



SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

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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 15

5:30 PM John Paul Alker (L)
7:00 PM (Spanish) *Rafael Ayban*

SUNDAY, MARCH 16

7:30 AM The 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*

MONDAY, MARCH 17

7:00 AM Virgilio Dalisay
9:00 AM John, Nora, Mary Reilly & Steven Shine
6:30 PM Tobes Family

TUESDAY, MARCH 18

7:00 AM Joan Murray
9:00 AM Ferdinand Castillo
6:30 PM Guadalupe Chavez - Thanksg.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19

7:00 AM Lailani Tayas
9:00 AM Jozef & Eleonora Brzyzek
6:30 PM Edna T. McGuinness

THURSDAY, MARCH 20

7:00 AM Josephine Santos
9:00 AM Catherine Knott
6:30 PM Henry Taladua

FRIDAY, MARCH 21

7:00 AM Adelina Laqui
9:00 AM John Concannon - 3rd Anniv.
6:30 PM Ignacio Imperial, Jr.

SATURDAY, MARCH 22

7:00 AM Eriberta L Enriquez - 4th Anniv,
9:00 AM Sp. Int. Cecile and Anthony Cortez (L)
5:30 PM George & Mary Bailey
7:00 PM (Spanish) *Sp. Int. Katherine & Guadalupe Chavez*

SUNDAY, MARCH 23

7:30 AM People of the Parish
9:00 AM Edward Azachee
10:30 AM Andrew Knott
12:00 PM Ruby Dealdy - 1st Anniv.
1:15 PM (Spanish) *Fernando & Mauricio Ledesma*

MASS PRESIDERS

SATURDAY, MARCH 15

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 16

7:30 AM - Father Oliver Nilo
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
**Ines Granda &
Nino Rober Rodriguez**
in your prayers

Dear Brothers and Sisters

“Jesus took Peter, James and John and went up the mountain to pray. While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white.”

It's not only Jesus, but all of us who are invited to pray during Lent; we are invited to go up the mountain with him and pray. That mountain may be at the kitchen table, or in the car going to work, or during lunch at the office, or at recess in school. We do not need to say a lot, but simply make the act of spending time in prayer, to place ourselves in silence before God, and listen to what he wants to say. Prayer is one of the weapons given to us in our daily spiritual fight, and just as fasting is linked to the first temptation in the desert - the temptation of the bread, prayer is linked to the third temptation - that of accepting one's life, one's own history.

In prayer, and only through prayer, can we begin to make sense of all the events in our life, in our history.

This life, this history, would mean for Jesus his acceptance of the Cross. Each one of us also has a cross in our life, it may be the fact that we are getting old, it may be a sickness, it may be a person –someone in the family, or someone we work with, it may be another kid in school, it may be something that happened in our past –an injustice or some humiliation that we suffered, it may be an experience of failure or frustration.

Whatever it is, we are all tempted, as St. Paul says In today's second reading, “to conduct ourselves as enemies of the cross of Christ;” not see our Cross as evidence of God's, but to avoid it. Jesus was tempted the same way, when the devil invited him to throw himself off the pinnacle of the Temple, and to come floating down supported by angels to the amazement and applause of the crowd below. He is tempted to alienate himself, to live in the clouds, to re-invent another life, another history, not the one which he is living –the son of a poor carpenter from a backwater town, someone nobody is going to listen to. His temptation is to correct the perceived mistakes which God has made, to re-write the script of his life, to do things according to his own rationale and way of thinking.

All of us have this temptation, the temptation to doubt the love of God in our life: “If God is so good, why is there sickness, why is my son or daughter like this, why did this or that happen?” Prayer opens another perspective, another dimension, it connects us to the God who loves us in everything that is happening, it allows us to see that everything contributes to our good.

One thing is for sure, prayer is not easy. As soon as we even think of praying a thousand other distractions present themselves; and if we do manage to actually start to pray, our mind begins to wander all over the place: “I've got to pick the kids from school, I need to make a dentist's appointment, I must go food shopping, did I leave the chicken in the oven?, it's my sister's birthday, I need to file my taxes, the gutter needs repairing, I've got an itch on my nose...” This is normal, and we are not to be discouraged, for when we realize that our mind is flying all over the place, we can then bring it back, and begin praying again. And what should we say when we pray? One way to pray is to get rid of our shopping list –‘God do this, God fix that, God help me with this’...and instead of telling God what we need, we can simply begin to listen to what He wants to say.

How can we listen to Him? We can simply begin to repeat, in silence, the prayer of the heart: “Lord Jesus Christ, Son of David, have mercy on me a sinner.” Slowly, without hurry, begin to say these words, the words which the blind man said to Jesus. Set aside fifteen minutes each day to sit down in silence and repeat this prayer, start again and again if your mind becomes distracted and is thinking of other things.

A help to do this is our parish Morning Prayer during Lent, which we are doing at 6:00am in the church every Monday thru Friday.

Prayer always bears fruit, even if we think we are not making headway, even if we are completely distracted the whole time we should be praying, prayer will always bear fruit. The very act of accepting to be distracted, itself becomes a prayer. The effects of prayer may not be immediately evident, we may think we are wasting our time, but the fruits will certainly be manifest.

One of the consequences of prayer is the Transfiguration; just as Jesus became filled with light, our mind will also become enlightened; we begin to see the love of God in everything, including the Cross in our life.

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

- 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 8 & 9

Parish Giving: 3,209.33
 Collection: 15,420.00
 TOTAL: 18,629.33

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



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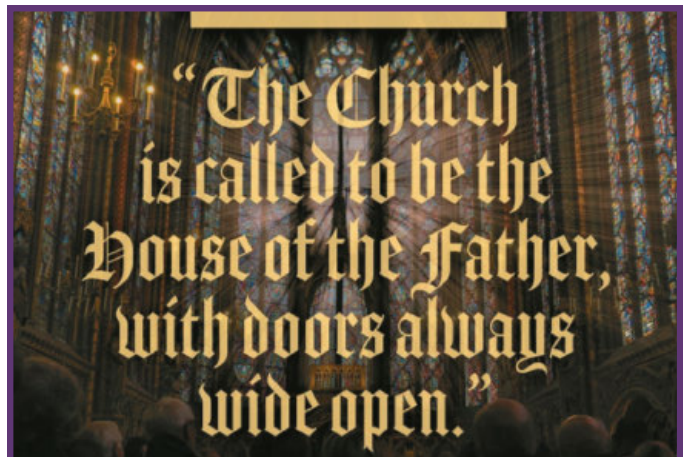
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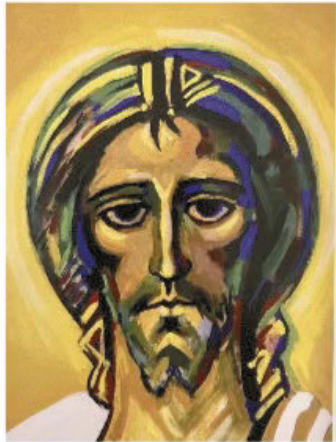


Last year's event was filled to capacity, so be sure to get your reservations in early! **RSVP REQUIRED!** Call or text Ken A. at 1-516-220-9333 or email kofc1345reservations@gmail.com to RSVP.

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 AM I TIRED OF LIVING MY FAITH ALONE?
 HOW CAN I PASS FAITH TO MY CHILDREN OR GRANDCHILDREN?

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8:00 PM

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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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Saturday

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- Saint Helen Parish, Westfield
- Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark
- Saint Pious X Parish, Old Tappan
 - o Confession
 - o Holy Eucharist

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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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Reunión para Parejas

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7:30 pm

Tema: Avanzando en las adversidades

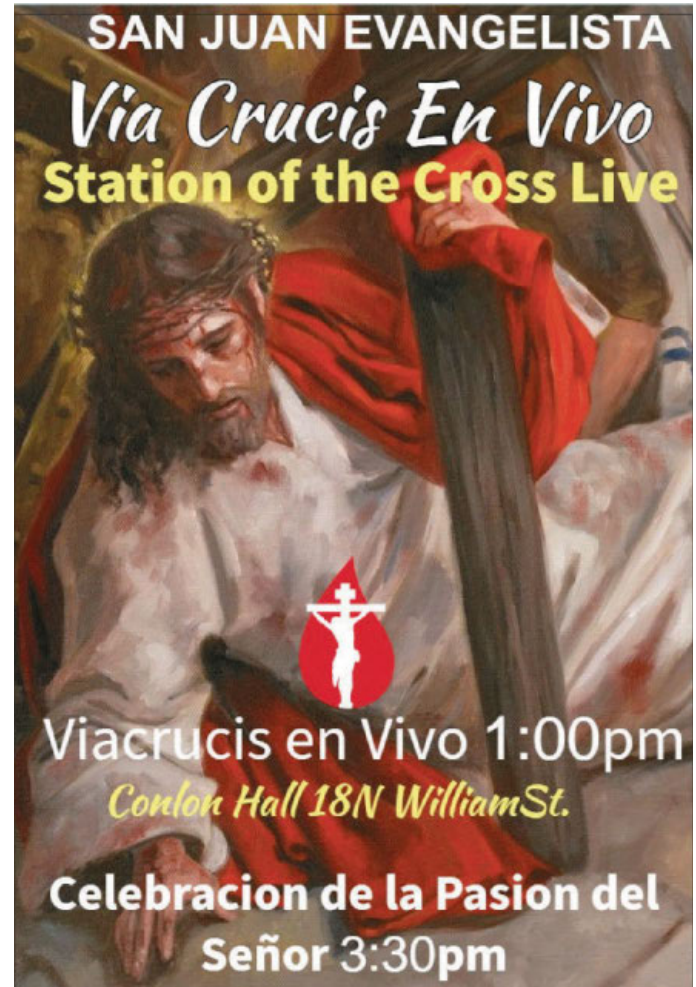
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