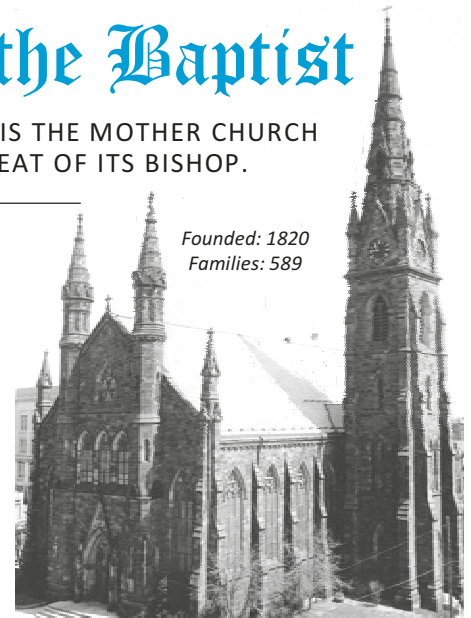




# Cathedral of Saint John the Baptist

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST IS THE MOTHER CHURCH OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF PATERSON AND THE SEAT OF ITS BISHOP.

**Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**September 24, 2017**



Founded: 1820  
Families: 589

## SAINT JOHN'S CATHEDRAL STAFF

### Rector / Pastor

Reverend Monsignor Mark J. Giordani

### Parochial Vicars

Reverend Leonardo Lopez

Reverend Luis Alberto Hernandez

### Permanent Deacons

Mr. German Vargas

Mr. Guido Pedraza

Mr. Jose Pomales

Mr. Luis Gil

### Parish Secretaries

Mrs. Amparo Castellanos

Ms. Ana Amezcuita

Ms. Patti Pardo

## MAIN ENTRANCE

Main Street  
& Grand Street

## RECTORY / PRIESTS RESIDENCE

381 Grand Street  
Paterson, NJ 07505

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Mon. - Fri.: 9:00 am to 8:00 pm

Saturday: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Sunday: 11:00 am to 2:00 pm



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## MASS SCHEDULE / HORARIOS DE MISAS +

### WEEKEND MASSES / FINES DE SEMANA MISAS

#### SATURDAY VIGIL / VIGILIA LOS SABADOS

5:00 PM (English) 7:00 PM (Spanish)

#### SUNDAY / DOMINGO

8:30 AM (English) 10:00 AM (Spanish)

11:30 AM (English) 1:00 PM (Spanish)

### WEEKDAY MASSES / MISAS DURANTE LA SEMANA

#### MONDAY THRU FRIDAY / LUNES A VIERNES

7:00 PM (Spanish)

#### FRIDAY / VIERNES

12:05 PM (English)

### HOLIDAY MASSES / MISAS EN DIA FESTIVO

#### MONDAY / LUNES

7:00 PM (Spanish)

#### FRIDAY / VIERNES

12:05 PM (English)

## LIBRARY (GIFT SHOP) / LIBRERIA

### HOURS / HORARIOS

Tuesday / Martes: 7:30 PM to 8:30 PM

Saturday / Sabado: 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM

Sunday / Domingo: 11:30 AM to 2:00 PM

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Every third (3) Saturday in English: 11:00 AM

Every Saturday in Spanish: 12:00 PM

Parents and Godparents must attend class prior to Baptism.

## SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Arrangements must be made at least six (6) months in advance.

Pre-Cana courses are required and are given in Spanish in

March, June and October.

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION / CONFESSION

Every Saturday: 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM

When possible the Priests are available for Confession before Mass.

Also by appointment by contacting the Cathedral Office.

## VISITATION OF THE SICK AND ELDERLY

Please keep us informed when a person is sick or in the Hospital.

Contact the Cathedral Office in order to put his/her name in the Mass Intention list.

If the person needs to receive the Communion, a Priest will visit or send an available Extraordinary Eucharistic Minister.

## FUNERALS

Please contact the Cathedral Office for information.

## EXPOSITION OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT

Every Friday: After the 12:05 PM English Mass until 6:45 PM

## HOLY HOUR

Every Monday: After the 7:00 PM Spanish Mass until 8:30 PM

## DEVOTIONS

### HOLY ROSARY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

(2000 HAIL MARY MINISTRY AND EXPOSITION OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT.)

EVERY FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH: From 5:30 AM to 6:00 PM

### CHAPLET OF THE DIVINE MERCY

Every Friday: 3:00 PM

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Classes are held on Sunday.

## Our Mission Statement

The Roman Catholic Cathedral of Saint John the Baptist Community is dedicated to the celebration of the Eucharist, the center of our life, to prayer, holiness of life and service to the poor.

We have a multi-faceted community, greatly enriched by people from over twenty seven (27) countries, principally from Central America, South America and the Islands of the Caribbean.

We strive to grow in our faith and love for God and one another in our service to our homeless and disadvantaged.

We have a strong emphasis on evangelization through prayer communities, frequent Retreats and Missions.

*We are profoundly dedicated to heed the call of Saint John the Baptist: "Prepare the Way of the Lord." (The Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Saint Matthew 3:3) and "He must increase and I must decrease." (The Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Saint John 3:20)*

## Declaracion de Nuestra Mision

La Comunidad Parroquial de la Catedral Catolica Romana de San Juan Bautista esta dedicada a la celebracion de la Eucaristia, el centro de nuestra vida, a la oracion, al ejercicio de una vida santa y al servicio de los pobres.

Somos una comunidad polifacetica, grandemente enriquecida por gentes de veintisiete (27) Paises Naciones especialmente venida de Centro America, Suramerica, y las Islas de el Caribe.

Nosotros tratamos de crecer en fe y en amor a Dios y al proximo en nuestro servicio a los pobres, los que no tienen techo ni oportunidades.

Hacemos gran enfasis en la evangelizacion a traves de comunidades de oracion, frecuentes Retiros y Jornadas Misioneras.

*Estamos profundamente dedicados a atender el llamado de San Juan Bautista: "Preparen el camino al Señor." (El Evangelio de Jesucristo segun San Mateo 3:3) y "Conviene que yo disminuya para que El crezca." (El Evangelio de Jesucristo segun San Juan 3:20)*



**-MASS INTENTIONS-INTENCIONES PARA LA MISA**

**SATURDAY September 23,.....Sabado**

**5:00 pm** For St. John's Parish Community  
+Fr. Paul Pulvirenti +Alfonso Soto

**7:00 pm** Por la comunidad de San Juan Bautista

+Ramon Emilio Gil +Jose Paulino Aleman (26 aniv)  
+Alicia Arisa (2do mes) +Israel Marconeti Duran  
+Ana Lopez (2do mes) +Wilber Carrillo

**SUNDAY September 24,.....Domingo**

**8:30 am** For St. John's Parish Community  
+Irene Bedani +Luigi & Felicita Giordani +Alfonso Soto

**10:00 am** Por la comunidad de San Juan Bautista

**Acc. Grac.** Al Señor De la Divina Misericordia  
En Honor A Nuestra Señora de las Mercedes  
+Consuelo Cordero (6 meses fallec.) +Nelly Diaz Rios  
+Jose Robles Castillo +Oscar Llerena Jr. +Gladys Botello  
+Agustin Rayo Jr. *Salud:* Belkis Perez, Modesta Meneses  
*Salud:* Samara Zapata *Salud:* David Vela, Jose Olivo

**11:30 am** For St. John's Parish Community

+Oscar Llerena Jr. +Alfonso Soto +Vilma Quiroz  
+Fr. Paul Pulvirenti

**1:00 pm** Por la Comunidad de San Juan Bautista

+Alexandra Stephanie Cayo +Oscar Llerena Jr. +Nelly Diaz Rios  
+Maria Reynoso De Jaquez +Socorro Campos Colmenares

**MONDAY September 25,.....Lunes**

**7:00 pm** +Maria Toribio (6to mes)  
+Felicita & Luigi Giordani +Luis Alberto Diaz  
+Luis Carlos Pagan *Salud:* David Vela  
*Salud:* Arnold Bentivoglio *Salud* Samara Zapata

**TUESDAY September 26,.....Martes**

**7:00 pm** +Oscar Llerena Jr. (1 mes fallec.) +Agustin Rayo Jr.  
*Salud:* David Vela

**WEDNESDAY September 27,.....Miercoles**

**7:00 pm** +Julia Rosado +Vilma Quiroz +Rosa Zapata  
*Salud:* David Vela

**THURSDAY September 28,.....Jueves**

**7:00 pm** +Ramona Andrea Rodriguez +Olga Meza Brievea  
*Salud:* David Vela

**FRIDAY September 29,.....Viernes**

**12:05 pm** +Agustin Rayo Jr. +Vilma Quiroz  
+Irene Bedani

**7:00 pm Acc. Grac.** A los Arcángeles Miguel, Gabriel y Rafael

+Jose Robles Castillo +Luis Enrique Diaz  
*Salud:* David Vela



**TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**First Reading: Isaiah 55:6-9**

Isaiah expresses an urgent plea that all should seek the Lord and turn to him for mercy.

**Second Reading: Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a**

In a strongly personal message from Paul while in prison, he says that he wishes "to be freed from this life and to be with Christ," but he realizes that he still has much important work to do.

**Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16a**

Jesus tells the parable of the owner of an estate who hires workmen for his vineyard. When, at the end of the day, he pays a full day's wage to those who worked only one hour, those who worked all day complained bitterly. But the owner says, "I am free to do as I please, am I not?" Jesus reminds us through this parable that "the last shall be first and the first shall be last."

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Sunday**

Is 55:6-9; Phil 1:20c-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16a

**Monday**

Ezr 1:1-6; Lk 8:16-18

**Tuesday**

Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Lk 8:19-21

**Wednesday**

Ezr 9:5-9; Lk 9:1-6

**Thursday**

Hg 1:1-8; Lk 9:7-9

**Friday**

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a; Jn 1:47-51

**Saturday**

Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Lk 9:43b-45

## TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**“Seek the Lord while He may be found, call Him while He is near. Let the scoundrel forsake his way and the wicked his thoughts, let him turn to the Lord for mercy, to our God who is generous in forgiving. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.”**

The scripture readings at mass these past few weeks have put great emphasis on forgiveness. We are invited to reflect on our ability to forgive others and ourselves. We are reminded to seek forgiveness from God and from others.

Sometimes we tend to pass quickly over one or another of these three. How important that I seek the forgiveness of God. Our act of contrition or acts of penance direct us to God's mercy. Our willingness, not to bear a grudge or get even, but to understand someone else and say 'that's o.k.' is life giving. I admit my own shortcomings and realize that I am not always right and need to say 'I'm sorry'. Finally, I must learn to forgive myself and not dwell on my wrongs, but get up and move on as a forgiven and forgiving person.

Yes, forgiveness is the power I have in my hand and heart.

### **2017 Bishop's Annual Appeal**

#### ***In Giving, We Receive***

The vital work of our Church supported by the Bishop's Annual Appeal is only as successful as the number of faithful parishioners who participate by making a gift. Your support helps bring hope to those who come to our Catholic Charities agencies. It supports seminarian education, our diocesan priests' residence and our inner-city area schools.

Every gift counts! Saint Teresa once wrote that “we feel what we are doing is a drop in the ocean, but that ocean would be less without that drop.” Our Bishop's Annual Appeal is able to do that much more with whatever you are able to give. Please help make 2017 the year that our Bishop's Annual Appeal does even more for people in profound need.

### **Campaña anual del Obispo 2017**

#### ***Al dar, recibimos***

El trabajo vital de nuestra iglesia apoyado por la Campaña anual del obispo es exitoso basado en el número de fieles parroquianos que participan dando un donativo. Su apoyo ayuda a llevar esperanza a aquellos que vienen a nuestras agencias de caridades católicas. Apoya la educación de seminaristas, la Casa de retiro de nuestros sacerdotes diocesanos jubilados y nuestras escuelas en zonas urbanas.