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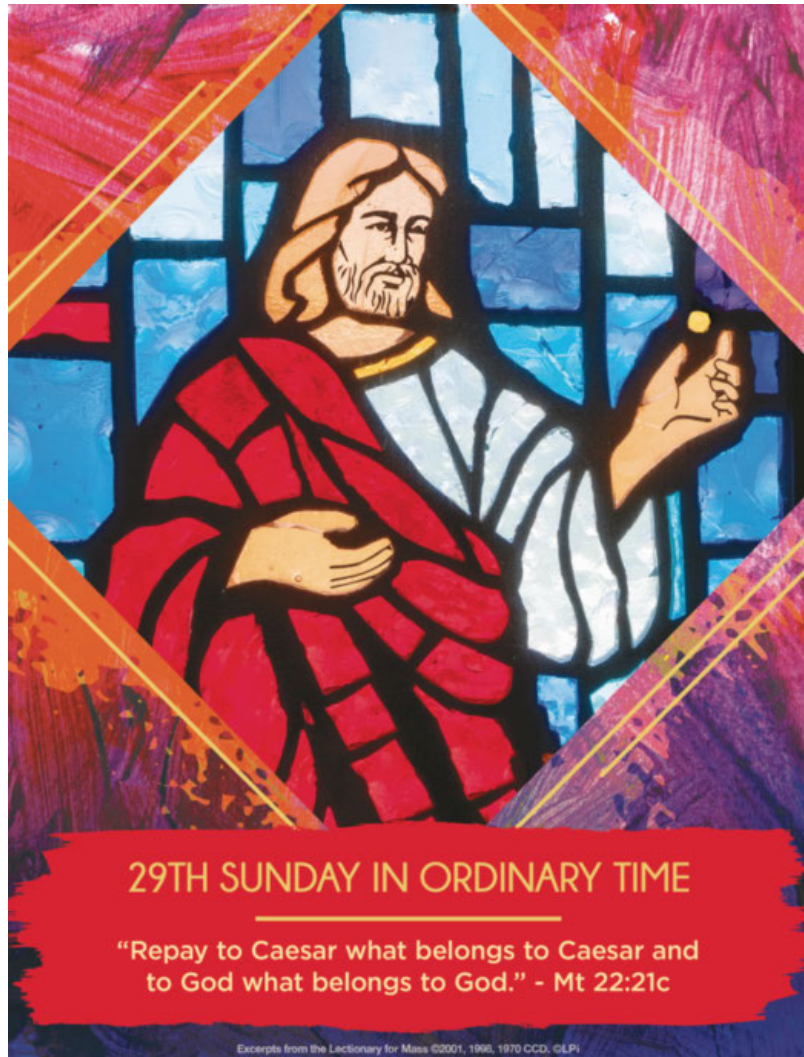
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MASS SCHEDULE

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

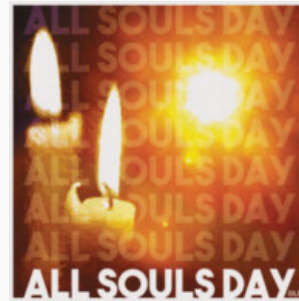


Saturday	October 21
5:30 pm	Alfred & Claire Cialone
7:00 pm (Español)	Alfonsito Made
Sunday	October 22
7:30 am	The People of the Parish
9:00 am	Clifton Crossdale
10:30 am	Dorothy Alperetz
12:00 pm	In Honor of St. Gertrude
1:15pm (Español)	Hector Mata
Monday	October 23
7:00 am	Pablo Alaestante
9:00 am	Amelita Miciano
7:30 pm	Maria Domingo—91st Birthday
Tuesday	October 24
7:00 am	Robert Yutz
9:00 am	Joseph Jeen & Ancy George
7:30 pm	Teodora Ibay
Wednesday	October 25
7:00 am	Joyce Clarke
9:00 am	Donato Magsaray
6:00 pm	Alfonso Rivera
Thursday	October 26
7:00 am	Patricia Sutherland
9:00 am	Joseph Jeen & Ancy George
7:30 pm	Intentions of Joseph Jeen & Ancy George
Friday	October 27
7:00 am	Edward Burgos
9:00 am	Maria & Jesus Catano
7:30 pm	Sp. Int.: In Thanksgiving Anisa Alice Jairam—Birthday
Saturday	October 28
7:00 am	Eddy Hidalgo & Alejandrina Rodriguez
9:00 am	Sp. Int.: In Thanksgiving Gibran Carlton Jairam
5:30 pm	Lolita Capati Flores
7:00 pm (Español)	Maria Noelia Garcia
Sunday	October 29
7:30 am	The People of the Parish
9:00 am	Albert Jairam
10:30 am	Kevin F. Smith
12:00 pm	Bienvenido Saballa
1:15pm (Español)	Ramon Aquilino Torres

On Wednesday, October 25th, Benediction will be at 5:30pm and the evening Mass will be at 6:00pm, not 7:30pm on that day.

Respect Life Committee

Members of the Respect Life Committee will again be outside after all the Masses next weekend selling tickets for the annual New Jersey Right to Life raffle. The tickets are \$10 each. The prizes are a 2024 Volvo SUV, and Shop-Rite gift certificates in the amounts of \$1,000, \$750, and \$500. So, if you have not yet purchased a ticket, please come and support the babies and their parents.



Mass of Remembrance Nov. 2

Our annual bilingual Mass of Remembrance for those who have died and had funeral Masses or services here at St. John's during the past year, will be on *Thursday, November 2nd, All Souls Day, at 7:30pm.* You are all invited to join us for this special Mass.

To remember your own deceased loved ones in our Masses during the month of November, please complete one of the All Souls envelopes which you either received in the mail or may obtain at the doors of the church and return it with your collection envelope for All Saints Day, Wednesday, November 1st.

MEN'S CORNERSTONE:

Men of St John's Parish - You are invited to participate in the upcoming Men's Cornerstone retreat on Friday 10/27 & Saturday 10/28 here at St John's. Open your hearts to the Lord. Allow yourselves to build a closer relationship to God through prayer, reflection and fellowship—Friday - 7pm to 11pm/Saturday - 7am to 9:30pm. We will close our retreat by celebrating Mass together at 8:15pm on Sat. (This fulfills your Sunday Mass obligation.) Members of the Cornerstone team will be waiting by the doors after Mass to register candidates and to answer questions. PEACE BE WITH YOU!

Prayers for the Deceased

Please remember Edna T. McGuinness
your prayers.



TOP 10 REASONS TO ATTEND MEN'S CORNERSTONE RETREAT

10. Be all that you can be.
9. Ask not what Cornerstone can do for you, but what you can do for Cornerstone.
8. What happens in Cornerstone, stays in Cornerstone.
7. Just Do It!
6. Hey, you never know.
5. You're in good hands with Cornerstone.
4. Recommended by 5 out of 5 candidates.
3. You give us 27 hours, we'll give you the Word.
2. Because you're worth it.
1. Jesus is Forever!

A Reflection From Our Pastor

Dear Brothers and Sisters



"Whose image is this, and whose inscription?...Render to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and to God what belongs to God."

Caesar was all-powerful, the Emperor to whom tribute was paid under pain of death. The coin used to pay his tax was called a denarius. It had, as do all coins, an image and an inscription. The image was that of Tiberius Caesar, and the inscription read 'Caesar Augustus Tiberius, son of the Divine Augustus' on one side, and 'Pontifex Max' (meaning supreme bridge builder, or absolute authority) on the other.

Jesus Christ is the perfect image of God. He was Crucified with the inscription "Iesus Nazarenus Rex Iudaeorum" (INRI), Jesus of Nazareth King of the Jews.

Jesus, on the Cross, is the real 'Pontifex Max', the bridge between us and God.

Jesus' understanding of anthropos (man), and of God, and power, is not that of Tiberius Caesar. In the world rulers subjugate others, and impose their power. Jesus, on the contrary, is the slaughtered lamb, whose power is manifest in weakness. He wins by being defeated. In his crucifixion, death and Resurrection, evil is vanquished.

Love overcomes hatred. Light overcomes darkness. Truth overcomes lies. Life overcomes death.

Each of us bear an image. We were created in the image and likeness of God: 'Let us create man in our own image, in the image of ourselves...God created man in the image of himself, in the image of God he created him, male and female he created them.' (Genesis 1; 26-27)

God speaks in the plural. Scripture does not say 'Let me create man in my image' but 'Let us create man in our image.' God is a community of persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. God is not alone, distant. He is communion. We were created in this image of communion. We are called to be in communion, with God and with one another.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer said that real communion, real community, can only begin to exist when false concepts of community are broken down. What makes communion is not the fact that we think alike, or come from the same place, or are the same age, or support the same sports team, or come from the same background and up-bringing. Communion does not depend on similarity of interests, or intellectual capacity (or lack thereof); it does not depend on the color of one's skin, it is not conditioned by similarity of personalities or characters, it is not confined by orthodox or liberal, or rich or poor, or political affiliation.

The opposite of community is loneliness. The antithesis of communion is to be alone, or at best to seek the company of others who are like-minded.

The image in which we were created is that of communion. Everything in our life which impedes our communion with others defaces the image of God in us.

But no matter what the obstacle to communion may be – differences of opinion, or race, color, belief, or affiliation – no matter what the barriers may be, they can be overcome in Jesus Christ our Lord. 'Father, may they be one, as you and I are one' Jesus says in the Gospel of John.

This is the image in which God created us. The real tragedy of humanity is that this image may not be rendered to God. The great Good News is that the image of God, often times distorted in us, has been restored for us in Jesus Christ. Look at him, he is, - as the Ode to Solomon says - your mirror. Behold the image to which God calls each of us.

Fr. Sean

Una Reflexión de Nuestro Pastor

Queridos hermanos y hermanas



"¿De quién es esta imagen, y su inscripción?... Dar al César lo que pertenece a César, y a Dios lo que pertenece a Dios."

César era el emperador poderoso a quien se le pagaba tributo bajo pena de muerte. La moneda utilizada para pagar su impuesto se llamaba denario. Tenía, como todas las monedas, una imagen y una inscripción. La imagen era la de Tiberio César, y la inscripción decía 'César Augusto Tiberio, hijo del Divino Augusto' por un lado, y 'Pontifex Max' (que significa constructor supremo de puentes, o autoridad absoluta) por el otro.

Jesucristo es la imagen perfecta de Dios. Fue crucificado con la inscripción "Jesus Nazarenus Rex Iudaeorum" (INRI), Jesús de Nazaret Rey de los Judíos.

Jesús, en la cruz, es el verdadero 'Pontifex Max', el puente entre nosotros y Dios.

El conocimiento de Jesús de antropos (hombre), y de Dios, y el poder, no es la de Tiberio César. En el mundo los gobernantes subyugan a los demás e imponen su poder. Jesús, por el contrario, es el cordero sacrificado, cuyo poder se manifiesta en la debilidad. Vence al ser derrotado. En su crucifixión, muerte y resurrección, el mal es vencido.

El amor vence al odio. La luz vence a la oscuridad. La verdad vence a la mentira. La vida vence a la muerte.

Cada uno de nosotros tiene una imagen. Fuimos creados a imagen y semejanza de Dios: 'Creemos al hombre a nuestra propia imagen, a nuestra imagen y semejanza...Dios creó al hombre a imagen de sí mismo, a imagen y semejanza de Dios lo creó a él, varón y mujer los creó.' (Génesis 1; 26-27)

Dios habla en plural. La Escritura no dice 'Permíteme crear al hombre a mi imagen' sino 'Creemos al hombre a nuestra imagen.' Dios es una comunidad de personas, Padre, Hijo y Espíritu Santo. Dios no está solo, distante. Él es comunión. Fuimos creados a imagen de comunión. Estamos llamados a estar en comunión, con Dios y entre nosotros.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer dijo que la verdadera comunión, la verdadera comunidad, solo puede comenzar a existir cuando se descomponen los conceptos falsos de comunidad. Lo que hace que la comunión no sea el hecho de que pensamos igual, o venimos del mismo lugar, o somos de la misma edad, o apoyamos al mismo equipo deportivo, o venimos del mismo origen y ascendencia. La comunión no depende de la similitud de intereses, o capacidad intelectual (o falta de ella); no depende del color de la piel, no está condicionada por la similitud de personalidades o caracteres, no está confinada por ortodoxos o liberales, o ricos o pobres, o afiliación política.

Lo contrario de la comunidad es la soledad. La antítesis de la comunión es estar solo, o en el mejor de los casos buscar la compañía de otros que son compatibles.

La imagen en la que fuimos creados es la de comunión. Todo en nuestra vida que impide nuestra comunión con los demás desfigura la imagen de Dios en nosotros.

Pero no importa cual sea el obstáculo a la comunión - diferencias de opinión, o raza, color, creencia, o afiliación - no importa cuales sean las barreras, ellas pueden ser vencidas en Jesucristo nuestro Señor. 'Padre, que sean uno, como tú y yo somos uno' Jesús dice en el Evangelio de Juan.

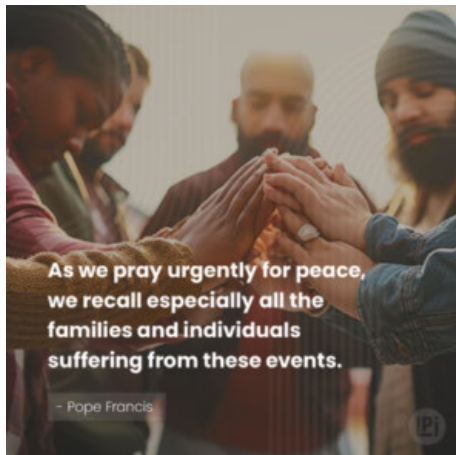
Esta es la imagen en la que Dios nos creó. La verdadera tragedia de la humanidad es que esta imagen no puede ser rendida a Dios. La gran buena nueva es que la imagen de Dios, a menudo distorsionada en nosotros, ha sido restaurada para nosotros en Jesucristo. Míralo, es él, - como dice la Oda a Salomón - tu espejo. He aquí la imagen a la que Dios llama a cada uno de nosotros.

Fr. Sean

Come & Pray

Adoration This Week:

Tues. & Thurs.
12pm—6:30pm
Wednesday
12pm—5:30pm



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

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.

Scam

Once again, an email scam is currently spreading throughout our parish giving the appearance that one of the priests, often the pastor, is trying to enlist your financial assistance in some way. It is suggested that you treat this as suspect, & delete it rather than open or respond to it. Never purchase or transmit gift card information. In such case, please call us at the rectory to report the incident.



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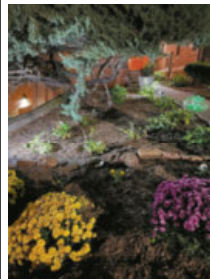
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Mission Sunday:

This weekend, a second collection will be taken at all the Masses for World Mission Sunday, which supports the work of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, established 200 years ago to bring the Catholic Faith to the people of all nations. Extra envelopes are available at the doors of the church for those who do not use our parish



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.

Estafa

Una estafa de correo electrónico y se está extendiendo actualmente a través de nuestra parroquia, dando la apariencia de que uno de los sacerdotes, incluyendo el pastor o algún grupo parroquial, está tratando de conseguir su ayuda financiera de alguna manera.

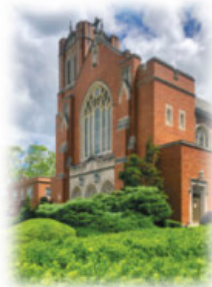
Se sugiere que usted trate esto como sospechoso, y eliminarlo en lugar de abrir o responder a estos. Nunca compre o transmita información personal. En tal caso, por favor llámenos a la rectoría para informarnos.



Nuestra Misa anual bilingüe de Recuerdo para aquellos que han fallecido y tuvieron Misas fúnebres o servicios aquí en San Juan durante el año pasado, será el **jueves, 2 de noviembre**, Día de Todos los Difuntos, a las 7:30pm. Todos están invitados a unirse con nosotros para esta Misa especial.

Para recordar a sus seres queridos ya fallecidos todo el mes de Noviembre, favor de completar uno de los sobres de All Souls/Todas las Almas que recibió por correo o que puede obtener por las puertas de la iglesia y devuélvalo con su sobre de colecta para el Día de Todos los Santos, miércoles, 1 de noviembre.

Este fin de semana se realizará una Segunda colecta en todas las Misas para el Domingo Mundial de las Misiones. Esta colecta anual apoya el trabajo de la Sociedad para la Propagación de la Fe. Habrán sobres adicionales disponibles por las puertas de la iglesia para aquellos que no usan nuestro Sistema electrónico de sobres parroquiales.



*El miércoles,
25 de octubre, habrá
Adoración al Santísimo
hasta las 5:30pm y la
Misa será a las
6:00pm,
no a las 7:30pm este día.*



Ven y Ora

*Adoración al
Santísimo
Sacramento*

Horario de
esta semana:

martes y jueves

12pm—6:30pm

miércoles 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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