



Saint John the Baptist Catholic Church

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Bishop

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Pastor

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Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity
September 20, 2026



ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH



All common prayers and responses can be found in the "Order of Mass" booklets in your pew.

Welcome, families! A nursery with a live video feed is available in the lower church for parents and children who need a break. To find it, exit either of the rear stairwells or ask an usher for help.

Voluntary: Overture to the oratorio *Eli*

Sir Michael Costa

Entrance Hymn 286: "Praise to the living God!"

Leoni

Introit: *Miserere mihi*

Psalm 86:3, 5, 1

Have mercy upon me, O Lord, for I have called daily upon thee: for thou, O Lord, art gracious and merciful, and plenteous in thy loving-kindness toward all them that call upon thee. (Psalm)
Bow down thine ear, O Lord, and hear me: for I am poor and in misery. *Gloria Patri*. Have mercy

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First Reading

Isaiah 55:6-9

Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Gradual: *Timebunt gentes*

Psalm 102:15-16

The nations shall fear thy Name, O Lord: and all the kings of the earth thy majesty. V. When the Lord shall build up Sion: and when his glory shall appear.

Second Reading

Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a

Brethren: Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. If it is to be life in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ.

Alleluia: *Cantate Domino*

Psalm 98:1

Alleluia, alleluia. V. O sing unto the Lord a new song: for he hath done marvellous things. Alleluia.

At that time: Jesus told his disciples this parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a householder who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place; and to them he said, 'You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.' So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing; and he said to them, 'Why do you stand here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You go into the vineyard too.' And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his steward, 'Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.' And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received a denarius. And on receiving it they grumbled at the householder, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for a denarius? Take what belongs to you, and go; I choose to give to this last as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?' So the last will be first, and the first last."

Offertory Antiphon: *Domine, in auxilium*

Psalm 40:16b, 17

Make haste, O Lord, to help me; let them be ashamed and confounded together, that seek after my soul to destroy it: make haste, O Lord, to help me.

Offertory Hymn 576: "Come, labor on"

Ora labora

Communion Antiphon: *Domine, memorabor*

Psalm 71:15-17

O Lord, I will make mention of thy righteousness only; thou, O God, hast taught me from my youth up until now: forsake me not, O God, in my old age, when I am grey-headed.

Ablutions Hymn 201: "Strengthen for service, Lord"

Malabar

Final Hymn 577: "Awake, my soul, stretch every nerve"

Christmas

Voluntary: Postlude in F

Niels Gade

Cover: Rembrandt (1606-1669), *The Parable of the Laborers in the Vineyard*, 1637, oil on panel, the Hermitage, St. Petersburg.

✠ INTERCESSIONS ✠

For those who are sick or in need: Carter, Philip, Sue, Mary Ann, Curt, Bridget, James, Bernadette, Maria, Michael, Shannon, Esther, Andy, Carly, Christina, DJ, Ella, Fatima, Heidi, Jane, Judy, Keller Family, Lubinski Family, Martin, Maureen, Polly, Scott, Sharon, Stafford, Bob, Brian, Cheryl, Cyndi, Dave, Erika, Jane, John, Kylo, Rich, Warren, Alexis, Chelsea, Cheryl, Kevin, Paula

For the Church: Ordinariate of the Chair of St. Peter; people of St. John the Baptist; St. John Paul II, Bethlehem; the unity of the Church

For those in peril: people of Ukraine and the Holy Land

For those serving in the armed forces: William (priest); Eliza, Martin, Will, Jonathan, Evan

For those with child: Ciara, Kelly, Clare

For those with September birthdays: Paul Bordelon, Elisabeth Clark, George Clark, Augustine Finegan, Katharine Finegan, Susanna Finegan, Charmaine Forden, Vanessa Franklin, William Gatens, Ruby Gradwell, Ruth Herot, James Hockenberry, Rufino Jimenez, Mitchell Johnson, David Keyes, Gretchen Keyes, Jeanalyn Maresca, Michael Maresca, Mary Ann McCluney, Thomas Royce, Otilia Schubert, Kyle Thompson

Would you like to have an intercession added to our parish intercessions list?

Let us know at PrayerRequests@sjbbridgeport.org!

Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Robert Casadesus, Therese's father, by David and Therese Rawson.

REGISTER OR FLOCKNOTE



sjbbridgeport.org/register

PARISH FINANCES AND ATTENDANCE

Monthly Offering		<u>Average Attendance</u>
July 2026	\$18,810	104
August 2026	\$21,009	109
September 2026 (to date)	\$8,156	101

ANNOUNCEMENTS

****SWING DANCE LESSONS:** In anticipation of our gala in November, we will be offering beginner sessions on swing dancing on September 20 and October 4, at approximately 12:15pm.

****SEPTEMBER E-DAY:** The next Evangelization Day is Saturday, September 26. This is a direct evangelical outreach in our neighborhood. Please sign up with Edel Lukens and help us meet people near the church and share some gospel joy.

****POTLUCK RETURNS (Sunday, September 27):** With fall most assuredly on its way, our monthly potlucks have returned. We invite you, as is our wont, to participate in our patrimonial tradition of hospitality by contributing something. As always, no contribution is too small! Let us know what you're bringing on the board outside the kitchen door or at hospitality@sjbbridgeport.org.

****40 DAYS FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN (Thursday, October 1 and ongoing):** This campaign consists of prayer, fasting, and peaceful prayer vigils outside Planned Parenthood locations in an effort to protect the lives of unborn children and extend a hand of mercy to the men and women harmed by abortion. It means so much to physically stand as a witness for the unborn on our parish's scheduled day - Thursday, October 1 - with other local churches and peacefully pray for ONE HOUR at our nearest Planned Parenthood facility, 1221 Powell Street in Norristown. Sign up clipboard is now on the table at the ramp entrance of church. We will make sure at least one other person will be praying there with you. If you have any questions, please contact Linda Korpel at 610-291-1138.

****RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY (Sunday, October 4):** On October 4, a member of the Holy Family Council of the Knights of Columbus will collect a free-will donation and offer a Rose for Life emblem and/or a Mother of Life prayer card. Your support benefits our area's pro-life pregnancy centers. Thank you for your support.

****ANNUAL MASS AT THE CATHEDRAL BASILICA (Fri, Oct 9, 7pm):** Our annual Ordinariate solemn Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter & Paul, Philadelphia is coming soon! It will be our first celebration of the feast of St. John Henry Newman following the Church's

declaration of him as a "Doctor of the Church". Our guest preacher this year will be Fr. Paul Check from the faculty of the Josephinum in Ohio. This is always a great opportunity to share our patrimony and mission with the wider Church, so please make sure to join us and invite your friends!

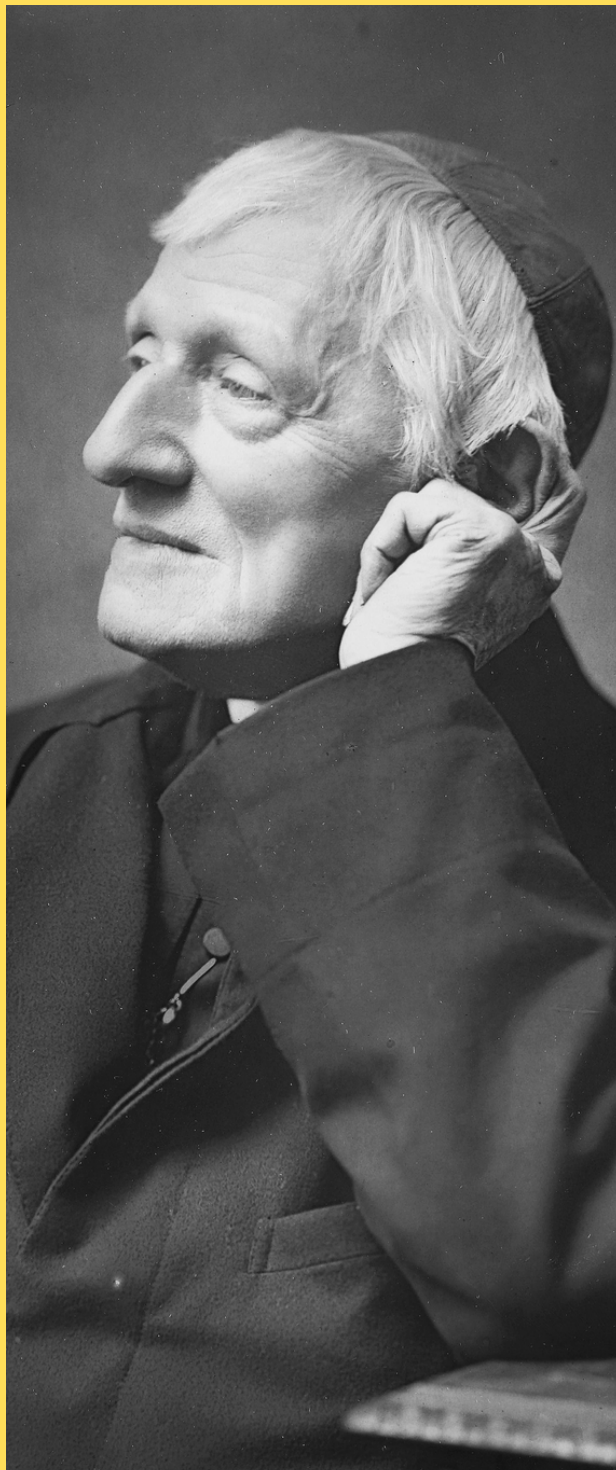
****ROSARY RALLY (Sat, Oct 10, 12pm):** On October 13, 1917, Our Lady performed the Miracle of the Sun at Fatima. To honor this miracle, which occurred around noontime, and to show Our Lady we hear her request to stop offending God by our sins, the Knights of Columbus Holy Family Council are hosting a public rosary rally Saturday, October 10 at noon. Please join us in praying for our nation. We ask God to save America through the Rosary of His most Holy Mother.

****RAFFLE/AUCTION ITEMS FOR NOVEMBER:** Our 10th Anniversary Gala Dinner in November will have a raffle and a silent auction to help cover the costs. Do you have a special skill that could be used to offer a raffle prize or an item for auction? Artwork, cooking, crafts, time in a vacation home... you name it! We would also welcome suggestions of your favorite local businesses (restaurants, etc.) who might provide an item, a basket, or a service. Contact Pamela Slizofski at pamslizofski@yahoo.com or 484-686-4194.

****MAGAZINE RECIPES:** Would you like to contribute to our parish magazine, The Forerunner? Recipes are needed for future editions of our "From the Coffee Hour Kitchen" feature. If you have a favorite recipe to share, please email it to r.edel.lukens@sjbbridgeport.com.

****CALL FOR NEW ALTAR SERVERS:** Every Sunday morning Mass at St. John the Baptist uses at least four altar servers to carry out our tradition of divine worship. Volunteers are also needed from time to time to serve the Sunday evening Mass. With three of our veteran servers having moved on, it's time to recruit more young (or young at heart) men to take their places. Serving God's altar is an excellent way to deepen one's faith, knowledge of the liturgy, and to (potentially) discern a higher calling. To learn more, contact our acolyte master, James Griffin, at jgriffin@sjbbridgeport.org or (210) 365-1135.

****HOST(ESSE)S NEEDED:** Hospitality is a cherished part of our patrimony, and nowhere is this hospitality more consistently expressed than in our coffee hours each week. Indeed, Bishop Lopes even remarked during his last visit that our particular culture of hospitality is unique among the communities in the Ordinariate. **We are in need of more hosts and hostesses** for our weekly coffee hours. Do you feel particularly called to exercise this rewarding ministry? Write to the Clerk of the Kitchen at hospitality@sjbbridgeport.org to learn more.



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SOLEMN MASS

-CELEBRATING-
THE FEAST OF
ST. JOHN HENRY
NEWMAN

DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

ACCORDING TO THE
DIVINE WORSHIP MISSAL
OF THE ORDINARIATES

WITH SACRED MUSIC OF THE ENGLISH CHORAL
TRADITION, INCLUDING HYMNS BY NEWMAN
& "OS JUSTI" (ANTON BRUCKNER)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9

-7:00 PM-

AT THE CATHEDRAL BASILICA
OF SS. PETER & PAUL

18TH STREET & BENJAMIN
FRANKLIN PARKWAY
PHILADELPHIA, PA 19103

ALL ARE INVITED TO
VENERATE A RELIC OF ST.
JOHN HENRY NEWMAN
AFTER MASS



HOMILIST:

Rev. Paul Check
Assistant Professor,
Pontifical College
Josephinum



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LITURGICAL CALENDAR AND MASS INTENTIONS

SUN	Sept. 20	9am: Confessions	
		9:15am: Morning Prayer	
		10am: Mass	XVI Sunday after Trinity <i>Pro Populo</i>
		4:30pm: Confessions	
		5pm: Mass	— <i>Open</i>
M	Sept. 21	—	St. Matthew
T	Sept. 22	6:30pm: Mass	Feria Cici Zhu
W	Sept. 23	7am: Mass	St. Pius of Pietrelcina <i>Open</i>
Th	Sept. 24	6pm: Confessions & Rosary	
		6:30pm: Mass (sung)	Our Lady of Walshingham <i>Open</i>
F	Sept. 25	7am: Mass	Feria <i>Open</i>
		7:30am: Confessions, Adoration, & Benediction	
S	Sept. 26	—	Ss. Cosmas & Damian
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		9:15am: Morning Prayer	
		10am: Mass	XVII Sunday after Trinity Peter & Linda Korpel
		4:30pm: Confessions	
		5pm: Mass	— <i>Pro populo</i>

Evening Prayer Sun - Fri at 5pm on Zoom | Contact Leslie at EveningPrayer@sjbbridgeport.org

Please take this leaflet home so that you have the announcements, parish intercessions list, and liturgical calendar available to you throughout the week!