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*Luke 2:30*

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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**

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*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

**JUBILEE 2025 – PILGRIMS OF HOPE  
OPENING MASS**

*The Christian life is a journey calling for moments of greater intensity to encourage and sustain hope as the constant companion that guides our steps towards the goal of our encounter with the Lord Jesus.*

*–Spes non confundit, 5*

In May of 2024, Pope Francis announced that a Holy Year of Jubilee, entitled Jubilee 2025–Pilgrims of Hope, will open in Rome on the eve of the Nativity of the Lord, December 24, 2024, and conclude on the Epiphany of the Lord, January 6, 2026.

Jubilee 2025 promises to be a time of grace for the Universal Church. In the Archdiocese of Newark each of the parishes and the entire Catholic community—clergy, those in consecrated life, and the lay faithful—should have many opportunities to share in this grace.

Pope Francis has directed that “on Sunday, 29 December 2024, in every cathedral and co-cathedral, diocesan bishops are to celebrate Holy Mass as the solemn opening of the Jubilee Year” (Spes non confundit, 6).

All of the priests, religious, and lay faithful of the Archdiocese of Newark are invited to join Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin on Sunday, December 29, 2024, the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, for the opening Mass at 12:00 Noon at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark

All are invited to visit the Archdiocesan Jubilee 2025 website at [rcan.org/jubilee-2025](http://rcan.org/jubilee-2025).

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CHURCH PRESENTS

# Handbag BINGO

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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



How would you describe your family? Which adjective would you use? Caring? Loving? Neurotic? Dysfunctional? Middle class? Stable? Troubled? Peaceable?

I don't know how many of us would use the word "Holy."

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family, Jesus, Mary and Joseph. The Holy Family of Nazareth is an icon, an image of what each of our families is called to be. The members of Family of Nazareth have a secret, their holiness comes not from their relationships with one another, but from the fact that they each have a relationship with God.

Holiness is a gift, but it is also something that needs to be discovered, nurtured and desired. None of us choose the family we belong to, but one thing is for sure, the family we belong to is called to be holy; and this holiness, the secret to family life, begins with you. If we wait for the others to be holy things are never going to happen.

God is calling you, not your brother or sister, or father or mother, or spouse, to be holy. But is that something we really want, or even think about?

Jesus, separated from his parents and lost for three days as a young boy is "in his Father's house." Mary will "keep all these things in her heart," and Joseph, the silent presence of fatherhood, will help the child grow and mature, to become obedient not to him or his wishes, but to God, his real father.

Any parent who has ever lost a child knows the anguish and the frantic fear that is felt. Mary and Joseph lost Jesus not for ten minutes, or half an hour, but for three whole days. Can you imagine! When they eventually found him they did not box his ears, or get mad, or collapse in tears as they hugged him to bits, but accepted what he said: "Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house." They understood that he was doing what they had taught him to do, to seek God, to do God's will, to put God first in his life.

But the child's holiness will not mean a cold distancing from his parents, but rather his being obedient to them, his learning to obey. Not an easy thing to do –to obey someone else, especially if you think you know better. After all, he was the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity, he knew better than his parents; and yet he obeyed them. In doing so he learnt to obey God the Father, and this obedience will make him holy.

Also, Mary and Joseph know that the child does not belong to them. He is not their property, he is not their project, their hobby. They are custodians of a child who, as every child, is called to be a child of God. This will mean "keeping things in their heart." They will learn to suffer and to love this child who, through them, is called to be son of his Father. They will put God first in their own life, freeing the child to do what God asks of him.

All of our families are infused with the holiness of God. This holiness is the secret of our communion, our relationships with each other, our love for one another. We can rediscover this holiness today, the Feast of the Holy Family, when God speaks to our hearts. He will speak to your heart. May he make of his children, and in doing so teach each of us how to be a parent, a grandparent, a spouse, a son, a daughter, a brother, a sister, in the holy family to which we belong.

Fr. Sean

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## MASS INTENTIONS

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28

5:30 PM In honor of St. John The Evangelist  
7:00 PM (Spanish) Roberto & Guadalupe Chavez

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29

7:30 AM The 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

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 30

7:00 AM Thanksgiving for the Tom Family  
9:00 AM Oronio De Leon  
6:30 PM Jason Liaban

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31 (RECTORY IS CLOSED)

7:00 AM Manuel Family - Thanksgiving  
9:00 AM Dominic E. Francisco  
6:30 PM Daniel Kirby

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1 (RECTORY IS CLOSED)

7:00 AM Francine Corbo  
9:00 AM Matthew J. Connell  
6:30 PM Ralph Gioseppi

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 2

7:00 AM Patricia Sutherland  
9:00 AM Dominic E. Francisco  
6:30 PM Evelyn MacClugage

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 3

7:00 AM Dzadik Family  
9:00 AM Nancy L. Osborne  
6:30 PM Lis & Jendrysis Family

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 4

7:00 AM Felipe Tan - Birthday & Thanksg.  
9:00 AM Daniel Manning  
5:30 PM Priests, Deacon & Seminarians of St. John's  
7:00 PM (Spanish) Ramon Huergo

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 5

7:30 AM People of the Parish  
9:00 AM Vincent Brennan  
10:30 AM Jaime Lomibao  
12:00 PM Mike & Ann Diffley  
1:15 PM (Spanish) Hipolito Peña

*Our priests, deacon, and parish staff, wish you all a Happy New Year!*



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

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*Any questions - contact  
Joe McHale 201-655-1073 |  
[joemc1217@gmail.com](mailto:joemc1217@gmail.com)  
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## *Prayers for the Deceased*

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