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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	<a href="#">November 18</a>
5:30 pm	Danny Ibera
7:00 pm (Español)	Rodrigo Cano
Sunday	<a href="#">November 19</a>
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
Monday	<a href="#">November 20</a>
7:00 am	Leonila Echiverri
9:00 am	Brenda, Douglas & Brian Pyle
7:30 pm	Grace Casabuena
Tuesday	<a href="#">November 21</a>
7:00 am	Mary Ann Po
9:00 am	All Souls in Purgatory
7:30 pm	The Monteagudo Family
Wednesday	<a href="#">November 22</a>
7:00 am	The Protection of Unborn Children and Their Families
9:00 am	Marianito Perez
7:30 pm	Roger Coppinger
Thursday	<a href="#">November 23—THANKSGIVING DAY</a>
9:00 am	In Thanksgiving—Jojie Aguilar
Friday	<a href="#">November 24</a>
7:00 am	Patricia Sutherland
9:00 am	Rosemarie Tugaoen & Necita Elpidal
7:30 pm	Catherine Ann Tomboc
Saturday	<a href="#">November 25</a>
7:00 am	Deborah Ilano
9:00 am	In Thanksgiving—Milor & Marilyn Dalisay
5:30 pm	Lolita Capati Flores
7:00 pm (Español)	Raul Barron and Evelio De Jesus Soto
Sunday	<a href="#">November 26</a>
7:30 am	The People of the Parish
9:00 am	Adolfo N. Nabua
10:30 am	In Thanksgiving for all blessings— Irene D’Silva
12:00 pm	Paula C. Tuason
1:15pm (Español)	Ismenia Almazar



**TURKEY COLLECTION Nov. 19**

Our food pantry team will accept donations of turkeys, hams or chickens this 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.



Our Filipino community will be selling tickets for the fundraising Accordion Pops Orchestra concert THIS weekend (Nov 18-19) after all the Masses.

*Prayers for the Deceased*

Please remember Soledad Etorma Wheeler in your prayers.



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## A Reflection From Our Pastor

Dear Brothers and Sisters



“After a long time the master of those servants came back and settled accounts with them.”

What is a long time? Time can be measured according to what we do with it – we speak of ‘time well spent,’ or ‘a waste of time.’ Time can also be reckoned according to the task at hand. If, you sit still without moving, not even an inch, not even to scratch your nose, fifteen minutes can seem like a lifetime. But we can spend hours doing something we like, and time flies.

Sometimes minutes can seem unending, yet years can contract and literally fly by. Do you remember graduating high school? You wondered where the previous eighteen years went. Or when you celebrate your twenty fifth wedding anniversary, you look back and wonder where the time went.

How long is a long time? A day, a week, a year, twenty years, fifty, or ninety years?

It depends. But for God time does not exist. God lives in the present. The Christian also lives in the present: yesterday is gone, tomorrow does not belong to us, all we have is this moment, today.

And in this ‘today’, whether that be now, or in fifteen minutes time, or eighteen years from now, or at the end of our life, God comes to us: “the master of those servants comes back”.

If we are sincere, we do not think of ourselves as servants.

The word ‘servant’ has been purged from modern diction. Servants used to exist, those unfortunates who performed menial tasks, the underlings, the bottom of the ladder, those whose lot in life was to wait on others.

We are above all that. Servants no longer exist, except perhaps in third world countries, who have yet to experience the emancipation from servitude. Or so we think....

I once celebrated a Family Mass and, reflecting together with the children present on the Gospel that day, I asked them who they were called to serve. One six year old boy, said he was called to serve Jack, his four year old brother. Can you believe that? Then other children explained how they could serve their parents, relatives, or the other kids in school. What discernment! All of them spoke with faith, being very concrete in their examples.

Cardinal John Henry Newman's poem “The Dream of Gerontius” tells of the journey of a man's soul after death - **Gerontius** may be translated roughly as **old man**.

There will be a settling of accounts for each of us. Our old man, our old woman will make this journey, this transitus, part of which will be a settling of accounts. The good news is that this journey has already begun, and the accounts are already being settled.

They are settled first of all by Christ, who came “not to be served, but to serve.”

We will be judged not on how many people served us, but on how many people we served. We can only serve others if we have been served by Him. We do not need to wait five minutes, a year, or ninety years for that to happen. Christ serves each one of us today. As a consequence, our old man, our old woman, can find true freedom in service of others. Who are you serving today?

Fr. Sean

## Una Reflexión de Nuestro Pastor

*Queridos hermanos y hermanas*



"Después de mucho tiempo el amo de esos sirvientes regresó y saldó cuentas con ellos."

¿Qué es mucho tiempo? El tiempo puede ser medido de acuerdo a lo que hacemos con él - hablamos de 'tiempo bien gastado,' o 'una pérdida de tiempo.' El tiempo también puede ser contado de acuerdo a lo que tenemos a mano. Si te quedas quieto sin moverte, ni siquiera una pulgada, ni siquiera para rascarte la nariz, quince minutos pueden parecer toda una vida. Pero podemos pasar horas haciendo algo que nos gusta, y el tiempo vuela.

A veces los minutos pueden parecer interminables, pero los años pueden contraerse y literalmente pasar volando. ¿Recuerdas cuando te graduaste de la secundaria? Te preguntaste adónde fueron los dieciocho años anteriores. O cuando celebras tu vigésimo quinto aniversario de boda, miras hacia atrás y te preguntas a dónde se fue el tiempo.

¿Cuánto es mucho tiempo? ¿Un día, una semana, un año, veinte años, cincuenta o noventa años?

Depende. Pero para Dios el tiempo no existe. Dios vive en el presente. El cristiano vive también en el presente: el ayer se ha ido, el mañana no nos pertenece, todo lo que tenemos es este momento, hoy.

Y en este 'hoy', ya sea ahora, o dentro de quince minutos, o dentro de dieciocho años, o al final de nuestra vida, Dios viene a nosotros: "el amo de esos siervos vuelve".

Si somos sinceros, no nos consideramos siervos.

La palabra 'siervo' ha sido purgada de la dicción moderna. Los sirvientes solían existir, aquellos desafortunados que realizaban tareas serviles, los subordinados, la parte inferior de la escalera, aquellos cuya suerte en la vida era esperar a otros.

Estamos por encima de todo eso. Los sirvientes ya no existen, excepto quizás en los países del tercer mundo, que aún no han experimentado la emancipación de la servidumbre. O eso es lo que pensamos...

Una vez celebré una Misa familiar y, reflexionando con los niños presentes en el Evangelio de ese día, les pregunté a quién estaban llamados a servir. Un niño de seis años, dijo que fue llamado para servir a Jack, su hermano de cuatro años. ¿Puedes creerlo? Luego otros niños explicaron cómo podían servir a sus padres, parientes o a los otros niños en la escuela. ¡Qué discernimiento! Todos ellos hablaron con fe, siendo muy concretos en sus ejemplos.

El poema del Cardenal John Henry Newman "El sueño de Gerontius" habla del viaje del alma de un hombre después de la muerte - Gerontius puede traducirse aproximadamente como hombre viejo.

Habrá un ajuste de cuentas para cada uno de nosotros. El hombre viejo y la mujer vieja hará esta jornada, este tránsito, parte del cual será un ajuste de cuentas. La buena noticia es que esta jornada ya ha comenzado, y las cuentas ya se están liquidando.

Ellos son establecidos en primer lugar por Cristo, que vino "no para ser servido, sino para servir."

No seremos juzgados por cuántas personas nos sirvieron, sino por cuántas personas servimos. Solo podemos servir a otros si hemos sido servidos por Él. No necesitamos esperar cinco minutos, un año o noventa años para que eso suceda. Cristo nos sirve a cada uno de nosotros hoy. Como consecuencia, el hombre Viejo y nuestra anciana, puede encontrar verdadera libertad al servicio de los demás. ¿A quién estás sirviendo hoy?

*Fr. Sean*



# PARISH Giving Tree

Our Christmas Giving Tree will be available NEXT weekend. 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). We thank you in advance for your generosity. Any questions, please contact Terry Ryan (201)456-9618.

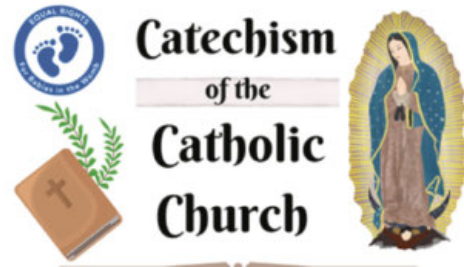
St. John's Council 1345, is serving a holiday meal for people & families struggling with food insecurity. If interested, please contact Bill Flores at (917) 544 2322, or Bob Knott at (201) 675-2802. Please call by November 22nd so we can prepare.



## KNIGHTS HOLIDAY DINNER

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### Catechism of the Catholic Church

**2271.** Since the first century the Church has affirmed the moral evil of every procured abortion. This teaching has not changed and remains unchangeable. Direct abortion, that is to say, abortion willed either as an end or as a means, is gravely contrary to the moral law.



*Come & Pray*  
Adoration This Week:  
Tuesday & Thursday 12pm—6:30pm  
Wednesday 12pm—7:15pm

*Memorial Fund/Special Intention*  
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SABADO 7:00 PM      **25**      29 N WASHINGTON AVE BERGENFIELD NJ  
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Al finalizar la Santa Misa tendremos un compartir en la Iglesia de Abajo abierto a toda la comunidad, niños, jóvenes y adultos, todos son Bienvenidos!

Den Gracias a Dios Padre en nombre de Cristo Jesús, nuestro Señor, siempre y por todas las cosas  
Efesios 5:20



## 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 y jueves  
12pm—6:30pm

miércoles 12pm—7:15pm



## ARBOL de Regalos de Navidad / Giving Tree

Nuestro árbol de regalos de Navidad estará disponible el próximo fin de semana. 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.

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