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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, MAY 3

5:30 PM Mila & Efren Abad

7:00 PM (Spanish) Hadassah Esther & Sp. Int. Susana Isabel Williams

SUNDAY, APRIL 4

7:30 AM People of the Parish

9:00 AM John McCarthy - 18th Anniv.

10:30 AM Adolf Menezes

12:00 PM Jose M. Canlas

1:15 PM (Spanish) Armando Lemus

MONDAY, MAY 5

7:00 AM Catarina Speziale

9:00 AM Eleanor Orlando

6:30 PM Luisa Reyes

TUESDAY, MAY 6

7:00 AM Niall O'Hagen

9:00 AM Frances B. Gorman

6:30 PM Gabriel Gonzalez

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7

7:00 AM May Edone

9:00 AM Vincent P. Brennan

6:30 PM Mary Butler

THURSDAY, MAY 8

7:00 AM Maxima & Alipio Dadivas

9:00 AM Orlando & Alfonso Montoya

6:30 PM Teodora & Jesus Bagayo

FRIDAY, MAY 9

7:00 AM Juve Delgado Moses

9:00 AM Kevin Pineda

6:30 PM Soccorro Ladera Anora

SATURDAY, MAY 10

7:00 AM Peter Ragusa - 25th Anniv.

9:00 AM Justo Vazquez

5:30 PM Delmy A. Escobar

7:00 PM (Spanish) Roger Coppinger

SUNDAY, MAY 11

7:30 AM People of the Parish

9:00 AM For All Mothers

10:30 AM For All Mothers

12:00 PM For All Mothers

1:15 PM (Spanish) For All Mothers

MASS PRESIDERS

SATURDAY, MAY 3

5:30 PM - Father Sean Manson

7:00 PM - Father Hector Larrea

SUNDAY, MAY 4

7:30 AM - Father Cesar Infante

9:00 AM - Father Oliver Nilo

10:30 AM - Father Sean Manson

12:00 PM - Father Hector Larrea

1:15 PM (Spanish) - Father Cesar Infante

3:00 PM (Gifted) - Father Sean Manson

5:00 PM (Tagalog) - Father Oliver Nilo

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 **Gisela Astwood & Walter Tatro, Jr.** in your prayers.*

Mass Offerings: April 26th & 27th

Parish Giving: 2,357.21

Envelopes: 12,810.00

TOTAL: 15,167.21

Dear Brothers and Sisters



Simon, son of John, do you love me?

Seven of the disciples, including Simon Peter, had gone fishing at the Sea of Tiberias. They had left their nets and boats when Jesus called them to follow him at the beginning of his ministry. Now they were returning to their old way of life. They still do not believe that Jesus is Risen from the dead, they have forgotten all that they have experienced.

The Fathers of the Church say the greatest sin is that of forgetfulness. To forget what God has done in one's life. To forget the marvels of God is to steal his glory. It is what makes salt lose its taste.

We too have the temptation to forget what God has done in our life. While each one of us is witness to miracles of His love, it is all too easy to relegate them to the past. They become distant faded memories, explained as being merely luck, happenchance, or moments of enthusiasm.

The seven disciples want to go back to their former way of life. Just as the people of Israel wanted to go back to the slavery of Egypt. Seven denotes the number of the Pagan nations; the disciples are on the Sea of Tiberias, the pagan name of the Sea of Galilee. They are returning to a fruitless, empty, pagan way of life.

Having caught nothing, which is what always happens when we do things according to our own reasonings without taking into account the Risen Christ, they see Jesus standing on the shore.

Jesus addresses Peter 'Simon Son of John!' Nowhere in the New Testament does it say that Simon Peter's father was John. In addressing him this way, Jesus is referring to the High Priest par excellence of the Old Testament, whose name was Simon Bar Jonah, or 'Simon Son of John.'

Simon Peter is the New High Priest of the Church that Jesus is founding. This Church is formed on love.

Three times Jesus asks him 'Do you love me?', recalling the three times Simon Peter disowned him. In English the translation is lost, but in Greek there are two different words for 'love' which Jesus uses. The first two times he asks 'Do you 'agape' me?' Agape being the highest form of love. To which Simon Peter responds with confidence 'Yes.' The third time Jesus asks him 'Do you 'philos' me?' Philos is the lowest form of love. It is necessary to love in small things before the great. Be faithful in small things, and the great will take care of themselves.

All of us have betrayed Jesus, three times and many more than three. We too have the temptation to live a pagan life. But Christ Risen appears in our midst in today's liturgy. His mercy and forgiveness offer the possibility to follow him, and to love him in small things. In doing so, we will discover that the great things will take care of themselves.

Fr. Sean

PARISH SURVEY

I am excited to announce that St. John the Evangelist is partnering with Catholic Leadership Institute for the Disciple Maker Index survey.

Our parish is on a journey to know, love, and serve Christ as a parish community. Together we must embrace Christ's vision for missionary discipleship so our parish can thrive and be a place for others to grow together in faith.

The first step along this journey is to assess our greatest opportunities and strengths, and the Disciple Maker Index survey is an important instrument that will help us do just that. The Disciple Maker Index (DMI) is designed to:

- Invite parishioners to reflect on their journey of discipleship.
- Enable parish leadership to make data-driven decisions.
- Help parishioners grow in their faith.

The 10–15-minute survey can be accessed through the online link:

<https://portal.catholicleaders.org/d/c4y167>

The survey is open from April 26 - May 31 2025, and will ask you to reflect on your own spiritual growth and enable you to provide your perspective on our parish's efforts to help you grow in relationship with Christ. All responses will be confidential, and the parish will only receive information about the community as a whole.

Paper surveys will also be available for those who do not have the ability to complete the survey online.

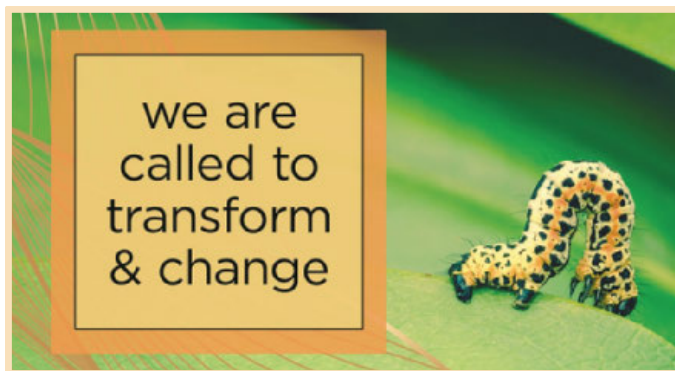
Together, we will identify our strengths and opportunities in greater detail as we strive to grow in missionary discipleship.

Please use the QR code on the right to take part in the survey

How to Use the QR Code:

- Open your phone's camera (or a QR code scanner app).
- Point the camera at the QR code.
- Tap the link that appears to open the survey.

Thank you, Father Sean



Women's Cornerstone

Saint John the Evangelist 22nd Annual Women's Cornerstone Spiritual Retreat will be held June 6th & 7th. This Two-Day Event is for all our adult women who have not yet attended. A time to revitalize your relationship with God, renew your own spirit and grow in fellowship with Christ as our center. Come join us. There is a spot waiting just for you!

"Living In the light of Christ"

"...the light of the risen Christ which "quietly shines forth, even though we are in darkness," ... like a small seed of light, has been entrusted to us, to protect it and to make it grow."


Pope Francis

WE ARE HIS WITNESSES: A PASTORAL LETTER FROM CARDINAL TOBIN


As we welcome the New Year, 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.

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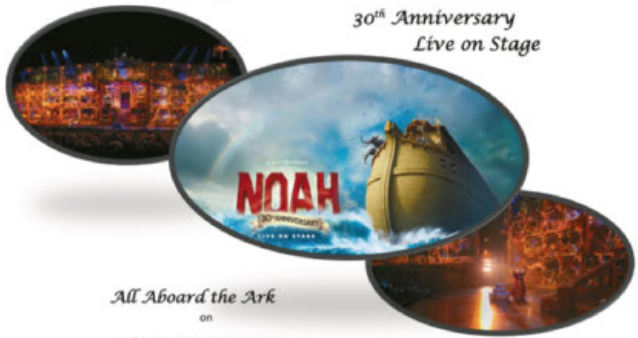
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Spiritual Adoption Program

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.

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 LC.

ENCUESTA PARROQUIAL

Como pastor de San Juan Evangelista, mi responsabilidad principal es ayudarlos a crecer como discípulos de Jesús y equiparlos para ir y hacer discípulos de otros. Me complace compartir con ustedes que nuestra parroquia participará en una encuesta parroquial realizada por el Catholic Leadership Institute (Instituto de Liderazgo Católico).

El Índice de Creadores de Discípulos (Disciple Maker Index - DMI) permite a los feligreses reflexionar sobre su propio crecimiento espiritual y discipulado e identificar las formas en que la parroquia apoya de manera efectiva ese crecimiento.

La encuesta basada en la web estará disponible en línea y en formato impreso a partir de 26 de abril hasta 31 de mayo 2025. Las instrucciones para recoger y enviar encuestas en papel se comunicarán a los feligreses.

Quiero que sepa que todos ustedes serán clave para el éxito de este proceso en nuestra parroquia. A través de este proceso, nos apoyaremos en su experiencia y conocimientos a medida que discernimos la dirección a la que Dios nos está llamando.

Este fin de semana se hará un anuncio importante sobre la primera fase de este camino, que nos obliga a evaluar nuestras mayores oportunidades y fortalezas. Utilizaremos el Índice de Creadores de Discípulos para completar este paso. El Índice de Creadores de Discípulos está diseñado para:

- Invitar a los feligreses a reflexionar sobre su jornada de discipulado.
- Hacer posible que los líderes de la parroquia tomen decisiones basadas en datos
- Ayudar a los feligreses a crecer en su fe.

Por favor, use el código QR a la derecha para participar en la encuesta.

Cómo usar el código QR:

- Abra la cámara de su teléfono (o una aplicación para escanear códigos QR).
- Apunte la cámara al código QR.
- Toque el enlace que aparece para abrir la encuesta.
- Navega hacia "Start survey"
- Escoge el idioma preferida ("Choose Language")



Recordar:

- Las fechas en que se puede hacer la encuesta son 26 de Abril hasta 31 de Mayo 2025.
- Por favor responder lo antes posible. Queremos escuchar a la mayor cantidad de personas posible.
 - El liderazgo de la parroquia recibirá un informe resumido de las respuestas y que nadie en la parroquia tendrá acceso a las respuestas individuales de la encuesta.

Seguimos pidiendo al Espíritu Santo que nos guie mientras colocamos esta intención bajo la intercesión de San Juan Evangelista y os invito a dedicar un tiempo cada semana para orar por nuestra parroquia.

Gracias, Padre Sean

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