



Saint John the Baptist Catholic Church

12319 New Hampshire Ave., Silver Spring, MD 20904

Sunday, June 14, 2026

Ordinary Time: Eleventh Sunday

Today's Readings: Exodus 19:2-6a Psalm 100 Romans 5:6-11 Matthew 9:36-10:8



Jesus in our Gospel proclaims: "The harvest is great, but the laborers are few..." Maybe today this passage would read: "The harvest is great, and the laborers are plenty, but most of them are unemployed."

So, the questions each of us must answer prayerfully in the depths of our heart is: How am I employed, and if not, why? What fears do I allow to bind me? What gifts do I keep to myself? How do I labor in my little corner of the world? Ask these questions and invite the Holy Spirit in

to answer and it will, for those are prayers that God in his gratuitous love will surely respond to.

The Second Collection next weekend, June 20/21
the 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time will be for the
National Peter's Pence Collection

Schedule of Masses next weekend - June 20/21, 2026 The 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 5:00 p.m. - Msgr. Mike Mellone

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

9:00 a.m. - Fr. Johnson John, CMI

11:30 a.m. - Fr. Andrew Wakefield

Dcn. Jim Gorman (preaching)

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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301-622-1122

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School: 301-622-3076

Website: www.sjbssparish.org

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2026 Prayer Intentions for the Holy Father

June - For the values of sports

Let us pray that sports be an instrument of peace, encounter, and dialogue among cultures and nations, and that they promote values such as respect, solidarity, and personal growth.

Parish Directory

Please call the Parish Office to contact our Staff.

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Websites

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www.sjbssparish.org

SJB Athletic Ministry:

www.sjbathletics.org

Community Sunday/Community Breakfast

Community Sunday/Community Breakfast, which is prepared by the Knights of Columbus, has ended for this school year and will resume when the next school year begins. Please watch the bulletin for more details.



Mass Intentions (June 15 - June 21)

Monday 9:00 - Theresa John (T. & K. Marconi)
8:30 - Eileen O'Neill -L- (Friends)
Tuesday 7:00 - Rev. William Hill (Parishioners)
8:30 - Sixto Valdes Cortes (A. Valdo)
Wednesday 7:00 - Fr. Andrew Wakefield -L- (Mom & Dad)
8:30 - James & Brendan McCarron
(J. & D. Aquino)
Thursday 7:00 - Martin S. Butz (I. Hechinger)
8:30 - Souls in Purgatory (A. Hernandez)
Friday 7:00 - Bernice Knight (A. Hernandez)
8:30 - 65th Anniversary -L- (N. & E. Caicedo)
Saturday 9:00 - Michael Clabaugh (Schiafone Family)
5:00 - Blesilda Limjoco (Reyes Family)
Sunday 7:30 - Parishioners
9:00 - Carmela DeLuca (N. DeLuca)
11:30 - Ghislaine Bonura Aristide (M. Charles)

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.



June Collections

June 20/21 - Peter's Pence Collection
June 27/28 - SJB Building Maintenance

****Bulletin Deadline****

June 28 Bulletin & Website deadline
Thursday, June 18, at 9:00 a.m

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



Dear Friends,

In our Gospel this 11th Sunday of Ordinary Time, we hear of Jesus's calling of the twelve apostles, those who by definition of the Greek word *apóstolos* are "sent forth." This call flows from the Lord's deep compassion for the crowds who have flocked to him, for whom his "heart is moved with pity." Jesus gives the apostles "authority" over "unclean spirits" and commands them to "cure every disease," effectively to heal both soul and body. This is the work of the Church, to heal soul and body, through the grace of the sacraments and through her corporal works of mercy, including the work of feeding the hungry that our Food Drive this weekend seeks to do. *Thank you* for your generosity in bringing non-perishable food donations to Church this weekend and placing them in front of the altar, which will go to feed the hungry through church-based inner city food pantries supported by the Mulholland Foundation. May our efforts to carry out this corporal work of mercy better open our minds and hearts to all who hunger in our midst.

This week we give thanks to God that he is calling five men to serve as Priests here in the Archdiocese of Washington! On Saturday, June 20, at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, **Pedro López, Federico Mariano, David Narváez, Brendan Parlett, and Jessiah Rojas** will be ordained priests. As they prepare for ordination, I ask that you please say a prayer for them, that the Holy Spirit may continue to guide them as this new chapter in their lives in service to the Church begins! There is a host of emotions weighing on their hearts in these final days leading to ordination, and with all the excitement, anticipation, and nervousness they feel, we ask the Lord to fill their hearts

with peace as they freely say yes to His invitation to serve as priests of Jesus Christ. May God bless them, all! In light of Saturday's Ordination, this Thursday, our own weekly day of Eucharistic Adoration, will be dedicated to these *ordinandi*, and we invite you to stop by our Chapel and spend some time with the Lord and say a prayer for these soon-to-be priests!

On page five of this bulletin you will also find a beautiful letter that our own Deacon Jim Gorman has written for our community. After eighteen years of faithful service, Deacon Jim is retiring from active diaconate ministry, and the 11:30 a.m. Mass next Sunday, June 21, will be his final Mass with us in his active ministry. It has been a joy to serve with Deacon Jim over my time here at St. John's, and I am grateful for his faithfulness, kindness, and deep commitment and love for our parish community. Please offer a prayer for Deacon Jim and his wife Kay this week and join us next Sunday, June 21, for a special reception for him in the Kazista Center Conference Room following the 11:30 a.m. Mass. Thank you, Deacon Jim, for the witness of your faith and service to the Church, which has enriched our parish community over these many years! God bless you!

May the witness of Deacon Jim and the five *ordinandi* to be ordained priests of Jesus Christ, one of whom may, someday, serve as Pastor of St. John the Baptist, help to inspire others to discern God's call to serve the Church in ordained ministry!

God bless you, all!

In Christ,
Fr. Andrew

Recollection for Married Couples

Fr. Andrew invites parishioners to a "Parish Morning of Recollection for Married Couples" to be held in the Kazista Center Conference Room on Saturday, June 27, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Join us for conversation and reflection on strengthening your marriage and continuing to grow in love. We will conclude with a renewal of marriage vows. There is no fee for this recollection, and lunch will be served. There will be activities in the Library for children under 13. Slots are limited, so please register early by calling the Parish Office at 301-622-1122 or emailing secretary@sjbssparish.org.



Who Are Our Graduates?

On June 28, we plan to congratulate the members of our parish family who are graduating from high school, college, graduate school or a vocational program. Please contact the Parish Office no later than 9 a.m. on June 18 with the names of friends and relatives who are SJB parishioners and 2026 graduates, 301-622-1122 or sjbbulletin@sjbssparish.org.



Pax Christ Meeting - Today - June 14

Today, Sunday, June 14, Pax Christi - St John the Baptist will hold a meeting to gather input from the parish community on the topics and issues you would like us to address in the coming year. We welcome any parishioners interested in joining our group, which is part of Pax Christi USA, the national Catholic peace movement, as well as any other parishioners who would like to share ideas on peace and nonviolence. The meeting will be held in the Large Conference Room of the Kazista Center from 10:00 to 11:15 a.m. Sunday, June 14. Check out the website: www.paxchristiusa.org. For more information, please contact Karen Gregory, karenjudygregory@gmail.com or 240-463-5355.



Parish Office Closure

The Parish Office will be closed Friday, June 19, for the Juneteenth Federal Holiday. On Friday, June 19, Masses will be at 7:00 a.m. and 8:30 a.m.

SJB Summer Playgroup

Families of children aged 0-3 are invited to a Wednesday Summer Playgroup from 9:00-10:00 a.m. on June 17, 24, July 1, 15, 29, and August 5, 12, 19. We'll meet on the Pre-K playground for play and fellowship. Please email Jules Martin (jules.martin@sjbsilverspring.org) if you are interested in joining us!

SJB School Openings for 2026-27

The Parish School has limited openings for the 2026-27 school year in grades 5 and 7. To apply, please go to the school website at <http://sjbsilverspring.org>. Hover the cursor over Enrollment and select Apply for Admission.

Applications are done on FACTS, an online admissions and enrollment system. The school website has information on the school's mission, its connection to the parish, academics and tuition. There is no cost to apply. St. John the Baptist School has one class per grade from preschool to 8th grade. All grades except 5 and 7 are full for next year.

Please contact Brian Blomquist, SJB Principal, with any questions, Brian.Blomquist@sjbsilverspring.org, 301-622-3076.

New - SJB Food Drive - Knights of Columbus

The St. John the Baptist Knights of Columbus food collection for the St. Camillus Food Pantry will be on the following Saturdays this summer::

Saturday July 18, and Saturday, August 15

The regular schedule will begin in September. Please watch the bulletin for the start date.

No food collections on Saturday, July 4, or Saturday, August 1. Thank you for your support.



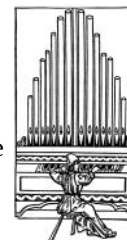
SJB KofC Sponsoring St. John the Jogger Again this Year

The SJB KofC are again sponsoring the St. John the Jogger Virtual 5K and 1M run/walk for the St. Camillus Food Pantry. The event will take place between May 11- June 21, 2026. All proceeds from the event will go to benefit the St. Camillus Food Pantry. The current economic hardship has caused the St. Camillus Food Pantry to see an increase in demand for wholesome, nutritious meals for needy families. For more information, please contact SK Jeff Hafner, jeff.hafner@aol.com. Register with this QR code or visit <https://runsignup.com/Race/MD/SilverSpring/StJohntheJogger>



New Organ Contributions

For all those interested in contributing to the purchase of a new organ as announced in our May 17 and 24 bulletins, please write Organ Donation on your check's memo line and place it in the Sunday Offertory basket or mail/drop your donation at the Parish Office, St. John the Baptist, 12319 New Hampshire Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20904. You may also give through ParishSoft Giving by selecting the Music Support Fund.



Thank you for your support. We are well on our way to funding the purchase of our new organ, as we have received nearly \$55,000, more than 50% of its cost, in pledges and gifts received in contributions! If you have not yet done so, please join me in prayerfully considering your ability to help us reach our goal in funding our new organ. Every gift towards our new organ will help enrich our liturgy for decades to come! - Fr. Andrew

Annual SJB Parish Baby Bottle Campaign

St. John the Baptist Parish Baby Bottle Campaign runs through today, Father's Day, June 14. The Campaign will aid expectant mothers at the Centro Tepeyac, Gabriel Network pregnancy centers, and Angel Friends. Baby bottles may be picked up in the Parish Office at any time during the campaign. These bottles can be filled with your loose change, but paper money and/or checks made out to Centro Tepeyac, Gabriel Network, and Angel Friends are also welcome. Filled bottles can be placed in available baskets at any of the Father's Day Masses or delivered to the Parish Office. Your contributions will help mothers with crisis pregnancies choose the priceless gift of life for their babies.



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.



The ADW Exult Conference for Youth

ADW Youth Conference for High Schoolers October 24, 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Theme of the conference is "Let My Prayer Rise Like Incense." Cost is \$25 - includes: Testimonies, Mass, Live Music, Breakout Sessions. In the Pryzbyla Center, Catholic University of America, 620 Michigan Ave NE, Washington, DC 20064. Please register at <https://chirhoevents.com/events/exult-conference-2026>

A Fond Good-bye from Deacon Jim Gorman



Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,
How does one say good-bye to a time, to a community of Christ's disciples
and to a way of life after 18 years in a calling to be a deacon?

As I prepare to leave St. John the Baptist as a deacon, but not as a member of this awesome Catholic community, many visions pass through my mind's eye. But above and beyond these sights there is a feeling - a feeling that my experience in St. John's community has been one of a very deep and grateful joy. It is deep because its meaning will always abide within me and it is grateful because it has caused me to grow - mentally, emotionally and spiritually.

That growth came from all of you: Msgr. Frank, Father David, Father Andrew, Msgr. Mike and all our associate pastors. All these men were my models of service to God's children; service that imitates Jesus' service.

Then, there are all of you, the community of God's children. You have given purpose and meaning to my life as a Permanent Deacon. There are my brother Knights, who practice as disciples in many activities. There are our staff: our sacristan, Glenda, who meticulously prepares our sanctuary and sacristy for the celebration of Christ's Paschal Mystery; our office staff - Mary Frances and Martha, who keep things operable; Eddie, our religious formation director; Tracy, our Music Director; Peter Vassiliou and his late brother, Dimitri, in building services. All of you are genuinely dedicated, concerned, friendly and helpful! Thank you all, from the bottom of my heart!

In my time of good-bye, let me clarify the meaning of the word. It comes from the Old English phrase "God be with you." My parting wish to all of you is multiple:

- Good-bye as you search for truth, understanding, and wisdom as Christ's disciples.
- Good-bye as you delve deeply into the exciting world of who you are as God's children and the guidance system God planted in your hearts and souls.
- Good-bye as you grow by these experiences in your life's journey.

May your search give you life-long joy. May your exploration provide you self-confidence. May your growth in life challenge you to never cease reaching for greater heights.

Most of all, my sisters and brothers, may all these activities bestow upon you the capability of achieving humanity's ultimate good - the capacity to understand, to accept, and to respect people's dignity. This is the capacity to love, to be loved, and to do what God desires you to do.

God be with you, always! I love you all!

Deacon James J. Gorman

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

Baptismal Preparation Class

The next Baptismal Preparation Class will be Tuesday, July 7, 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.



Children's Liturgy of the Word

The Children's Liturgy of the Word will return this Fall. Please watch the bulletin later this Summer for more details.



OCIA Program this Fall

Are you curious about the Catholic Church? Missing sacraments or seeking a deeper faith? We welcome you to OCIA, a journey of prayer, Scripture, questions, answers, and fellowship. Come explore Catholic beliefs, experience community, and discern God's call at your own pace with guidance and support. All are welcome, no previous experience required, just an open and searching heart. The OCIA program begins on Tuesday, September 29, and continues through the Easter season. Please contact Eddie Argauer at dre@sjbssparish.org for more information and registration.



Advanced Care Planning

Need assistance navigating the ins and outs of Advanced Care Planning (ACP) for a loved one or yourself? Don't know what's involved or where to start? SJB's own Anna Moretti will answer these questions and more:

- What is ACP and why is it important?
 - What and where are the necessary tools & resources?
 - What is a "MOLST" and why should you have one?
 - What about advance directives?
 - Getting started.
- Q & A.

This important presentation will be held on **Saturday, July 18 at 6 p.m.** following the evening Mass in the Large Conference Room of the Kazista Center. Invite a friend. Pizza will be served.

5th Grade Catechist Needed

Our Religious Education program seeks a 5th grade catechist to share the faith with our children. If you feel called to teach, guide, and inspire, we warmly invite you to join this meaningful ministry. No prior experience is necessary; training and support are provided. By touching little souls, you will make a lifelong difference just like Jesus did when He proclaimed: "Let the children come unto me for to such belongs the kingdom of God." And remember that God cannot be outdone in generosity! Please email Eddie Argauer at dre@sjbssparish.org or call the office at 301-622-1122.



Around Town

Three to Get Married Marriage Prep

July 16-19 / August 20-23

The Three to Get Married Marriage Preparation Program is a Catholic Pre-Cana program for seriously dating and engaged couples. This marriage preparation course is an intensive preparation experience true to the teachings of the Catholic Church. Convenient one-weekend schedule. FOCCUS administration is included. \$575 per couple. Space will be limited and these weekends fill up quickly, so reserve your spot today! Find more information on the website ourladyofbethesda.org. Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center, 7007 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda, MD 20817.

Meal Packing for Ukraine & Haiti Refugees

St. Mary's Parish 520 Veirs Mill Rd., Rockville, MD is hosting their 4th annual event on **Saturday, June 27**, from **11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** in the school gymnasium to assist the less fortunate in our world. This year, the non-perishable meals will be sent to Poland for Ukraine refugees and to Haiti. Over 100 volunteers are needed! To sign up, please visit <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080F49AEA72FABFD0-62566783-meal#/>. Please consider donating to support the effort via: PayPal – <https://bit.ly/3wwl4n1>, (the Outreach Program account) \$22,800.00 is needed to purchase the food and to ship over 60,000 meals. This is a **great opportunity for families or groups to do together**. Volunteers will be standing and moving consistently for two hours. **SSL hours may be earned if allowed by the student's school**. Please contact Mary McCormick with any questions Mary.E.McCormick22@gmail.com.



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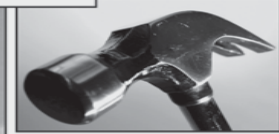


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