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Sunday, October 8, 2023



27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Therefore, I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit." - Mt 21:43

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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 5:30 pm	<u>October 7</u> Legion of Mary Birthday Celebrants
7:00 pm (Español)	Cecilio Peña
Sunday 7:30 am	<u>October 8</u> The People of the Parish
9:00 am	Edward J. Edone—37th Anniv.
10:30 am	Dominic E. Francisco
12:00 pm	Sp.Int.: Mateo Valencia—Birthday
1:15pm (Español)	Sofia Valerio
Monday 7:00 am	<u>October 9</u> Kevin Charles Pineda
9:00 am	Jose Maria Gana
7:30 pm	Socorro Ladera Anora
Tuesday 7:00 am	<u>October 10</u> Vincent P. Tabone
9:00 am	Socorro Mangaoil
7:30 pm	The Tobes Family
Wednesday 7:00 am	<u>October 11</u> Roger Diana
9:00 am	Arturo Salinas
7:30 pm	Thomas Menezes
Thursday 7:00 am	<u>October 12</u> Patricia Sutherland
9:00 am	Jose Aguinaldo
7:30 pm	Fausto Swastegui
Friday 7:00 am	<u>October 13</u> Anselmo Garduce
9:00 am	John Cirone
7:30 pm	The Departed Members of the D'Silva and Menezes Families
Saturday 7:00 am	<u>October 14</u> Caonabo Capellan and Junior Gonzalez
9:00 am	Thomas M. Brown—24th Anniv.
5:30 pm	Sp. Int.: El Shaddai DWXI-PFFI- 5th Thanksgiving Anniversary
7:00 pm (Español)	Roberto Taborda, Jr.
Sunday 7:30 am	<u>October 15</u> The People of the Parish
9:00 am	Intentions of Mildred Lobaton
10:30 am	Danny Ibera
12:00 pm	Luis Alvarado
1:15pm (Español)	Angel Cristobal Salazar

St. John's Liturgy Committee Meeting

Wednesday, Oct. 11, 6pm-7pm
Parish Life Center, 1st floor meeting room

New members welcome to discuss
Church decorating for the new liturgical year.

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weekend
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Tickets are \$10 each. The prizes are: 2024 Volvo SUV; and Shop-Rite gift certificates in the amounts of \$1,000 , \$750 & \$500. All proceeds benefit the life-giving work of NJ Right to Life.

Memorial Fund/Special Intention

Week of Oct. 7-13

Altar Flowers

For Healing & Deliverance for
The Aujero & Acebo Families
Requested by Helen Acebedo

Prayers for the Deceased

Please remember

Gail A. Buckley and

Maria B. Walsh in your prayers.

Key Pick Up and Drop Off Procedure

We have a new procedure for the pick up and drop off of parish keys. If keys are needed to access buildings or meeting rooms, they will need to be PICKED UP from the rectory at the following times:

Monday thru Friday 9:30am - 7:00pm

Saturday 10:00am - 7:00pm

Sunday 9:00am - 2:00pm

Keys will be DROPPED OFF in a drop box. The drop box is mounted on the exterior wall of the rectory, next to the front door. Keys must be dropped off on the same day they have been picked up. Before returning keys, kindly remove all trash, turn off the lights, and turn off the AC or lower the heat in the building or meeting space you have used.

A Reflection From Our Pastor

Dear Brothers and Sisters



'There was a landowner who planted a vineyard...'

Few cultivated crops or plants are so completely dependent on both the careful, skilled work of a gardener and on the rhythm of the seasons as the vine. The Scriptures, both Old and New Testaments, refer constantly to the vine, the vineyard, and the vine-dresser. The highly esteemed vine is touched with mystery. It is worth nothing except in its fruit. While the wood of the vine is worthless (Ezekiel 15,2) and the barren branches good only for the fire (John 15,6), the fruit of the vine makes 'gods and men' happy (Judges 9,13).

The God of Israel is the spouse and vinedresser of the vine which is His people. But this spousal relationship is marked by unfaithfulness, a lack of gratitude and infidelity. For the prophet Hosea, Israel is a fruitful plant which gives thanks for its fruitfulness to others, rather than the God who is her spouse by the covenant. Isaiah says that God loves his vine and he has done everything for it; but instead of the anticipated fruit of justice, his vine-harvest has been poured out blood; therefore he will hand over his plant to despoilers. For Jeremiah, Israel is a chosen plant become degenerate and barren, to be uprooted and trampled. Finally, Ezekiel speaks of the fertile vine which dries up and is burned, and applies this to an Israel unfaithful to God.

It is against this background that Jesus speaks of the parable in the Gospel we hear at Mass today.

Israel refused to listen to the prophets who were sent to her. She did so because the prophets were never politically correct; they did not say what Israel wanted to hear. The prophets' words are always a call to sincerity, to authenticity, to truth, and to conversion of heart.

There are prophets in our life. Not to listen to them means lack of justice and bloodshed. Justice is defined as 'rendering to others what is their due'. What is due to others? Respect, courtesy, understanding, a listening ear, a helping hand, a shoulder to help carry a burden, a kindness unrewarded; in other words, forgiveness of their sins, Love.

Lack of justice always means death, bloodshed. "If you call your brother/sister 'fool' you have already murdered him in your heart" Jesus says in the Sermon on the Mount. Saint John tells us in his First Letter, that 'we know that we have passed from death to life because we love our brother'.

Love is the fruit of the vine which we have been cultivated to produce. This fruit, however, can only be given if we are united to Christ. He is the one who has not slandered, not hated, not shown violence to others, has rendered justice. He has loved by dying to himself for the sake of even the ungrateful and unfaithful.

Isaiah prophesied that a day will come when the vine flourishes under God's watchful care. To this we, the new Israel, call on God's faithful love asking that He save the vine he transplanted from Egypt to His land, the vine he had to leave to destruction and fire.

Fr. Sean

Una Reflexión de Nuestro Pastor

Queridos hermanos y hermanas



'Había un terrateniente que plantó un viñedo...'

Algunas cosechas o plantaciones son completamente dependientes del trabajo cuidadoso y expert de un jardinero y del crecimiento de la viña. Las Escrituras, tanto el Antiguo como el Nuevo Testamento, se refieren constantemente a la vid, la viña y el viñador. La muy estimada vid está llena de misterio. ¿acaso la madera de parra vale más que las otras maderas o que las ramas de los arboles del bosque? (Ezequiel 15,2) y las ramas estériles solo son buenas para el fuego (Juan 15,60), el fruto de la vid hace felices a 'dioses y hombres' (Jueces 9,13).

El Dios de Israel es el esposo y viñador de la vid que es Su pueblo. Pero esta relación conyugal está marcada por la infidelidad, la falta de gratitud y la infidelidad. Para el profeta Oseas, Israel es una planta fructífera que da gracias por su fecundidad a los demás, en lugar del Dios que es su esposo por el pacto. Isaías dice que Dios ama su vid y que ha hecho todo por ella; pero en lugar del fruto anticipado de la justicia, su cosecha de vid ha sido derramada sangre; por lo tanto, entregará su planta a los saqueadores. Para Jeremías, Israel es una planta elegida degenerada y estéril, para ser desarraigada y pisoteada. Finalmente, Ezequiel habla de la vid fértil que se seca y se quema, y aplica esto a un Israel infiel a Dios.

Es en este contexto que Jesús habla de la parábola en el Evangelio que escuchamos hoy en la Misa.

Israel se negó a escuchar a los profetas que fueron enviados a ella. Lo hizo porque los profetas nunca fueron políticamente correctos; no dijeron lo que Israel quería oír. Las palabras de los profetas son siempre una llamada a la sinceridad, a la autenticidad, a la verdad y a la conversión del corazón.

Hay profetas en nuestra vida. No escucharlos significa falta de justicia y derramamiento de sangre. La justicia se define como 'rendir a los demás lo que es debido'. ¿Qué es debido a los demás? Respeto, cortesía, comprensión, un oído de escucha, una mano de ayuda, un hombro para ayudar a llevar una carga, una bondad sin recompensa; en otras palabras, perdón de sus pecados, Amor.

La falta de justicia siempre significa muerte, derramamiento de sangre. "Si llamas 'tonto' a tu hermano/ hermana, ya lo has asesinado en tu corazón" dice Jesús en el Sermón de la Montaña. San Juan nos dice en su Primera Carta que sabemos que hemos pasado de la muerte a la vida porque amamos a nuestro hermano.

El amor es el fruto de la vid para la que hemos sido cultivados. Sin embargo, este fruto solo puede darse si estamos unidos a Cristo. Él es el que no ha calumniado, no ha odiado, no ha mostrado violencia a los demás, ha hecho justicia. Él ha amado muriendo a sí mismo por el bien de los desagradecidos e infieles.

Isaías profetizó que un día vendrá cuando la vid florezca bajo el cuidado vigilante de Dios. A esto nosotros, el nuevo Israel, invocamos el amor fiel de Dios pidiendo que salve la vid que trasplantó de Egipto a su tierra, la vid que tuvo que dejar a la destrucción y al fuego.

Fr. Sean



40 Days for Life

Prayer-ers are needed between 7am and 2pm on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. For more information or to sign up, see special flyers at the doors of the church.

The Office of Priestly Vocations will host the fall semester Come and See events for men curious about or considering the priesthood on Oct. 19 from 7:30pm to 9pm at Immaculate Conception Seminary in South Orange and Oct. 25 from 5pm to 7pm at St. Andrew's College Seminary in South Orange. To learn more and RSVP, email info@newarkpriest.com.

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OCTOBER 19, 2023

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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.

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Come & Pray

Adoration This Week:

Tues. & Wed.
12pm—6:30pm
Thurs.
12pm—4:30pm



Pre Cana

Fr. Sean, together with three couples from our parish, are giving a Pre Cana Marriage Course, on **Wednesday evenings at 7pm in the School Chapel**. All couples preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage are invited to come. Also invited are couples who are only married civilly but would like to be married in the Church. This Marriage Course would also benefit couples who are experiencing difficulties in their marriage. The course will be given in English with simultaneous translation in Spanish for those who need it.

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.

1000 Strong Rosary for Life

Live via conference call
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Horario de esta semana:

martes y miércoles

12pm—6:30pm

jueves 12pm—4:30pm



La Iglesia San Juan Evangelista de Bergenfield



OCTUBRE

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Tenemos un nuevo procedimiento para recoger y dejar las llaves de la parroquia. Si se necesitan llaves para acceder a edificios o salas de reuniones, deberán ser recogidas en la rectoría en los siguientes horarios:

Lunes a Viernes 9:30am - 7:00pm

Sábado 10:00am - 7:00pm

Domingo 9:00am - 2:00pm

Las llaves serán DEJADAS en un buzón. El buzón está montado en la pared exterior de la rectoría, al lado de la puerta principal. Las llaves deben ser entregadas el mismo día que fueron recogidas. Antes de devolver las llaves, asegurarse que todo quede limpio, apague las luces, el aire acondicionado y la calefacción en el edificio o el espacio de reunión que ha utilizado.



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 7:30pm ~ 9:45pm

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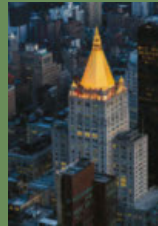
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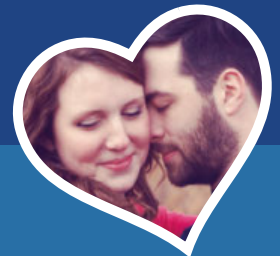


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