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## THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS SEPTEMBER 14, 2025

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### MASS SCHEDULE

**Sat Vigil:** 5:30, 7:00 PM (Sp)

**Sun Masses:** 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM,  
10:30 AM, 12:00 PM, 1:15 PM (Sp)

**Daily (Mon-Fri):** 7:00 AM, 9:00 AM,  
6:30 PM (Tues: 6:30 PM Sp)

**Sat Masses:** 7:00 AM, 9:00 AM

**Penance (Sat):** 1:00 PM-2:00 PM



## MASS INTENTIONS

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

5:30 PM John D. Kaberle, Sr. - 45th Anniversary  
7:00 PM (Spa) Gisela Astwood

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

7:30 AM People of the Parish  
9:00 AM Andres Trompeta, Sr.  
10:30 AM Katerina M. Benitez  
12:00 PM Concepción N. Lagui  
1:15 PM (Spa) Graciano E. Tierra, Jr.

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

7:00 AM James M. Davis  
9:00 AM Jane Valentine  
6:30 PM Esperanza Lorenzo & Lourser Tianvsic

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

7:00 AM Alice R. Jairam - Anniversary  
9:00 AM John Beiga - Anniversary  
6:30 PM (Spa) Manuel Bobadilla

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

7:00 AM Ines Catano  
9:00 AM The Devine Family  
6:30 PM Al Vetrone

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

7:00 AM Aleyamma Abraham  
9:00 AM Jeen Joseph & Ancy George (L)  
6:30 PM Eugene A. Ciccia

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

7:00 AM Michael, Ana, & Raymond Murin  
9:00 AM Luis Fernando Monsalve  
6:30 PM Lydia Vano Uy

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

7:00 AM Fred Behn  
9:00 AM Danny Ibera, Natividad & Violeta Adaniel  
5:30 PM Tiberio Fabricante  
7:00 PM (Spa) Olinda Castro & Isabel Ruiz

## MASS PRESIDERS

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

5:30 PM - Father Mike Bollinger

7:00 PM - Father Cesar Infante & Deacon Alfonso

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

7:30 AM - Father Sean Manson

9:00 AM - Father Cesar Infante

10:30 AM - Father Oliver Nilo

12:00 PM - Father Michael Bollinger

1:15 PM (Spa) - Father Cesar Infante

## SAINT OF THE WEEK

### ST. JOSEPH OF CUPERTINO

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## Baptism

**Call the rectory (201-384-0101) to schedule.**

**Parent meeting:** 1st Sun. 1:30 PM (Eng),  
3rd Sun. 2:45 PM (Sp).

**Baptisms:** 2nd & 3rd Sun. 3 PM (Eng),  
4th Sun. 2:45 PM (Sp).

Parents **must** be parishioners, provide child's birth certificate, and select Catholic godparents (16+, confirmed, Eucharist, married in Church if applicable).

**Sponsor certificates due 1 week prior.**

## Marriage

Arrange one year in advance. Call the rectory (201-384-0101) for an appointment with a priest. Please obtain an updated baptismal certificate.

## Prayers for the Deceased

*Please remember*

**Charles C. Klein & Rev. Rafael Ciro,**  
*in your prayers.*

## New Auxiliary Bishop of Newark



Auxiliary Bishop Pedro Bismarck Chau of Newark, N.J., smiles following his episcopal ordination Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark Sept. 8, 2025. Bishop Chau, previously rector of the Cathedral Basilica, is a priest of the Archdiocese of Newark, and the first Nicaraguan-born bishop in the United States.

*Dear Brothers and Sisters*

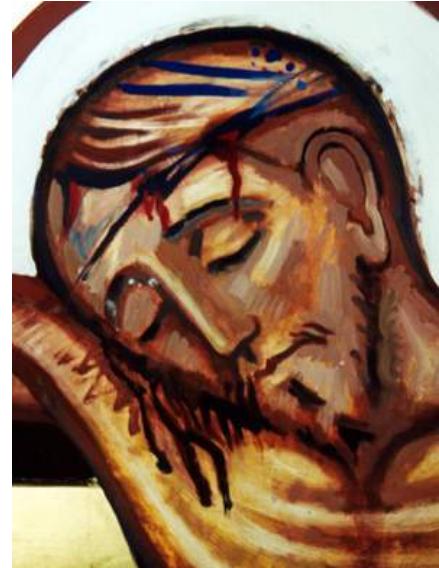
As we celebrate the Exaltation of the Holy Cross today, we are invited to see our crosses as ‘glorious.’ The Cross, which was used as an instrument of torture, and upon which Our Savior Jesus Christ died, is the means of our salvation.

Raniero Cantalamessa, preacher to Pope Saint John Paul II , put it this way in one homily: "It is no longer you who carry the cross but the cross that carries you; the cross does not crush but exalts you. The suffering of the cross, its hard necessity in life, its reality as a way of following Christ is not presented to the faithful this Sunday, the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross. Instead the glory of the cross, the cross as a reason for boasting and not for weeping is given pride of place."

All wickedness, all sin, was nailed to the wood of Christ’s cross, and there vanquished in his death. Christ was lifted up on the cross, he died and was buried, and on the third day he rose again. The paschal mystery of the death and resurrection is achieved by means of the cross. Each of us have a cross in our life, and our crosses, through the Paschal Mystery of Christ, can also become the means by which we experience the love of God. There is a beautiful hymn from the second century which expresses this:

*"The Glorious Cross  
of the Risen Lord  
is the tree of my salvation.  
On it I feed, in it I delight,  
in its roots I grow,  
in its branches I lie down  
  
Its dew makes me glad,  
its breeze refreshes me;  
in its shadow I have put my tent.  
  
In hunger, my nourishment  
in thirst, the fountain,  
in nakedness, my clothing.*

*Hard path, narrow road,  
Jacob's ladder, bed of love  
where the Lord espoused us  
In fear, defence  
in stumbling, support  
in victory, the crown  
in the struggle, you are reward  
  
Tree of eternal life,  
pillar of the universe,  
skeleton of the earth,  
your peak reaches heaven  
and in your open arms  
shines the love of God".*



The cross is not just a piece of wood. It is a symbolic summary of the suffering, death and resurrection of Christ by which we have been redeemed. It is a symbol of our faith in the crucified and risen one, our Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus taught us that the cross should be a constant feature in the daily lives of his followers: “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me”.

There is a story told that soon after Mother Teresa took over a house beside a Hindu temple in Calcutta where she cared for the destitute and dying, some people complained, accusing her of proselytism. They wanted her evicted and appealed to the police. When a senior police inspector went to the house to see the situation he was both overwhelmed and appalled. The Officer was overwhelmed by the loving care that was being given to the most wretched of people and appalled by the terrible stench of disease and death. He went back to the critics and said he would evict Mother Teresa if they would be willing to take over the work. No more criticisms were heard. They were not prepared to empty themselves as she was. May each one of us have our cross enlightened by this great Feast today. May we find in its arms the love of God.

*Fr. Sean*

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### Food Pantry Collection at ShopRite

During September and October 2025, ShopRite of New Milford will be collecting food donations for St. John's Food Pantry. Bins will be located at the front of the store for customers to drop off items after shopping.

You can also continue to bring food donations to the Rubbermaid shed behind the Parish Life Center, or make a cash donation to help us purchase sale items.

Thank you for your generosity and kindness!



For questions, please contact Joe McHale at 201-655-1073 or [joemc1217@gmail.com](mailto:joemc1217@gmail.com)

### OCIA - A Journey of Faith

Adults seeking to enter the Catholic Church, either unbaptized or baptized in another denomination, are invited to inquire about our Order of Christian Initiation of Adults preparation program which will begin in the fall. This program is also open to baptized Catholics who have not received First Communion or Confirmation.

For more information, contact Deacon Jim for English or Fr. César for Spanish at the rectory.

**WELCOME**  
**Back to Class**

We're back on  
Sunday September 7<sup>th</sup>: Pre-K-5<sup>th</sup>  
Thursday, September 11<sup>th</sup>: 6<sup>th</sup> - HS

A illustration of Jesus sitting on a grassy hillside, teaching a group of children.



This week, beginning September 14th, you'll find bulletin inserts with the results of the Disciple Maker Index (DMI) Survey. The DMI is a parish-wide survey that many of you participated in, designed to help us better understand the spiritual needs, strengths, and opportunities within our parish community. Thank you to all who took part in this important effort!


**Mass for Catechists**


Next Sunday, September 21st at the 10:30 AM Mass, we will celebrate and bless our parish catechists as they begin a new year of sharing the faith. Please join us in praying for them and thanking them for their generous service.

**HS & COLLEGE**

WEDNESDAY, OCT 22, 2025

## COME & SEE

OPEN TO HIGH SCHOOL & COLLEGE-AGE MEN (14-21)  
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Mass//dinner// tour//Q&A// time with seminarians

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### St. John's Prayer Groups



#### Legion of Mary

Saturdays, 9:30–11 AM, Lower Church (Eng)

#### Padre Pio Prayer Group

2nd Sat., 2–4:30 PM, Conlon Hall Cafeteria

#### El Shaddai DWXI-PPFI

2nd–4th Sat., 1:30–5:30 PM, Lower Church.  
Info: Lourdes 201-233-8235 / John 201-658-4032

#### Anointing Fire Ministry

Mondays, 7–10 PM, Parish Life Center Chapel;  
2nd Fri., 10 PM–6:30 AM, LC (Adoration).

### Fr. Cesar Farewell Mass

Fr. Cesar Infante has been assigned as Administrator of Our Lady of Mount Virgin Parish, Garfield, effective Oct 1st 2025.

We will celebrate a Mass of Farewell for him on Friday Sept 26th at 6:30pm with reception to follow in Conlon Hall. With gratitude to Fr. Cesar for his ministry to us during his time at St. John's, we would like to sincerely thank him and show him our gratitude. All are invited to come to the Mass and following celebration. There will be collection baskets this weekend in the sanctuary, if you would like to make a contribution towards the expenses for his farewell party.

### Meeting for All Leaders of Parish Groups

On **Friday, September 19 at 7 PM** we will have a meeting in Conlon Hall for all the leaders of the groups in our parish. This meeting will be so that we can welcome newly elected group leaders, and review the Parish calendar together. **All groups should be represented, English speaking, Filipino, and Spanish.** Please plan to bring some food or drink for a potluck that we can share together.

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**Viernes 19 de Septiembre  
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**26, 27 Y 28 DE SEPTIEMBRE 2025**

*Información:*  
César Hernández 917-716-6475 | Carlos Peña 862-571-2856

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**Hora: 8:00 PM  
Lugar: Catedral Basílica del Sagrado Corazón, Newark**

**Para más información comuníquese con:  
DeaconAstero.Velasco@rcan.org - 973-497-4335 o Esther.Pardo@rcan.org - 973-497-4771**

**OICA - Un Camino de Fe**

Los adultos interesados en unirse a la Iglesia Católica, ya sea que no estén bautizados o que hayan sido bautizados en otra denominación, pueden informarse sobre nuestro programa de preparación para el Orden de Iniciación Cristiana para Adultos, que dará inicio en otoño. Este programa también acoge a católicos bautizados que no hayan completado la Primera Comunión o la Confirmación.

Para más detalles, contacte al diácono Jim para inglés o al P. César para español en la rectoría.

**Grupos Parroquiales**

**La Palabra** – Lunes, 7:30–9:30 PM, Iglesia de abajo  
**Legión de María** – Martes, 6–7:30 PM, Capilla PLC  
**Emaús Mujeres** – Miér., 7–9:30 PM, Iglesia de abajo  
**Emaús Hombres** – Miér., 7–9:30 PM, PLC Basement  
**Luz y Vida** – Jueves, 7–9:30 PM, Iglesia de abajo  
**Preciosa Sangre de Cristo**  
– Viernes., 8–9 PM, 2ndo piso de PLC  
**Matrimonios Con Cristo**  
3er Viernes, 7–9:45 PM, Iglesia de abajo



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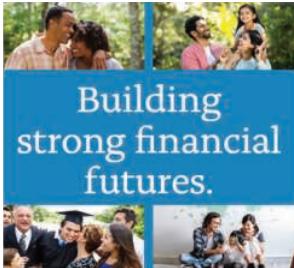


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