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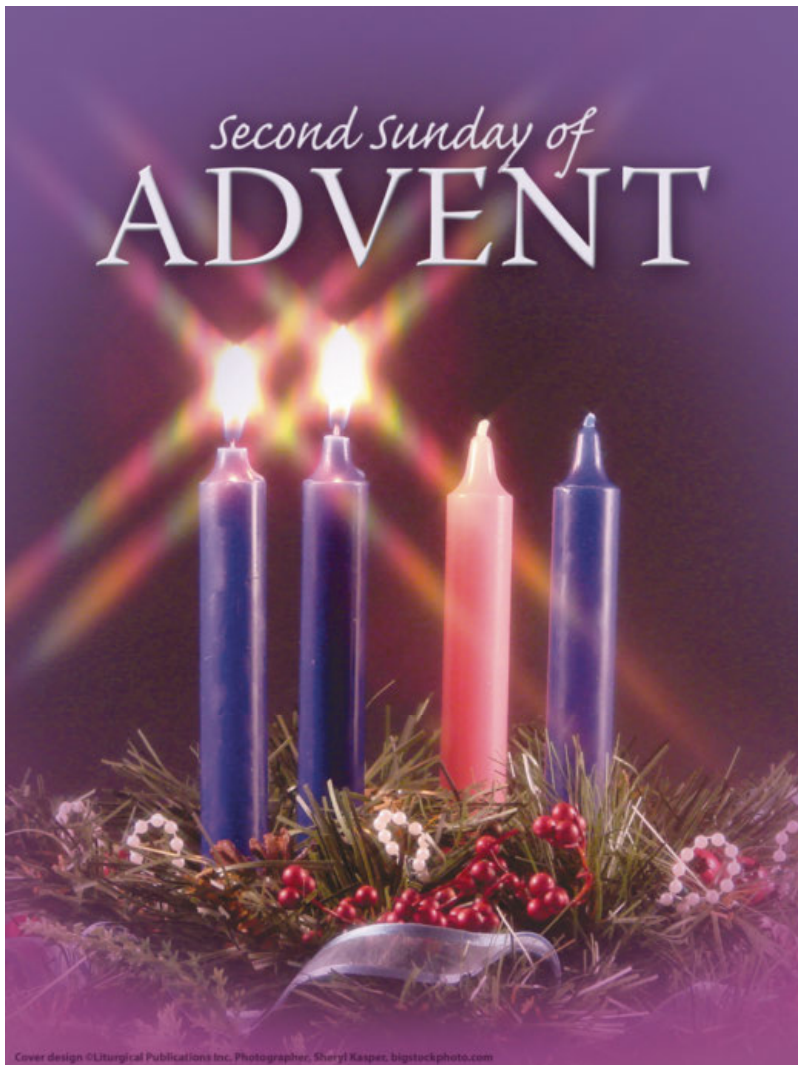
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MASS SCHEDULE

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	December 9
5:30 pm	Paul Ryan Hipolito
7:00 pm (Español)	Kevin Charles Pineda
Sunday	December 10
7:30 am	The People of the Parish
9:00 am	Julian Dalisay
10:30 am	Mildred Lobaton
12:00 pm	Sp. Int.: Priests at St. John's
1:15pm (Español)	Carmen Amelia Junez de Salazar
Monday	December 11
7:00 am	Damaso Domingo—90th Birthday
9:00 am	Marcela Santiago
7:30 pm	Jose G. Lozada, Jr.
Tuesday	December 12
7:00 am	Aurelia Lazaro—2nd Anniversary
9:00 am	Deceased Members of The DeFoe Family
7:30 pm	In Honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe
Wednesday	December 13
7:00 am	Rev. Andrew Joseph Apostoli
9:00 am	Intentions of Joseph Jeen & Ancy George
7:30 pm	Aura Lina Gallego
Thursday	December 14
7:00 am	Geronimo Valdenarro
9:00 am	Jessica Enriquez—3rd Anniversary
7:30 pm	Priscila Vano Uy
Friday	December 15
7:00 am	Danilo Bonifacio
9:00 am	Katherine & Richard Ascolese— 26th Anniversary
7:30 pm	Aiden Scordia
Saturday	December 16
7:00 am	Marcelino Valencia
9:00 am	Marlon Mangaoil
5:30 pm	Candelaria Deanon
7:00 pm (Español)	Valentin Burgos
Sunday	December 17
7:30 am	The People of the Parish
9:00 am	Danny Ibera & Inocentes Adaniel
10:30 am	Albina Perez
12:00 pm	Aiden Scordia
1:15pm (Español)	Pascual Bourdierd

Second Collection



This weekend, there will be a special collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious. **Support a lifetime of service.**

Women and men religious have spent their lives serving others in prayer, ministry, education and care for those in need—usually for little or no pay. Today, their religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. As they age, they require essential care and medications. Please support them by giving to the Retirement Fund for Religious. Your donation makes a difference for nearly 25,000 senior men and women religious. Please give generously.

Advent Morning Prayer
During Advent, Morning Prayer will be prayed in the church at 6:00am. All are welcome to attend.

Early Bulletin Notice
During the month of December, our bulletin company requires us to submit our bulletin earlier than our usual date. If your ministry would like to add an announcement in the bulletin for Dec. 24, please email: sesjrc@gmail.com by Dec. 12. For the Dec. 31 bulletin, please email by Dec. 20.

DEC. 12
7:00PM MASS
FOLLOWED BY
RECEPTION
IN CONLON HALL



Feast of St. John the Evangelist



Dec. 27

Come join us to celebrate the feast day of our parish's patron saint, St. John the Evangelist, on **Wed., December 27th**. We'll start with a bi-lingual Mass at 6pm, followed by a buffet dinner and celebration at around 7pm. This event has been a tremendous success in past years. There's no

fee to attend the dinner, but donations are gladly accepted. (checks, no cash please). *Please make checks payable to St. John the Evangelist Church & include 'St. John's Feast Day' in the memo.*
No reserved seating. More details to follow.

Prayers for the Deceased

**Please remember
Katherine Iannantuano
in your prayers.**

A Reflection From Our Pastor

Dear Brothers and Sisters



In a recent survey the British were declared the worst dressed people in Europe.

The French are turned out in elegance and style. Italians have a Mediterranean flair. But the British are relegated to last place when it comes to fashion sense. The frumpy tweed jacket and knotted hanky are no match for their continental cousins.

John the Baptist was not British, but he would have come in last on the catwalk. Dressed in camel's hair and a leather belt, he would have stuck out like a sore thumb here in Bergen County.

And yet this odd ball was a magnet for all who saw him. What attracted them? Certainly not his fashion sense! People flocked to him to...acknowledge their sins!

This is the heart of Advent. St. Charles Borromeo says that Advent makes present the fact that the Father sent his only Son to free us from the tyranny of Satan. The Church asks us to understand that Christ, who came once in the flesh, is prepared to come again, when

we remove all obstacles to his presence.

The greatest obstacle is sin.

Of course you can't talk about sin today. People can talk about God, they can quote Jesus, they can discuss the Bible. But sin must never be mentioned. Ours is another anthropology, that of the '*Bon Savage*.' We are all fundamentally good, we have an innate beatitude, we are all children of God. Everyone goes to heaven. We have no sin. We have a musical soul.

Post modernity proclaims there is no objective truth. There are opinions, and everyone is entitled to their opinion, to do what they think best. There is a graduality of conscience. The truth, the good, what is right, is dictated at an individual level.

John the Baptist was having none of this. He proclaimed repentance and a Baptism for forgiveness of sin. The amazing thing is that people took him seriously. They accepted that they were, in fact, sinners.

Perhaps this is not so surprising. A recent psychological report said that many of the complexes people suffer from can be traced to one thing: a radical lack of humility. Humility is the truth. The truth is that we are flawed, we are sinners, we are in need of repentance, we are in need of the grace of God. When this truth is not present, we live in an alienation, a false reality.

John the Baptist's voice will resound in the Gospel at Mass today. It will be a sobering dose of reality. We will be confronted with our brokenness, but also the great truth that we can be freed from the tyranny of Satan.

May we hear the Baptist's voice, and receive his message, no matter what clothes he might be wearing!

Fr. Sean

Una Reflexión de Nuestro Pastor

Queridos hermanos y hermanas



En una encuesta reciente, los británicos fueron declarados los peor vestidos de Europa.

Los franceses se presentan con elegancia y estilo. Los italianos tienen un toque mediterráneo. Pero los británicos están en el último lugar cuando se trata de la moda. Sus trajes y sus corbatas no se comparan a sus países vecinos.

Juan Bautista no era británico, pero habría llegado último en la pasarela. Vestido con pelo de camello y un cinturón de cuero, habría sobresalido como un ser extraño aquí en el condado de Bergen.

Y sin embargo, como un imán para todos los que lo vieron. ¿Qué los atrajo? ¡Ciertamente no su sentido de la moda! ¡La gente acudía a él cuando..reconocían sus pecados!

Este es el corazón del Adviento. Santo Carlos Borromeo dice que el Adviento hace presente el hecho de que el Padre envió a su único Hijo para liberarnos de la tiranía de Satanás. La Iglesia nos enseña que Cristo, en su primera venida, vino de carne y hueso y está dispuesto a volver cuando eliminemos todos los obstáculos a su presencia.

El mayor obstáculo es el pecado.

Por supuesto que no se puede hablar de pecado hoy. La gente puede hablar de Dios, pueden citar a Jesús, pueden hablar de la Biblia. Pero el pecado nunca debe ser mencionado. La nuestra es otra antropología, la del 'Bon Savage.' Todos somos fundamentalmente buenos, tenemos una bienaventuranza innata, todos somos hijos de Dios. Todos van al cielo. No tenemos pecado. Tenemos un alma musical.

La postmodernidad proclama que no hay verdad objetiva. Hay opiniones, y todos tienen derecho a opinar, a hacer lo que mejor piensan. Hay una gradualidad de la conciencia. La verdad, el bien, lo que es correcto, se dicta a nivel individual.

Juan el Bautista no estaba teniendo nada de esto. Proclamó el arrepentimiento y un bautismo para el perdón del pecado. Lo asombroso es que la gente lo tomó en serio. Aceptaron que eran, de hecho, pecadores.

Quizás esto no sea tan sorprendente. Un reciente informe psicológico dijo que muchos de los complejos que sufren las personas se puede rastrear a una cosa: una falta radical de humildad. La humildad es la verdad. La verdad es que somos imperfectos, pecadores, necesitamos arrepentimiento, necesitamos la gracia de Dios. Cuando esta verdad no está presente, vivimos en una alienación, una realidad falsa.

La voz de Juan el Bautista resonará en el Evangelio en la misa de hoy. Será una dosis aleccionadora de la realidad. Seremos confrontados con nuestro quebrantamiento, pero también con la gran verdad de que podemos ser liberados de la tiranía de Satanás.

¡Que podamos escuchar la voz del Bautista, y recibir su mensaje, no importa qué ropa pueda estar usando!

Fr. Sean

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Come & Pray
Adoration This Week:
Tuesday—NO ADORATION
Wednesday 12pm—7:15pm
Thursday 12pm—6:30pm



1 Peter 1:8-9 “and though you have not seen Him, you love Him, and though you do not see Him now, but believe in Him, you greatly rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory, obtaining as the outcome of your faith the salvation of your souls.”

“CHILDREN TOO ARE A GIFT FROM THE LORD, THE FRUIT OF THE WOMB, A REWARD.”
—Ps 127:3

St. John's Food Pantry

Thanks to your generosity for our pre-Thanksgiving food distribution, we were able to assist more than 100 needy families so they could celebrate this wonderful holiday.

December food donations needed: pasta & sauce, rice, tuna, pancake mix & syrup, kids cereal, coffee, spanish beans, oatmeal, peanut butter & jelly, cookies & crackers. You may drop off food donations in the large bin inside the church doors on the ramp side. Note: We don't need any canned vegetables at this time. Any donations of cash, checks or store gift cards may be dropped off at the rectory or you can contact Joe McHale (201)655- 1073 / joemc1217@gmail.com. He'll also assist you if you have large donations of food. Thank you and may God bless you.

Women's Cornerstone Retreat

June 21 & 22, 2024 save the date!
Beatrice D' Souza
beadsouza@gmail.com
Reyna Berroa
rlbalberto22@gmail.com



Christmas Eve—Dec. 24

4:00 pm—Vigil Family Mass, 6:30 pm Mass,
9:00 pm Mass (Español), 12 Midnight Mass

Christmas Day—Dec. 25

7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am, 12:00 pm, 1:15 pm—Español
O Come let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

Please share our Christmas Mass schedule with family and friends. We invite all to come and celebrate the birth of our Savior with us this Christmas!

Segunda Colecta



Este fin de semana habrá una segunda colecta para el Fondo para la Jubilación de Religiosos. **Apoye toda una vida de servicio.** Las mujeres y hombres consagrados han dedicado su vida al servicio de los demás rezando, ministrando, educando y cuidando a los necesitados, y muchas veces por un pago escaso o ninguno. Hoy día, las comunidades religiosas carecen de ahorros suficientes para su jubilación. En su edad avanzada necesitan cuidados esenciales y medicamentos. Les rogamos que los apoyen con su donativo al Fondo para la Jubilación de Religiosos. Su donativo significa mucho para casi 25,000 religiosas y religiosos ancianos. Por favor sean generosos.

NTRA. SRA. DE GUADALUPE
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MISA SOLEMNE
Diciembre 12
Martes
7:00 pm

SERENATA A LA VIRGEN
 Después de la misa
Conlon Hall

29 N Washington Ave

Ven y Ora
 Adoración al Santísimo Sacramento

Horario de esta semana:
 Martes—No habrá Adoración
 miércoles 12pm—7:15pm
 jueves 12pm—6:30pm

Fiesta de San Juan Evangelista

Únase a nosotros para celebrar la fiesta del santo patrón de nuestra parroquia, San Juan Evangelista, **el Miércoles, 27 de diciembre.** Comenzaremos con una Misa bilingüe a las 6pm, seguida de una cena buffet y celebración alrededor de las 7pm. Este evento ha sido un tremendo éxito en los últimos años. No hay tarifa para asistir a la cena es gratis, pero Si desea hacer una donación, por favor haga cheque pagado a la parroquia y anotar en el memo que es para la festividad de San Juan Evangelista. No hay que hacer reservaciones. Más detalles a seguir.



Novena de Navidad
Diciembre 15 - 23
8:00 pm
Iglesia de Abajo

San Juan, Bergenfield NJ

Nota: Dic 17, 6:00 pm: Iglesia de Abajo
 Dic 23, 8:00pm: Conlon Hall

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