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December 25, 2022 • Christmas

*Suddenly there was a multitude
of the heavenly host with the angel,
praising God and saying:*

*“Glory to
God
in the highest.”*

Luke 2:13-14

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Living God's Word

We live in between the coming of the Messiah and the final fulfillment of salvation. What are we to do in this between-time? How can we embrace the past, present, and future of God's passionate love for us? How can we both sing and bring joy to the world?

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Saturday	<u>December 24</u>
4:00 pm (Family)	Margie Quille
6:30 pm	Delmy Escobar
9:00 pm (Español)	Roberto & Concepcion Chavez
12:00am	T.J. and Sally D. Lee
Sunday	<u>December 25—CHRISTMAS DAY</u>
7:30 am	The People of the Parish
9:00 am	Rogelia Trumpeta
10:30 am	Zareeda and All the Jairam Family
12:00 pm	Alipio & Maxima Dativas
1:15 pm (Español)	Jorge Mendoza, Jr.—Anniversary
Monday	<u>December 26</u>
7:00 am	Alejandro Peña
9:00 am	Laurie Knott
7:30pm	Marivic Silva
Tuesday	<u>December 27</u>
7:00 am	Juan Redoblado
9:00 am	In Honor of St. John the Evangelist
7:30 pm	Vere & Eileen Sinnetamby
Wednesday	<u>December 28</u>
7:00 am	Jill Verga Tabor
9:00 am	Teofilo Sinag
7:30 pm	Maria DeLeon
Thursday	<u>December 29</u>
7:00 am	Carolina Gregorio
9:00 am	Balbino Mangaoil
7:30 pm	David Ompoc
Friday	<u>December 30</u>
7:00 am	Matthew Notarangelo, Sr.
9:00 am	Sp. Int.: In Thanksgiving of the Arega & DeCastro Families
7:30 pm	The Intentions of the D'Silva Family
Saturday	<u>December 31</u>
7:00 am	Sp. Int.: In Thanksgiving of the Tom Family
9:00 am	The Special Intentions of the Calingasan & Sapitula Families
5:30 pm	Alfred Cialone
7:00 pm (Español)	Sherly Manzano
Sunday	<u>January 1st</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 Family Inclusive Mass
5:30 pm (Tagalog)	Special Intention

Merry Christmas

*Our priests, deacons, and parish staff,
wish you all a very Merry Christmas!*

Pastor's Desk

Dear Parishioners,

We celebrate today the marvelous anniversary of our Savior's birth! God made Himself clearly "with us" in the birth of Jesus. May we continue to pass along this good news to others in compassionate words and loving deeds! On behalf of all our priests, deacons, and parish staff, I wish you all a very Merry Christmas!

I also invite everyone to Fr. Ray's Retirement Celebration, this Tuesday, December 27th, starting with 7:30pm Mass in church, followed by a light reception in Conlon Hall. This event is sponsored by many of our parish groups, organizations, and societies. It will be a fitting way to celebrate our parish feast day in gratitude for the many years of Fr. Ray's faithful service to our parish, and to give you an opportunity to personally thank him and wish him well.

I offer a special word of thanks to all those who supported our Food Pantry and Giving Tree over these last few months, and those who so generously respond to the needs of our parish through the Sunday collection, online giving, St. Vincent de Paul Fund, and the Annual Appeal, as well as by those who selflessly give of their time and talent in so many parish endeavors! St. John the Evangelist Parish is truly blessed to have so many loving individuals and families a part of it!

Msgr. Richard Arnhols, Pastor

Reflection on Today's Scripture Readings

It's Christmas. And once again we choose to rejoice. Like the rejected couple and the poor shepherds in the Gospel reading, like the besieged and frightened Israelites, we choose to sing Christmas carols and glorify God for the birth of the Savior, the light in our darkness. How can we rejoice in the face of all the trouble that surrounds us? And yet, how can we not rejoice when we remember all that God has done in Jesus?

Jesus showed us the depth of God's passionate zeal for us. God's powerful passion for us brought the Lord of Hosts to share our trials as the poorest of the poor and to save us from our suffering by his suffering. We choose joyful hope because we believe that what God has done once, God is doing now and will do again. God is with us to save us here and now, no matter how troubled the world may be, in Jesus Christ. Confident in God's passionate zeal for all creation, we join "heaven and nature" in rejoicing over the "wonders of his love." —Virginia Stillwell *Copyright © 2013, World Library Publications. All rights reserved.*

Stewardship: Sharing our Time, Talent, and Treasure!

"And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us..." JOHN 1:14

God made us to be in relationship with Him. He loves each of us individually. Through sin, our relationship with God was broken. He gave us Jesus to restore our relationship. Being a disciple of Jesus, we are given the model to obtain eternal life in Heaven. Christmas isn't about the material gifts we receive, it's about the love that God, Our Father, gave us by giving us His Son, Jesus – the best gift we could ever receive.

Our Sunday Offering: Sunday, November 13, 2022 — \$17,695.67

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Escritorio del Párroco

Estimados Feligreses,

¡Hoy celebramos el maravilloso aniversario del nacimiento de nuestro Salvador! Dios se hizo visible “con nosotros” en el nacimiento de Jesús. ¡Continuemos transmitiendo la buena nueva con palabras y obras de amor! En nombre de todos nuestros sacerdotes, diáconos y personal parroquial, ¡les deseo a todos una muy Feliz Navidad!

También invito a todos a la Celebración de Jubilación del Padre Ray, este martes 27 de diciembre, comenzando con una Misa a las 7:30 pm en la iglesia, seguida de una recepción ligera en Conlon Hall. Este evento está patrocinado por muchos de nuestros grupos parroquiales, organizaciones y sociedades. Será una forma adecuada de celebrar la fiesta de nuestra parroquia en agradecimiento por los muchos años del fiel servicio del Padre Ray en nuestra parroquia, y darles una oportunidad de agradecerle personalmente y desearle lo mejor.

Ofrezco unas palabras especiales de agradecimiento a todos aquellos que apoyaron nuestra despensa de alimentos y Árbol de Regalos durante estos últimos meses, y aquellos que tan generosamente respondieron a las necesidades de nuestra parroquia a través de la colecta dominical, donaciones electrónicas, Fondo de San Vicente de Paúl, y la Llamada Anual, así como por aquellos que desinteresadamente dan su tiempo y talento en tantos esfuerzos parroquiales. ¡La parroquia de San Juan Evangelista está verdaderamente bendecida de tener tantas personas y familias amorosas como parte de ella!

Monseñor Richard Arnholts, Párroco

Reflexión de las Escrituras de Hoy

Es Navidad. Y una vez más decidimos alegrarnos. Como la pareja rechazada y los pastores pobres del Evangelio de hoy, como los asediados y temerosos israelitas, decidimos cantar villancicos y dar gloria a Dios por el nacimiento del Salvador, la luz en nuestra oscuridad. ¿Cómo podemos alegrarnos en medio de todos los conflictos que nos rodean? Y sin embargo, ¿cómo podemos dejar de alegrarnos al recordar todo lo que Dios ha hecho en Jesús?

Jesús nos mostró la profundidad del ardiente y apasionado amor de Dios por nosotros. La poderosa pasión de Dios por nosotros nos trajo al Señor del universo, para compartir nuestras pruebas como el más pobre entre los pobres y para librarnos de nuestro sufrimiento con su sufrimiento. Nosotros decidimos alegrarnos con esperanza, porque creemos que lo que Dios hizo una vez lo hace ahora y lo hará de nuevo. Dios está con nosotros para salvarnos aquí y ahora en Cristo Jesús, no importa cuán conflictivo sea el mundo. Confiamos en el amor apasionado de Dios por toda la creación, nos unimos al cielo y a la tierra para alegrarnos por las maravillas de su amor. —Virginia Stillwell *Derechos de autor © 2013, World Library Publications. Todos los derechos reservados.*

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“Y el Verbo se hizo carne, y habitó entre nosotros...” Juan 1:14

Dios nos hizo para estar en relación con Él, y nos ama a cada uno de nosotros individualmente. A través del pecado, nuestra relación con Dios se rompió. Él nos dio a Jesús para restablecer nuestra relación. Siendo discípulos de Jesús se nos dio el modelo para obtener la vida eterna en el Cielo. Las Navidades no son los regalos materiales que recibimos, es el amor que Dios, Nuestro Padre, nos dio al darnos a Su Hijo, Jesús, el mejor regalo que podríamos recibir.

*Nuestra Ofrenda Dominical: domingo, 13 de noviembre 2022 — \$17,695.67 ~ 14 de noviembre 2021 — \$24,417.17
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Missalettes

Limited copies of Breaking Bread and Misal del Día missalettes are available for individual purchase at the rectory. Breaking Bread issues are six dollars each, and Misal del día issues are \$5.00 each.

Thank You

New Hope Inc. a non-profit organization that helps first time single mothers & their babies wishes to thank all who have donated through the Social Concerns and Respect Life ministry to the Christmas Giving tree. Through your generosity you have stocked our shelves and spread much joy reaching out to those in need. I wish you could see the expressions of surprise on the faces of our clients when we tell them a local parish has a gift for you. Please see our web site: www.newhopeprc.org to learn more about our all-volunteer program and our Pregnancy Resource Center. Read about some of our many moms who rely on your generosity to make ends meet. Our Center is located at 149 Third Avenue, Westwood, NJ. Please e-mail us at info@newhopeprc.org or call us at (201)722-4705 if you know anyone facing an unwanted pregnancy, we are here to help. Wishing you a most joyful Christmas. Good Health & Happiness in the New Year. Blessings to all.

Come & Pray

Adoration This Week:

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday
12pm—6:30p

Memorial Fund / Special Intention

Week of December 24th—30th

Sanctuary Candle & Altar Bread
In Thanksgiving

Requested by Lino, Rina & Mitchell Manansala

Christmas Flowers

Please put your Christmas Flower envelope in with the regular collection this weekend. Extra envelopes are available at the church exits.

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.

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.

NO CONFESSIONS ON CHRISTMAS EVE

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 January 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.

Blessing the Infant Jesus at Home

Readers and one person are chosen to hold the Infant Jesus. Soft Christmas hymn playing as family and friends gather around the Christmas tree and the Nativity stable.

Reader 1 begins: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Reader 2: As we prepare to celebrate the birth of Christ we pause to bless the infant Jesus that we will place in our manger. The practice of erecting such mangers was begun by St. Francis as a means to send forth the message of Christmas. When we look upon the figure of the Infant Jesus, the Christmas Gospel comes alive and we are moved to rejoice in the mystery of the Incarnation of the Son of God.

The Infant Jesus will now be held up as **Reader 3** reads the Blessing.

God of every nation and people, From the very beginning of creation You have made manifest your love; When our need for a Savior was great you sent your Son to be born of the Virgin Mary. To our lives He brings joy and peace, justice, mercy, and love. Lord, bless all who look upon this infant; May it remind us of the humble birth of Jesus, and raise up our thoughts to Him, who is God-with-us and Savior of all, and who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.

The Infant Jesus is now placed in the manger.

Reader 1: Let us pray the Hail Mary together.

Reader 2: Let us now exchange a Sign of Peace.

You may now choose to sing a Christmas Carol as the Blessing of the Infant Jesus is concluded.

Silent Night

Away in a Manger O Little Town of Bethlehem

The First Noel

It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

A Blessed and Merry Christmas to all.

PARA QUÉ HA SERVIDO TODA LA ESPERA



Las lecturas de hoy son tan familiares para la mayoría de nosotros como los villancicos que cantamos y los anuncios publicitarios que abruma estas fiestas. A menudo la Navidad nos encuentra cansados, luchando con los preparativos y las expectativas. Lo que realmente queremos sentir es alegría y paz. El estrés de la preparación, de la espera, se refleja tanto en Isaías como en la carta de Pablo a Tito. Lucas nos habla del agotamiento que sintieron María y José: una joven esposa embarazada y su marido, obligados a viajar justo cuando ella está a punto de dar a luz, incapaces incluso de encontrar una habitación donde alojarse. Debió de ser desesperado y haber tenido miedo. En medio de este agotamiento, miseria y miedo, nace un niño, se da un Hijo. El mundo se llena entonces de luz y esperanza, de alegría y de paz. En ese momento ellos, y nosotros, sabemos para qué.

Vivamos la Palabra de Dios

Vivimos entre la venida del Mesías y la culminación de la salvación. ¿Qué debemos hacer en este tiempo intermedio? ¿Cómo aceptar el amor apasionado de Dios por nosotros en el pasado, presente y futuro?

¿Cómo podemos cantar y traerle alegría al mundo?

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Feliz Navidad

Nuestros sacerdotes, diáconos y personal parroquial,
¡Les deseo a todos una muy Feliz Navidad!

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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