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SUNDAY, MAY 19, 2024

A white dove is shown in flight, wings spread, against a textured, warm-toned background of reds, oranges, and yellows. The dove is positioned in the upper half of the image, flying towards the right. The background has a painterly, cracked texture.

PENTECOST SUNDAY

**THE SPIRIT**  
OF TRUTH PROCEEDS  
FROM THE FATHER.

— JOHN 15:26 —

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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, 6:30 PM  
*Tuesdays-6:30 PM Spanish*

**Penance:** Saturdays 1:00 PM-2:00 PM in the Church

**Our Sunday Offering: Sunday, May 12, 2024 —**

**\$23,210.75 ~ May 14th, 2023 — \$21,816.73**

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***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, leads overnight, adoration the 1st Friday of the month  
from 12am—Saturday 6:00am in the Main Church.

**SACRAMENTS**

Baptisms - English - 3:00pm — 2nd & 3rd Sundays of the month  
Spanish—2:45pm—4th Sunday of the month

Parent instruction sessions for baptisms are on the 1st Sunday in  
English at 1:30 PM and 3rd Sunday in Spanish at 2:45 PM. Parents  
must be registered parishioners, provide the child's birth certificate,  
and have godparents who are practicing Catholics. Godparents  
need to be at least sixteen, confirmed, received the Eucharist, and if  
married, have the Sacrament of Matrimony. A sponsor certificate  
must be provided a week prior to the baptism. Contact the Rectory at  
201-384-0101 for details.

Matrimony—Arrangements for a wedding should be made at least  
one year in advance. Please contact one of the priests,  
201-384-0101.

## A Reflection From Our Pastor

*Dear Brothers and Sisters*

Today we celebrate The Feast of Pentecost. Pentecost literally means 50 days, occurring, as it does, exactly 50 days after Easter. It was on this day that the Holy Spirit descended upon the Virgin Mary and the disciples as they were gathered in the Upper Room 50 days after the Resurrection. They were celebrating the feast of Shavuot, otherwise known as the Feast of Weeks in the Jewish Calendar. Shavuot was, and still is for our Jewish brethren, a feast commemorating the fact that 7 weeks after being freed from the slavery of Egypt, Moses received the Ten Commandments on Mount Sinai. The Commandments were written in stone, carved by fire which came down from heaven.

Seven weeks equals 50 days. Pentecost is the fulfillment of Shavuot: tongues of fire descend upon the disciples, and the new law of life is written in the stony hearts of men and women. The disciples are pierced by this love, as they receive the gift of God's Spirit.

There are seven gifts of the Holy Spirit. Can you name them? They are not special gifts given to some very special people. **No.** They are "ordinary" gifts that are given to every Christian, to you and to me.

The Church believes that these seven gifts were "infused" into each one of us when we were baptized. They are not "special" because they are essential if we are to live a true Christian life.

Of course, what was "infused" or sown as a tiny seed at our baptism, has to be nurtured and tended, otherwise it will never bear fruit. Today, the Feast of Pentecost, these gifts want to grow within us. Have they grown in you? Have they grown in me? Are these gifts bearing rich fruit in our lives?

**WISDOM:** is linked to Fear of the Lord, this gift helps us to know what comes from God, and what does not come from God. We need this gift of wisdom to understand our lives, and to evaluate our thoughts and desires and feelings. Without wisdom we can get into a fine mess. Wisdom allows us to discern a vocation, to choose a career, to choose who to marry, to know what to do in our retirement. Without wisdom we will certainly make the wrong decisions.

**UNDERSTANDING:** this gives an intuitive grasp of the truths revealed by God. Without this gift many dogmas of the Church, such as the Trinity, the Virgin Birth, the Real Presence of Christ in the Mass, may just baffle us. But with this gift, you don't need to be a theologian to understand what we believe.

**KNOWLEDGE:** helps us to grasp quickly the true value of created things, and their relationship to God. Without this kind of knowledge we can easily turn things like money, possessions, career, power, sex, health, into "idols" and false gods. And this can create havoc in our lives.

**COUNSEL:** enables us to bring the gift of knowledge to bear on all the concrete and personal decisions we have to make; decisions about how we conduct our relationships, use our sexuality, live our marriage; how many children we should have, how to bring them up, what to do with our money...etc.

**PIETY:** this gift perfects justice, because it moves us to help people out of love and reverence for God. Without Piety we are in danger of loving for selfish reasons, and helping others just to quieten our conscience, or to give money to the poor just to get them off our doorstep.

**FORTITUDE:** produces supernatural strength in us, so that facing dangers, problems, temptations, difficult responsibilities, we stand firm, when by nature we would give in, or run away, or quit our marriage, or abandon our priesthood, or pack-in our job...

**FEAR OF THE LORD:** does not mean being afraid of God, but fearing that he lift his hand from our head, that he abandon us to our own desires and fancies. This gift produces in us such a love, reverence and respect for God, that it curbs our desire for an easy life, our thirst for fame, power and success, our lust for pleasure, and helps to free us from selfish and lazy ways, from addictions and bad habits. Fear of the Lord comes from knowing one's own weakness, and experiencing God's mercy there.

These seven gifts are not special graces given to special people. They are the ordinary gifts of the Holy Spirit, because without them, it is impossible to live a true Christian life: whatever our vocation.

Imagine a parent or a grand-parent today, without WISDOM. What a disaster! Or a Catholic trying to live their faith, or explain it to others, or to catechize or evangelize, without UNDERSTANDING!

Imagine high school or college students, living in the fast lane, without KNOWLEDGE. Where will they end up morally or sexually? Or imagine married couples trying to raise a family without the gift of COUNSEL. God help them, and God help their children!

Imagine a priest in a busy parish, without PIETY. Pity his parishioners. Pity the poor people who call at his door! And can any school teacher today survive without FORTITUDE? I doubt it. And imagine you or me trying to live generous and loving lives without FEAR OF THE LORD! Impossible! That is why the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit are not important. They are essential. May they grow within each one of us through the grace of the Holy Spirit.

*Fr. Sean*



**PARA LA REFLEXION DEL PASTOR EN ESPAÑOL POR FAVOR ESCANEA ESTE CODIGO**

# Celebrating Fr. Sean's 25th Anniversary of Ordination

May 25th, 2024  
at 5:30 PM

The Mass will be bilingual followed by reception at Conlon Hall.

To ensure that we are fully prepared, use this QR code to RSVP.

All are welcome.



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O God, who have taught the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, grant that in the same Spirit we may be truly wise and ever rejoice in his consolation. Through Christ our Lord.

*Amen.*

# MASS INTENTIONS

## SATURDAY, MAY 18

5:30 PM Consolador Suba Lacap  
7:00 PM Roberto Taborda, Sr.

## SUNDAY, MAY 19

7:30 AM The People of the Parish  
9:00 AM Samuel & Maria Fe Anano — Wedding Anniv.  
10:30 AM Sabrina Menezes  
12:00 PM Rodolfo Kabigting  
1:15 PM (Spanish) Ana Marie Almonte

## MONDAY, MAY 20

7:00 AM Linda Manson  
9:00 AM Rita Khatwani  
6:30 PM Jayden Illescas — Birthday

## TUESDAY, MAY 21

7:00 PM Margaret Nelson  
9:00 AM Deacon James Detura & Family  
6:30 PM (Spanish) Orlando Parra

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 22

7:00 AM Thomas Connolly — 32nd Anniv.  
9:00 AM Dany Ibero, Natividad, & Inocentes Adaniel  
6:30 PM Antoinette Romano

## THURSDAY, MAY 23

7:00 AM Kathleen Muller  
9:00 AM Francis D'Souza  
6:30 PM Richard Beckwith Adams

## FRIDAY, MAY 24

7:00 AM Jacqueline Clyne Shepard  
9:00 AM Juan Redoblado — 10th Anniv.  
6:30 PM Orlando Parra

## SATURDAY, MAY 25

7:00 AM Patricia Sutherland  
9:00 AM Verna & John Orlando  
5:30 PM Consolador Lacap  
7:00 PM (Spanish) Lilia Cardenas & Hedilberto Henao

## SUNDAY, MAY 26

7:30 AM The People of the Parish  
9:00 AM Maria Cardiente  
10:30 AM TJ Lee — 3rd Anniv.  
12:00 PM Santos Litong — 5th Anniv.  
1:15 PM (Spanish) Lesbia Nuñez



**Congratulations to all the children of our parish that are receiving their first communion. May Lord be a guiding light in their live and help them continue to grow.**

- Miguel Angel Caicedo Baquero
- Isabella Sanchez
- Jayden Illescas Manzano
- Yamiceth Uribe
- Analia Cruz Succart
- Lia Cruz
- Camilo Lenis
- Ana Maria Sandoval Castro
- Violett Rodriguez
- Gabriela Contreras
- Gianna Contreras
- Sarahi Danielle Cabrera
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- Peter Caulfield
- Madeleine Caulfield
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- Sophia Fernandez
- James Grogan
- Amara Patel
- Eliahs Radames Velez
- Cassandra Mendez
- Kira Huber
- Marceline Grey Enriquez Domingas
- Emily Olivia Taveras
- Aaron Ramirez
- Henry Jacob Armas
- Dylan Diaz
- Aiden Scordia
- Bradley Giron
- Sara Sofia Ardila Londono
- Sebastian Ocampo
- Mason Mulhern
- Christian Daniel Vega Lopez
- Amber Talbert
- Donovan King
- Sienna King
- Arralyn Caceres
- Sebastian Torres
- Anastazia Ragoonanan
- Maximilian Ragoonanan
- Isabella Catambay
- Laire Angelique Bonifacio
- Rocco Mallardi
- Juan Pablo Jimenez
- Maximilian Coleman
- Michelle Roman
- Ayden Joseph Franco
- Avani Giamongo
- Jazmine Lopez
- Ivory Poix
- Aubrie Montoya
- Eva Marie Morris
- Xianlane Zablan
- Xianna Zablan
- Maria Ruiz
- Leyla Vasquez
- Jameson Gobin
- Joseph Gobin
- Damani Stubbs
- Jose Luis Martinez
- Zuleyka Lizbeth Martinez Angulo
- Mia Guadalupe Martinez
- Sarah Cano
- Sofia Mera Tarapuez
- Keyla Mercedes
- Isabel Cervantes

## Prayers for the Deceased

Please remember

**Albert John Penafuerte**

in your prayers.

## Annual Appeal 2024



- Thank you to all our parishioners who have made a pledge to this year's Annual Appeal!
- Your sacrificial support enables us to carry out the important work we are called to do as missionary disciples of Jesus.
- Our Parish Goal is \$102,661.33 & our Stretch Goal is \$104,591.00.
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**Sábado Junio 1, 2024 6:00 AM**  
*Vestir de Blanco*

# Celebrando 25 años de Sacerdocio del Padre Sean

25 de mayo, 2024 a las 5:30 PM

La Misa sera bilingüe seguida por un compartir en Conlon Hall.

Para estar mejor preparados por favor escanea este codigo QR, esto nos indicara el numero de invitados.

No habra Misa a las 7:00 PM

Todos son bienvenidos.



# Llamada Anual 2024



- ¡Gracias a todos nuestros feligreses que se han comprometido con La Llamada Anual de este año!
- Nuestra meta parroquial es **\$102,661.33** y nuestra meta de estiramiento es **\$104,591.00.**
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- Haga una donación en línea hoy visitando [rcan.org/llamada](http://rcan.org/llamada), escaneando el código QR.

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Precios aprox. \$4,700 todo incluido. Las fechas precisas, al igual que el precio se confirmaran más adelante. Por ahora, déjenos sus datos escaneando con su celular el siguiente código QR.



**Nuestra Ofrenda Dominical:** 12 de mayo 2024 — \$23,210.75  
~ 14 de mayo 2023 — \$21,816.73

### 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, 7:30pm ~ 9:30pm

Emaús Hombres ~ miércoles, Basement del Parish Life Center 7:30pm ~ 9:30pm

Grupo de Oración Luz y Vida ~ jueves, Iglesia de abajo, 7:30pm ~ 9:30pm

Devoción a la Preciosa Sangre de Cristo ~ viernes, Basement del Parish Life Center, 8:00pm ~ 9:00pm

Ministerio Matrimonios Con Cristo ~ tercer viernes del mes, iglesia de abajo de 7:30pm ~ 9:45pm

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