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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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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

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Parish Life Center | 15 N. Washington Ave,
Bergenfield, NJ | 201-364-3601

Pre Cana at St. John's

Fr. Sean and a team of couples from our parish will be giving a Marriage Course (Pre Cana)
Time: 8:00 PM

Where: 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

Dear Brothers and Sisters



Today we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord. On the day of their baptism, the newly baptized receive a certificate, verifying that they are children of God.

A birth certificate details the names of the parents and the time and place of birth. A certificate of Baptism details the names of Godparents and day and place of rebirth.

We are born three times; of the flesh, of water and the spirit (Baptism) and, at the moment of death, we are born into eternal life.

We celebrate two funerals. Our real funeral, our real burial, happens at the moment of Baptism. We are buried with Christ in the waters of death. Our old self is buried in the tomb of Baptism, the self of selfishness, pride, arrogance, doubt, fear, hypocrisy, lust, avarice, sloth, anger. In this moment we also receive a new nature, the nature of Christ, love, patience, charity, humility, forbearance, magnanimity, truth, meekness, holiness.

Baptism is the day when we begin a new life, the day we were born again, the day we became sons and daughters of God.

When a baby is born you can see her, hold her in your arms. People say. 'She has her mothers eyes' 'she has her fathers nose'. But the effects of baptism are not immediately evident. Because we do not physically see anything happen at the moment of baptism, it's easy to think that nothing does happen.

Baptism is not a magical rite. It's not as if someone waves a wand and, presto, you are transformed. True, we are baptized as children of God, we become Christians, we do receive the nature of God. Ontologically, sacramentally, this is true. There is a 'DNA' change in our soul at the moment of Baptism, but this change is not immediately perceivable.

Baptism is a beginning and an end. An end to the old life of pride, greed, lust, envy, gluttony, wrath and sloth. The beginning of humility, liberality, chastity, kindness, abstinence, patience and diligence. But any child who has been baptized does not automatically become an angel; just ask their parents! They are not now programmed to grow up to be humble, kind, patient and diligent. They do not automatically obey their parents or not fight with their siblings. Baptism is a beginning, a journey that will last our whole life, an itinerary in which we can either nurture or neglect the sacrament we received.

That is why the sacrament of Baptism begins with a dialogue. The parents and Godparents are asked if they are willing to help their child grow up in the faith of the Church. They are asked if they are willing to pass on their faith. Their 'yes' must become a 'yes' on the part of the child him/herself, as he or she grows and matures, giving their own assent to the gift they have received at the moment of Baptism.

We too are invited to give our assent today, on this Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Jesus did not need to be Baptized, after all, he had no sin. But he accepted to be baptized, and in so doing made himself one with us in our fallen humanity. "He who did not know sin, became sin for us" says St. Paul. We, who know what it is to live the 'old life' of resentment, of selfishness, of doubt, of anger, of lust, of avarice, or greed; are given the possibility to discover a new life in Christ. Just as Christ becomes one with us in our humanity, we, through Baptism, can become one with him in his divinity. We begin to live the life of God.

Even if we do not remember the date of our Baptism, or do not always see its effects in our life, today's Feast comes to greet all of us. May our Baptism make us co-heirs with Christ, truly sons and daughters of God.

Fr. Sean *Para español escanea el código de QR*



MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11

5:30 PM Dusan Guberovic
7:00 PM (Spanish) Delia Larria Glenn

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12

7:30 AM The 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.

MONDAY, JANUARY 13

7:00 AM Antoinette Morrone - 17th Anniv.
9:00 AM Frances B. Gorman
6:30 PM Rey Medado

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14

7:00 AM Protection of Unborn Babies & their Parents
9:00 AM Nerissa Delfin
6:30 PM Danil & Anthony Gaetan

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15

7:00 AM Gaudeucio Mendoza
9:00 AM Protection of Unborn Babies & their Parents
6:30 PM Cannova & Jones Families

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16

7:00 AM Telesforo & Narcisa Esmero
9:00 AM Willie Cashman
6:30 PM Steven J. Connolly

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17

7:00 AM Ignacio Imperial
9:00 AM Henry de Vera
6:30 PM Frank Connolly

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18

7:00 AM Luciana Cabrera
9:00 AM Diane Marie Casamento
5:30 PM Protection of Unborn Babies & their Parents
7:00 PM (Spanish) Cristian Pichardo - 4th Anniv.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19

7:30 AM People of the Parish
9:00 AM Abad Family - (L) Thanksgiving
10:30 AM Ma. Emelyn C. Yalong
12:00 PM Madelyn McHale
1:15 PM (Spanish) Gilberto & Adela Sosa

MASS PRESIDERS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11

5:30 PM - Father Oliver Nilo
7:00 PM - Father Héctor Larrea

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12

7:30 AM - Father Oliver Nilo & Deacon James Detura
9:00 AM - Father Ashton Wong
10:30 AM - Father Ashton Wong
12:00 PM - Father Héctor Larrea
1:15 PM (Spanish) - Father Héctor Larrea

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.

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 & the 2nd Friday of the month from 10pm—6:30am for Eucharistic Adoration in the Lower Church.

Sunday Offerings:

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GRUPOS PARROQUIALES

- La Palabra** ~ lunes, Iglesia de abajo 7:30pm ~ 9:30pm
- Legión de María** ~ martes, Capilla del Parish Life Center 6:00pm ~ 7:30pm
- Tienda del Encuentro** ~ martes, Basement del Parish Life Center 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 7:30pm ~ 9:45pm

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