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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 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, DECEMBER 13

5:30 PM Ormundo Flores
7:00 PM (Spa) Felicidad Molina

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14

7:30 AM People of The Parish
9:00 AM Jessica Enriquez – 5th Anniversary
10:30 AM Edna Donner
12:00 PM Priscilla Vano Uy – 14th Anniversary
1:15 PM (Spa) Rosa Peña

MONDAY, DECEMBER 15

7:00 AM Camilo Aguirre
9:00 AM Marlon Mangaoil
6:30 PM Geronimo Valdenarro

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16

7:00 AM Marcelino Valencia
9:00 AM Fidela Balico
6:30 PM (Spa) Sp. Int. of Lilian Reyes (L)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17

7:00 AM Danilo Bonifacio
9:00 AM Natividad & Judge Inocente Adaniel
6:30 PM Andres Aguirre

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18

7:00 AM Bienvenido Ramilo
9:00 AM Lydia Vano Uy
6:30 PM Joseph Anthony & Mary Joseph - 51st Anniv.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19

7:00 AM Thomas Sweeney
9:00 AM Sabina Develleres
6:30 PM Fred Scarola

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20

7:00 AM Chinna Matthew
9:00 AM Letty Revilla
5:30 PM Albina Perez
7:00 PM (Spa) Mercedes Muñoz & Ana "Cookie" Ramirez

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21

7:30 AM People of The Parish
9:00 AM Richard & Kathleen Ascolese
10:30 AM Mildred Lobaton (L) & Adelia Lobaton
12:00 PM Patricia McHale
1:15 PM (Spa) Carmelita de Salozar & Daniel Gutierrez

MASS PRESIDERS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13

5:30 PM – Father Sean Manson
7:00 PM (Spa) – Father Hector Larrea

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14

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

SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. John of the Cross (1542–1591) was a Carmelite mystic and Doctor of the Church who taught that the soul is purified through the "dark night" to reach union with God. Celebrated on December 14, he is the patron of mystics, contemplatives, and Spanish poets.

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
Nyurka Valle, Rosemarie Dana,
Madgalena M. Punla, & German Leon
in your prayers.



**FILIPINO APOSTOLATE
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**Annual Simbang Gabi Mass
and Christmas Party**

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:
NATIVITY SCENE
SANTA IS COMING!

**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



This Sunday we are invited to “Gaudete,” that is to rejoice at the approaching coming of Christ. The Mass vestments are rose colored, as is the third candle to be lit on the Advent wreath, signifying the joy of this liturgy.

This joy is expressed in the readings we will listen to: “The parched desert will blossom, the blind will see, the lame walk, the deaf hear, the lepers will be cleansed”.

These words are addressed to us, to you and to me. When was the last time you had an eye exam? Or your hearing tested? When was the last time you leapt like a deer? Advent and Christmas open our eyes to see the greatness of God, they open our ears to hear his voice speaking to us, and our spirit exults because the birth of this child approaches.

The frenzy of decorating, shopping, putting up the tree, getting the Nativity ready, and wrapping presents can easily make us lose sight of what we are doing all this for. Gaudete Sunday invites us to do all these things joyfully because our spirit rejoices at the advent, the coming of Christ.

St. Francis of Assisi knew this very well. He was the first person to make a Nativity scene, with live animals and people, as a way to contemplate the mystery we are about to celebrate. In his day there was no Garden State Plaza, no Amazon, no online deals, but there was nonetheless the same temptation to lose focus of what was really going on.

We can avoid this temptation by participating in our Advent Deanery Celebration of Reconciliation, on Saturday December 20th, at 12:00 noon.

The Simbang Gabi 5:00am Masses will begin on Dec 16th, and the 7:00pm Spanish Novenas will begin on Dec 15th (in the Lower Church). The Simbang Gabi Christmas party will be on Sat Dec 20th at 6:30pm in Conlon Hall, and the Spanish Christmas party will be on Dec 23rd at 7:00pm in Conlon Hall.

Fr. Sean

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CHURCH PRESENTS OUR SECOND ANNUAL

Handbag BINGO

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SCAN BELOW TO REGISTER OR TEXT 'SJRCBINGO' TO 234-324-3332
QUESTIONS? REACH OUT TO SJRCHANDBAGBINGO@GMAIL.COM



THE MERCY HOUSE

Christmas Toy Giveaway

Dates & Locations

December 16th, Newark, 620 Clinton Avenue
December 17th, Elizabeth, 249 Court Street
December 22nd, Jersey City, 20 Greenville Avenue

Doors Open at 11:00 am
Children need not be present

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Parish Collections:

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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.

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.

RESPECT LIFE NEWS

The winners of the 2025 New Jersey Right to Life raffle

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Once again, our parish was one of the top fund-raising parishes in all of New Jersey.

Thank you to all participants!

2. **Spiritual Adoption:** Your spiritually-adopted baby is due to be born on December 25. Congratulations on his/her birth! And thank you for praying so faithfully for their safe arrival.

3. **Baby Bottles:** We are still looking for the return of at least 100 Bottles Please continue to drop off at the rectory any bottles you may find.

A Look Ahead

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 20th: Advent Deanery Celebration of Reconciliation

12:00 PM Main Church

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)

24th Seminary Christmas Concert & Dinner



Friday, December 19 - Redemptoris Mater Seminary
Food at 6:00 pm - Concert at 7:30 pm

Saturday, December 20 - Redemptoris Mater Seminary
Food at 1:30 pm - Concert at 3:00 pm

Sunday, December 21 - Redemptoris Mater Seminary
Food at 6:00 pm - Concert at 7:30 pm

Come, anticipate Christmas with the Seminarians,
and support vocations to the Priesthood

Suggested donation:

1 ticket \$50; 3 tickets \$40 ea.; 4-9 tickets \$35 ea.;
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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., 2:00–4:30 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).

St. John's Food Pantry

Thank you very much for your generous support and kindness. Before the Thanksgiving holiday we served more than 141 needy families (440 people - a new record!) A number of Confirmation Candidates assisted the food service team setting up and sorting food donations. May the Lord bless you for your caring hearts. 🕊️❤️

Have questions?– Joe McHale
201-655-1073 / joemc1217@gmail.com

2025 Cena y Concierto Navideños del Seminario



Viernes, Diciembre 19 - Seminario Redemptoris Mater
Comida a la 6:00 pm - Concierto: 7:30 pm

Sábado, Diciembre 20 - Seminario Redemptoris Mater
Comida a la 1:30 pm - Concierto: 3:00 pm

Domingo, Diciembre 21 - Seminario Redemptoris Mater
Comida a la 6:00 pm - Concierto: 7:30 pm

Celebra con los seminaristas la venida del Señor
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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, Iglesia de abajo

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.

Santo de La Semana

San Juan de la Cruz (1542–1591) fue un místico
carmelita y Doctor de la Iglesia que enseñó que el
alma alcanza la unión con Dios a través de la
“noche oscura”. Sus escritos siguen siendo
esenciales para la espiritualidad católica.

Despensa de Alimentos de San Juan

Muchas gracias por su generoso apoyo y
amabilidad. Antes del Día de Acción de
Gracias, atendimos a más de 141 familias
necesitadas (440 personas, ¡un nuevo récord!).
Varios candidatos a la Confirmación ayudaron
al equipo de servicio de alimentos a organizar
y clasificar las donaciones de alimentos.
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familias para que pudieran celebrar esta
festividad estadounidense. Que el Señor los
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¿Tiene alguna pregunta? – Joe McHale
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