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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, FEBRUARY 1

5:30 PM Andre & Paulette Foucault
7:00 PM (Spanish) Roberto Taborda, Jr.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2

7:30 AM The People of the Parish
9:00 AM Ignacio and Virginia Imperial
10:30 AM Laurie Knott
12:00 PM Mary & Jack Fischetti
1:15 PM (Spanish) Por la Salud de la Familia Espinal

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3

7:00 AM Grube Family
9:00 AM John Cirone - 3rd Anniversary
6:30 PM John Rube

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

7:00 AM Felicidad B. Javier
9:00 AM Raubel Matthew Vano Uy - Birth. & Thanksg.
6:30 PM Jessica Velasquez & La Virgen de Guadalupe

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5

7:00 AM Diane Strubel
9:00 AM Julius B. Daliva, Sr.
6:30 PM Family & Friends of Pinto Family

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6

7:00 AM Socorro Ladera Anora
9:00 AM Dalton Family - (L) Thanksgiving
6:30 PM Rosita Pinilo

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7

7:00 AM Jose M. Canlas
9:00 AM Marc Belmonte
6:30 PM Ricardo & Precious Corona

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8

7:00 AM Janice Kozakielwicz
9:00 AM Edna Leveriza
5:30 PM Laura Ligonde & Yves Joseph
7:00 PM (Spanish) Juana Rivas

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9

7:30 AM People of the Parish
9:00 AM Kevin Pineda
10:30 AM Lo Piccolo Family
12:00 PM Margaret Ragusa - 29th Anniversary
1:15 PM (Spanish) Justa Y. Rufino Blend

MASS PRESIDERS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1

5:30 PM - Father Hector Larrea
7:00 PM - Father Cesar Infante

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2

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

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.

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.

Prayers for the Deceased

Please remember
Gilma Yolanda Abreu Dominguez
in your prayers

Dear Brothers and Sisters

Forty days after his birth, Jesus was presented in the Temple, in accordance with the Law of Moses.



Today, February 2nd, forty days after Christmas, we celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple, otherwise known as Little Christmas, Candlemas, or the Purification of the Virgin Mary. The child Jesus was ‘redeemed’, meaning ‘bought back,’ or offered to God. Joseph and Mary were fulfilling the precept of the Book of Exodus:

“Sanctify to Me every firstborn, the first offspring of every womb among the sons of Israel, both of man and beast; it belongs to Me.” Ex. 13:2

At the Passover the firstborn of the Egyptians, both man and animal, were killed, but Israel’s firstborn sons and animals were spared. Henceforth, for the people of Israel, the firstborn belonged to God.

There is a great wisdom in this. Our children are not our own, they do not belong to us; their true identity is that of being children of God. A dad once told me how he came to the realization that he had, for many years, done a poor job as a parent because he thought his son was his, and not God’s.

A child’s greatest freedom and security comes from their knowing that they do indeed belong to God. Mary and Joseph knew this very well, and took their new born to the temple to redeem him, to offer him to God. Being poor they did not have a lamb for the offering, so they instead gave the offering of the poor – two turtledoves.

This Feast day also used to be called the Purification of the Virgin, recalling the ancient tradition whereby mothers were purified after birth.

Why were they purified? Because they had lost blood in the act of giving birth, and blood is holy, is life itself.

The act of Purification acknowledged that God is the author of all life, and that all life is sacred. This Purification was once also known amongst Catholics as ‘churching,’ whereby a mother, having given birth, was welcomed back into the church. The mother would hold a lighted candle, and be led into the church from the vestibule, with prayers of gratitude being said for her safe delivery.

Hence Candlemas Day. Traditionally today was also known as Candlemas Day, and signified the end of the Christmas Season. It was the day in which candles were blessed and distributed for use throughout the year, starting tomorrow, when we will have the blessing of the throats on the Feast day of St. Blaize.

If mothers were once purified, having lost blood in childbirth, today’s world has no such respect or concern for the loss of blood. Life is increasingly cheapened, and blood is all too easily spilt. Bloodshed is legalized by abortion laws, and glorified in video games; it has become a multi-million dollar industry. The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord redresses this, declaring life for what it is – a gift of God, and to be respected.

Christ is the light of the nations, and he enters today into his Temple. May he be presented in our Temple, in each one of us, as we acknowledge our life as coming from him, and dedicate ourselves to him.

Fr. Sean

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Padre Pio Prayer Group

UPDATE - NEW MONTHLY MEETING DAY



Moving forward, the Padre Pio Prayer Group will meet on the 2nd Saturday of each month, 12:30- 3:00 pm in the Conlan Hall Cafeteria.



We hope you can join us!

St John's Food Pantry

We need donations of the following food items for Jan/Feb:

Rice, tuna, coffee, pasta, tomato sauce, canned ravioli or chili, paper towels, bath tissue, and adult & kids cereal.

We greatly appreciate cash donations, checks or gift cards so we can stock up on sale items. You can mail them or drop them off at the rectory.

Sunday Offerings:

January 18th & 19th
 Collection: 12,665.00
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 Total: 15,466.54

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 Total: 16,574.68

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We Are His Witnesses: A Pastoral Letter from Cardinal Tobin

Cardinal Tobin invites all Catholics in the Archdiocese of Newark to read *We Are His Witnesses*, his pastoral letter outlining new pathways for the future of the Archdiocese. Rooted in Pope Francis' call for pastoral conversion, missionary discipleship, and synodality, the letter reflects on our shared journey of faith and calls us to embrace renewal, collaboration and missionary outreach. This multi-year initiative will guide us in shaping a vibrant, hopeful future for our Church community. Read *We Are His Witnesses* and join this journey of faith as we respond to Christ's call to be His witnesses in the world.

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.

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Somos Sus Testigos: Una Carta Pastoral del Cardenal Tobin

El Cardenal Tobin invita a todos los católicos de la Arquidiócesis de Newark a leer *Somos Sus Testigos*, su carta pastoral que presenta nuevos caminos para el futuro de la Arquidiócesis. Basada en el llamado del Papa Francisco a la conversión pastoral, el discipulado misionero y la sinodalidad, la carta reflexiona sobre nuestro camino compartido de fe y nos llama a abrazar la renovación, la colaboración y la misión evangelizadora. Esta iniciativa plurianual nos guiará en la construcción de un futuro vibrante y esperanzador para nuestra comunidad eclesial. Lea [Somos Sus Testigos](#) y únase a este camino de fe mientras respondemos al llamado de Cristo a ser Sus testigos en el mundo.



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