



Saint John the Baptist Catholic Church

12319 New Hampshire Ave., Silver Spring, MD 20904

Sunday, January 25, 2026

Ordinary Time: Third Sunday

Today's Readings: Isaiah 8:23-9:3 Psalm 27 1 Corinthians 1:10-13,17 Matthew 4:12-23



This Wednesday we honor St. Thomas Aquinas, the "Angelic Doctor," who showed that faith and reason work together to lead us to God. His profound writings remind us that truth is not opposed to belief but deepens it. Aquinas said, "Wonder is the desire for knowledge."

Let us cultivate holy wonder, seeking wisdom that draws us closer to Christ. May we imitate his humility, recognizing that all knowledge is a gift meant to serve love. On this feast, let us pray for hearts that thirst for truth and minds that glorify God.

Schedule of Masses next weekend - January 31/February 1

The 4th Sunday of Ordinary Time

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

Sunday 7:30 a.m. - Fr. Andrew Wakefield

9:00 a.m. - Msgr. Mike Mellone

11:30 a.m. - Fr. Johnson John, CMI

Daily Mass:

Monday-Friday - 7:00 & 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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2026 Prayer Intentions for the Holy Father January - For Prayer With The Word Of God

Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

Parish Directory

Please call the Parish Office to contact our Staff.

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www.sjbssparish.org

SJB Athletic Ministry:

www.sjbathletics.org

Community Sunday/Community Breakfast

Join us in the Gym after the 7:30 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. Masses for a Community Sunday/Community Breakfast prepared by the Knights of Columbus. All are welcome.



Mass Intentions (January 26 - February 1)

Monday 7:00 - Rev. Milton Jordan (Parishioners)
8:30 - Denise Boido (M. Schiavonne)
Tuesday 7:00 - Bryan Strittmatter (T. & K. Marconi)
8:30 - Jessica Trowell -L- (O. Morrison)
Wednesday 7:00 - Iker Ayala -L- (Mom)
8:30 - Sylvester J. & Philomena Aquino
(D. & J. Aquino)
Thursday 7:00 - Virginia Potter (K. Asdorian)
8:30 - Victor Cole (Fr. Andrew)
11:30 - Mrs. Brumbaugh's Family (SJB School)
Friday 7:00 - Veronica Cole (Fr. Andrew)
8:30 - Rita Acker (R. Gramlich & J. Gramlich)
Saturday 9:00 - Elsa Gladis Matus de Gonzalez
(P. Gonzalez)
5:00 - Bill Jackson (R. Gallagher)
Sunday 7:30 - Parishioners
9:00 - Patricia Maltaglia -L- (J. Creel)
11:30 - Brian & Juanito Licud (B. Licud)

Parish Clergy

Rev. Andrew Wakefield	Pastor
Rev. Johnson John, CMI	In Residence
Msgr. Michael Mellone	In Residence
Deacon James Gorman	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 - Extended Hours

Adoration will take place every Thursday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. when the Parish Office is open. Additional Adorers are welcome during this time. Signup sheets will be available outside the Chapel on Thursdays during Adoration.



January Second Collections

1/25 - SJB Building/Maintenance

Bulletin Deadline

February 8 Bulletin & Website deadline
Thursday, January 29 at 9:00 a.m.

Send Bulletin announcements to
sjbbulletin@sjbssparish.org
Send Website announcements to
kbrown@sjbssparish.org



Dear Friends,

"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand," Jesus says in our Gospel this 3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time, a message that is at the heart of His public ministry. He announces

this beginning in Galilee, as He goes "to live in Capernaum by the sea, in the region of Zebulun and Naphtali," as Matthew's Gospel narrates. This region had great significance in Israel's history, as these two ancient tribes were among the ten tribes that had rebelled against the rule of King Solomon's son, against the house of David, setting up their own kingdom in the north, called "Israel." The two southern tribes of Benjamin and Judah remained under Davidic rule and became known as the southern kingdom of "Judah."

The division of ancient Israel into "Israel" and "Judah" led to great corruption and apostasy in the north, and the conquest of the ten northern tribes by the Assyrian empire in the 8th century B.C. The regions of the tribes of Zebulun and Naphtali were the first to be conquered, with many of their people killed or sent into exile. In short, Matthew's Gospel makes it clear that Jesus's public ministry and his message of repentance begin in the very place where the unity of God and His Chosen people was first lost. And, as we hear today, Jesus will not act alone. He calls the disciples to follow Him, beginning with Peter, Andrew, James, and John, to share in His work of teaching, proclaiming, and healing.

Friends, we too share in Christ's work through our union as the Church: a missionary charism that begins in Baptism of proclaiming Christ's Kingdom to a world in need of the Good News. A critical way we do that in our local church, the Archdiocese of Washington, is by supporting ministries that provide pastoral care to those in need, nurture vocations, foster Catholic education, and serve the most vulnerable among us. Through the Annual Catholic Services Appeal, we are all invited to make the love of Christ present. This year's *Be the Light* campaign perfectly sums up our call to be Christ's light through the witness of our faith. Appeal weekend is in early February, but I ask us all now to prayerfully consider our ability to support this year's Appeal, which benefits not only our

parish directly but the faithful throughout the Archdiocese. We give not only to support those in need through the many ministries of our archdiocese, but we give because *we need to give*; we need to share God's blessings with others, we need to witness to our faith through the investment of our lives in Christ's work. *Be the Light* is an important way we are called to do so.

St. John's is an extremely generous parish, as indicated by our December financials listed on page four of this weekend's bulletin, and your generosity makes it possible for us to support our ministries, maintain and update our facilities, and invite more families to find a spiritual home in our community. And our mission as a parish participates in the larger mission of our local church, under the leadership of Cardinal McElroy. *Be the Light* invites us to reflect on the rich beauty and diversity of our Archdiocese and the solidarity we share with the faithful across the Washington region. As I consider my personal contribution to *Be the Light*, I invite you to do the same. For more information on this year's appeal, please visit <https://adw.org/ways-to-give/annual-appeal/>. In a few weeks, we will have an opportunity to make our pledge to the Appeal during Mass, although you are, of course, welcome to do so on-line now.

An important aspect of the Appeal is its support for Catholic Education and Catechesis. We are pleased to offer a robust religious education program for our young people as well as our parochial school, which serves a vibrant and diverse student population. This week, we celebrate our school during Catholic Schools Week. In addition to a special Family Mass and luncheon for our school families on Thursday, we will be hosting a vocations panel for our students so they can learn from priests and religious sisters about ordained and consecrated life, and on Friday, the school's Home & School Association will be hosting Bingo in the Gym beginning at 5:30 p.m. And save-the-date for International Night, **February 13**, and join us as we celebrate our school's diverse community!

God bless you!

In Christ,
Fr. Andrew

Remember in Prayer those who have died

Mark Bova, former parishioner.

2025 Year-End Tax Statement - New!

St. John the Baptist Year End Tax Statements will be mailed to all registered parishioners who made donations of \$250.00 or more in 2025. These statements will be mailed by the end of January. Statements will include Faith Direct and ParishSoft Giving donations. If you donated less than \$250.00 in 2025 and would like a 2025 Tax Statement, please call the Parish Office, 301-622-1122. Thank you for your generosity.

Youth Group

We had a great kick off to 2026 with a faith sharing discussion on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. All agreed it was a great day to celebrate at St. John the Baptist! Our next meeting is Sunday, **February 1**, in the Kazista Center after the 11:30 a.m. Mass. We hope to see you there.

Year-End Giving

As we begin a new year, we invite you to consider your parish community in your estate, retirement, and charitable giving. Please contact the Parish Office with any questions, 301-622-1122.



Peek into School: Catholic Schools Week

Catholic Schools Week begins today, January 25–31! Catholic Schools Week is an annual celebration of Catholic education, filled with fun and meaningful activities for our students and families.



Monday – Student Appreciation Day:

During the school day, students will enjoy buddy reading time, and postcards with positive notes from multiple teachers will be sent home. To celebrate their hard work so far this year, students will not receive homework.

Tuesday – Pastor Appreciation Day:

Students will hear three short vocation talks, and Pre-K students will enjoy a special read-aloud. A pizza lunch will be provided for students by Father Andrew.

Wednesday – Service Day:

Upper and lower grade students will buddy up to complete service projects, including washcloth teddy bears, Valentine wreaths, friendship bracelets, pinecone bird feeders, and melted crayon gifts. These items will be donated to local nursing homes and the Children's Hospital.

Thursday – Family Appreciation Day:

Parents are invited to visit classrooms in the early morning, attend a school-wide Family Mass at 11:00 a.m., and enjoy a Family Lunch at 12:00 p.m., served by teachers and staff.

Friday – School Spirit Day:

Students will end the week with a half day and our annual basketball free-throw shooting contest. Selected students will participate while classmates and family members cheer them on. Family Bingo will take place in the Gym that evening.

Catholic Schools Week is a wonderful time for our students, families, and community to come together and celebrate one another. It is a special week that students truly look forward to.

Inclement Weather Information

SJB School follows Montgomery County Public School closings for weekday weather related cancellations/delays. Despite school closures, we always have Mass. Religious Education and other parish activities follow Montgomery County Public Schools weekend closures.

If Montgomery Country Public Schools weekend activities are cancelled, we will not have Religious Education Classes on Sunday. If there is a Religious Education weekend cancellation, families will be notified by their catechist.

The Parish Office follows the Federal Government for cancellations and delays.



Monthly Stewardship Report

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

Recap of December Collections:	Monthly Actual	Monthly Need
Offertory includes ParishSoft		
Giving	\$ 67,141.50	\$68,750.00
Building/Maintenance	\$ 5,952.50	\$ 4,750.00
Christmas	\$ 38,472.00	

Other Collections

Donations	\$ 5,240.00
Community Fund	\$ 3,770.00
Coats for Kids	\$ 500.00
Parishioners Helping Parishioners	\$ 6,200.00

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, February 1. 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 Food Drive - Knights of Columbus

The next St. John the Baptist Knights of Columbus Food Drive will be Saturday, February 7, 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.



ADW Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass

Saturday, February 14, 2026, 10:00 a.m., Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Hosted by the Office of Family Life with Bishop Evelio Menjivar-Ayala as principal celebrant, this Mass celebrates the living vocation of all couples who provide a Catholic witness to the beauty of Sacramental Marriage. Please register with your Parish Office by February 6, 2026, to attend the Mass and/or request a certificate in honor of their anniversary year. All married couples and their families are welcome, regardless of how long they have been married. We will mail certificates to parish offices by the end of February.

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

Baptismal Preparation Class

The next Baptismal Preparation Class will be Tuesday, February 3, 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.



Altar Servers Needed

For students in grades 4 and up, please consider becoming an Altar Server to serve at Sunday Mass. Please contact Eddie Argauer, dre@sjbssparish.org or 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 Argauer, eargauer@sjbssparish.org, with any questions or if you would like to help.



Eucharistic Ministers Needed

Bring Jesus to others as a Eucharistic Minister at SJB. We are in need of more people to distribute Holy Communion, so do not be afraid! For more information, contact Eddie Argauer at dre@sjbssparish.org or call 301-622-1122.

2025 - 2026 Faith Formation

Please contact Eddie Argauer with any Faith Formation questions, dre@sjbssparish.org or 301-622-1122.



Best Lent Ever

Did you know...over 10,000 miracles of healing are attributed to one seemingly ordinary doorman? Did you know...there are over 100 saints whose bodies are incorruptible after death? Did you know...seven Jesuits survived the blast of Hiroshima even though they were right at ground zero? It's time to open our eyes to the miracles God is working all around us.

This Lent let God surprise you through thirty-three mind-blowing events by signing up for: BestLentEver.com to receive a miracle each day.



Around Town

The Archdiocese of Washington is hiring a Coordinator of Life Issues to support our parish communities in their mission to defend life from conception to natural death including, but not limited to, abortion, end of life issues and the death penalty. The candidate must be a practicing Catholic with excellent communication skills including public speaking on behalf of Catholic causes. Please forward your resume and letter of interest to: calla-russl@adw.org. For more information on this role as well as others, please see our career site: <https://adw.org/about-us/resou>.

SJB Walking with the Word

SJB Walking with the Word will meet Saturdays in the Lyon Center, 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. Please join our Zoom Meeting with this meeting ID and password: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83988932139?pwd=bxgbuapgPOIntX5Nfu4Y8xTqZkEVnT.1> Meeting ID: 839 8893 2139, Passcode: WWTW For more information, please contact Jeff Hafner at jeff.hafner@aol.com, 703-203-4319.

ADW Post Cana Fellowship

The Washington Archdiocese Post Cana for Widows and Widowers will have fellowship at Our Lady of Grace in Leisure World after Holy Mass at 9:45 a.m. on Monday, February 2. There will be coffee, tea, and a light breakfast snack, sponsored by the Office of Family Life. New Members are welcome. For more information, please contact president, Mary Dugan, 301-873-3902 or marydugan@yahoo.com.

Free Tax Preparation

Catholic Charities IRS certified tax preparers/reviewers are excited once again to help individuals obtain the largest possible tax refunds!

Available February 1 to

April 15, Saturdays 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Catholic Charities Main Office, 924 G Street NW, Washington, DC. Several new and other important tax credits and deductions include:

1. The new deductions for tips and overtime pay
2. The new "Senior" tax deduction
3. Expanded child tax credits, and
4. Important earned income credits - both federal and state. DC has recently expanded its program in this area.

To schedule a tax appointment, please email FSN@cc-dc.org or use this QR code.





International Night

February 13th, 2026
6pm-9pm

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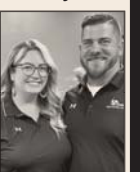


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