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DELIGHT



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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,  
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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).

***Rosarians will gather for the 9am Mass on Monday, January 6th and pray the rosary together after Mass.  
All are invited to join in the Rosary.***

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CHURCH PRESENTS

# Handbag BINGO

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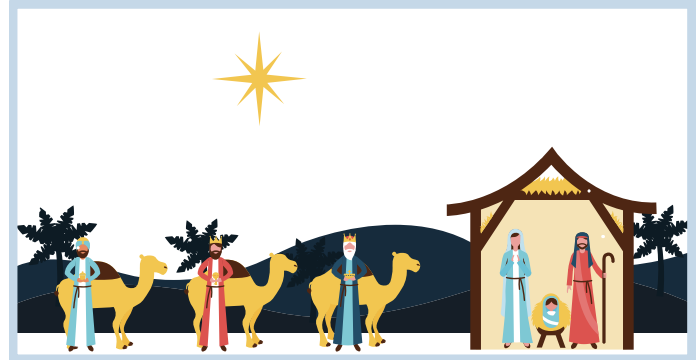
## PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

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



The Epiphany, meaning ‘manifestation, revealing, is celebrated today, twelve days after the celebration of the Nativity, the birth of Christ. The wise men come from the east, from the orient, following the light of a star. They are oriented, enlightened because the light of the star guides their path. In some traditions there are seven, nine, or even twelve wise men, since the Gospel does not specifically say how many they are. Our tradition of three wise men comes from the gifts which they bear; gold frankincense and myrrh. Their persons represent all the nations, all of humanity, called to recognize in the Child the manifestation of God’s love.

In the Mass of Christmas Eve we heard the words from the Prophet Isaiah: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. Pope Francis, in a Christmas homily, reflected on these words:

“This prophecy of Isaiah never ceases to touch us, especially when we hear it proclaimed in the liturgy of Christmas night. This is not simply an emotional or sentimental matter. It moves us because it states the deep reality of what we are: a people who walk, and all around us – and within us as well – there is darkness and light. In this night, as the spirit of darkness enfolds the world, there takes place anew the event which always amazes and surprises us: the people who walk see a great light. A light which makes us reflect on this mystery: the mystery of walking and seeing.

**Walking:** this verb makes us reflect on the course of history, that long journey which is the history of salvation, starting with Abraham, our father in faith, whom the Lord called one day to set out, to go forth from his country toward the land which he would show him. From that time on, our identity as believers has been that of a people making its pilgrim way toward the promised land. This history has always been accompanied by the Lord! He is ever faithful to his covenant and to his promises. “God is light, and in him there is no darkness at all” (1 Jn 1:5). Yet on the part of the people there are times of both light and darkness, fidelity and infidelity, obedience, and rebellion; times of being a pilgrim people and times of being a people adrift.

In our personal history too, there are both bright and dark moments, lights and shadows. If we love God and our brothers and sisters, we walk in the light; but if our heart is closed, if we are dominated by pride, deceit, self-seeking, then darkness falls within us and around us. “Whoever hates his brother – writes the Apostle John – is in the darkness; he walks in the darkness, and does not know the way to go, because the darkness has blinded his eyes” (1 Jn 2:11).

On this night, like a burst of brilliant light, there rings out the proclamation of the Apostle: ‘God’s grace has been revealed, and it has made salvation possible for the whole human race’ (Tit 2:11)”.

There is a tradition to write in chalk the numerals of the new year and the initials of the Magi above the door of your house, blessing the home for the coming year. Thus:

20+B+M+G+25. (meaning 2025 Balthazar, Melchior, Gaspar). We will be doing it at the rectory, why not also do it at your house?

Fr. Sean

Para español escanea el código de QR



# MASS INTENTIONS

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 4

5:30 PM Priests, Deacon & Seminarians of St. John's  
7:00 PM (Spanish) Ramon Huergo

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 5

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



## MONDAY, JANUARY 6

7:00 AM Clem Demeo  
9:00 AM Telesfora Mendoza  
6:30 PM Ramon Alzate

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 7

7:00 AM Noah Luis Laureano  
9:00 AM Jacob Santoli  
6:30 PM To All Unborn Babies & Their Parents

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8

7:00 AM Teresita Mallari  
9:00 AM Isabel Tamayo Melson  
6:30 PM Roman Glowacki

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 9

7:00 AM Dolores Staszewski  
9:00 AM Kevin Pineda  
6:30 PM Kristabel Pineda - Birthday & Thanksg.

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 10

7:00 AM Gabriel Gonzalez  
9:00 AM Sophia & Milagros Punzalen  
6:30 PM Miguel Angel Santiago

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 11

7:00 AM Natalie Murray  
9:00 AM Diane Marie Casamiento  
5:30 PM Dusan Guberovic  
7:00 PM (Spanish) Delia Larria Glenn

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 12

7:30 AM People of the Parish  
9:00 AM Anna Arnhols - Birthday  
10:30 AM Walter Mirchler  
12:00 PM Alicia del Rosario  
1:15 PM (Spanish) Maria & Alejandro Espinal - Wedding A.



## New Jersey Right to Life Raffle

Congratulations to the winners of the Right to Life Raffle!

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### Memorial Fund/Special Intention

December 21st-27th, 2024  
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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](mailto:joemc1217@gmail.com)  
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### Prayers for the Deceased

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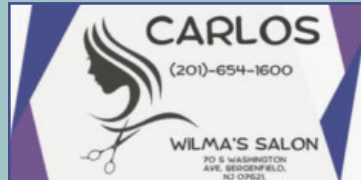
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