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32nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“‘Lord, Lord, open the door for us!’ But he said in reply, ‘Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.’” - Mt 25:11-12

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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

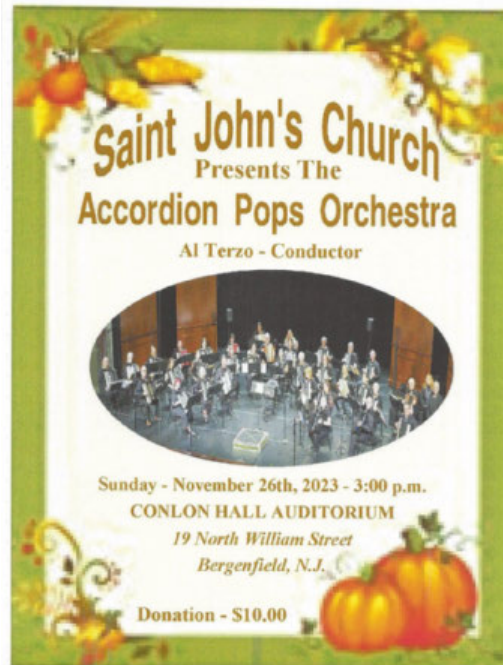
Daily Masses:
Monday—Friday
7:00 AM, 9:00 AM, 7:30 PM



Saturday	<u>November 11</u>
5:30 pm	Pastora Tan
7:00 pm (Español)	Rafael Tobias Alzate
Sunday	<u>November 12</u>
7:30 am	The People of the Parish
9:00 am	Aurelio Diaz
10:30 am	Domenic E. Francisco
12:00 pm	The Miller Family
1:15pm (Español)	Para La Protección de los No Nacidos y sus Familiares
Monday	<u>November 13</u>
7:00 am	Bienvenido Matos
9:00 am	Sp. Int.: Joseph Jeen & Ancy George
7:30 pm	Edward Fuentes
Tuesday	<u>November 14</u>
7:00 am	Souls in Purgatory
9:00 am	Steven Shine
7:30 pm	In Thanksgiving for Favors Granted— Irene D’Silva
Wednesday	<u>November 15</u>
7:00 am	Marcelino Paras
9:00 am	Carlos M. Enriquez—30th Anniv.
7:30 pm	Mario Cadiente
Thursday	<u>November 16</u>
7:00 am	Elpidio Bernardo
9:00 am	Praxedes Limbaga
7:30 pm	Patricia Rube—16th Anniversary
Friday	<u>November 17</u>
7:00 am	Douglas Pyle
9:00 am	Alonzo Rojo & Jessica Clark— Intentions for Divino Niño
7:30 pm	Alfred & Claire Cialone
Saturday	<u>November 18</u>
7:00 am	Christine Donovan
9:00 am	Gertrudes Y. Guevarra
5:30 pm	Danny Ibera
7:00 pm (Español)	Rodrigo Cano
Sunday	<u>November 19</u>
7:30 am	The People of the Parish
9:00 am	Rev. Eugene F. McGovern
10:30 am	Feliza Pinero Corporal
12:00 pm	Mary Patricia McHale
1:15pm (Español)	Maria Noelia Garcia

Knights’ Muffin Sale and Recruitment Drive

St. John’s Knights of Columbus are selling muffins after all Masses **THIS weekend**, all proceeds benefit the parish. They are also looking for a few good men to join this Catholic fraternal order that supports the Church while providing opportunities to grow in faith, help our community, and enjoy social activities.



TURKEY COLLECTION 11/19 - St John's food pantry team will accept donations of turkeys, hams or chickens on Sunday 11/19 from 2pm to 6pm at the priest's garages for distribution to needy families on Monday 11/20. Please don't leave any meat donations in the food pantry bin inside the church or at the rectory. Thank you for your assistance.

Items Needed For November - St John's food pantry is requesting donations of the following items during the month of November: Pancake mix & syrup, hot chocolate, kids cereal, instant potatoes, rice, cooking oil, coffee, toothpaste & tooth brushes, laundry detergent, and kids snacks. Note: We are over stocked with canned vegetables and canned soup at this time.

Thank you for your generosity and your caring spirit!
Please contact Joe McHale if you have any questions
201-655-1073 / joemc1217@gmail.com.

Prayers for the Deceased

Please remember Donald Snow,
Elizabeth Toriello, Ellen Louise Azzarone and
Judith Wakefield in your prayers.

Memorial Fund/Special Intention

Week of November 11–17
[Altar Bread, Sanctuary Candle, Altar Flowers](#)
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A Reflection From Our Pastor

Dear Brothers and Sisters



“The foolish ones, when taking their lamps, brought no oil with them, but the wise brought flasks of oil with their lamps.”

The Gospel speaks of ten virgins, five foolish, and five wise. The wise entered the wedding feast, the foolish had the door shut on them, they were left outside.

Last night the low gas indicator came on in my car. The display told me I had 25 miles left until I would be on empty. I knew I would be able make it to the parish, before having to go to the gas station and fill up. If I tried to drive any further, I would run out, and be left on the side of the road.

In the same way, we have a lamp that needs oil. This lamp is used to dispel darkness. This lamp is our faith, our relationship with Jesus Christ, and our capacity to persevere in suffering. The Fathers of the Church say that upon which the lamp is placed is the persecutions we receive on account of our faith.

But the lamp is only of use if it has oil. Just as a car needs gas if it is going to work.

We were given this oil when we were anointed: twice at our Baptism, and again at Confirmation. In Baptism we were anointed with the Oil of Catechumens and then with the Oil of Chrism.

The first anointing, with the Oil of Catechumens, was accompanied by the words “...you sent your Son into the world to cast out the power of Satan, spirit of evil, to rescue man from the kingdom of darkness, and bring him to the splendor of your kingdom of light.”

We no longer live in the dark, i.e. selfishness, blasphemy, and lies, but live in the light of truth, humility, forbearance and forgiveness. The choice is placed before us every day. Our oil is either depleted, wasted or replenished.

In Baptism our anointing with Chrism was accompanied by the words: “As Christ was anointed Priest, Prophet, and King, so may you live always as a member of his body, sharing everlasting life.”

And at Confirmation: “Be Sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit”.

Our lamp also has oil when we fulfill our mission as

- 1.) Priestly people –i.e. to have a personal life of prayer; we become a bridge for others between heaven and earth.
- 2.) Prophet – i.e. to have discernment, to make the right decisions in life (our discernment is inversely related to mammon; if we are led by the spirit of the world we lose discernment, and make the wrong decisions)
- 3.) King – the opposite of slave – we did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear.

We either take oil for our lamps or we do not.

We know where the nearest gas station is. We also know what we need to do to replenish the oil for our lamp.

Fr. Sean

Una Reflexión de Nuestro Pastor

queridos hermanos y hermanas



"Las descuidadas llevaron sus lámparas, pero no llevaron aceite para llenarlas de nuevo; las previsoras, en cambio, llevaron cada uno un frasco de aceite junto con su lámpara."

El Evangelio habla de diez Jovenes, cinco que eran descuidados y cinco previsoras. Los sabios entraron en la fiesta de bodas, los necios les cerraron la puerta, se quedaron afuera.

Anoche el indicador de gas bajo se prendió en mi coche. La pantalla me dijo que me quedaban 25 millas hasta que estuviera vacío. Sabía que podría llegar a la parroquia, antes de tener que ir a la gasolinera y llenar. Si intentaba conducir más lejos, me quedaría sin gasolina, y me dejaría al lado de la carretera.

Del mismo modo, tenemos una lámpara que necesita aceite. Esta lámpara se utiliza para disipar la oscuridad. Esta lámpara es nuestra fe, nuestra relación con Jesucristo, y nuestra capacidad de perseverar en el sufrimiento. Los Padres de la Iglesia dicen que sobre la lámpara se colocan las persecuciones que recibimos a causa de nuestra fe.

Pero la lámpara solo sirve si tiene aceite. Así como un coche necesita gasolina para funcionar.

Nos dieron este aceite cuando fuimos ungidos: dos veces en nuestro bautismo, y otra vez en la Confirmación. En el Bautismo fuimos ungidos con el Aceite de los Catecúmenos y luego con el Aceite del Crisma.

La primera unción, con el Aceite de Catecúmenos, fue acompañada por las palabras "...Tu enviaste a tu Hijo al mundo para expulsar el poder de Satanás, espíritu del mal, para rescatar al hombre del reino de las tinieblas, y llevarlo al esplendor de tu reino de luz."

Ya no vivimos en la oscuridad, es decir. egoísmo, blasfemia y mentiras, sino que vivimos en la luz de la verdad, la humildad, la tolerancia y el perdón. La elección se nos presenta todos los días. Nuestro aceite se agota, se desperdicia o se repone.

En el Bautismo nuestra unción con el Crisma fue acompañada por las palabras: "Así como Cristo fue ungido Sacerdote, Profeta y Rey, así que puedes vivir siempre como un miembro de su cuerpo, compartiendo la vida eterna."

Y en la Confirmación: "Sellaos con el don del Espíritu Santo".

Nuestra lámpara también tiene aceite cuando cumplimos nuestra misión como

- 1.) El pueblo sacerdotal, es decir. tener una vida personal de oración; nos convertimos en un puente para los demás entre el cielo y la tierra.
- 2.) Profeta—es decir tener discernimiento, tomar las decisiones correctas en la vida (nuestro discernimiento está inversamente relacionado con nuestras riquezas; si somos guiados por el espíritu del mundo perdemos discernimiento, y tomamos las decisiones equivocadas)
- 3.) Rey - lo contrario de esclavo - no recibimos un espíritu de esclavitud para caer de nuevo en el miedo.

O tomamos aceite para nuestras lámparas o no lo hacemos.

Sabemos dónde está la gasolinera más cercana. También sabemos lo que tenemos que hacer para reponer el aceite para nuestra lámpara.

Fr. Sean

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 Council 1345, is serving a holiday meal for people & families struggling with food insecurity. If interested, please contact Bill Flores at (917) 544 2322, or Bob Knott at (201) 675-2802. **Please call by November 22nd so we can prepare.**

Washington Dental Associates

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DAY OF FREE DENTISTRY—Monday, Nov. 13 from 9:30am—2:00pm

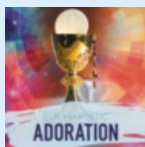
As a way of paying it forward to the community, we're offering free dentistry for patients with no insurance and are having financial difficulties. They must choose ONE of the following treatments: Cleaning, Filling, or Extraction. First Come, First Served. Donations will be accepted for the local food pantry.

Come & Pray

Adoration This Week:

Tuesday 12pm—5:30pm

Wed. & Thurs. 12pm—6:30pm



PARISH Giving Tree

Our Christmas Giving Tree will be available the weekend of Nov. 25-26. All are invited to take a paper ornament from the tree. On the back of the ornament is a gift request. Please wrap the gift, attach the ornament provided & bring to the church and place under the tree any day or by the weekend of December 2nd – 3rd.

PLEASE NOTE! If a gift request is for a "gift card" or if you wish to give a certificate, please place it in a box or holiday gift bag and bring it to the Rectory. Please do not place it under the tree (as small envelopes, bags or boxes can be easily misplaced).

Any questions, please call Terry Ryan (201)456-9618.





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



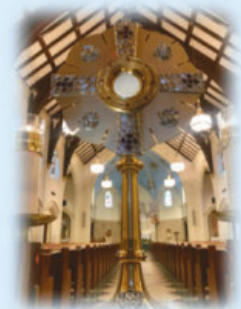
Ven y Ora

Adoración al Santísimo Sacramento

Horario de esta semana:

martes
12pm—5:30pm

miércoles jueves
12pm—6:30pm



ARBOL
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Nuestro árbol de regalos de Navidad estará disponible el fin de semana de Noviembre 25-26. Todos están invitados a tomar un adorno del árbol que contiene una solicitud de regalo. Envuelva el regalo, pegue el adorno que tomo del árbol y por favor tráigalo a la iglesia y colóquelo debajo del árbol cualquier día antes del fin de semana del 2 al 3 de Diciembre.

¡TENGA EN CUENTA! Si una solicitud de regalo es un "certificado de regalo/gift card" o si desea regalar un certificado, colóquelo en una caja o bolsa de regalo y llévelo a la Rectoría. No lo coloque debajo del árbol (ya que los sobres pequeños, bolsas o cajas se pueden perder fácilmente).
Gracias por su generosidad.



Comida para las fiestas



Los Caballeros de Colón están ofreciendo una comida para los días de fiesta el 25 de noviembre de 2:00pm a 6:00pm (61 Armour Place, Dumont) para las personas que necesiten en estos días festivos. Si está interesado, póngase en contacto con Bill Flores al (917) 544 2322.

Por favor llame antes del 22 de noviembre para que podamos prepararnos.

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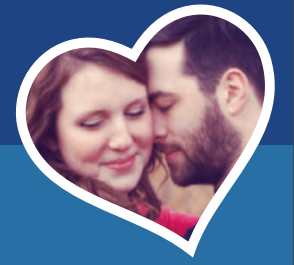
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