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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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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.

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*
Saturday: 7:00 AM, 9:00 AM

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE

*Parish Life Center | 22 N. Washington Ave,
Bergenfield, NJ | 201-3224-3601*

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.

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Merry Christmas!

AND THE WORD BECAME FLESH



JOHN 1:14

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.



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!

Dear Brothers and Sisters



In 1994, two Americans were invited to teach at a Russian orphanage with children who had been abandoned and abused.

Since it was December and the orphans had never heard about Christmas, the Americans decided to tell them about Mary and Joseph arriving in Bethlehem. Finding no room in the inn, they went to a stable, where the baby Jesus was born and placed in a manger. Throughout the story, the children and orphanage staff sat in amazement as they listened. Completing the story, the children were given some cardboard to make a crude manger.

One little boy, Misha - he looked to be about 6 years old - finished his project. But he had not one, but two babies in the manger. When asked why, Misha began to repeat the story very seriously, but then he began to ad lib, making up his own ending:

“And when Mary laid the baby in the manger, Jesus looked at me and asked if I had a place to stay. I told him I have no mamma or papa, so I don’t have any place to stay. Then Jesus told me I could stay with him. But I didn’t have a gift to give him like everybody else did. So I asked Jesus, ‘If I keep you warm, will that be a good enough gift?’ And Jesus told me, ‘If you keep me warm, that will be the best gift anybody ever gave me.’ So I got into the manger, and then Jesus looked at me and he told me I could stay with him—for always.”

As little Misha finished his story, his eyes brimmed full of tears, he put his hands over his face, dropped his head to the table and began sobbing. The little orphan had found someone who would never abandon nor abuse him, someone who would stay with him - ALWAYS.

Jesus is Emmanuel, God with us. We are never alone or forsaken. May each of us - like Misha - discover the love of the Christ-child this Christmas. May his love move us to tears of gratitude.

Fr. Sean



Para español escanea el código de QR

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21

5:30 PM Mary Patricia McHale
7:00 PM (Spanish) Sarah Grace Sandoval - 1st Birthday

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22

7:30 AM The 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.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 23

7:00 AM Jeffrey Jose - Birthday & Thanksg.
9:00 AM Aida G. Lopez
6:30 PM Kevin Pineda

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24 (CHRISTMAS EVE)

9:00 AM Remito Masaganda
4:00 PM Delmy A. Escobar
6:30 PM Dominic E. Francisco
9:00 PM (Spanish) Jorge Mendoza Jr.
12:00 AM TJ & Sally Lee

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25 (CHRISTMAS DAY)

7:00 AM Olga Zarrilla
9:00 AM Steven Shine & John, Nora, & Mary Reilly
10:30 AM Antolina Wong
12:00 PM Dominic E. Francisco
1:15 PM Linda Manson

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26

7:00 AM Laurie A. Knott
9:00 AM Reena Redoblado
6:30 PM Roger Coppinger

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27

7:00 AM Gertrude Reyes
9:00 AM Erich Wong
6:30 PM Vere & Eileen Sinnetamby

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28

7:00 AM Maria De Leon
9:00 AM Anna, Raymond, & Michael Murin
5:30 PM In honor of St. John The Evangelist
7:00 PM (Spanish) Roberto & Guadalupe Chavez

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29

7:30 AM People of the Parish
9:00 AM Dolores Benavente Camacho
10:30 AM Balbino Mangsoil
12:00 PM Albina Perez
1:15 PM (Spanish) Luis Amparo Lopez Aguirre

Christmas Flowers: Please put your Christmas Flower envelope in with the regular collection.

Our priests, deacon, and parish staff, wish you all a very Merry Christmas!



From St John's Food Pantry:

Thank you to everyone who contributed cash, gift cards, and food donations.

On Monday 11/25 we served a record number of needy families with groceries, gift cards, and turkeys, hams, or chickens so they could celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday. It was a wonderful display of kindness and caring by our St John's community.

THANK YOU!

St John's food pantry needs the following items in December:

Pasta, sauce, rice, tuna, peanut butter & jelly, Mac&cheese, canned ravioli & pasta, canned vegetables, soup, canned & dried fruit, cereal, and coffee.

*Any questions - contact
Joe McHale 201-655-1073 |
joemc1217@gmail.com
May the Lord bless you.*

*Sunday Offering: December 14-15
Through Parish Giving: \$3,128.36
Collection: \$13,677
Total: \$16,805.36*

Prayers for the Deceased

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Desea casarse en nuestra iglesia?



Escanea el código QR con el celular y déjanos sus datos. Pronto serán contactados.

Flores de Navidad: Por favor coloque sus sobres para las flores de Navidad con la colecta dominical. Los sobres adicionales están disponibles por las salidas de la iglesia.

Ofrenda dominical: 7 y 8 de diciembre
 Por medio de ParishGiving: \$2,769.86
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