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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

NOVEMBER 30, 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, NOVEMBER 29

5:30 PM Amelita Miciano

7:00 PM (Spa) Esmaylin Moronta & Ana H. Sanchez - Bdy/Th

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30

7:30 AM People of The Parish

9:00 AM Concepcion Dadivas

10:30 AM Jason Liaban

12:00 PM Martha, Bill, & Jean Forty

1:15 PM (Spa) Manuel Oujero, Jr.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 1

7:00 AM Salvador Valenzona

9:00 AM Josefina P. Trompeta

6:30 PM Alfonso Antonio Rodriguez

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2

7:00 AM Rolando Pagaliwagan

9:00 AM MariaTeresita Galvez

6:30 PM (Spa) Carmelo & Christine Turingan & Family

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3

7:00 AM Jeanette Mendes

9:00 AM Aurea Quiroz – Birthday & Thanks.

6:30 PM The Martin Family – Thanksgiving (L)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4

7:00 AM Virginia & Mauro Tobes

9:00 AM Bernadine Revie

6:30 PM Caroline & Adriano Gregorio

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5

7:00 AM Deceased Members of the Tobes Family

9:00 AM Tessie Cassanova

6:30 PM Jennifer M. Bie

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6

7:00 AM Vincent Morrone – 24th Anniversary

9:00 AM Intentions of the Menezes & D'Silva Families

5:30 PM For the Unborn & Their Families

7:00 PM (Spa) Concepcion N. Laqui - Birthday

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7

7:30 AM People of The Parish

9:00 AM Paul Ryan Hipolito

10:30 AM Ciriaca Benedict D'Souza – 3rd Anniv.

12:00 PM The Klein Family

1:15 PM (Spa) Virgilio & Carmen Sosa – 48th Anniv.

MASS PRESIDERS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29

5:30 PM – Father Sean Manson

7:00 PM (Spa) – Father Hector Larrea

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30

7:30 AM – Father Sean Manson

9:00 AM – Father Oliver Nilo

10:30 AM – Father Mike Bollinger

12:00 PM – Father Sean Manson

7:30 AM – Father Hector Larrea

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

Winifred "Wendy" M. Discepolo
in your prayers.



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**Annual Simbang Gabi Mass
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December 20, 2025
Five thirty in the afternoon (5:30pm)
**Holy Mass at St. John's Upper Church
followed by Christmas Party
at Conlon Hall**

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS:
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**SIMBANG GABI 2025
SCHEDULE OF MASSES**

- ❖ December 16, 2025 @ 5:00am (Tuesday)
- ❖ December 17, 2025 @ 5:00am (Wednesday)
- ❖ December 18, 2025 @ 5:00am (Thursday)
- ❖ December 19, 2025 @ 5:00am (Friday)
- ❖ December 20, 2025 @ 5:30 pm (Saturday)
- ❖ December 21, 2025 @ 5:00 am (Sunday)
- ❖ December 22, 2025 @ 5:00am (Monday)
- ❖ December 23, 2025 @ 5:00am (Tuesday)
- ❖ December 24, 2025 @ 5:00am (Wednesday)

Pot Luck!
Please bring your favorite dish.

Dear Brothers and Sisters



Thanksgiving is already over, and on Wednesday we will, believe it or not, already be in December. The malls, the commercials, the decorations, our mailbox and our inbox already point to Christmas. But before getting ahead of ourselves, the Church invites us to a serious preparation for this Great Feast of the Nativity of Christ Our Lord. This preparation will begin today, the First Sunday of Advent.

'Advent' means arrival or coming. St. Bernard tells us that there are three comings of the Lord. The third lies between the other two. It is invisible, while the other two are visible.

In the First Coming, he took our flesh, and was born of the Virgin Mary in Bethlehem. He dwelt among us; his divinity was eclipsed by his humanity. He came in our flesh, in our weakness; he was not recognized, not accepted. He himself testifies that those who saw him hated him.

The Second Coming will not be like that, for he will come in glory and majesty on the clouds, at the end of time, and all will see him, every knee will bend. This second coming will be experienced by all, both the living and the dead: for the living, either at the moment of death or at the Parousia; for our departed brothers and sisters at the Last Judgment.

Advent has two parts, and we need both of them. The first is a preparation not for Christmas, but for the Second Coming. All the readings of the liturgy point to the last things, inviting us to live sober and alert, full of expectation and hope at the coming of the Lord. Hope, as Pope Benedict said, makes the future spill over into the present, and changes the way we live the 'now.' We already possess in hope the things we long for. 'Stay awake', 'keep watch', the Scriptures will tell us, urging us to live in expectancy and hope. This hope can make you, for example, wake up in the middle of the night and pray, as many will do in the first week of Advent. Why not try it? Set the alarm for 3:00am, get up, wash your face, and sit down in silence to pray. You don't have to say much, in fact you don't have to say anything at all; just wait in hope for the Lord. Pray for five, ten or fifteen minutes; then go back to bed. You'll be surprised how refreshed you are in the morning.

The second part of Advent – the Novena, from December 16 to the 24 – prepares us to celebrate the First Coming, Christmas. Not only as a memory of what happened two thousand years ago, but as an event that continues to occur for us now.

The third, the intermediate coming, which St. Bernard referred to, is a hidden one. Because it lies between the other two, it is like a road on which we travel from the First Coming to the Second. This road is travelled by us every day of our lives. As we travel the road between the First and the Second Coming, Christ comes again, invisibly. He can only be seen by the elect.

This third coming of Christ occurs in our everyday life, many times in the moments and places we would least likely expect it. Christ comes in our family, at work, at school, when we go to bed and when we rise, when we travel abroad and we are at home. He comes in humiliations and the Cross. May Advent help us to welcome the coming of the Lord in our lives.

Happy Advent!

Fr. Sean

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St. John's Scout Troop/Pack 139



Christmas Wreath & Grave Blanket Sale

When: Sunday Nov 30th & Dec 7th, 2025

Location: Church parking lot after masses

Donation: Wreaths \$30 / Grave Blankets \$45

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St. John's Choirs to Celebrate Jubilee Year Finale in Concert

Together with the choirs of Ascension parish, our choirs will present a concert at Ascension Church in New Milford on **Jan 4th, 2026 at 4pm**. It will be a festive way to close out both the Christmas season and the Jubilee Year. Admission is free and we are hoping to see many of you from St John's!

Please contact Lisa Marciano at opus58@optonline.net for any additional information, or just stop by up in the choir loft after mass.

Works Around The Parish

Choir Loft

We have begun cleaning the choir loft with the aim to refinish the wood floor to make this space a fitting place for our choirs to practice and sing. We are blessed to have such a wonderful music ministry and it's fitting to give the choir loft some TLC.

School Boiler

After 30 years of use, the boiler required replacement. Michael Cianciotto Plumbing & Heating LLC removed the old unit and installed the new one in just a few days. Heat has now been restored to the building, which is essential for Religious Education classes and parish group meetings. The cost of the new boiler is \$59,900. A special collection will be taken in the coming weeks to help offset this expense.

Church Parking Lot

Our parking lot was last paved in 2017, and is in need of repair. Last week the cracks were filled and sealed at a cost of \$2,000. This work was essential before more damage is incurred with winter salting and plowing. Next year we will repair two sinking storm drains, and reseal and repaint the entire lot at a cost of \$10,000.



Losing Your Way Home: When Familiar Paths Disappear, Rediscovering our Mission

This Advent Day of Recollection is open to all priests of the Archdiocese (diocesan and religious).

The Day of Recollection will take place on **Tuesday, December 9, 2025** at **St. Rose of Lima Church, Short Hills**, from **9:30 AM to 2:30 PM**. Lunch will be provided.

To register please scan the QR code or email Tina Frey at Tina.Frey@rcan.org. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Rev. John J. Paladino at rev.john.paladino@rcan.org.



Rev. Vincent Fortunato, O.F.M.



Dr. Gerard Costa



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MAY THEY ALL BE ONE
JN 17:21

Sayings of the Desert Fathers

Abba John Colobos said, "If a king wishes to capture a city of the enemy, he first takes control of water and food, and thus the enemy submits to him, reduced by famine. So too with the passions of the flesh: if a person lives in fasting and prayer, the enemy withers away from his soul."

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).

Food Pantry

Thank you for your kindness and generosity. St. John's food pantry distributed groceries to more than 400 needy families in Sep & Oct. That's a lot more than last year. Please continue giving in Nov & Dec since many people can't count on government assistance. Food Donations may be placed in the Rubbermaid shed behind the Parish Life Center. Cash donations or checks may be mailed to St. John's, put in the collection basket at mass or left at the rectory, so we can purchase sale items and save money.

If you have any questions, please contact:

Joe McHale: 201-655-1073

joemc1217@gmail.com

Pre-Cana Courses

Pre-Cana is a marriage preparation program for couples planning to marry in the Catholic Church. Sessions are held Mondays from 8:00–9:00 PM in the classroom behind Conlon Hall.

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

All engaged couples are welcome.

A Look Ahead

Dec 6th: Confirmation Retreat

Lower Church

Dec 6th: Tri Valley Brass Fundraiser

for St. John's Food Pantry, Conlon Hall

Dec 8th: Immaculate Conception

7:00 AM 9:00 AM 6:30 PM, 8:00 PM (Spanish)

Dec 12th: Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

7:00 PM Spanish Mass with Mariachis

Dec 13th: Christmas Concert

6:30 PM in Conlon Hall - Religious Ed Families

Dec 15th-22nd: Spanish Christmas Novena

7:00 PM Lower Church

Dec 16th-24th: Simbang Gabi Mass

5:00am Main Church, followed by breakfast in the Cafeteria.

Dec 19th: Emaus Christmas Dinner

7:00 PM Conlon Hall

Dec 20th: Simbang Gabi Christmas Celebration

6:30 PM Conlon Hall

Dec 23rd: Last Day Spanish Christmas Novena

7:00 PM Conlon Hall

Christmas Masses

Dec 24: 3:30 PM (Children's Mass), 5:30 PM, 9:00 PM (Spanish), Midnight

Dec 25: 7:30 AM, 9:00AM, 10:30 AM, 12:00 noon (Spanish)

The Pope's Monthly Intentions For Christians in areas of conflict

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.



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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

Las Intenciones Mensuales del Papa

Oremos para que los cristianos que viven en zonas de guerra o conflicto, especialmente en el Medio Oriente, sean semillas de paz, reconciliación y esperanza.

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Misa Solemne y Serenata a La Virgen de Guadalupe

VIERNES 12 DE DICIEMBRE

Rosario: 6:15 pm
Misa: 7:00 pm

Iglesia Principal



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