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## 15<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"The seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold." - Mt 13:23

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**Sunday, July 16, 2023**

## *PARISH LIFE CENTER*

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Youth Minister

## **MASS SCHEDULE**

Saturday Vigil Mass:  
5:30 PM, 7:00 PM (Spanish)

Sunday Masses:  
7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM, 12:00 PM  
1:15 PM - Spanish

Daily Masses:  
Monday—Friday  
7:00 AM, 9:00 AM, 7:30 PM



Saturday	<u>July 15</u>
5:30 pm	Vicky Gonzalez
7:00 pm (Español)	Francisco Antonio Delgado
Sunday	<u>July 16</u>
7:30 am	The People of the Parish
9:00 am	Loretta Borrows Giordano
10:30 am	Jean Bowler
12:00 pm	John Roche
1:15pm (Español)	Lesya Forero
Monday	<u>July 17</u>
7:00 am	Thelma Gonzaga
9:00 am	Wifrida Aguirre
7:30 pm	Alfred & Claire Cialone
Tuesday	<u>July 18</u>
7:00 am	Kevin O'Boyle
9:00 am	Theresa Edone—3rd Anniversary
7:30 pm	Raul Comejo
Wednesday	<u>July 19</u>
7:00 am	Margaret L. Lewis
9:00 am	Domenick S. Dedio
7:30 pm	Espi Alvarez
Thursday	<u>July 20</u>
7:00 am	Rolando Q. Bautista
9:00 am	Vicente & Consolacion Alejandro
7:30 pm	Divino Niño Jesús
Friday	<u>July 21</u>
7:00 am	John Cox
9:00 am	Laura Citarella
7:30 pm	Imran Anthony Jairam
Saturday	<u>July 22</u>
7:00 am	Patricia Sutherland
9:00 am	Nilda Redoblado
5:30 pm	Orlando Toledo
7:00 pm (Español)	Florencio & Blanca Zambrano
Sunday	<u>July 23</u>
7:30 am	The People of the Parish
9:00 am	Arturo Caballero Llamas, Sr.
10:30 am	Antonetta Troisi
12:00 pm	Fabiola Cardenas—3rd Anniversary
1:15pm (Español)	Maria Josefina Lopez—3rd Anniv.

### Communion from the Cup



We are gradually re-introducing Communion from the Cup at both weekday and weekend Masses. Some people have attempted to dip the host they receive in the communion cup. This form of intinction is NOT permitted in the parishes of the Archdiocese of Newark. Thank you for your cooperation.

### Email Update

As some parishioners have been asking how to be in touch with Msgr. Arnholz, he has provided his personal email: [MsgrRJA@aol.com](mailto:MsgrRJA@aol.com).

### SECOND COLLECTION: Priests Retirement Fund

Our priests enrich our lives in many ways: they baptize our children, comfort us in the confessional, witness our marriage vows and hold our loved ones hands as the Lord calls them home. Let's join together to help provide care and housing for our retired priests so they can live their retirement in dignity.

**Next weekend**, the annual collection to support our Archdiocesan Retired Priests will be taken at all the Masses. This second collection helps to supplement the pension plan to which every parish contributes for its priests. Please be generous, as always.

### Prayers for the Deceased

Please remember Mark Giordano and Pedro Gutierrez  
in your prayers.

### PARISH CARNIVAL



SAVE THE DATE!  
2023  
AUGUST 15-19



### GIANT 50-50 RAFFLE

Raffle books for our Giant 50-50 Raffle which will be drawn on the final night of our Parish Carnival are now available at the rectory. Each book has 10 chances for a suggested donation of \$2.00 a chance, or a total of \$20 for a book. Raffle books may be picked up at the rectory Monday through Friday between 10am and 4pm, or call Malu at the rectory to have your books set aside for pickup evenings or weekends.



### Registration for 2023-24 RELIGIOUS ED is now OPEN

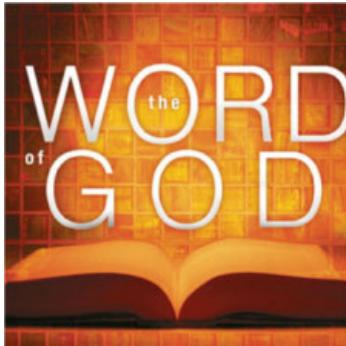
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**From the Pastor**

Dear Brothers and Sisters



'A sower went out to sow, and some seed fell on the path, some fell on rocky ground, some fell among thorns, but some fell on rich soil.' (Matt 13)

The seed which is sown is the Word of God. The Word became flesh, and dwelt amongst us. The sower is God the Father, who sends the seed to us. But this seed does not automatically bear fruit, it all depends where it falls.

Those who are the 'path' do not understand the Word of God, and therefore do not understand what God is saying to them in their everyday life. They listen to the Word with an analytical pre-condition, comparing what they hear with what they know, and reject that which does not appeal to their reason. The Word does not arrive to their heart, but stays in their head, and soon after that disappears completely.

Others are the rocky ground. They can be outwardly religious: the homilies are wonderful, they feel good when they leave Mass; but the Word does not make a difference in their life. Some trial or tribulation comes along and the Word is immediately forgotten. The last place they seek help when faced with the daily difficulties is the Word of God. Friends, family, the news, social media, and their own reasonings are the staple go-to's when decisions need to be made.

Others are the thorns. They live in denial, pretending everything is all right, avoiding problems or difficulties; their goal is to have a comfortable life. The drive to success and financial stability are paramount, and the anxieties of life and the lure of riches choke whatever was sown.

If we are sincere, you and I are the path, the rock, the thorns. But today's liturgy also gives us the possibility to be the rich soil.

Those who are the rich soil bear fruit.

Another word for soil is 'humus', the same etymological root as 'humility' or 'homo sapien.' We are made of the earth, and our deepest truth is humility. Humility is the truth. The humble can listen to the Word of God and it bears fruit in their life.

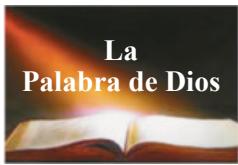
A man I know, Bill, once told me that he was always the path, the rock or the thorns. He thought he was a good Catholic, he attended Mass frequently, he realized he had never listened to the Word of God. This revelation came to him, he told me, when one day he heard the Gospel about Jesus before Pilate, and Pilate's wife told her husband not to condemn this innocent man. Pilate didn't listen to her, and in that moment Bill was thunderstruck, he realized he never listened to his wife. Sure, he heard her, but he never listened to what she said; he had written her off a long time ago. The Word suddenly effected a change in him, and the relationship with his wife and his children also changed dramatically. Their marriage, and their family life was rejuvenated.

Sunday Mass is an opportunity to listen to the Word of God. May we do so today with humility, and let the Word to bear fruit in us.

Fr. Sean

## Del Pastor

Queridos hermanos y hermanas



'Un sembrador salió a sembrar, y algunas semillas cayeron a lo largo del camino, en buena tierra.' (Mat 13)

La semilla que se siembra es la Palabra de Dios. El Verbo se hizo carne, y habitó entre nosotros. El sembrador es Dios el Padre, quien nos envía la semilla. Pero esta semilla no da fruto automáticamente, todo depende de dónde caiga.

Aquellos que son el 'camino' no entienden la Palabra de Dios, y por lo tanto no entienden lo que Dios les está diciendo en su vida diaria. Escuchan la Palabra con una condición analítica previa, comparando lo que oyen con lo que saben, y rechazan lo que no apela a su razón. La Palabra no llega a su corazón, sino que permanece en su cabeza, y poco después desaparece por completo.

Otros son el suelo pedregoso. Pueden ser exteriormente religiosos: las homilías son maravillosas, se sienten bien cuando salen de la misa; pero la Palabra no marca una diferencia en su vida. Alguna prueba o tribulación viene y la Palabra es inmediatamente olvidada. El último lugar donde buscan ayuda cuando se enfrentan a las dificultades diarias es la Palabra de Dios. Los amigos, la familia, las noticias, las redes sociales, y sus propios razonamientos son el punto de partida para tomar decisiones.

Otros son las espinas. Viven en la negación, fingiendo que todo está bien, evitando problemas o dificultades; su objetivo es tener una vida cómoda. El impulso hacia el éxito y la estabilidad financiera es primordial, y las ansiedades de la vida y el atractivo de las riquezas ahogan todo lo que se sembró.

Si somos sinceros, tú y yo somos el camino, la roca, las espinas. Pero la liturgia de hoy también nos da la posibilidad de ser tierra buena y fertil.

Los que son de tierra buena dan fruto.

Otra palabra para suelo es 'humus', la misma raíz etimológica que 'humildad' o 'homo sapien'. Estamos hechos de la tierra, y nuestra verdad más profunda es la humildad. La humildad es la verdad. El humilde puede escuchar la Palabra de Dios y da fruto en su vida.

Un hombre que conozco, Bill, una vez me dijo que siempre era el camino, la roca o las espinas. Pensaba que era un buen católico, asistía a misa con frecuencia, se daba cuenta de que nunca había escuchado la Palabra de Dios. Esta revelación vino a él, me dijo, cuando un día escuchó el Evangelio acerca de Jesús ante Pilato, y la esposa de Pilato le dijo a su marido que no condenara a este hombre inocente. Pilato no la escuchó, y en ese momento Bill se sorprendió, se dio cuenta de que nunca escuchó a su esposa. Claro, la escuchó, pero nunca escuchó lo que ella dijo; la había descartado hace mucho tiempo. La Palabra de repente efectuó un cambio en él, y la relación con su esposa y sus hijos también cambió dramáticamente. Su matrimonio y su vida familiar fueron rejuvenecidos.

La Misa dominical es una oportunidad para escuchar la Palabra de Dios. Que lo hagamos hoy con humildad, y dejemos que la Palabra de fruto en nosotros.

Fr. Sean

## St. John's Food Pantry

Thank you for your generosity to help needy families. For the summer months, St John's food pantry needs the following items:

Rice, coffee, cooking oil, spaghetti, cereal, juice, iced tea mix, body wash and soap.

Reminder: Please don't leave any frozen or refrigerated foods at the church or the rectory. Contact the rectory during working hours or Joe McHale 201-655-1073/ [jomec1217@gmail.com](mailto:jomec1217@gmail.com) if you have questions.

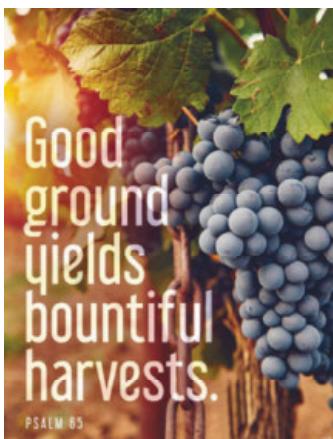


While you clean your soul, we clean your car!

This Sunday we can wash your car while you're in Mass, so that when you come out, you find it squeaky clean. We will have volunteers at the entrances of the parking lot to write down license plate numbers.

Lavada de Autos! Mientras usted limpia su alma, nosotros limpiamos su auto!

Este domingo nosotros podemos lavar su auto mientras está en la Misa, así cuando salga lo encuentre limpiecito. Tendremos voluntarios en cada entrada del parqueadero para apuntar las placas de los autos.



## Did you know?

**Fact:**



**The abortion pill can be reversed to save a baby's life!** Treatment should begin within the first 24 to 72 hours of taking the 1st abortion pill. The sooner the reversal begins, the better. Even if 72 hours have passed, this hotline (877) 558-0333 should be called for help. The 2nd abortion pill should not be taken.

For more information  
please visit:  
[AbortionPillReversal.com](http://AbortionPillReversal.com)



## 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 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:



Tues. & Wed.

12pm—6:30pm

Thursday

12pm—4:30pm

## 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.



## Knights of Columbus

Brother Knights, Sister Columbiettes, Families and Friends:

Please join us at our Installation Mass for the Incoming Grand Knight, Chuck Hollis, FDD and new officers of your Knights of Columbus. **Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, July 22, 2023 at 3:00pm at St. John the Evangelist Church, 29 N. Washington Ave., Bergenfield. After the Mass, we will have our Installation Reception at the council at 5:00pm.**

Food catered by the Italian Connection, Music by Mike and Noreen and tap beer, wine and soda are included all for \$40.00. A cash bar is available for all other drinks. Reservation can be made by call or text to Ken A. at (516) 220-9333 or email [kofc1345reservations@gmail.com](mailto:kofc1345reservations@gmail.com)

Hope to see you there.



## Registro para Catequesis de Niños 2023-24 ahora está abierto

Si usted está interesado en inscribir a su hijo en nuestro programa de Educación Religiosa, por favor, déjenos su información de contacto usando el código QR con su celular y nos pondremos en contacto con usted.



# Hora Santa

**Sanación Interior**  
**y**  
**Liberación**

**Lunes**  
**Julio 31**  
**8:00 pm**

**Iglesia Principal**  
**San Juan Evangelista**  
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### Domingo Julio 16:

La clase de bautismo será en el edificio del Parish Life después de la bendición final. Por favor dirigirse a la puerta por el costado del sagrario y una persona los acompañará.



Carnaval  
Parroquial  
2023  
Agosto 15-19

### RIFA 50-50

Los talonarios para nuestra Rifa 50-50 que será sorteada en la última noche de nuestro Carnaval Parroquial ya están disponibles en la rectoría. Cada talonario tiene 10 posibilidades de ganar. La donación sugerida es de \$2.00 por ticket, o un total de \$20 por talonario.



Los talonarios de la rifa pueden ser recogidos en la rectoría de lunes a viernes entre las 10am y las 4pm, o llame a la rectoría.



### Comunión del Caliz

Gradualmente estamos reintroduciendo la Comunión con el caliz tanto en las Misas de lunes a viernes como en las de fin de semana. Algunas personas han intentado sumergir la hostia que reciben en el caliz. Esta forma NO está permitida en las parroquias de la Arquidiócesis de Newark. Gracias por su cooperación.

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 7:30pm ~ 9:45pm

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