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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil Masses:
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

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25

5:30 PM Joanne Whitehouse Larri
7:00 PM (Spanish) Jose Gabriel Gonzalez

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26

7:30 AM The People of the Parish
9:00 AM Ignacio Imperial, Jr.
10:30 AM Erlinda Arriola
12:00 PM James Fasano
1:15 PM (Spanish) Rosalio Sosa

MONDAY, JANUARY 27

7:00 AM Erlinda Arriola
9:00 AM Douglas, Brenda, & Brian Pyle
6:30 PM Arthur Flores

TUESDAY, JANUARY 28

7:00 AM Erlinda Arriola
9:00 AM Jeff Wilters
6:30 PM Georlando Delgado

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29

7:00 AM Robert Manson
9:00 AM John Ruddy
6:30 PM Irwin Lazo

THURSDAY, JANUARY 30

7:00 AM James Carroll
9:00 AM Natividad Guzman
6:30 PM Asteria "Aya" Villegas

FRIDAY, JANUARY 31

7:00 AM Reynaldo & Imelda Gregorio
9:00 AM Aida Rosario
6:30 PM Sp. Int. Jovany Pichardo - Birthday

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1

7:00 AM The Community Of St. John
9:00 AM Tatiana Victoria Atizado
5:30 PM Joanne Whitehouse Larri
7:00 PM (Spanish) Jose Gabriel Gonzalez

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2

7:30 AM People of the Parish
9:00 AM Ignacio Imperial, Jr.
10:30 AM Erlinda Arriola
12:00 PM James Fasano
1:15 PM (Spanish) Rosalio Sosa

MASS PRESIDERS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25

5:30 PM - Father Oliver Nilo
7:00 PM - Father Cesar Infante

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26

7:30 AM - Father Ashton Wong
9:00 AM - Father Cesar Infante
10:30 AM - Father Sean Manson
12:00 PM - Father Oliver Nilo
1:15 PM (Spanish) - Father Cesar Infante

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.

Prayers for the Deceased

Please remember
**Edith A. Anzano and
Rosario Dadacay**
in your prayers



Dear Brothers and Sisters



“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, for he has anointed me to bring Good News to the afflicted.”

Christianity is fundamentally a Good News.

The importance and relevance of any news depends on the particular circumstances of the person who receives it.

The fact, for example, that the wildfires in Los Angeles are being contained is great news for the people living in Pacific Palisades or Malibu, but does not in the same way affect someone who lives in New Jersey.

If the mainstream media reports that flooding has subsided in Calcutta; that is indeed good news for the people who live there; but it has no real bearing or relevance for our life here in Bergen County. Or if a cure for cancer is discovered, we may be happy to hear that, but if one does not have cancer, it doesn't really make much difference in their life. It's good news for others, but not for one personally.

The news which Jesus brings is relevant for everyone, no matter who they are or where they live. But to receive this news, for this news to really be Good News, one has to be aware of being in a concrete existential situation. Without this awareness, without this consciousness, the news will have no bearing.

What is this concrete existential situation?

Jesus, the Gospel says, brings Good News “to the afflicted, liberty to the captives, sight to the blind, and freedom for the oppressed”.

Having spoken those words, Jesus will sit down and continue: “This text is being fulfilled today even while you are listening”.

While who is listening?

Jesus' words were addressed not just to those in the synagogue in Capernaum, but to each one of us here today. If he is addressing these words to us, then we are the ones who are afflicted, blind, captive and oppressed. But do we think so?

In which way am I afflicted? How am I blind? Of what am I captive or oppressed?

If we are sincere, we must acknowledge that we are afflicted, blind and captive in many ways. Failing to be aware of this would make the Gospel impotent, irrelevant, or at best a Breaking News for others, but certainly not for us.

When we listen to the Gospel today, may we receive it for what it is – a Good News. Receiving this Good News will change our life, from one situation to another.

The fire is contained, the waters subside, a cure is found. We will leave here not as we arrived.

Fr. Sean

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Pilgrimage Churches

Catholics in the Archdiocese of Newark can receive a plenary indulgence by visiting one of four designated pilgrimage churches during the Jubilee Year: the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark, Saint Helen in Westfield, Saint Joseph of the Palisades in West New York, and Saint Pius X in Old Tappan. The Jubilee Indulgence can also be granted by undertaking spiritual works of mercy and penance outlined in the Archdiocese's guidelines.

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.

Rites of Welcome and Acceptance

At this weekend's 10:30 am and the 1:15 pm Masses, we will celebrate the Rite of Welcome for our adult candidates who are preparing to receive Communion and Confirmation, and the Rite of Acceptance for our adult catechumens who are preparing for Baptism. Please pray for them.

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Jubilee 2025: We Are His Witnesses

On January 6, 2025, the eighth anniversary of my installation as Archbishop of Newark, I published a pastoral letter entitled *We Are His Witnesses*. This letter, which is addressed to all the People of God here in northern New Jersey, offers some reflections on the themes of “pastoral conversion” and “missionary discipleship” that our Holy Father Pope Francis has called us to prayerfully consider since he began his ministry as the successor of Saint Peter more than eleven years ago.

We Are His Witnesses is also the name of a multi-year initiative that we are beginning during this new Jubilee Year as “Pilgrims of Hope. In my pastoral letter, I provide an outline of what we hope to achieve together in this planning process—guided by the Holy Spirit and supported by the active participation and prayerful discernment of all members of our archdiocesan family.




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.

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.

Cardinal Tobin Visit 

Cardinal Joseph Tobin will visit St. John's to celebrate the rite of acceptance of 51 permanent deacons, including three members of our parish community.

Congratulations to:
Alonso Madé
Jesus Martinez
Jose Luis Peralta

We invite you to join us for evening prayer on January 26th at 5 PM. Please note that a private reception will follow the service.

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Jubilee 2025: Somos Sus Testigos

El 6 de enero de 2025, en el octavo aniversario de mi instalación como arzobispo de Newark, publiqué una carta pastoral titulada *We Are His Witnesses*. Esta carta, dirigida a todo el pueblo de Dios aquí en el norte de Nueva Jersey, ofrece algunas reflexiones sobre los temas de la "conversión pastoral" y del "discipulado misionero" que nuestro Santo Padre el Papa Francisco nos ha llamado a considerar en oración desde que comenzó su ministerio como sucesor de San Pedro hace más de once años.

Somos sus testigos es también el nombre de una iniciativa multianual que estamos iniciando durante este nuevo año jubilar como "Peregrinos de la esperanza. En mi carta pastoral, doy un esquema de lo que esperamos lograr juntos en este proceso de planificación, guiado por el Espíritu Santo y sostenido por la participación activa y el discernimiento orante de todos los miembros de nuestra familia archidiocesana.



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