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Mary  
kept all these things,  
reflecting on them  
in her heart.

~ Luke 2:19

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## PARISH LIFE CENTER

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## Living God's Word

We pray that God will bless us with peace, with fullness of life, by drawing us ever more deeply into the life of the Trinity. We ask that the Holy Spirit will come upon us and transform us more completely into people the world can recognize as adopted children of God.

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Saturday	<u>December 31</u>
5:30 pm	Alfred Cialone
7:00 pm (Español)	Sherly Manzano
Sunday	<u>January 1</u>
7:30 am	The People of the Parish
9:00 am	Sp. Int.: All the Blessings of the Tom Family
10:30 am	James & John Burke
12:00 pm	Flor Hernandez
1:15 pm (Español)	Roberto & Guadalupe Chavez
3:00 pm	Special Needs Inclusive Family Mass
5:30 pm (Tagalog)	Special Intention
Monday	<u>January 2</u>
7:00 am	Luis Ona
9:00 am	Sp. Int.: Jose V. Tom— In Thanksgiving (Birthday)
7:30pm	The Conversion of Sinners
Tuesday	<u>January 3</u>
7:00 am	Margaret McGlynn
9:00 am	Oscar Velez
7:30 pm	Nancy L. Osborne—4th Anniversary
Wednesday	<u>January 4</u>
7:00 am	Juan Gabriel Gonzalez
9:00 am	Jill Verga Tabor
7:30 pm	In Honor of Divino Niño Jesús
Thursday	<u>January 5</u>
7:00 am	Patricia Sutherland
9:00 am	Vincent P. Brennan—28th Anniv.
7:30 pm	James J. Casey
Friday	<u>January 6</u>
7:00 am	Msgr. George Trabold
9:00 am	Jesús Sebastian Valenzuela
7:30 pm	Cecilio Valenzuela
Saturday	<u>January 7</u>
7:00 am	Marlon Perez
9:00 am	Legion of Mary Birthday Celebrants
5:30 pm	Theresa Minella
7:00 pm (Español)	Cristian Pichardo
Sunday	<u>January 8</u>
7:30 am	The People of the Parish
9:00 am	Jaime Lomibao
10:30 am	Marykutti Rense
12:00 pm	In Honor of St. Gertrude
1:15 pm (Español)	Sp. Int.: The Valencia Family In Thanksgiving to Mary for another year of life

## Prayers for the Deceased

Please remember  
Helen Frank and Sr. Agnes Cecile  
in your prayers.

# Masses

JANUARY 1, 2023 – SOLEMNITY OF MARY

SAT., DEC. 31  
5:30PM, 7PM SPANISH

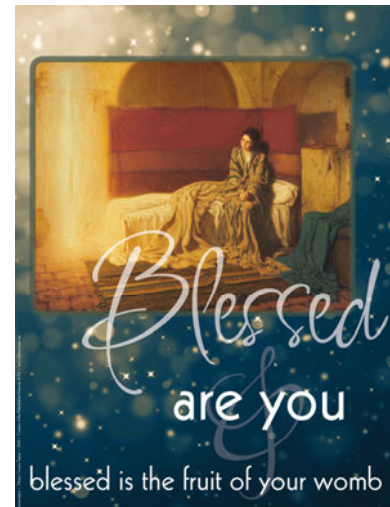
SUN., JAN. 1  
7:30AM, 9AM, 10:30AM, 12N  
1:15PM SPANISH  
3PM SPECIAL NEEDS  
5:30PM TAGALOG

EPIPHANY – JAN 7-8

SAT., JAN. 7 – 5:30PM, 7PM SPAN.  
SUN., JAN. 8 – 7:30AM, 9AM, 10:30AM, 12N  
1:15PM SPANISH

## First Friday Holy Hour & Overnight Adoration

Jan. 6 - 8pm, through 6:45am on Saturday



Today's readings include another account of the story of Jesus' birth. The reading from the book of Numbers reminds us that we are blessed. We are looked upon with kindness and grace. The psalm and Galatians remind us of the blessings given through God's Son. Luke tells of our ultimate blessing, that Mary, a human being like us, gave birth to a child who is God's Son. Mary, a young mother, watches all that is happening around the birth of her son. She listens as the shepherds bring messages from angels, a message she also received from an angel, about her son. Yet Mary remains silent. She keeps all this news about her son to herself. She reflects on all these experiences. The only thing she shares is the name of her son, Jesus, a name given him before he was even conceived. Her silence leaves us wondering if this is how one responds to such a great blessing. *Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.*

## Pastor's Desk

Dear Parishioners,

I find it interesting that, when I first came to St. John's almost 25 years ago, one of the first issues to be straightened out was the parish calendar for your homes. It seems that, as I'm preparing to leave with my retirement at the end of June, I am addressing this issue once again. This time, due to a confusion with the new printing company, they will arrive late. On the other hand, with Fr. Ray's unanticipated retirement starting today, they were able to be updated and will be as current as they can be.

That said, I thank everyone who made Fr. Ray's retirement celebration so beautiful on Tuesday. It is a testament to his ministry well lived among us and your undying love and support for him and for all your priests.

While on the subject of retirement, I will be writing to Cardinal Tobin soon to officially request my retirement effective July 1. Already set is a pastoral visit by our Regional Bishop Michael Saporito on February 4th, to meet with the leaders of our parish groups and parishioners at large to discern the needs of the parish as we look to the future and what qualities and characteristics the new pastor should have (recognizing that no one will have them all!). I invite you not only to save this date in February, but also my Golden Anniversary of Priesthood celebration on Saturday, May 20th. More information will follow in the weeks ahead.

*Best wishes to everyone for a Happy, Holy, and Prosperous New Year!*

*Msgr. Richard Arnholds, Pastor*

## Reflection on Today's Scripture Readings

We return once again to Bethlehem, accompanying the shepherds, to see the One announced by the angel as the Savior of the world. With them, we stand before the mother and contemplate the child wrapped in swaddling clothes and laid in a manger because there was no room in the inn. We are told that "Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart" (Luke 2:19).

Mary invites us to ponder in our hearts the mystery of her Son, Jesus, truly God and truly human. He came for us and for our salvation, and so we ask him to banish any darkness from our hearts and to send us out to bring his light into the world.

The light that Christ brings is the blessing of God's peace, all that makes life full, and transforms the world into a place that cherishes and preserves, rather than neglecting and destroying life. Christ's gift of blessing is to let us know the Father and the Father's plan—that all be one, united as family, able to recognize in each other the dignity of God's adopted children, alive with the life of grace, destined to share in divinity.

Christ's blessing calls us to grow into maturity, keeping God's law of love, just as Jesus himself grew up, living a life that brought the law to its fulfillment. We don't do this on our own, as the name given to the child reminds us: Jesus, which means "God saves."—James A. Wallace, C.S.S.R. Copyright © 2012, World Library Publications. All rights reserved.

## Stewardship: Sharing our Time, Talent, and Treasure!

*"And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart." LUKE 2:19*

After Jesus, we look to Mary as an ideal steward. Her entire life was lived in obedience to God's call. She heard God's message, and immediately said "yes." Mary teaches us to live with joy and gratitude for the many blessings God has given us. Just as the moon reflects the light of the sun, Mary reflects the light of Christ. Like Mary, we are called to reflect Christ's light to the world. We do this through lives of gratitude and generosity.

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## Escritorio del Párroco

Estimados Feligreses,

Me parece interesante que, cuando vine por primera vez a San Juan hace casi 25 años, uno de los primeros problemas que se resolvieron fue el calendario parroquial para sus hogares. Parece que, mientras me estoy preparando para irme con mi jubilación a fines de junio, estoy abordando este tema una vez más. Esta vez, por una confusión con la nueva imprenta, llegarán tarde. Por otro lado, debido a la jubilación imprevista del Padre Ray a partir de hoy, pudieron actualizarse y estarán lo más actualizados posible.

Le agradezco a todos los que hicieron que la celebración de la jubilación del Padre Ray el pasado martes fuera una memoria bella al testimonio de su ministerio vivido entre nosotros y de su amor y apoyo eterno para él y para todos sus sacerdotes.

Hablando del tema de la jubilación, pronto le escribiré al Cardenal Tobin para solicitar oficialmente mi jubilación a partir del 1 de julio. Ya está programada una visita pastoral de nuestro Obispo Regional Michael Saporito el 4 de febrero para reunirse con los líderes de nuestros grupos parroquiales y feligreses en general para discernir las necesidades de la parroquia al mirar hacia el futuro y qué cualidades y características debe tener el nuevo párroco (¡reconociendo que nadie las tendrá todas!). Los invito no solo a guardar esta fecha en febrero, sino también a mi celebración de Aniversario de Oro del Sacerdocio el sábado 20 de mayo. Más información seguirá en las próximas semanas.

*¡Los mejores deseos para todos por un Feliz, Santo y Próspero Año Nuevo!*

Monseñor Richard Arnhols, Párroco

## Reflexión de las Escrituras de Hoy

De nuevo regresamos a Belén acompañando a los pastores para ver al Niño anunciado por el ángel como el Salvador del mundo. Junto a ellos estamos ante la Madre y contemplamos al Niño envuelto en pañales y acostado en un pesebre, porque no había sitio para ellos en la posada. Se nos dice que “María, por su parte, conservaba todos estos recuerdos y los meditaba en su corazón” (Lucas 2:19).

María nos invita a reflexionar en nuestro corazón el misterio de su Hijo Jesús, verdadero Dios y verdadero hombre. Él vino por nosotros y por nuestra salvación, y por eso le pedimos que disipe toda oscuridad de nuestro corazón y que nos envíe a llevar su luz al mundo.

La luz que Cristo trae es la bendición de la paz de Dios, que hace que la vida sea plena y transforme al mundo y lo convierta en un lugar donde se aprecie y preserve la vida en vez de descuidarla o destruirla. La bendición de Cristo es un don que nos hace conocer al Padre y su plan; esto es, que todos seamos uno, unidos como familia, capaces de reconocer en los demás la dignidad de hijos e hijas de Dios, vivificados con la gracia y destinados a compartir la divinidad. La bendición de Cristo exige que maduremos en el cumplimiento de la ley del amor de Dios tal como lo hizo Jesús, que con su vida llevó la ley a su plenitud. Nosotros no podemos conseguir por nosotros mismos lo que hizo Jesús. Su nombre propio nos lo recuerda: Jesús quiere decir “Dios salva”. —James A. Wallace, C.S.S.R. Derechos de autor © 2012, World Library Publications. Todos los derechos reservados.

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*“Y María, por su parte, guardaba todas estas cosas en su corazón y meditaba acerca de ellas” LUCAS 02:19*

Después de Jesús, miramos a María como nuestro modelo ideal de corresponsabilidad. Vivió toda su vida obedeciendo el llamado de Dios. Ella escuchó el mensaje de Dios, y dijo «Sí» inmediatamente. María nos enseña a vivir con alegría y gratitud por las muchas bendiciones que Dios nos ha dado. Así como la luna refleja la luz del sol, María refleja la luz de Cristo. Como María, nosotros somos llamados a reflejar la luz de Cristo al mundo. Nosotros lo hacemos a través de una vida de gratitud y generosidad.

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## St. John's Prayer Groups

Legion of Mary ~ Meets each Saturday, 9:30am-11:00am in the Lower Church (English).

Padre Pio Prayer Group ~ Meets on the 3rd Saturday of each month, 3pm—5pm in the Lower Church.

St. John's Youth Group - Meets on Sunday 7pm-9pm, Youth Room, Lower Church. For more information contact Eric Acosta, [ericacosta7@msn.com](mailto:ericacosta7@msn.com).

EL Shaddai DWXI-PPFI Bergenfield Cell Group - meets 2nd & 4th Saturday 1:30pm-5:30pm in the Lower Church. Come & Be Blessed by the "Healing Message". For more info, contact Lhot Liwanag at 201.233.8235 or John Teopengco at 201.658.4032.

Anointing Fire Ministry Group - Meets Mondays 7pm-10pm in the Parish Life Center Chapel. Also, meets the 2nd Friday of the month from 10pm—6:30am for Eucharistic Adoration & Praise, in the Lower Church.

## Sacraments

Penance - Saturdays: 1:00pm-2:00pm in the Church.

Baptisms - English - 3:00pm  
2nd & 3rd Sundays of the month  
Spanish—2:45pm—4th Sunday of the month

Instructions for parents will be held on the 1st Sunday of the month in English at 1:30pm in the Parish Life Center Basement and the 3rd Sunday of the month in Spanish at 2:45pm in the Parish Life Center Gathering Room for parents having their first child baptized. All parents must be registered parishioners and present the child's birth certificate at the time of arranging the baptism. Godparents must be practicing Catholics, at least sixteen years of age, who have received the Sacraments of Confirmation & Eucharist, and, if married, the Sacrament of Matrimony. Sponsor certificate must be presented at least one week before Baptism.

**PLEASE NOTE! We are accepting registrations for Baptisms for February and beyond.**  
Please call the Rectory at 201-384-0101 for information.

Matrimony - Arrangements for a wedding should be made at least one year in advance. Please contact one of the priests, 201-384-0101.

## Come & Pray

Adoration This Week:

Tuesday & Thursday 12pm— 5:30pm

Wednesday 12pm—6:30pm



## Grand Opening



Little Red Apple Learning Center (located in the annex building of the former Transfiguration Academy) is now fully operational and OPEN! We are currently accepting children from 2 1/2—13 for our Preschool, Pre-K, and After School Programs. We welcome and invite all parishioners of St. John's to stop by to tour our facility. We are also offering to waive the registration fee to parishioners who register their children before January 31.

Our phone number is 201-338-4381 and we are on the web at [www.littleredapplelearningcenters.com](http://www.littleredapplelearningcenters.com). We look forward to establishing a good relationship between the parish of St. John the Evangelist and our Center.

We extend our best wishes to all for a Blessed and Prosperous New Year!

## Memorial Fund / Special Intention

Week of December 31st—January 6

Altar Bread

In loving memory of James J. Casey  
Requested by The Casey Family

## Food Pantry

Thank you for your generosity!

Your food donations allowed St. John's food pantry to distribute bags of groceries to more than 150 needy families before Christmas. Scripture tells us, "It is more blessed to give, than to receive." You are truly blessed for your willingness to help others. Thank you so much.

Food items needed in January:

Cereal, oatmeal, canned tuna, tomato sauce, mac&cheese

If you would like to volunteer to assist the St John's food pantry team, please contact Joe McHale  
201-655-1073, [joemc1217@gmail.com](mailto:joemc1217@gmail.com)

## Rosary Society

9am Mass on Monday Jan. 2

followed by recitation of the Rosary.

## New Year

*The object of a new year is not that we should have a new year, but rather that we should have a new soul.*

—G. K. Chesterton

## Bendiciones



María guardaba todo  
esto en su corazón

Las lecturas de hoy incluyen otro relato de la historia del nacimiento de Jesús. La lectura del libro de los Números nos recuerda que somos bendecidos. Se nos mira con bondad y gracia. El Salmo y Gálatas nos recuerdan las bendiciones concedidas a través del Hijo de Dios. Lucas nos habla de nuestra última bendición, que María, un ser humano como nosotros, dio a luz a un niño que es el Hijo de Dios. María, una joven madre, observa todo lo que ocurre en torno al nacimiento de su hijo. Escucha cómo los pastores traen mensajes de los ángeles, un mensaje que ella también recibió de un ángel, sobre su hijo. Sin embargo, María permanece en silencio. Guarda para sí todas estas noticias sobre su hijo. Reflexiona sobre todas estas experiencias. Lo único que comparte es el nombre de su hijo, Jesús, un nombre que se le dio antes de que fuera concebido. Su silencio nos hace preguntarnos si es así como se responde a una bendición tan grande. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

## Grupos Parroquiales

La Palabra ~ lunes, Iglesia de abajo de 7:30pm ~ 9:30pm

Legión de María ~ martes, Capilla del Parish Life Center de 6:00pm ~ 7:30pm

Tienda del Encuentro ~ martes  
Basement del Parish Life Center de 7:00pm ~ 10:00pm

Emaús Mujeres ~ miércoles, Iglesia de abajo de 7:30pm ~ 9:30pm

Emaús Hombres ~ miércoles, Basement del Parish Life Center de 7:30pm ~ 9:30pm

Grupo de Oración Luz y Vida ~ jueves, Iglesia de abajo de 7:30pm ~ 9:30pm

Devoción a la Preciosa Sangre de Cristo ~ viernes  
Basement del Parish Life Center de 8:00pm ~ 9:00pm

Ministerio Matrimonios Con Cristo ~ tercer viernes del mes,  
Iglesia de abajo de 8:00pm ~ 9:45pm

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