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FEBRUARY 23, 2025

*For the measure with
which you measure
will in return be measured
out to you.*
- Luke 6:38

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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 22

5:30 PM Maria Yaaly Rodriguez
7:00 PM (Spanish) Miguel Arrellano Guzman

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23

7:30 AM The People of the Parish
9:00 AM Kevin Makely
10:30 AM Porferio Ouano
12:00 PM Delmy A. Escobar
1:15 PM (Spanish) Nestor Solis

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24

7:00 AM William Edward Nicodemus
9:00 AM Mark Giordano
6:30 PM Pedro Gonzalez, Jr.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

7:00 AM Dominic E. Francisco
9:00 AM Romeo Boac
6:30 PM Ramon Odalis Fernandez & Diana Cordero

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

7:00 AM Edgardo Morales, Jr.
9:00 AM Eugene, Joseph, & Stanislav Brzyzek
6:30 PM Mildred Lobaton

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27

7:00 AM Maria Ysabel & Jose Gregorio
9:00 AM Ed Edone
6:30 PM Prescila Vevera

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28

7:00 AM Patricia Sutherland
9:00 AM Brenda Douglas & Brian Pyke
6:30 PM Sally D. Lee & Madeline Geraci - 18 & 1 Yr A.

SATURDAY, MARCH 1

7:00 AM Community Mass
9:00 AM Celeste Hall
5:30 PM Maria Alvarado
7:00 PM (Spanish) Juana Sola

SUNDAY, MARCH 2

7:30 AM People of the Parish
9:00 AM Jean Midi, Sr.
10:30 AM Amparo Lomibao
12:00 PM Felix Tones
1:15 PM (Spanish) Salustiana Y. Jose

MASS PRESIDERS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8

5:30 PM - Father Ashton Wong
7:00 PM - Father Sean Manson

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9

7:30 AM - Father Ashton Wong
9:00 AM - Father Hector Larrea
10:30 AM - Father Sean Manson
12:00 PM - Father Sean Manson
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.

There will be **no** baptisms or meetings for baptism in March in observance of Lent.

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
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in your prayers

Dear Brothers and Sisters

**DO
MORE
OF
WHAT
MAKES
YOU
~~HAPPY~~
HOLY**

“Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.” (Lk 6:36) Mercy is an expression of holiness. A holy person is one who is merciful, towards themselves (not scrupulous) and to others (not hard hearted). Jesus’ words are the fulfillment of that which God said to Moses, “Speak to the whole Israelite community and tell them: Be holy, for I, the Lord, your God, am holy.” Leviticus 19, 1

My second assignment as a priest was to the parish of St. Mary’s in Plainfield. Across the road from the church is a red brick building, the Convent of the Missionaries of Charity, and this one is a Novitiate for the Contemplative Branch of the sisters of Mother Teresa. Each Monday I would go to celebrate Mass with the sisters, and this particular Monday was no different.

What was different was the greeting I got at the door that morning. I was used to ringing the door bell and then having one of the sisters, in her blue and white sari, greet me with a broad smile, opening the door and welcoming me in, thanking me profusely for having come to celebrate Mass. But this day I rang and the door was opened by a sister I did not know. She looked at me with dark brown eyes and simply said: “Be Holy!” She then turned and walked away towards the chapel.

I was left standing at the door, taken aback, wondering what she meant. As I walked to the chapel, vested, and then celebrated the Mass, her words kept coming back to me; during the readings, the homily, the consecration, and Communion.

What did she mean? Be holy? At first I thought ‘How rude, is that any way to greet someone at the door, especially me, who’s coming here to celebrate Mass with them?’

Then I thought, ‘What does she know about me anyway? We’ve never met before, she must be having a bad day. Does she think I am not holy? Just by looking at me?’ Whichever way I looked at it, I found myself offended and defensive.

The more I thought about it, the more challenged I felt. But the more I thought about it, the more her words made sense, and the clearer it became that she was right. I did

not need to know her motive or reasoning, all I had to do was accept what she said: “Be Holy.” Why should she not greet me in this way?

The fact that I was offended and taken aback spoke more about me than her. If I had been holy I would be happy to hear her greeting. But she had caught me out, not only was I not holy (evidenced by my offense) but I was upset at the invitation. If I was not holy why should I not accept the invitation to be so?

What does it mean to be holy anyway? David epitomized this holiness in the first reading of this Sunday’s Mass: when he was merciful towards his enemy Saul. Today’s Gospel also gives specific examples of holiness:

Love your enemies.

Do good to those who hate you.

Bless those who curse you.

Pray for those who mistreat you.

Be kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.

Offer no resistance to one who is evil.

Be merciful.

These are some ways to be holy. But there are many others. Each one of us will receive this invitation in today’s liturgy.

If we feel uncomfortable, if we feel challenged, if we feel ‘outed’.....Good! Then, and only then, can we accept the invitation to be who we were created to be. That being the case, the greeting “Be Holy” is as good as any.

Fr. Sean

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Our 2025 goal of \$ 97,012.27 can only be reached through your generosity and sacrifice. Our stretch goal is \$ 116,414.72. Please know that we will show the Appeal Video at all Masses this weekend, and our In-Pew Weekend will be on March 8 and 9. If you have not yet made your gift, we invite you to prayerfully consider doing so. To make an online gift, please visit rcan.org/sharing.

Thank you for your prayers, your generosity, and your faithful support of our Catholic mission. May God bless you abundantly!

Fr. Sean

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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.

February 16 & 17

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 - Confession
 - Holy Eucharist



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
on the 2nd Saturday of each month, 12:30- 3:00 pm in the Conlon Hall Cafeteria.

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.



“
Dios nos ama a cada uno como si fuéramos únicos.
 — St. Augustine
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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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