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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
Saturday: 7:00 AM, 9:00 AM,
Tuesdays-6:30 PM Spanish
Penance: Saturdays 1:00 PM-2:00 PM in the Church

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Baptism

Please call the rectory at 201-384-0101 to schedule your baptism and confirm your attendance at the instructional meeting.

The **Parent Instructional** meeting is held the **1st Sunday of the month at 1:30 PM** and the **3rd Sunday at 2:45 PM in Spanish**.

Baptisms are held the **2nd & 3rd Sundays of the month at 3 PM in English** and the **4th Sunday of the month at 2:45 PM in Spanish**.

Parents **must** be registered parishioners and 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, **for each Godparent**, must be provided a week prior to the baptism.

Matrimony

All wedding arrangements should be made **ONE** year in advance, **please call the rectory** at 201-384-0101 to **make an appointment** with a priest.

We encourage that you get an updated baptismal certificate.

Pre Cana at St. John's

Fr. Sean and a team of couples from our parish will be giving a Marriage Course (Pre Cana) beginning

Monday November 18th, 2024 at 8:00pm
in the Classroom of Conlon Hall

All couples preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage are invited to attend. Couples who are married civilly, but would like to convalidate their marriage in the Church, are also invited to attend.

The course will be given in English, with translations available in Spanish.

For more information please email Fr. Sean: pastor@sjrc.org

23th Seminary Christmas Concert & Dinner

Thursday, December 19 - Redemptoris Mater Seminary
Food at 6:00 pm - Concert at 7:30 pm

Friday, December 20 - Redemptoris Mater Seminary
Food at 6:00 pm - Concert at 7:30 pm

Saturday, December 21 - Redemptoris Mater Seminary
Food at 1:30 pm - Concert at 3:00 pm

Come, anticipate Christmas with the Seminarians, and support vocations to the Priesthood

Suggested donation:
1 ticket $50; 3 tickets $40 ea.; 4-9 tickets $35 ea.;
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Checks made out to "Family of Nazareth"

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PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Lord Jesus, you said "The harvest is great but the laborers are few" (*Matt 9:35*)
May the men and women call to the vocation of
Priest, Deacon, Religious Brother or Sister, respond with a joyful 'yes.'
We thank you for those from our parish of St. John's
who have already responded to your calling:
three men in formation to the Permanent Diaconate,
and three men in the seminary for formation to the Priesthood.
We pray Lord that you call more laborers to your vineyard.

Mary, Mother of the Church,
help those who are called to respond with an open heart.

Dear Brothers and Sisters

This Sunday we are invited to "Gaudete," that is to rejoice at the approaching coming of Christ. The Mass vestments are rose colored, as is the third candle to be lit on the Advent wreath, signifying the joy of this liturgy.

This joy is expressed in the today's readings: "The parched desert will blossom, the blind will see, the lame walk, the deaf hear, the lepers will be cleansed".

These words are addressed to each one of us. When was the last time you had an eye exam? Or your hearing tested? When was the last time you leapt like a deer? Advent and Christmas open our eyes to see the greatness of God, they open our ears to hear his voice speaking to us, and our spirit exults because the birth of this child approaches.

The frenzy of decorating, shopping, putting up the tree, getting the Nativity ready, and wrapping presents can easily make us lose sight of what we are doing all this for. Gaudete Sunday invites us to do all these things joyfully because our spirit rejoices at the advent, the coming of Christ.

St. Francis of Assisi knew this very well. He was the first person to make a Nativity scene, with live animals and people, as a way to contemplate the mystery we are about to celebrate. In his day there was no Garden State Plaza, no Amazon, no online deals, but there was nonetheless the same temptation to lose focus of what was really going on. We can avoid this temptation by doing certain things; individually we can make time for prayer in the church: participating in the 5:00am Mass of Simbang Gabi each morning this week, or going to Morning Prayer at 6am in the Main Church, or attending the Spanish Novenas in the Lower Church each evening this week at 7:30pm. There is also the opportunity to go to sacramental Confession - the last Deanery Penance Celebration will take place this Monday December 16th at 7:00pm at Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Tenafly.

Beginning December 16th, your family could pray a Novena at home, on the last nine nights before Christmas - say a prayer together in front of the Manger, read a Gospel from the beginning of Luke, and sing a Christmas Carol. Then, on the last night of the Novena, December 24th, the Baby Jesus can be placed in the Manger by the youngest member of the family.

Fr. Sean

Para español escanea el código de QR

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14
5:30 PM Priscila Vano Uy
7:00 PM (*Spanish*) *Aura Lina Gallego*

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15
7:30 AM The People of the Parish
9:00 AM Geronimo Valdernarro
10:30 AM In Thanksgiving for All Blessings
12:00 PM Katherine & Richard Ascolese
1:15 PM *(Spanish) Elsa Rodriguez & Vicente Peña*

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16
7:00 AM Danilo Bonifacio
9:00 AM Marlon Mangaoil
6:30 PM Marcelino Valencia

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17
7:00 AM Danny Ibera, Natividad & Inocente Adaniel
9:00 AM Andres Aguire
6:30 PM (*Spanish*) Nicanor Maputol

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18
7:00 AM Gertrudes Guevara
9:00 AM Charles Isele
6:30 PM Dominic E. Francisco

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19
7:00 AM Felipa Birog
9:00 AM Luigi Estacio - Birthday
6:30 PM Sp. Int. Virginia Tobes (L)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20
7:00 AM Patricia Sutherland
9:00 AM Georgette Harold
6:30 PM Zareeda Jairam - (L) Birthday & Thanks.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21
7:00 AM Bienvenido Ramilo
9:00 AM Carmelita Junce de Salazar
5:30 PM Mary Patricia McHale
7:00 PM *(Spanish) Sarah Grace Sandoval - 1st Birthday*

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22
7:30 AM People of the Parish
9:00 AM Marcelina & Dorothy Azachez
10:30 AM Alberto Benson
12:00 PM John T. Brody
1:15 PM *(Spanish) Valencia Montoya & Family - Thanksg.*

Sunday Offering: November 30-December 1
Through Parish Giving: $3,281.31
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2024 Cena y Concierto Navideños del Seminario

Jueves, Diciembre 19 - Seminario Redemptoris Mater
Comida a la 6:00 pm - Concierto: 7:30 pm

Viernes, Diciembre 20 - Seminario Redemptoris Mater
Comida a la 6:00 pm - Concierto: 7:30 pm

Sábado, Diciembre 21 - Seminario Redemptoris Mater
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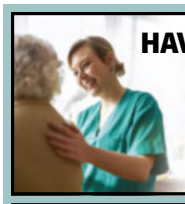

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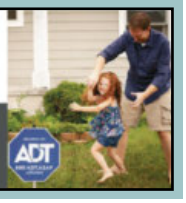

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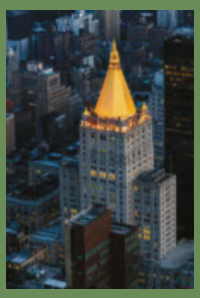
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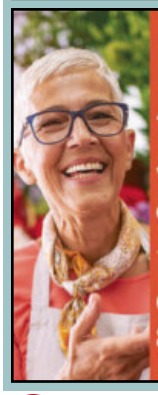
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