



Saint John the Baptist Catholic Church

12319 New Hampshire Ave., Silver Spring, MD 20904

Rooted in Tradition ~ Led by the Spirit

Sunday, March 30, 2025

Lent: Fourth Sunday

Today's Readings: Joshua 5:9a, 10-12 Psalm 34 2 Corinthians 5:17-21
Luke 15:1-3, 11-32



We can easily place ourselves in the position of the prodigal son from today's Gospel. Whenever we stray from our great God in sin we reflect the son in this well-known parable, yet God keeps watch for us, ready to forgive. We fail only when we give up hope and don't respond to his repeated invitations.

Today is Laetare Sunday, the fourth Sunday in Lent. Also known as "Rejoice" Sunday, it's a day of returning to God and recommitting ourselves to Lenten fasting, almsgiving and penance, all of which will help assist us from straying again in the future.

The Second Collection next weekend, April 5/6, the Fifth Sunday of Lent, will be for the Community Fund

Schedule of Masses - April 5/6, 2025

Saturday 5:00 p.m. - Fr. Andrew

Sunday 7:30 a.m. - Fr. Johnson

9:00 a.m. - Fr. Manny Vasconcelos, OFM Conv.

11:30 a.m. - Fr. Andrew

Daily Mass:

Monday-Friday - 7:30 & 8:30 a.m.

Saturday - 9:00 a.m.

Baptism: Parishioners are asked to call the Parish Office and speak with our Director of Faith Formation.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday: 4:00-4:45 p.m.

Marriage: Parishioners requesting a marriage date must have been registered in the parish for six months.

Phone Numbers:

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301-622-1122

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School: 301-622-3076

Website: www.sjbssparish.org

Facebook: facebook.com/sjbcc

2025 Prayer Intentions for the Holy Father

March - For families in crisis

Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

Parish Directory

Please call the Parish Office to contact our Staff.

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www.sjbssparish.org

SJB Athletic Ministry:

www.sjbathletics.org

Hospitality Sunday

Please join us every Sunday in the Gym for refreshments and conversation after the 7:30 and 9:00 a.m. Masses. No refreshments will be available after the 11:30 a.m. Mass.



Mass Intentions (March 31 - April 6)

Monday 7:30 - Msgr. Francis Kazista (M. Hawkiins)
8:30 - Rosa Eline Delva (Family)
Tuesday 7:30 - Brian Gallagher (Kerley Family)
8:30 - Bernadine Dadey (S. & M. Rojcewicz)
Wednesday 7:30 - Bernadine Dadey (P. & G. Hrezik & Family)
8:30 - Rev. Glen Willis (G. Chauncey)
Thursday 7:30 - Jim & Debbie Gallagher & Family -L- (Marti & Mike)
8:30 - Manuela Avalos (A. Hernandez)
Friday 7:30 - Rev. Y. David Brault (Parishioners)
8:30 - In Thanksgiving -L- (M/M Dialino)
Saturday 9:00 - Marjorie Reas (Glenda)
5:00 - Nando Daluz (Reyes Family)
Sunday 7:30 - Paul Bond (Georgine Family)
9:00 - Souls in Purgatory (A. Hernandez)
11:30 - Parishioners

Parish Clergy

Rev. Andrew Wakefield	Pastor
Rev. Johnson John, CMI	In Residence
Deacon Ben Chisholm, CSP	Transitional Deacon
Deacon James Gorman	Permanent Deacon
Deacon Ed McCormack	Permanent Deacon

Parish Office Hours

Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Friday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Chapel Hours

Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Friday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

when the Parish Office is Open

Adoration in the Chapel

Adoration will take place every Thursday, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Additional Adorers are welcome during this time or to extend our Adoration time beyond 2 p.m. Signup sheets will be available outside the Chapel on Thursdays during



Bulletin Deadline

April 13 Bulletin & Website deadline
Thursday, April 3, at 9:00 a.m.

Send Bulletin announcements to
sjbbulletin@sjbssparish.org

Send Website announcements to
kbrown@sjbssparish.org



Dear Friends,
 "Whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come. And all this is from God, who has reconciled us to himself through Christ and given us the ministry of reconciliation, namely, God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting their trespasses against them and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation." These words from St. Paul's second letter to the Corinthians this 4th Sunday of Lent remind us that being a "new creation" is at the heart of our Christian faith. Those who have received Christ find themselves in a new reality, an experience of "new things;" not the things of sin and death, but the new things of reconciliation, freedom, forgiveness. God's mercy is at the heart of our worship this *Laetare* ("Rejoice") Sunday; the mercy of the father in the extraordinary parable of the Prodigal Son, the heart of the father for the affliction of both of his sons, the father's prodigious love that seeks nothing but to share its innate goodness with his sons, both of whom have been so distant from him.

During these weeks of Lent, we are all invited to receive the merciful love of our Father through the concrete expression of His "ministry of reconciliation" in

the sacrament of Confession. In addition to our weekly Saturday afternoon Confessions, *this Monday evening, March 31, we will offer Confessions in the Church from 7:00-8:30 p.m., and we will again the evening of Tuesday, April 15, from 7:00-8:30 p.m.* These weeks invite us to prayerfully reflect upon our lives and amend our ways so that we may allow the old things to pass away and the reality of our newness in Christ to be manifest! We humbly acknowledge the things we have done and those things we have failed to do that are not of God, and with God's grace, we seek a deeper conversion of heart and a deeper conformity to Christ as His disciples. To live in the "new creation" of Christ is to freely accept the prodigious love of the Father and then freely dispense His love to others as we amend our lives.

Finally, please bring your non-perishable food donations to Church next weekend, April 5-6, for the Lenten Food Drive Collection in support of the Mulholland Family Foundation, which stocks the food pantries of inner-city DC Church pantries for those experiencing food insecurity. All donations may be placed in front of the altar next weekend before Mass. Thank you for your generous support in helping us care for those in need this Lent.

In Christ,
 Fr. Andrew

Stations of the Cross

The Stations of the Cross is a 14-step devotion that commemorates Jesus Christ's last day on Earth as a man. Stations of the Cross will be every Friday during Lent in the Church at 6:30 p.m. Prayer booklets will be available for use during Stations.



Knights of Columbus Fish Fry

Fridays during Lent following the Stations of the Cross, there will be a Fish Fry dinner in the school Gym at 7 p.m. sponsored by our Knights of Columbus Council #11106 as a fundraiser to support its many parish volunteer programs. The menu will be as delicious as it was last year with fried cod fillets and other accompaniments. Homemade soup will also be available for only \$5. For a full meal the cost for adults is just \$15 and \$10 for children.



Opportunities for Confession during Lent

Additional times for Confession during Lent will be tomorrow, Monday, March 31, and Tuesday, April 15, from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the Church. Confession also available Saturdays, 4:00 - 4:45 p.m.



Bus Trip to Deacon Ben's Priestly Ordination:

Deacon Ben will be ordained to the priesthood for the Paulist Fathers Saturday, May 17, at St. Paul the Apostle in Manhattan (the Mother Church of the Paulist Fathers)...and St. John the Baptist will be there! Join your fellow parishioners for a complimentary bus ride to New York for the Ordination by calling the Parish Office to sign up, 301-622-1122. Seats on the bus are limited and will be assigned first-come first-served. The bus leaves from SJB sharply at 4:30 a.m. on May 17 and is estimated to return by 8:30 p.m. Join us for a long but wonderful day as we celebrate Deacon, soon-to-be, Father Ben! Donations to help defer the cost of the bus are appreciated.

Monthly Stewardship Report

Listed below is a summary of all monies given during the past month.

Recap of February Collections:	Monthly Actual	Monthly Need
Offertory includes Faith Direct	\$ 75,623.00	\$75,000.00
Capital Improvement	\$ 5,677.00	\$ 3,750.00

Other Collections

Donations & Bequests	\$ 40,130.00
Community Fund	\$ 4,693.00
Haiti	\$ 1,688.00

Faith Formation

Eddie Argauer, 301-622-1122, dre@sjbssparish.org

Baptismal Prep Classes

The next Baptismal Preparation Class will be this Tuesday, April 1, at 7 p.m. Classes will meet in the Large Conference Room of the Kazista Center. This class will highlight the significance of Baptism and prepare parents for this grace-filled sacrament. Please RSVP to the Director of Faith Formation, Eddie Argauer, at dre@sjbssparish.org or call the Parish Office at 301-622-1122.



Children's Liturgy of the Word

The Children's Liturgy of the Word will meet in the Kazista Center Large Conference Room and Chapel on the 1st and 3rd Sundays, 11:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for children ages Kindergarten to Grade 4. Please contact Eddie Arguer, eargauer@sjbssparish.org, 301-622-1122, with questions.



Inspirational Daily Videos

During this Lenten season, it's important to be reminded every day of our journey toward God. One great way is to receive the free, daily, inspiring and brief videos available from www.DynamicCatholic.com. Sign up to experience Lent like never before!



Lenten Series

This Lent, take a Biblical walk through Christ's passion with the series: *No Greater Love*. This powerful series by Dr. Edward Sri will include open discussion and will be held in the Large Conference Room opposite the Chapel on these Thursdays of Lent: April 3 & April 10. It will begin following Adoration at 2 p.m.



Youth Group News

This past week some of our senior high youth group members made a pilgrimage to The National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Emmitsburg, Maryland. Look in next week's bulletin for some of their reflections on the day. SJB Teens and parents of teens, if you are interested in Youth Group contact: youthministry@sjbssparish.org to learn more. You are always most welcome.



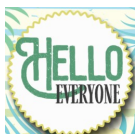
Eucharistic Ministers Needed

SJB is seeking Eucharistic Ministers able to visit the Nursing Home Facility next door called Complete Care. Ministers would serve twice a month. Please prayerfully consider this meaningful ministry of bringing Jesus to those in need and please contact Eddie Argauer, 301-622-1122, eargauer@sjbssparish.org, if you can help.



Ushers are Needed

Put a smile on a parishioner's face by becoming an usher! It's an easy, rewarding and great way to meet fellow parishioners. Ushers help in many ways including greeting people, distributing books, collecting envelopes, assisting those in need and regulating communion flow. Please prayerfully consider volunteering for this vital ministry. As Mother Teresa said: Peace begins with a smile! Please contact Eddie Argauer, 301-622-1122, eargauer@sjbssparish.org, if you can help.



Elizabeth House Casserole Ministry

Casseroles to support the Elizabeth House Casserole Ministry can be dropped off in the parking lot at 10:15 a.m. after the 9:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, April 6. The collected casseroles are delivered immediately to Elizabeth House, a meal kitchen in Laurel. A set of six recipes is available on the SJB website at www.sjbssparish.org/casserole-project. A particular recipe is assigned each month and all are fairly easy to assemble. If you have questions, please contact Kim Paniati at paniati@verizon.net.



SJB Walking with the Word

SJB Walking with the Word will meet Saturdays in the Lyon Center 7:30 to 8:30 a.m.

* To join with video & audio please go to:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7815463280>
Meeting ID: 781 546 3280

* For audio only by phone, dial: 301-715-8592
Meeting ID: 781 546 3280

For more information, please contact Jeff Hafner at jeff.hafner@aol.com, 703-203-4319.

Divine Mercy Sunday - April 27, 2025

Please mark your calendars for this year's celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday. In this Jubilee Year of Hope we invite you to join fellow parishioners on Sunday, April 27, 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. in the Visitation Chapel to celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. To learn more about this feast named by St. John Paul II in 2000 visit www.thedivinemercy.org/message.



From the Eco Ministry

2025 marks the 10th anniversary of Pope Francis's landmark encyclical, *Laudato Si': On Care for Our Common Home*. The encyclical is a wonderful guide for evangelization, faith formation, and "ecological conversion" in light of our planetary crises. Much remains to be done to implement *Laudato Si'*'s vision of "integral ecology." Knowledge of the encyclical is a necessary start. Below is this week's summary of Chapter Two.

THE EARTH IS THE LORD'S.



CHAPTER TWO - WHAT DOES OUR FAITH SAY ABOUT THE ECOLOGICAL CRISIS?

Sec. I & II: The nature of our ecological crisis requires all branches of science and wisdom to be in dialogue (no. 63). Pope Francis teaches that the Church "must forcefully reject that being created in God's image and given dominion over the earth justifies absolute domination over other creatures" (no. 67). The Sabbath and the Jubilee are to be seen as the path to balance and fairness in our relationship with others and with the land (no. 71).

Sec. III & IV: While Nature is usually seen as a system to be studied or controlled, Creation is to be understood as a gift (no. 76) born of God's love and intent, which gives all creatures value. When we take from nature for profit and gain, we engender inequality, injustice and violence (no. 82). It is not to be so for Christians. We are called to lead all creatures back to the fullness of God (no. 83).

All creatures – including the soil and mountains and the tiniest microbe – are manifestations or revelations of the divine, each singing the hymn of its existence in God's love (no. 85). Yet it is not merely an outward display. In nature is also God's presence, ever calling us to enter into relationship with Him (no. 88).

Sec. V & VI: This relationship is a sense of deep communion which "excludes nothing and no one" and encompasses peace, justice and the preservation of creation (no. 92). As "the earth is a shared inheritance," it questions any activity that favors only a few. There is "a social mortgage on all private property" (no. 93).

Section VII.: We see how Jesus was attentive to and lived in harmony with creation, inviting us to recognize that God is Father (no. 96). He overcame dualisms that "despised body, matter and things of the world" (no. 98). We glimpse Christ's mysterious work in the natural world, without dominating it (no. 99), leading us to turn our gaze to his radiant presence in all creatures at the end of time.

St. John the Baptist Eco-Ministry. For more information, contact Bill Dinges (301) 388-2472

Mulholland Food Drive

Our Parish is pleased to participate once again in the Annual Archdiocesan Lenten Food Drive to benefit the John S. Mulholland Family Foundation and the 9 Parish Food Pantries they support in Washington's poorest neighborhoods. Food insecurity continues to be a major problem in our city, and with the numbers of families visiting us increasing, and the continued high cost of groceries, your help is especially needed this year. Donation bags to collect needed items will be available at Masses while they last. Please bring your donation of non-perishable food to Mass with you on the weekend of April 5-6 and limit your donations to the following:



- Canned Tuna or chicken
- Cheerios or other low sugar cereal
- Canned vegetables (green beans, corn, peas)
- Canned soup (heartly varieties are best)
- Peanut butter and jelly (plastic only; no glass)
- Baked Beans, Mac & Cheese, Chef Boyardee
- Pasta and Pasta Sauce (plastic only; no glass)
- Giant Food \$25 Gift Cards



If you are unable to participate because you are out of town, monetary donations are welcome and will be used to purchase fresh produce, milk and eggs, meat and poultry. You may send your donation to Mulholland Foundation, 1629 K Street, NW, Suite 300, Washington, DC 20006 or donate by credit card online at MulhollandCharities.org. Thank you for your generous support.

Keep praying for our seminarians

Thanks to all who picked a card from the "Vocations Tree." Please keep up the daily prayers for seminarians throughout Lent - and beyond, if you wish. By the way, did you notice each seminarian's card lists his stage of formation? Did you wonder what it means? Archdiocesan seminarians go through many years of formation before ordination. A seminarian who has just begun his formation journey spends at least a year of further discernment and preparation (*Propaedeutic Stage*) before starting more rigorous studies. Then he enters the *Discipleship Stage* while earning a bachelor's degree in philosophy (*First College, Second College, Third College, Fourth College*). If he already has a bachelor's degree, then he enters the *Discipleship*

Stage while studying philosophy in a pre-theology program (*First Pre-Theology, Second Pre-Theology*). After the *Discipleship Stage*, a seminarian advances to the *Configuration Stage* while studying graduate-level theology for 3.5 to 5 years (*First Theology, Second Theology, and so forth.*). At any stage in his formation, a seminarian may spend a year at a parish (*Pastoral Year*). After being ordained a transitional deacon, but before being ordained a priest, a seminarian will complete the 6 to 12 month *Vocational Synthesis Stage*. If you picked a deacon, pray for him in a special way: He is preparing for ordination in June, God willing!



Project Rachel Ministry

Are you suffering the loss of a child from abortion? Come experience God's peaceful presence and His mercy through the Project Rachel Ministry retreat program in this Holy Jubilee Year: "Pilgrims of Hope". Women's Day of Prayer and Healing, Saturday, April 5. These retreats include: Witnessing, Sharing, Sacrament of Reconciliation, Holy Mass in a safe and non-judgmental environment. Exact location and participation are confidential. For more information, please contact: **Helpline 301-982-2008** or email: For women: ProjectRachel@adw.org. For men: prmwashington@adw.org Sponsored by The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington



Saint Hugh of Grenoble's Story - April 1

Today's saint could be a patron for those of us who feel so overwhelmed by all the problems in the world that we don't know where to begin.

Hugh, who served as a bishop in France for 52 years, had his work cut out for him from the start. Corruption seemed to loom in every direction: the buying and selling of Church offices, violations of clerical celibacy, lay control of Church property, religious indifference and/or ignorance. After serving as bishop for two years, he'd had his fill. He tried disappearing to a monastery, but the pope called him back to continue the work of reform.

Ironically, Hugh was reasonably effective in the role of reformer – surely because of his devotion to the Church but also because of his strong character. In conflicts between Church and state he was an unflinching defender of the Church. He fearlessly supported the papacy. He was eloquent as a preacher. He restored his own cathedral, made civic improvements in the town, and weathered a brief exile.

Hugh may be best known as patron and benefactor of Saint Bruno, founder of the Carthusian Order. He died in 1132, and was canonized only two years later.

Source: <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-hugh-of-grenoble/>



Baptisms

Congratulations are extended to all those who have been welcomed into the Church through the sacrament of Baptism:



Handas Simion, daughter of Selamawit Yohnnes & Wondimu Hewando

Luciana Catarina Villatoro-Gomez, daughter of Wilbert Villatoro & Taima Gomez

All are Welcome

Please welcome to our SJB family the following fellow-parishioners:



Daniela Bloom

Expectacion Family: Jiemel, Lileth, Luna, Eros, Hera, Ben & Emily Expectacion

Bernadette Mbala

Hermanzo Moreno & Rosemary Nunēz:

Children – Adriana, Sofia Salomé & Giuliana Fidelis Onyenze & Nzube Amaeze: Son - Chiagoziem

Andres & Carolina Salazar Cruz:

Children - Christian & Camila Salazar

Karem Salinas

The Tarbrake Family

Taima Gomez, Will Villatoro: Daughter - Luciana Villatoro-Gomez

SJB Food Drive

The next St. John the Baptist Knights of Columbus Food Drive will be Saturday, April 5, 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon. Drop off will be at the Lyon Center parking lot behind the church (canned or boxed dry foods only, please). **Please be careful to exclude any expired items from your donation.** Donations will be transported to the St. Camillus Food Pantry. Cash or check donations (payable to St. John the Baptist with "Food Drive" in the memo line) are also welcome! Thank you for your generosity.



Academy Alive at the Seton Shrine

An unforgettable living history experience for learners of all ages! Academy Alive at the Seton Shrine is an immersive program running April 28-May 3 at National Shrine of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, 339 S Seton Avenue, Emmitsburg, MD 21727-9226. Encounter historical interpreters, many of whom portray actual students from Mother Seton's time! Don't be shy: you are encouraged to speak with them! Book your tickets today at setonshrine.org/academy-alive! For more events, please visit <https://setonshrine.org/>.

Women's Lenten Series

Looking for something special to do during Lent? The TASTE Program is a Catholic Women's program dedicated to bringing women closer to Jesus and the Church He founded, meetings will be held each Thursday, 9:45 - 11:30 a.m. at the Chapel in St. Vincent Pallotti's High School in Laurel, MD, until April 10. Talks will be presented by well-known Catholic speakers - Elizabeth Leon and Sue Brinkman.

At St. Mary of the Mills, Laurel, MD: April 3, pray the "Mary's Way of the Cross" at 10:30 a.m. April 10, Healing Mass with relics at 10:30 a.m. For more information, please visit <https://www.TasteProgram.com>.

Maryknights Auxiliary

The Maryknights Auxiliary of the Fr. Rosensteel Council Knights of Columbus will host a Cocktail Party Fundraiser for Rosaria Communities Foundation, a local 501(c)3 organization, April 20, from 6:00-10:00 p.m. at Rosensteel Hall, 9707 Rosensteel Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20910. The cost is \$75 per person. Rosaria is a housing partnership that helps individuals with disabilities live more independently by partnering with Catholic Parishes in the Archdiocese of Washington to provide "Forever Homes" renovated to accommodate individuals with special needs.

Please email MaryknightsKofC@gmail.com or visit <https://www.TheMaryknights-Rosensteel.org> for reservations.

C4 2025 Spring Fundraiser

C4 Spring Fundraiser on Wednesday, April 9, at the Greek Village Restaurant, 13576 New Hampshire Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20905. Cocktails at 6 p.m. with Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

Choice of:

- *Grilled Salmon with Greek Potatoes & Vegetables*
- *Chicken Marsala with Greek Potatoes & Vegetables*
- *Gyro Dinner Platter with fries and pita*
- *Eggplant Parm with marinara and spaghetti*

\$50 per person including gratuity with payment accepted at the door. If you would like to contribute to C-4, please send a check to "C-4", P.O. Box 4192, Silver Spring, MD 20914-4192 or donate at www.c4clothescloset.com. Please contact Alyssa for reservations at 703-851-5993 or alyssa@atlanticpersonnel.com

Camp Bulletin Announcement

This summer a local parish, St. Peter's in Olney has a wonderful camp opportunity for children ages 4-12. Their Saint Peter's Summer Camp runs for 7 weeks, beginning June 16th and ending August 1st. Their camp offers community, care, and convenience to all who register. There are a variety of camps offered, and it is a budget-friendly cost of \$235 per week. Before and after care are offered as well. Check out all they offer at www.stpeterssummer.org.

The 2025 Scholarship Competition for Eighth (8th) Grade Students

The Lucinda L. Jasper Scholarship Committee and Board of Directors announce The 2025 Lucinda L. Jasper Scholarship Competition. This Scholarship Competition is open to all eighth-grade students presently attending a Catholic elementary school in the Archdiocese of Washington D.C. who plan to attend a Catholic high school in the Archdiocese of Washington D.C. in the fall of the year. The Lucinda L. Jasper Scholarship Competition officially opened January 13, 2025. Interested students can apply online at <http://www.lljsf.org/>. Visit the website, <http://www.lljsf.org/>, to find the application packet which contains the application form, school report, teacher recommendation, the criteria, and details for 1500-2500 word essay. Students must complete an application form, write a 1500-2500 word essay, provide one teacher recommendation and have the principal submit a school report. Details on the essay submission can be found at the website, <http://www.lljsf.org/>. Submissions are accepted **ONLY** online. **All materials (application form, essay, school report and recommendations) must be successfully submitted online no later than 11:59 p.m. March 31, 2025.** For more information, please visit <http://www.lljsf.org/>, call 301-780-5313, or send an email to lljsf@aol.com.



"The Loving Spirit of Hope"

**Come walk with us on our Lenten Journey
Please join the St. John the Baptist Catholic Community
in aiding our Sister Parish, St. Pierre, in Baradères,
Haiti as we offer a light in their darkness.**

Love is all aglow!



A special collection for Haiti will be taken the weekend of March 8 & 9. Haiti donation envelopes will remain on the tables by the doors and in the pews during Lent and can be placed in the Offertory basket or brought to the Parish Office.

It's an expression of our faith that we contribute to the education of our sisters and brothers in our Sister Parish Project. They are in a very dark place during this period of heavy inflation as social imbalance persists. Because of the chaos in many parts of the country, students are fleeing to more remote regions, leading to a 30% increase in student populations in Baradères parish schools. Please reflect in prayer to consider how you can help. Donations are needed to pay for teachers' salaries and to buy school lunches. For many students, this is their only meal of the day. Every dollar you give goes directly to our Sister Parish. Your support is truly an expression of love.



Your donations provide

- Salaries for school teachers.
- Hot lunch programs for elementary and secondary school students and teachers.

Here are ways you can give:

- A Special Collection will be March 8 & 9. Haiti donation envelopes will remain on the tables by the doors and in the pews during Lent and may be put in the Offertory basket or dropped off in the Parish Office. Please write "Sister Parish" in the check memo line.
- Haiti donations may be dropped off in the Kazista Center Parish Office weekdays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Friday.
- Mail your contribution to St. John the Baptist Parish, Sister Parish Project, 12319 New Hampshire Avenue, Silver Spring MD 20904. Please write "Sister Parish" in the check memo line.
- Go to Faith Direct at <https://membership.faithdirect.net/givenow/MD300> or scan the QR code above to make a contribution for our Haitian Sister Parish (use the Haiti General Fund) or visit this website to make a contribution - <https://forms.ministryforms.net/viewForm.aspx?formId=ecc65915-aed5-4f80-a72f-85f796c8cf2d>

Share your Love!



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