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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 10**

5:30 PM Delmy A. Escobar

7:00 PM (Spanish) Roger Coppinger

#### SUNDAY, MAY 11 9

7:30 AM For All Mothers 9:00 AM For All Mothers

10:30 AM For All Mothers 12:00 PM For All Mothers

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1:15 PM (Spanish) For All Mothers

#### **MONDAY, MAY 12**

7:00 AM Cristina Dy

9:00 AM Filipina Mateo & Leoncia Corona

6:30 PM Elizalde De Los Santos - (L) Birthday & Thankg.

#### **TUESDAY, MAY 13**

7:00 AM Brian, Brenda, & Douglas Pyle

9:00 AM Ferdinand Castillo

6:30 PM Jeen Joseph & Ancy George

#### WEDNESDAY, MAY 14

7:00 AM Danny Ibera, Alicia Adaniel, & Gabriel Dolar

9:00 AM Rodolfo Kabigting 6:30 PM Patricia Sutherland

#### **THURSDAY, MAY 15**

7:00 AM Dominic E. Francisco 9:00 AM Christine Donovan 6:30 PM Clarita Gregorio

#### FRIDAY, MAY 16

7:00 AM Librada Dalisay

9:00 AM Patrick & Helen Gorman

6:30 PM Ron Simons

#### SATURDAY, MAY 17

7:00 AM Mario Aguinaldo

9:00 AM Albert John Penapuerte

5:30 PM Erasmo Guevara

7:00 PM (Spanish) Margarita Bonilla Guzman

#### **SUNDAY, MAY 18**

7:30 AM People of the Parish

9:00 AM Sandy Stopanio

10:30 AM Jamie Lomibao

12:00 PM Eric Guevoza

1:15 PM (Spanish) Ana Maria Almonte

#### MASS PRESIDERS

#### SATURDAY, MAY 10

5:30 PM - Father Ashton Wong

7:00 PM - Father Cesar Infante

#### **SUNDAY, MAY 11**

7:30 AM - Father Cesar Infante

9:00 AM - Father Ashton Wong

10:30 AM - Father Sean Manson

12:00 PM - Father Oliver Nilo

1:15 PM (Spanish) - Father Hector Larrea

#### **MEMORIALS**

The Bread & Wine, Altar Flowers and Sanctuary Candle offered in praise of God and in memory of

Frances Gorman requested by The Gorman Family.

#### **Baptism**

<u>Please call the rectory</u> 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.

<u>Baptisms</u> 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 <u>must</u> be registered parishioners and provide the child's birth certificate, and have godparents who are <u>practicing Catholics</u>.

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

<u>All</u> wedding arrangements should be made <u>ONE</u> 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 Gloria Bernice Elder & Reverend Lawrence E. Frizzell in your prayers.

Mass Offerings: May 3-4

**Parish Giving:** 2,793.83 **Envelopes:** 17,706.00 **TOTAL:** 20,499.83

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Dear Brothers and Sitters



My sheep hear my voice, I know them and they follow me"

In Wales sheep are everywhere. White specks against green grass! A very common sight.

There was a time when the image of sheep and shepherd was also common in our faith. Prior to the third century -when the image of Christ on the Cross became the essential symbol of Christianity-the Savior was represented in Christian art, and in the prayers of the first generations of believers, as a young shepherd.

In his book "The Burning Bush" Lev Gillet, a monk of the Orthodox Church, gives seven meditations on what is perhaps the most popular of all psalms, psalm 23 – the "Shepherd Psalm".

He says:

'There is no doubt that Jesus, when he spoke of the good shepherd, had the twenty-third psalm in mind. He himself had certainly recited it, and knew it even as a small child:

"The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want"

This is not wishful thinking: 'the Lord will be my shepherd'

This is not a wishful prayer: 'Lord, be my shepherd' It is a statement of fact: 'The Lord is my shepherd'

The Lord is not 'our shepherd'. Or rather he is our shepherd, but more than that, he is my Shepherd.'

It's not by chance that sheep need a shepherd. Sheep have a tendency to go their own way, to get lost or get into trouble, and put themselves in harms way. When this happens the shepherd has to look out for them. But what is more valuable, the life of a sheep or the life of the shepherd looking after it? The life of the shepherd, without question. Yet here is Jesus, comparing himself to a shepherd, the good shepherd, saying that his life is subordinate to that of a sheep.

He will lay down his life for the sheep. Unthinkable. Or is it?

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I was once in Corsica -a French island in the Mediterranean- and was shown the sheep folds which shepherds use to gather the flock at night. A round circle of stones, waist high, with an opening through which the sheep enter or leave the enclosure. There was no door or gate at the opening. The shepherd himself lies down there at night. He is the door, he is the gate. A wolf would have to kill him before getting at the sheep. No one goes in or out except through him. As psalm 121 says: He does not sleep, he guards your going in and out, now and for always.

There have been times when we have strayed, been lost, got into trouble, put ourselves in harms way. Maybe there is someone here in that situation today. The Good News is that Christ, the Good Shepherd, is willing to lay down his very life for us. Together with the psalmist may each of us be able to say: it is true, he is my Shepherd, I lack nothing.

Happy Easter,

#### **ENCUESTA PARROQIAL**

St. John the Evangelist is on a journey to know, love, and serve Christ as a parish community.

Together, we are called to embrace Christ's vision of missionary discipleship so that our parish may thrive and become a place where others grow together in faith.

Please scan the QR code to participate in this important survey. All family members age 18 and older are encouraged to take part.

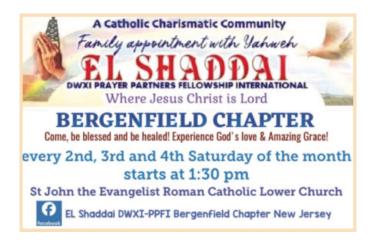


If you prefer a paper version of the survey, please visit the rectory to pick up a copy.

Thank you for your support!

#### **OPERATION RICE BOWL**

Please bring to church or the rectory any rice bowls that you might have at home.









## St. John's Prayer Groups Legion of Mary

Meets each Saturday, 9:30am-11:00an

#### 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, 3rd & 4th Saturday @ 1:30pm-5:30pm @ Lower Church. Come & Be Blessed by the Praise, Worship & Healing message. For more info, Lourdes Liwanag @ 201.233.8235 or John Teopengco @ 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.



#### 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"

Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

-Pope Francis

### Have questions? Weekend Coordinator

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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.

#### **ENCUESTA PARROQIAL**

Como parte de nuestro compromiso para crecer como discípulos misioneros, San Juan Evangelista participará en una encuesta parroquial organizada por el Catholic Leadership Institute.

El Índice de Creadores de Discípulos (DMI) permitirá a cada feligrés reflexionar sobre su crecimiento espiritual y ayudará al liderazgo parroquial a tomar decisiones informadas para el futuro de nuestra comunidad.

La encuesta estará disponible del 26 de abril al 31 de mayo de 2025, en línea y en formato impreso. Use el código QR para participar fácilmente desde su teléfono. Todas las respuestas son confidenciales y se presentarán de manera colectiva.

Pedimos al Espíritu Santo que nos guíe en este proceso y los invitamos a orar por nuestra parroquia durante este tiempo de discernimiento.

Gracias, Padre Sean











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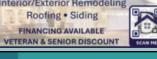
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