



THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

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MARCH 23, 2025

*I shall cultivate the ground
around it and fertilize it.*

Luke 13:8



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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 22

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 Dealday - 1st Anniv.
1:15 PM (Spanish) Fernando & Mauricio Ledesma

MONDAY, MARCH 24

7:00 AM Victoria Linda Ilano
9:00 AM Bienvenido Yu
6:30 PM Raymond Martinez

TUESDAY, MARCH 25

7:00 AM Patricia Sutherland
9:00 AM Alfredo C. Borromet
6:30 PM David Padilla

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26

7:00 AM For Our Lady of Guadalupe
9:00 AM Mercedes Duran
6:30 PM Amador Trinidad - 1st Anniversary

THURSDAY, MARCH 27

7:00 AM Erlinda Ilano
9:00 AM Kevin Art Salinas
6:30 PM Jerry Casper & Family

FRIDAY, MARCH 28

7:00 AM Carmen Rosa Vasquez
9:00 AM Wilma C. Borromet - 2nd Anniversary
6:30 PM John D. Kaberle, Jr.

SATURDAY, MARCH 29

7:00 AM Patricia Ianni
9:00 AM Elizabeth Doyle
5:30 PM Licerio Mateo & Aris Reynolds
7:00 PM (Spanish) Marino Perez

SUNDAY, MARCH 30

7:30 AM People of the Parish
9:00 AM Maria Cecilia Navianos
10:30 AM Eileen Callaghan
12:00 PM Peria Valdenano - Birthday & Thanksgiving
1:15 PM (Spanish) Johaida Garcia & Lilia Restrepo

MASS PRESIDERS

SATURDAY, MARCH 22

5:30 PM - Father Ashton Wong
7:00 PM - Father Hector Larrea

SUNDAY, MARCH 23

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

1:15 PM (Spanish) - Father Cesar Infante

CANDLES, HOSTS AND WINE

March 8-14, 2025 offered by Clare Kaberle,
In loving memory of John D. Kaberle, Jr.

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
Anna Ramirez, Edward Langan, and Lydia Vano Uy
in your prayers

March 15 & 16

Parish Giving: 2,613.23
Envelopes: 15,792.00
TOTAL: 18,405.23

Dear Brothers and Sisters

“Moses was tending the flock of his father in law, Jethro. Leading the flock across the desert, he came to Horeb, the mountain of God.

There the angel of the Lord appeared to Moses in fire flaming out of a bush. As he looked on he was surprised to see that the bush, though consumed by fire, was not consumed.” Exodus 3:1-3

A few years ago I came across a little book titled “The Burning Bush” by Lev Gillet, a Monk of the Orthodox Church. He wrote a commentary on this passage from Scripture, the same one proclaimed today in Mass. His words resonated with me, so I would like to paraphrase them here for us all.

Horeb may geographically be regarded as part of Mount Sinai. But historically and spiritually Horeb and Sinai signify very different things. One is the mountain where Moses saw the Burning Bush, the other the mountain where he received the Commandments – the Tablets of the Law.

If God’s people had been able to live by according to the vision of the Burning Bush, they would not have needed the Tablets of the Law. But for those who remained untouched by the revelation of Horeb the revelation of Sinai was necessary. Whenever the interior flame is lacking, there have to be commandments written on tablets of stone. This truth is as valid for us today as it was for the people in the Old Testament.

It was not uncommon for Moses to see a bush caught alite in the desert. Lightning could easily strike and ignite shrubs during desert storms. But this bush was different, he stopped and watched for 5, 10, 20, 40 minutes; an hour, an hour and a half... it kept on burning without being consumed. Moses decided ‘I must go over to look at this remarkable sight.’

All this applies just as much today as it did to Moses. If during the course of our lives we hurry along without stopping, without even a glance to the Burning Bush (which nevertheless continues its blazing along the whole of our way, though most of the time our eyes are closed to it), we shall miss the opportunity God desires. If, on the contrary, we do not hesitate to leave aside the flocks of Jethro –our daily cares- the Lord will call to us from the midst of the bush. He will call to each of us by a name that is our own.

We are invited every day to contemplate the Burning Bush in our life, and to turn aside from our daily cares to experience what God is doing. What Moses saw being burnt was not a fine tree, thick with foliage and fruit; not a beautiful plant covered with flowers, fragrant with scent. It was a bush, in other words a wild plant lacking in beauty, a stunted shrub, with thorns, a type of weed.

Noxious weeds represent the soul abandoned to sin. The divine fire purifies without destroying. It is imperative to throw into this fire our dead wood, our thorns, our weeds. The Burning Bush is a symbol of purification.

Jesus invites us to repentance in the Gospel today. This repentance means throwing our weeds –pride, covetousness, lust, anger, gluttony, envy, and sloth- into the fire of God’s purifying love. Then, and only then, can we be surprised that we are not consumed but rather purified by the fire of His love within us.

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

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

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

THE OFFICE FOR FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY WILL HONOR COUPLES CELEBRATING THEIR 5TH, 25TH, AND 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY AT A MASS CELEBRATED BY CARDINAL TOBIN ON **SUNDAY, JUNE 1, AT 3 P.M.** IN NEWARK'S CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF THE SACRED HEART. If you would like to be a part of this celebration, please go to the rectory office to register.

ST. JOHN'S FOOD PANTRY

Thank you for your generous support to assist needy families. For March and April we need the following items:

- Canned Tuna or Salmon
- Pasta and Tomato Sauce
- Adult & kids cereal
- White rice (5 lb or 2 lb bags)
- Cooking oil
- Peanut butter & Jelly
- Coffee and tea bags
- Instant potatoes
- Canned pasta, chili or beef stew
- Bath tissue and paper towels

All food donations should be placed in the Rubbermaid shed behind the Parish Life Center.

Any questions - email joemc1217@gmail.com

Weeds & Wheat Ministry - St. John's Spring Fundraiser

Come pick up beautiful decoupage and hand painted vases, jars, soap dispensers and much more.

A perfect birthday or Mother's Day gift or just a gift to brighten your day!

April 27th thru May 11th

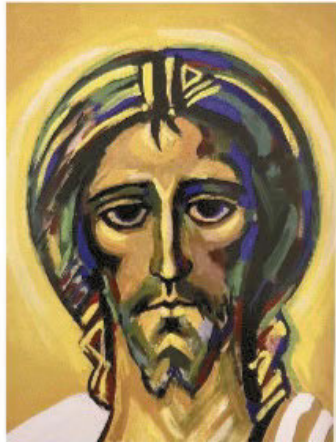
After Mass by Priest's garage

Contact Reyna: rlbalberto22@gmail.com

Donations needed: mulch, soil, annuals plants, hose



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

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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

Meets 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.

Spiritual Adoption Program

Starting March 25, our parish will join the 9-month Spiritual Adoption Program until December 25. Prayer cards will be available at church exits—take one, name a baby at risk of abortion, and pray daily for their safety. A simple yet powerful way to support the movement for Life.

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1ST ANNIVERSARY OF MARIAN DEVOTION
 ON MAY 2 TO 4, 2025

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MAY 2, 2025
 9:30am – 5:00pm
 MARIAN IMAGES EXHIBIT
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 FREE ADMISSION
 7:30pm – 9:30pm
 A NIGHT OF PRAISE AND WORSHIP
 TRIBUTE TO MARY:
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MAY 3, 2025
 9:30am – 5:00pm
 MARIAN IMAGES EXHIBIT
 FREE ADMISSION
 7:30pm – 9:30pm
 SERENADE TO A LADY:
 OUR BLESSED MOTHER OF HOPE AND RENEWAL
 CONLON HALL
 SUGGESTED DONATION: \$15

MAY 4, 2025
 8:30am – 1:00pm
 MARIAN IMAGES EXHIBIT
 CONLON HALL
 FREE ADMISSION
 3:00pm
 MARIA PROCESSION:
 5:30pm
 HOLY MASS

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25, 26 y 27 de Abril 2025

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Maria Sanchez 201-921-2096
Thania Espinal 347-781-7547



El estara contigo!

GRUPOS PARROQUIALES



La Palabra

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, 7:00pm ~ 9:30pm

Emaús Hombres

Miércoles, Basement del Parish Life Center 7:00pm-9:30pm

Grupo de Oración Luz y Vida

Jueves, Iglesia de abajo, 7:00pm ~ 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 7:00pm ~ 9:45pm

SAN JUAN EVANGELISTA

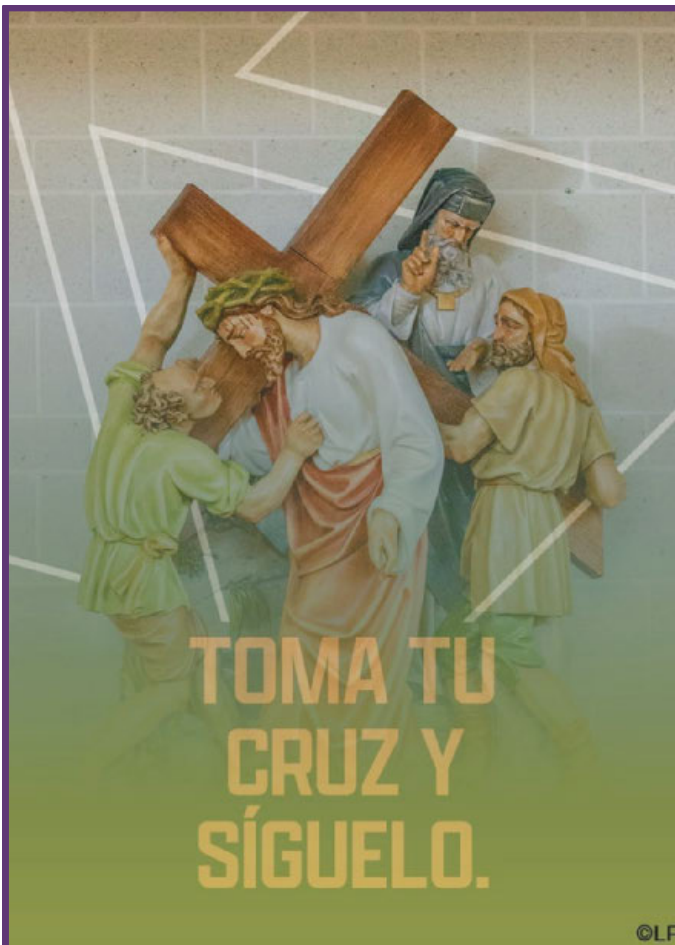
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Señor 3:30pm



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