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MASS SCHEDULE

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

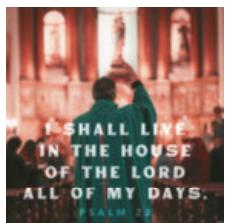
Sunday Masses:
7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM, 12:00 PM
1:15 PM - Spanish

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

The Rectory and Parish Life Center Offices will be closed for lunch from 12pm—1pm

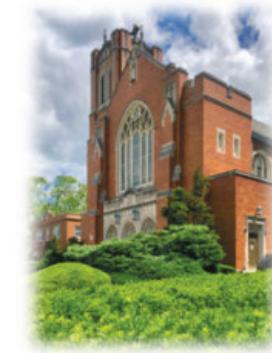


Saturday	<u>October 14</u>
5:30 pm	Sp. Int.: El Shaddai DWXI-PFFI-5th Thanksgiving Anniversary Roberto Taborda, Jr.
7:00 pm (Español)	
Sunday	<u>October 15</u>
7:30 am	The People of the Parish
9:00 am	Intentions of Mildred Lobaton
10:30 am	Danny Ibera
12:00 pm	Luis Alvarado
1:15pm (Español)	Angel Cristobal Salazar
Monday	<u>October 16</u>
7:00 am	Mae Saballa Magalonga
9:00 am	Ranulfo Sebusa
7:30 pm	Sp. Int.: In Thanksgiving The Litong & Valdenarro Families
Tuesday	<u>October 17</u>
7:00 am	Alfonsito Made
9:00 am	Sp. Int.: Christy Jose—Birthday
7:30 pm	Avinash Maharau
Wednesday	<u>October 18</u>
7:00 am	Michael Kravets
9:00 am	Fred Behn
7:30 pm	Virtudes Diaz
Thursday	<u>October 19</u>
7:00 am	Agnes Kazic
9:00 am	The Protection of Unborn Babies & Their Families
7:30 pm	German Ramirez
Friday	<u>October 20</u>
7:00 am	Ron Rebniel Borreros
9:00 am	Fernando Monsalve
7:30 pm	The Intentions of Alonzo Rojo and Jessica Clark
Saturday	<u>October 21</u>
7:00 am	Alvaro Vargas
9:00 am	Rogelio Austria
5:30 pm	Alfred & Claire Cialone
7:00 pm (Español)	Alfonsito Made
Sunday	<u>October 22</u>
7:30 am	The People of the Parish
9:00 am	Clifton Crossdale
10:30 am	Dorothy Alperez
12:00 pm	In Honor of St. Gertrude
1:15pm (Español)	Hector Mata



Prayers for the Deceased

Please remember Angela Jones and
Omar de Jesús Idarraga
your prayers.



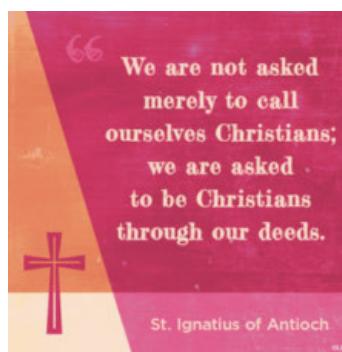
All are invited to Fr. Sean's Installation Mass on Sunday, October 22 at 12:00pm. Mass will be bilingual. Reception to follow in Conlon Hall.



World Mission Sunday, our annual worldwide Eucharistic celebration for the Missions and missionaries of the world, will be celebrated *next weekend*. This second collection is a unique, global effort for the entire Church to provide for the building up of over one thousand local churches in Asia and Africa, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe. Through the work of these churches, and their witness to Christ, the poor receive practical help and experience God's love and mercy, His hope and peace. Extra envelopes are available at the doors of the church for those who do not use our parish envelope system.

As always, your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Anointing Mass
Sickness comes in different forms. It may be physical, emotional, spiritual or psychological. In one way or another, we are suffering illnesses and we long for peace and healing. Most of all, we need God's assistance through His Church's sacraments to strengthen and restore us to perfect health in body and spirit. Therefore, the Padre Pio Prayer Group is inviting you to come and participate in the Mass of the Anointing of the Sick on **Saturday, October 21, at 12:30pm in the Main Church**. Please come and lavish in the healing love of our Lord.



Tickets will be sold outside after weekend Masses.

A Reflection From Our Pastor

Dear Brothers and Sisters



'The king came into the wedding feast but saw a man not dressed in a wedding garment.....Bind his hands and his feet, and cast him out into the darkness outside, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth.'

My sister told me something that happened a few years ago. One of my nephews, Tom, her middle child, got mixed up with the wrong crowd when he was 17 and began to go off the deep end. For a year or more his behavior was out of control; he had no respect for the house or his parents, he became an unruly lout. My sister was at wits end, many days reduced to tears, until one day she realized what she had to do.

She bought him clean clothes and toiletries, and took him to the homeless shelter. When Tom asked why they were there, my sister replied 'This is your new home.' He thought she was joking, but the penny dropped and he saw that she meant it. He got mad, 'What? So you're kicking me out of the house?' he screamed. 'No' my sister replied, 'I'm respecting your decision, you yourself have chosen not to be part of our family, you have removed yourself! I respect your freedom.' And she left him there.

It was the hardest thing she ever had to do. She cried all the way home, but she knew it had to be done, because this kid was heading for a train wreck if he didn't wake up.

Tom soon discovered that he didn't like the homeless shelter. He quickly found a job, and a place to live. He is now back home with the family, a different person. 'The kingdom of heaven may be likened to...a wedding feast.' We have been invited to this feast, but we can be cast out if we do not have a wedding garment. The Book of Revelation tells us: 'Alleluia, the wedding feast of the Lamb has begun. His bride is ready, and has clothed herself in dazzling white, because her linen is made of the good deeds of the saints.' (Rev. 19; 9)

And: 'I warn you to buy from me...the white robe to clothe you and hide your shameful nakedness.' (Rev. 3; 20-21)

The man in the Gospel was thrown out because he did not have a wedding garment, which means he was naked, which means he was in sin. Perhaps he had a double life, or there was something that he did not want to turn away from. Perhaps he never wanted to open himself to God. Perhaps he had turned his back on God completely. This man goes through the motions of religion, he may even go to church on Sunday, but he certainly does not have a wedding garment. He thinks he is right to get angry, he is justified to judge others, he does not think of himself as proud or arrogant, but blames others for his problems. He is not clothed with the good deeds of the saints. He has no gratitude.

When Adam sinned he discovered that he was naked, and afraid, and he hid from God. 'Who told you that you were naked?' God asks him, 'Have you done what I told you not to do?'

When Jesus Christ was crucified they stripped him of his garments. He was crucified for our sins, and he was crucified naked – an image of what sin does to us.

My nephew Tom was thrown out because he didn't have a wedding garment, he was naked. God does not cast us out, God loves the sinner, but he respects our freedom, and we can exclude ourselves from the wedding feast.

But there is a great good news. No matter how naked we are, there is still an opportunity to clothe our nakedness with the wedding garment. This garment is repentance of heart, an experience of the forgiveness of our sin, and a consequent gratitude to God and to others. This garment is offered to each of us as we celebrate the wedding banquet of the liturgy.

What will you wear to Mass today?

Fr. Sean

Una Reflexión de Nuestro Pastor

Queridos hermanos y hermanas



'Un rey llegó a una fiesta de una boda, vio a un hombre que no estaba vestido para estar en la boda, ató sus manos y pies, y lo tiró afuera a la oscuridad donde había lamentos y grujir de dientes.'

Mi hermana me contó algo que había pasado unos años atrás con uno de mis sobrinos llamado Tom, su hijo del medio. El se había juntado con unas personas que andaban en malos pasos cuando el tenía 17 años, desde entonces comenzó a caer en lo más bajo y profundo del lodo. Durante un año o más su conducta estaba fuera de control; no respetaba su casa y a sus padres. Él se volvió insopportable y no respetaba a nadie. Mi hermana ya no podía más tener mal genio y lloraba sin cesar, hasta que un día se le ocurrió algo.

Le compró ropas nuevas, artículos de cuidado personal y lo llevó al refugio de desamparados. Cuando Tom le preguntó por qué estaban allí, mi hermana le respondió: 'Esta es tu nueva casa.' Él pensó que ella estaba bromeando, pero se dio cuenta que era en serio. ¿Se enojó, le gritó y le dijo 'me estás botando de la casa?' gritó. Mi hermana le contestó, 'No', '¡Respeto tu decisión que tú mismo has escogido al no querer ser parte de la familia, tú te has separado y respeto tu libertad.' Y lo dejó allí.

Fue lo más difícil que tuvo que hacer. Lloró todo el camino, pero sabía que, si no lo hubiese hecho, su hijo dirigía a su perdición. Ella trató que su hijo no se tropezara y evitarle mayores problemas.

Tom pronto descubrió que no le gustaba el refugio de desamparados. Rápidamente encontró un trabajo y un lugar donde vivir. Ahora está de vuelta en casa con la familia, una persona diferente. 'El reino de los cielos puede ser comparado con...una fiesta de bodas.' Hemos sido invitados a esta fiesta, pero podemos ser expulsados si no tenemos un vestido de boda. El libro del Apocalipsis nos dice: Aleluya, la fiesta de bodas del Cordero ha comenzado. Su novia está lista, y se ha vestido de blanco deslumbrante, porque su lino está hecho de las buenas obras de los santos.' (Apoc. 19; 9)

Y: 'Te advierto que me compres...la túnica blanca para vestirte y ocultar tu desnudez vergonzosa.' (Apoc. 3; 20-21)

El hombre en el Evangelio fue expulsado porque no tenía un vestido de boda, lo que significa que estaba desnudo, lo que significa que estaba en pecado. Quizás tenía una doble vida, o había algo de lo que no quería apartarse. Quizás nunca quiso abrirse a Dios. Quizás le había dado la espalda a Dios completamente. Este hombre pasa por las emociones de la religión, incluso puede ir a la iglesia el domingo, pero ciertamente no tiene un traje de boda. Él piensa que tiene razón en enojarse, que está justificado para juzgar a los demás, que no piensa de sí mismo como orgulloso o arrogante, pero culpa a los demás por sus problemas. No está vestido con las buenas obras de los santos. No tiene gratitud.

Cuando Adán pecó descubrió que estaba desnudo y asustado, y se escondió de Dios. '¿Quién te dijo que estabas desnudo?' Dios le pregunta, '¿Has hecho lo que te dije que no hicieras?'

Cuando Jesucristo fue crucificado lo despojaron de sus vestiduras. Fue crucificado por nuestros pecados, y fue crucificado desnudo - una imagen de lo que el pecado nos hace.

Mi sobrino Tom fue expulsado porque no tenía ropa de boda, estaba desnudo. Dios no nos echa fuera, Dios ama al pecador, pero respeta nuestra libertad, y podemos excluirnos de la fiesta de bodas.

Pero hay una gran buena noticia. No importa cuán desnudos estemos, todavía hay una oportunidad de vestir nuestra desnudez con la ropa de la boda. Esta prenda es el arrepentimiento del corazón, una experiencia del perdón de nuestro pecado, y una consiguiente gratitud a Dios y a los demás. Esta prenda se nos ofrece a cada uno de nosotros mientras celebramos el banquete de bodas de la liturgia.

¿Qué te pondrás para la Misa de hoy?

Fr. Sean



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.



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.



St. John's Respect Life

Members of St. John's Respect Life Committee will be selling raffle tickets for New Jersey Right to Life after all the Masses this weekend & the following weekend.

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.

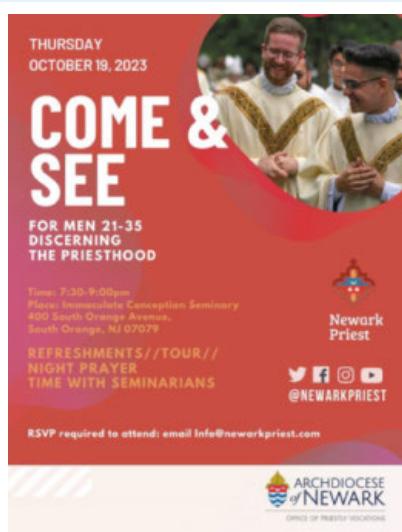


Key Pick Up and Drop Off Procedure

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 - 5:00pm
 Sunday 10:00am - 1:00pm

Keys will be DROPPED OFF in a drop box. The drop box is mounted on the exterior wall of the rectory, **next to the back 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.



Retreats at St. Walburga Monastery

The Spirituality Center at St. Walburga Monastery in Elizabeth, NJ, offers affordable weekend, Saturday, virtual and "mini" retreats. To learn more about upcoming programs, visit www.bensisnj.org or email center@bensisnj.org.



Todos están invitados a la Misa de Instalación del Padre Sean el domingo, 22 de Octubre. La Misa será a las 12:00pm (Bilingüe). Compartir en Conlon Hall después de la Misa. La Misa en Español será a las 1:30pm.



El Domingo Mundial de las Misiones, nuestra celebración eucarística anual mundial para las Misiones y los misioneros del mundo, se celebrará el próximo fin de semana. Esta segunda colecta es un esfuerzo único y global para que toda la Iglesia se ocupe de la construcción de más de mil iglesias locales en Asia y África, las islas del Pacífico y partes de América Latina y Europa. A través del trabajo de estas iglesias y su testimonio de Cristo, los pobres reciben ayuda práctica y experimentan el amor y la misericordia de Dios, su esperanza y paz. Hay sobres adicionales disponibles por las puertas de la iglesia para aquellos que no usan nuestro sistema electrónico de sobres parroquiales. Como siempre, su generosidad es grandemente apreciada.

Procedimiento de recogida y entrega de llaves

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 - 5:00pm
Domingo 10:00am - 1:00pm

Las llaves serán DEJADAS en un buzón. El buzón está montado en la pared exterior de la rectoría, al lado de la puerta de atrás. 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.



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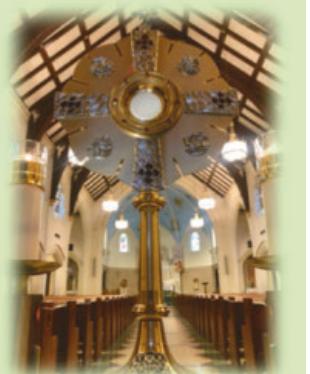
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martes y miércoles
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jueves 12pm—5:30pm



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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