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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, NOVEMBER 1 

5:30 PM Deceased Family of Corona & Mateo
7:00 PM (Spa) Segundo Pesaniez

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2 

7:30 AM Novena for All Souls
9:00 AM Mass of Remembrance 
10:30 AM Dominic E. Francisco
12:00 PM Crisanta Trinidad
1:15 PM (Spa) Julius Daliva, Sr.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3

7:00 AM Novena for All Souls
9:00 AM Josefina P. Trompeta
6:30 PM Juliana Azachee

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4

7:00 AM Alice R. Jairam - Heavenly Birthday
9:00 AM Souls in Purgatory
6:30 PM (Spa) Novena - Todos Los Santos

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5

7:00 AM Brian, Brenda, & Douglas Pyle
9:00 AM Novena For All Souls
6:30 PM Arthur Litung

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6

7:00 AM Novena For All Souls
9:00 AM Socorro Ladera Anora
6:30 PM Patricia Sutherland

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7

7:00 AM Dominic E. Francisco
9:00 AM Socorro Anora - 3rd Anniversary
6:30 PM Novena For All Souls

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8

7:00 AM Aniceta De Leon Teopengco
9:00 AM Novena For All Souls
5:30 PM Laura Citarella
7:00 PM (Spa) All Souls in Purgatory

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9

7:30 AM People of The Parish
9:00 AM Jeen Joseph & Ancy George (L)
10:30 AM Novena For All Souls
12:00 PM William Schweizer
1:15 PM (Spa) Gisela Astwood

MASS PRESIDERS

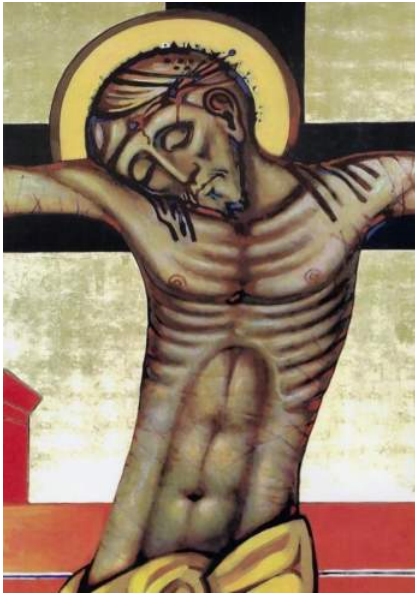
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1

5:30 PM - Father Sean Manson
7:00 PM - Father Michael Bollinger

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2

7:30 AM - Father Oliver Nilo
9:00 AM - Father Michael Bollinger
10:30 AM - Father Oliver Nilo
12:00 PM - Father Sean Manson
1:15 PM (Spa) - Father Sean Manson

Dear Brothers and Sisters



As a seminarian I spent four years of my priestly formation in itinerant teams of catechists throughout the US. While in Arizona I once asked Ramon, a father of nine children, what he would like his children to do in life.

His reply: “I would like them to be saints.”

I nearly fell over. Was he kidding, or trying to be a Smart Alec? No, he was serious. The way he said it, without pretense or arrogance, just matter of factly, made me believe him. Not only did I believe what he said, but I believed that his kids could be a saints.

The same can be said of us.

Why should there not one day be a stained glass window in our church with your image on it? St. Marilyn of Bergenfield, St. Milor of New Jersey, or St. Carmen of Bergen County! Sounds far-fetched? That’s perhaps because of two things: The world we live in does not desire sanctity, but, more importantly, we may not desire it.

When I was in Second Grade in school, I remember seeing an illustrated book of the Lives of the Saints. You never saw a more miserable bunch of people in your life. Who would want to be like them? – none of them were smiling, they all wore drab clothes, and often lived in a cave with little or nothing to eat.

Ramon knew that this image of the saints is false. In fact the opposite is true; the saints are full of joy, life, and light.

Saints have one thing in common; they know they are sinners, but more importantly, they know that God loves them. They are not perfect, but they have met Someone who loves them the way they are. They are not holy because they are good; they are holy because God is good.

Our vocation, our calling, the real meaning of our life, and the only thing that will make us truly happy, is to allow God to make us Saints. Sanctity is not the privilege of a select few, it is offered to all the Baptized.

Sanctity allows us is to experience hope where there is despair, courage where there is fear, patience when there is turmoil, the presence of the love of God in our joys and in our sorrows. This can be found in heroic deeds, but more often it is found amidst the mundane and ordinary things of our daily lives. Everything else passes, the love of God endures.

Yesterday we celebrated All Saints Day, a celebration of what we are called to be, to do.

Today we celebrate the Commemorate all the Faithful Departed, All Souls Day, when we remember and pray for all those who have gone before us ‘marked with the sign of faith’. Purgatory is not a place, it is a state of the soul. It means the purgation, or cleansing, from the soul, of everything that does not behoove it.

This side of the grave, with the grace of Christ, we can do a lot to purge our own souls: acts of self denial, acceptance of trials and sufferings, charitable works. The other side of the grave we can do nothing to purge our soul from the dross that may still cleave to it. We rely on the suffrage and prayers of others- the living. Today we are invited to pray for the souls of the deceased, those known to us, and those unknown. In the context of this Jubilee Year, we have a kairos, a favorable moment, to do this.

Fr. Sean

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.

We Are His Witnesses

A big thank you to all those who came to our listening sessions for the We Are His Witnesses program. Your input and feedback is important, for all parishioners- those who attended and those unable to attend; the online portal is still open on the Archdiocesan website: rcan.org

Works Around The Parish

A big thank you to the volunteers who have put drywall in the school library. The space is now ready to be painted. Thank you also to the volunteers from the Spanish choir group who removed the old carpet and put down new flooring in the library.

This week we began removing the old boiler from the school building, in preparation for a new boiler. The existing boiler is 30yrs old, and finally gave out. We are asking for financial help from anyone who would like to contribute to the cost of a new boiler.

We also had the heating and cooling system in the church repaired- a replacement air separator tank and pressure valve. We should be in good shape for the winter in the church!

Volunteers continued work on the sanctuary floor- repairing a broken piece in front of the Virgin of Guadalupe, a color matching the terrazzo in front of the tabernacle.



Fall
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On November 2nd Daylight Savings Time ends. Remember to set your clocks back!



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YOUTH GROUP Meeting

St. John's is launching a brand new Youth Group, and we want YOU to be part of it! Bring a lunch or snack, wear comfy shoes, and come prepared to enjoy the outdoors.

SUNDAY NOV. 9TH, 2025 @ 3:30 PM

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Pre-Cana Courses

Pre-Cana is a marriage preparation course for couples who wish to be married in a Catholic church. The name is derived from John 2:1–12, the Wedding Feast at Cana in Galilee, where Jesus performed the miracle of turning water into wine. Pre Cana is on Mondays 8:00pm-9:00pm in the classroom at the rear of Conlon Hall.

We will meet every Monday thru December 8th, with a retreat on **Sunday December 14th, 2025.**

All couples preparing for marriage are invited.

A Look Ahead - Parish Activities

Nov 4th - Pre Cana

8:00pm Conlon Hall Classroom
(Mondays thru Dec 8)

Nov 4th - Holy Hour for Vocations

9:30am in English, 7:00pm in Spanish

Nov 7th - First Friday Novena to the Sacred Heart

Nov 29th - Advent Retreat Spanish Apostolate

8:00am - 4:00pm Conlon Hall

Dec 6th - Confirmation Retreat

Lower Church

Dec 6th - Tri Valley Brass Fundraiser for Food

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Dec 13th - Christmas Concert

6:30pm in Conlon Hall

Religious Ed Families

St. John's Prayer Groups



Legion of Mary

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

Padre Pio Prayer Group

2nd Sat., 2:00–4:30 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, 7:00–10 PM, Parish Life Center Chapel

2nd Fri., 10:00 PM–6:30 AM, LC (Adoration).

Congratulations to Fr. Matthew Gonzalez



With joy and gratitude, our St. John the Evangelist Parish family celebrates the appointment of Rev. Matthew Gonzalez as the new Rector of the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart.

A son of our parish, Fr. Matthew has served the Archdiocese of Newark with faith and dedication, most recently at St. Bartholomew's Church in Scotch Plains.

We thank God for his vocation and leadership, and we pray that the Holy Spirit strengthen him in this new ministry.

May Our Lady of Grace watch over him and bless his continued service to the Church.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

November 27
Thanksgiving
Only one Mass at 9:00 AM

December 8
Immaculate Conception
7:00am, 9:00am, 6:30pm, & 8:00pm (Spanish)

December 12
Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
7:00pm Spanish Mass with Mariachi

December 24
Christmas
3:30pm, 5:30pm, 9:00pm (Spanish),
Midnight

December 25
7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am,
12:00 noon (Spanish)

St. John The Evangelist RC Church
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November is the month dedicated to the Holy Souls of Purgatory

Join us at the Main Church on Fridays in November from 7–8 PM, after the evening Mass, to pray the Rosary and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy for the Faithful Departed. Let us remember our loved ones and those who have no one to pray for, offering our time for their souls.

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- Grupos Parroquiales**
- La Palabra**
 Lunes, 7:30–9:30 PM, Iglesia de abajo
 - Legión de María**
 Martes, 6:00–7:30 PM, Capilla PLC
 - Emaús Mujeres**
 Miércoles, 7:00–9:30 PM, Iglesia de abajo
 - Emaús Hombres**
 Miércoles, 7:00–9:30 PM, PLC Basement
 - Luz y Vida**
 Jueves, 7:00–9:30 PM, PLC Basement
 - Preciosa Sangre de Cristo**
 Viernes, 8:00–9:00 PM, 2do piso de PLC
 - Matrimonios Con Cristo**
 3er Viernes, 7:00–9:45 PM, Iglesia de abajo

Noviembre es el mes dedicado a las Santas Almas del Purgatorio.
 Acompáñanos en la Iglesia Principal los viernes de noviembre, de 7 a 8 p.m., después de la Misa, para rezar el Rosario y la Coronilla de la Divina Misericordia por los Fieles Difuntos. Recordemos a nuestros seres queridos y a quienes no tienen quien rece por ellos.

ST. JOHN the EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

RETIRO

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Sabado 29 de Noviembre
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Advento

Felicitaciones al P. Matthew Gonzalez

Con alegría y gratitud, la familia parroquial de San Juan Evangelista celebra el nombramiento del Rvdo. Matthew Gonzalez como nuevo Rector de la Catedral Basílica del Sagrado Corazón. Hijo de nuestra parroquia, el P. Matthew ha servido a la Arquidiócesis de Newark con fe y dedicación. Damos gracias a Dios por su vocación y pedimos al Espíritu Santo que lo fortalezca en este nuevo ministerio.

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