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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, MARCH 8

5:30 PM Kevin Pineda
7:00 PM (Spanish) To all Unborn Babies & their Families

SUNDAY, MARCH 9

7:30 AM The People of the Parish
9:00 AM Felicie Midi
10:30 AM Carmela Polimeri
12:00 PM William Edward Nicodemus
1:15 PM (Spanish) German Ramirez

MONDAY, MARCH 10

7:00 AM Dominic E. Francisco
9:00 AM Antonio Zozobrado
6:30 PM John D. Kaberle Jr.

TUESDAY, MARCH 11

7:00 AM Diane Strubel
9:00 AM Ferdinand Castillo
6:30 PM Diego De Jesus Saldarriaga

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12

7:00 AM Roque Adaniel, Danny & Eugenia Ibera
9:00 AM Bill Nicodemus
6:30 PM Ricardo & Dolores Alcid

THURSDAY, MARCH 13

7:00 AM Jeen Joseph & Ancy George (L)
9:00 AM Bill Nicodemus
6:30 PM Adelia & Mildred Lobaton

FRIDAY, MARCH 14

7:00 AM Concepcion Laqui
9:00 AM Harry Falconer
6:30 PM Elena & Christian Kelemen

SATURDAY, MARCH 15

7:00 AM Leann Powner
9:00 AM In Honor of St. Monica - Thanksg.
5:30 PM John Paul Alker (L)
7:00 PM (Spanish) Rafael Ayban

SUNDAY, MARCH 16

7:30 AM People of the Parish
9:00 AM Ricardo & Leoncia Corona
10:30 AM John Biega - Birthday
12:00 PM Luz Maria Rivera & John Reyes
1:15 PM (Spanish) Juana Chavez

MASS PRESIDERS

SATURDAY, MARCH 1

5:30 PM - Father Sean Manson
7:00 PM - Father Cesar Infante

SUNDAY, MARCH 2

7:30 AM - Father Ashton Wong
9:00 AM - Father Hector Larrea
10:30 AM - Father Sean Manson & Deacon Jim Detura
12:00 PM - Father Ashton Wong
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
Magdalena Cartona Vasquez & Vincent Rosano
in your prayers

Dear Brothers and Sisters



Lent began the moment ashes were placed on our heads. Lent is a preparation for Easter; the way we live Lent will determine the way we live Easter. Just as the Resurrection of Christ is preceded by his death, Lent invites us to voluntarily accept some form of suffering, some form of death.

This is only possible because the Resurrection of Christ is waiting for us.

On Ash Wednesday, as the ashes were placed on our foreheads, we heard one of two spoken phrases accompanying the action: either “Repent and believe in the Gospel” or “Remember you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”

A few years ago, in another parish, a Eucharistic Minister who was going to help with the imposition of ashes, recoiled at the second of these two options. She could never say “You are dust, and to dust you shall return!” That would be to scare people!

We don’t like to feel uncomfortable. But that is precisely what we are invited to do this Lent. We are invited to fast, to give alms, and to pray. We are invited to consider our mortality, that we are dust, and to dust we shall return. Doing so opens us up to the possibility of repentance. This, usually, is not on our top ten list of things to do. But it is very healthy, in fact it is essential. Repentance means a turning away from sin, acknowledging the times we have fallen in the face of temptation, the times we have chosen not to accept suffering, not to be uncomfortable. The times that we have chosen our own ease and comfort to avoid conversion and repentance. The good news is that Jesus Christ was tempted in the same way we are, and that he has overcome temptation for us.

He faced the temptations of bread, of idols and of not accepting his life, and we too face these temptations every day; but Lent comes to help us by inviting us to fast, to give alms and to pray; practices which are directly linked to the temptations of bread, idols and accepting our life, our history.

Jesus fasted for 40 days and nights, and he was hungry, he experienced suffering. The devil is there waiting, watching, counting the days, 1,2,3,...10...15... 20...30...35...37,38,39... and then he appears when Jesus is at his weakest. The devil never tempts us when we are on our game, when we feel strong, but waits for the moment we are at our lowest. Why should you be suffering like this, why should you experience want and need? He says.

He tempts us to not seek our life in God, but to look for bread first: get good grades, go to a good college, get a good job, secure financial security, have enough money to live comfortably; but are these things really the most important things in life? Not that any of these things are bad in themselves, but we can be tempted to think that life is only based on them. Once you have these you can then you can listen to the Word of God if you want, but let’s get things straight, you need to have these things first.

Jesus answers this temptation by saying ‘It’s not true that my life, my security comes from bread! My life comes from God, he is the one who sustains me, he is the one who is present even in the moments of want and need, and to prove it I am going to fast’.

We too are invited to fast this Lent, to voluntarily mortify our flesh; in doing so we disarm the lies of the devil. The children who came to Mass on Ash Wednesday said they could fast from many things: Orios, Doritos, Candy, Ice Cream, ‘Lectronics,’ Chocolate, and one girl said she was going to fast from fighting with her sister – her mother was very pleased! All of us are invited to fast from something. In voluntarily accepting to suffer in our flesh, we will experience the presence and consolation of God. The Church calls this time The Joyful Season of Lent. Do you believe that Lent can be joyful? It can, and it will be, as we experience through the Lenten observance that the Word of God -Christ himself- is truly the source of our life. Happy fasting!

Fr. Sean

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Morning Prayer during Lent

All are invited to 6:00am Morning Prayer in the main church on Mondays thru Fridays during Lent. We will chant the psalms to Gregorian melodies, listen to a Gospel, and there will be a time of silent prayer. The 7:00am Morning Mass will follow.

Download the free iBreviary app on your phone, or a prayer book with the psalms will be provided.

Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross will be prayed every Friday evening during Lent in the Main Church, times will be at 5:45pm in English and 7:00pm in Spanish.

Lenten Deanery Reconciliation Services

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 3/10/2025 (Mon 7:00pm) St. Joseph Oradel
 3/24/2025 (Mon 7:00pm) St. Mary, Dumont
 3/29/2025 (Sat 12:00pm) St. John the Evangelist
 3/31/2025 (Mon 7:00pm) St. Therese, Creskill
 4/07/2025 (Mon 7:00pm) St. Peter the Apostl

March 1 & 2

Parish Giving: 2,705.56
 Collection: 17,024.00
 TOTAL: 19,729.56

2025 ANNUAL APPEAL

We are grateful for the generous pledges already received for this year's Annual Appeal. Your support helps sustain Christ's mission in our Archdiocese. To help us reach our goal of \$97,012.27 by June 30, please respond to the recent pastor mailing. Our stretch goal is \$116,414.72. The Appeal Video will be shown at all Masses this weekend, and our In-Pew Weekend is on March 8 and 9. If you haven't yet contributed, please prayerfully consider doing so. Online gifts can be made at rcan.org/sharing. Thank you for your prayers and continued support! May God bless you abundantly.

Fr. Sean

Annual Bergenfield St. Patrick's Day Parade

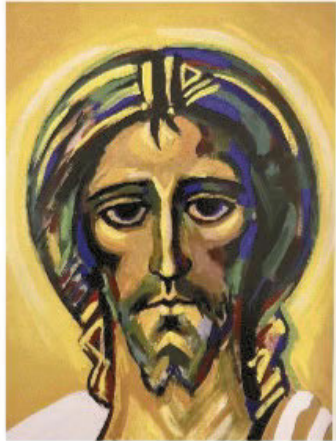
Bergen County Right to Life will participate in the Bergenfield St. Patrick's Day Parade on Sunday, March 16, 2025, starting at 2 PM from West Englewood Avenue and ending at St. John's Church. We invite you to join us—please meet between 1:30 and 2 PM on West Englewood Ave.

Families are encouraged to participate! For information as to where and when to meet, call Mary at 551-804-8960.

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.*

CATECHESIS FOR ADULTS AND YOUTH



LET US NOT BE AFRAID TO ASK OURSELVES:
 WHAT AM I LIVING FOR?
 DO I LIVE MY FAITH IN MY EVERYDAY LIFE?
 DO MY SUFFERINGS HAVE MEANING BEHIND THEM?
 AM I TIRED OF LIVING MY FAITH ALONE?
 HOW CAN I PASS FAITH TO MY CHILDREN OR GRANDCHILDREN?

COME AND LISTEN!

THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE LOVE OF GOD
 MUST BE ANNOUNCED TO EVERY GENERATION.

MONDAYS AND THURSDAYS

8:00 PM

FREE BABYSITTING

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STARTING MARCH 3

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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(Visitation to the designated pilgrimage churches of the Archdiocese of Newark)

March 22, 2025
Saturday

Bus trip departure time: 7:30am
 Assembly place:
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For details and reservation please contact:

- Fr. Oliver Nilo – 201-384-0106 (Church Rectory)
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- Saint Joseph of the Palisades, West New York
- Saint Helen Parish, Westfield
- Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark
- Saint Pious X Parish, Old Tappan
 - o Confession
 - o Holy Eucharist

Retiro de Cuaresma

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Sábado, Marzo 22

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GRUPOS PARROQUIALES

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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

La Iglesia San Juan Evangelista de Bergenfield

Y EL MINISTERIO MATRIMONIOS CON CRISTO

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Te invitamos a su próxima...

Reunión para Parejas

Todos son bienvenidos
7:30 pm

Tema: Avanzando en las adversidades

Lugar: Iglesia de Abajo/Lower Church/Basement

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