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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 21, 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 20

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 & Daniel Gutierrez (1st D.A.)

1:15 PM (Spa) Carmelita de Salazar

MONDAY, DECEMBER 22

7:00 AM Zariada Jairam (L)

9:00 AM Jeen Joseph & Ancy George (L)

6:30 PM Marcelino & Dorothy Azachee

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23

7:00 AM Aida G. Lapuz

9:00 AM Linda Manson – 2nd Anniversary

6:30 PM (Spa) Marina Fernandez

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24

9:00 AM Renato Masaganda

3:30 PM Steven Shine & John, Nora, & Mary Reilly

5:30 PM Delmy A. Escobar

9:00 PM (Spa) Salvador, Juan, & Miguel Arellano

12:00 AM T.J. & Sally D. Lee

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25

MERRY CHRISTMAS

7:00 AM Diane Marie Casamento

9:00 AM Douglas, Brenda, & Brian Pyle

10:30 AM Menezes & D' Silva Families - Thanksgiving

12:00 PM (Spa) Chavez Family

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26

7:00 AM Dominic E. Francisco

9:00 AM Marivic Silva

6:30 PM Vere & Eileen Sinnetamby

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27

7:00 AM Lee Sun-Kyun

9:00 AM Richard Icarangel

5:30 PM Guillermo & Amalia Montoya

7:00 PM (Spa) Sp. Int. Roberto & Guadalupe Chavez

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28

7:30 AM People of The Parish

9:00 AM Frank, Sally, & Annette DeMaggio

10:30 AM William Nicodemus

12:00 PM Nata Trinidad – Birthday & Thanksgiving

1:15 PM (Spa) Jorge Mendoza, Jr.

THE OFFICE IS CLOSED DECEMBER 24-28TH

MASS PRESIDERS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20

5:30 PM – Msgr. Richard J. Arnolds & Fr. Oliver Nilo

7:00 PM (Spa) – Father Hector Larrea

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21

7:30 AM – Father Sean Manson

9:00 AM – Father Oliver Nilo

10:30 AM – Father Michael Bollinger

12:00 PM – Father Michael Bollinger

1:15 PM (Spa) – 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
Richard Icarangel
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
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EVENT
HIGHLIGHTS:
**NATIVITY
SCENE**
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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



I want to personally welcome all of you who join us for Mass this Christmas. It does not matter who you are or where you come from, if you are here every week or only come once a year. God is Emmanuel, and reveals his love for all in the Christ Child.

The world is changed by the birth of Mary's son, the baby, born in Bethlehem. The world is changed not because it magically becomes a better place, but because there is a presence of love which is able to transform, from within, all who receive it.

The child born is Son of God and son of Mary. As Son of God he shows us that God is with us. As son of Mary he shows that God is one with us. He has come to our world, the world which he created,

and entered into it in a way that only he could, becoming one with those he loved.

He asks for our love: so he makes himself a child. God makes himself small so that we could understand him, welcome him, and love him.

We are able to love him precisely because he has loved us in this way. It's difficult to love someone who is strong, someone who we perceive as above us, greater than us, somebody we fear. It's much easier to love someone who is weak, defenseless, in need. Love descends to that person, that place, without effort, spontaneously.

The love which God has for us is a defenseless love. It is a love which will accept to be born in a cold stable. It is a love which will be placed in a wooden manger. It is a love which will, in the end, be beaten, stripped, humiliated. It is a love which will descend to the poorest and lowest experience of humanity. It is a love which, ultimately will allow itself to suffer in place of that humanity, to be crucified and buried in the ground. A love which will rise from the dead, from the ashes, from all hopelessness, and ascend to heaven, offering each one of us the possibility to experience the power which this love has to transform the world we live in.

This love redeems us from all that is not love, this love is able to penetrate the darkest night; St. Alphonsus of Liguori reflected on Christmas with these words:

"Arise, all you nobles and peasants, Mary invites all, rich and poor, just and sinners, to enter the cave of Bethlehem, to adore and to kiss the feet of her newborn son. Go in, then, all you, devout souls, go and see the Creator of heaven and earth laying in the manger, under the form of a little infant; but so beautiful that he sheds around rays of light. Now that he is born and he is lying in the manger, the cave is no longer horrible, but is become a paradise. Let us enter, let us not be afraid."

To approach him we ourselves are invited to become childlike, to become small. Brother Simeon, a Cistercian monk of St. Joseph's Abbey, puts it this way: "...a paradox is involved here: the greatness of God can be perceived only by the little ones, those who have no words of their own....there is a clear affinity between God and children. This truth is at the center of the mystery of Christmas, when God is revealed in the form of a baby. If he loves the childlike, it is because they are empty enough to receive what he wants to give them."

We celebrate "Christmas," a word derived from "Christ's Mass." The Mass, our Eucharist, is our act of Thanksgiving in response to the love of God, for us and for all humanity.

This celebration belongs to all of us, and not just today, but every day. You will find a welcoming parish community here, and a place to nourish your faith on a weekly basis. May each of us become child-like enough this Christmas to receive what Christ gives us. May his birth provoke a groundswell of reaction on our part, as we gather around him, who lies in the manger, may our lives and our world be transformed by this child born for us.

Fr. Sean

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CHURCH PRESENTS OUR SECOND ANNUAL

Handbag BINGO

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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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ADVENT PRAYER

Jesus, thank you for your magnificent works that heal and bring hope. I'm opening my heart to the good news and great joy that you offer. May I provide an encounter of Christ in everyone I meet.

Amen.

Parish Collections:

CORRECTION: December 6 & 7

PG: 2,824.54 | Env: 17,895.00 | TOTAL: 20,719.54

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.

RESPECT LIFE NEWS

1. **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.
2. **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.



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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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 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)

New Year's Day Masses

Jan 1: 9 AM & 10:30 AM

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

Rosario de la Aurora & Misa del Alba

Bajo la Advocación de:

La Virgen de la Altagracia



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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



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. Distribuimos jamones y pavos gratis a estas familias para que pudieran celebrar esta festividad estadounidense. Que el Señor los bendiga por su generosidad. †❤

¿Tiene alguna pregunta? – Joe McHale
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Las Intenciones Mensuales del Papa

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