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME

So they said to him, "What can we do to accomplish the works of God?"
Jesus answered and said to them, "This is the work of God,
that you believe in the one he sent." — John 4:28-29

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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

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

Today's Scripture reading from the 6th chapter of the Gospel according to John is a direct continuation of last week's passage which presented to us one of the most "spectacular" miracles of Jesus recorded for us by the Gospel writers. With the attention to many details and depth so characteristic to Saint John, he described not only what happened on that memorable day, but also how this miracle directly impacted thousands of people who surrounded Christ in order to experience his divinity, healing and might. John goes on to describe in such detail that even "two hundred days' wages worth of food would not be enough for each of them to have a little", but in that miracle they experienced the abundance of God's generosity that "all had had their fill" and "collected twelve wicker baskets with fragments" (cf. John 6:1-15).

However, Jesus wants us "to continue reading" that wonderful story and understand that even the most amazing miracles of Christ were not only a profound proof of His divinity while addressing every possible human need of his early followers, but, most importantly, they were His way of introducing them and us into what really matters in our lives and in our relationship with Him. It is in this context that we read today's continuation of that special story and the following words:

"Do not work for food that perishes
but for the food that endures for eternal life,
which the Son of Man will give you.

For on him the Father, God, has set his seal."

So they said to him,

"What can we do to accomplish the works of God?"

Jesus answered and said to them,

"This is the work of God, that you believe in the one he sent."

(cf. Today's Gospel - John 6:24-35)

Even during these nice and relaxing summer weeks we have found time to be united with Christ, the Church and our brothers and sisters in order to witness and personally experience the miracle of the Eucharist which is always so magnificent and always so new. On this 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time, He will once again talk to us and will feed us with "the Bread of Life". And by our presence at Mass and our participation in the life of this faith community, we, the brothers and sisters of Saint John the Baptist Parish, take part in "the work of God" by believing in the One who was sent in order to live among us, love us and to redeem us. Let us listen carefully until the very last sentence of today's Gospel as He will reassure us: "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst."

Thank you for being a part of this magnificent story of our lives, on our personal journeys closer and closer to Him. Thank you for being those disciples of the Lord who continue to proclaim and celebrate our faith in the Risen Lord and our personal resurrection with Him, who is the giver of all life.

— Fr. Peter

KEEPING THOSE WHO ARE SICK IN OUR PRAYERS:

Kenneth Jackson, Rich Corrieri, John Angermeyer, Rose Zara, Nancy Wagner, Aida Cabrera, Angelina McCarthy, Thomas Ivancich, Rob Staudt, Yoshi Powell, Kristina DiGregorio, John Bomma, Teresita Kasilag,

REMEMBERING THOSE WHO HAVE PASSED:

Barbara Packwood, John Robert Greco

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, JULY 31

5:00 PM John Cuffe

SUNDAY, AUGUST 1

8:00 AM Jozef Smutelovic

10:00 AM Jozef Smutelovic

12:00 PM Eileen O'Brien

MONDAY, AUGUST 2

8:00 AM Emerson Lyons (*Living*)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 3

8:00 AM Jim Rocco

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4

8:00 AM James Richard Hearney

THURSDAY, AUGUST 5

8:00 AM Mauro Scarangelo

FRIDAY, AUGUST 6

8:00 AM Nigel Barnes

SATURDAY, AUGUST 7

8:00 AM Jozef Smutelovic

5:00 PM Dr. Rolando Aquino

SUNDAY, AUGUST 8

8:00 AM Susan Navarro Blas

10:00 AM Gabino Roche, Sr.

12:00 PM Noel Gleeson

THE VOTIVE CANDLE BURNS
IN MEMORY OF

DAVID WOLLYUNG

AT THE REQUEST OF
THE HUVANE FAMILY

THE BREAD & WINE IS DONATED
IN MEMORY OF

FRANCES & DOMINIC MARTORANO

AT THE REQUEST OF
MARIE ROCCO

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREATS

"Let The Church always be a place for mercy and hope, where everyone is welcomed, loved, and forgiven." (Pope Francis)

The Church can also be a place to heal. We are called to "be merciful like the Father." So many are suffering from the effects of abortion. Where can they heal? Where can they feel safe and loved?

The Archdiocese of Newark Respect Life Office will be hosting two upcoming Rachel's Vineyard retreats to heal the wounds from abortion. Retreat dates are: September 10-12, 2021 (English), and October 22-24, 2021 (Spanish). Please contact the Respect Life Office for more details:

973-497-4350 (Spanish - option 2)

Email: Cheryl.riley@rcan.org (English) or elvinedoderaquelin@rcan.org (Spanish).

REGISTER FOR CCD!

We know it's summer ...BUT... don't forget to register for CCD classes that begin in September! Our CCD Program is open to all Catholic children in grades 1 - 8 who are not attending a Catholic elementary school. Registration forms are available on our parish website under "Forms". New families or general CCD questions, please contact: Kathy Breitenbach, Registrar, CCD Program Coordinator at kbreitenbach@stjohnhillsdale.com. We are busy planning and want to make sure we include YOU! Thank you to all who have already registered!



Pope Francis: "Let us learn how to take a break and turn off the mobile phone..."

Dear brothers and sisters, *buongiorno!*

Jesus's attitude that we observe in the Gospel of today's liturgy (Mk 6:30-34) helps us to grasp two important aspects of life. The first is *rest*. To the Apostles returning from the labors of the mission who enthusiastically begin to relate everything they had done, Jesus tenderly directs this invitation to the Apostles: "Come away by yourselves to a lonely place, and rest a while". [...] In so doing, Jesus gives us a valuable teaching. Even though he rejoices on seeing his disciples' happiness due to the wonders of their preaching, he does not spend time giving them compliments or asking questions. Rather, he is concerned about their physical and interior tiredness. And why does he do this? Because he wants to make them aware of a danger that is always lurking there for us too: the danger to be caught up in the frenzy of doing things, to fall into the trap of activism where what is most important are the results that we obtain and the feeling of being absolute protagonists. [...]

It is not only physical rest, but also rest for the heart. For it is not enough to "unplug" ourselves, we need to truly rest. And how do we do this? To do so, we must *return to the heart of things*: to stop, to remain in silence, to pray so as not to go from the frenzy of work to the frenzy of times of relaxation. Jesus did not neglect the needs of the crowd, but each day, before anything else, he would withdraw in prayer, in silence, in intimacy with the Father. His tender invitation - *rest a while* - should accompany us. Let us beware, brothers and sisters, of efficiency, let us put a halt to the frantic running around dictated by our agendas. Let us learn how to take a break, to turn off the mobile phone, to contemplate nature, to regenerate ourselves in dialogue with God. [...]

[...] God's style is to draw near, compassion and tenderness. In fact, only a heart that does not allow itself to be taken over by hastiness is capable of being moved; that is, of not allowing itself to be caught up in itself and by things to do, and is aware of others, of their wounds, their needs. *Compassion is born from contemplation*. If we learn to truly rest, we become capable of true compassion; if we cultivate a contemplative outlook, we will carry out our activities without that rapacious attitude of those who want to possess and consume everything; if we stay in touch with the Lord and do not anesthetize the deepest part of ourselves.

Pope Francis, *Angelus Prayer, Saint Peter's Square, 18 July 2021*

OUR PARISH STEWARDSHIP

SUNDAY, JULY 25

		2020: COVID-19	BUDGET
Envelope & In Pew Giving:	\$6,798	\$7,813	\$10,627
Online Giving via Faith Direct:	\$4,872	\$4,741	\$2,656
TOTAL	\$11,670	\$12,554	\$13,283

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

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Thank you for remembering and supporting our Parish during these post-COVID summer months!

— HELPING HAND FOOD PANTRY —

www.helpinghandfoodpantry.com

Summer is traditionally a slow time for donations to the Food Pantry, but the need still exists for all those who benefit from your goodwill. Please help by donating some of the following:

Cake & brownie mixes, boxed potatoes, canned fruit, canned vegetables, apple sauce, ketchup, mustard, mayonnaise, pancake mix, syrup, flour, sugar, oil, coffee, boxed milk, canned meat, meat sauce, jelly, peanut butter, juice, cookies, crackers, personal care items, paper products. In addition, supermarket gift cards are always appreciated.

Donations may be brought directly to the Pantry, located at the corner of Magnolia and Hillsdale Avenues, at the South entrance of Hillsdale United Methodist Church. THANK YOU!

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“Pray as though everything depended on God.

Work as though everything depended on you.

— Saint Augustine of Hippo
(354-430 A.D.)