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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 27

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.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 29

7:00 AM Eli A. Topengco & Maria DeLeon
9:00 AM Sp. Int. Albert & Josephine Carlet - Wedding
6:30 PM Bambino Mangaoil

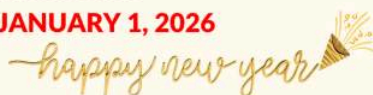
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30

7:00 AM Salazar & Revilla Family - Thanksgiving
9:00 AM Jason Liaban
6:30 PM (Spa) Patricia Sutherland

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31

7:00 AM Dominic E. Francisco
9:00 AM Josefa Poblete
5:30 PM In Honor of St. John The Evangelist
7:00 PM Spanish Mass

THURSDAY, JANUARY 1, 2026



9:00 AM Georlando Delgado
10:30 AM Melencio & Luz, & Isip Family

FRIDAY, JANUARY 2

7:00 AM Patricia Sutherland
9:00 AM Joseph Campesi
6:30 PM Peace on Earth

SATURDAY, JANUARY 3

7:00 AM Community Mass
9:00 AM January Birthdays - Legion of Mary
5:30 PM Nancy L. Osbourne
7:00 PM (Spa) Gisela Astwood

SUNDAY, JANUARY 4

7:30 AM People of The Parish
9:00 AM Felipe Tan, Sr. – 96th Birthday (L)
10:30 AM James Casey
12:00 PM Daniel Manoming
1:15 PM (Spa) Lucy Velez

THE OFFICE IS CLOSED DEC 31-JAN 1

MASS PRESIDERS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27

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

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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

Donna F. Rumian & June Marie Gallagher
in your prayers.

Come follow the Star
at the
Three Kings Play
January 2, 2026

7:30 PM

Conlon Hall

All families are welcomed



"Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him." Mt: 2:2

Dear Brothers and Sisters



A friend of mine related how he once met Mother Teresa of Calcutta. He asked her how he could become holy. She replied simply: “you have to desire it.”

What do you desire? What’s on your bucket list? Does holiness make the top ten? The top one hundred? Does it appear at all?

How would you describe yourself? And how would you describe your family? Which adjective would you use? Caring? Loving? Neurotic? Understanding? Dysfunctional? Middle class? Stable? Troubled? Peaceable?

I don’t know how many of us would use the word “Holy.”

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family, Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. The Holy Family of Nazareth is an icon, an image of what each of our families is called to be. The members of the Family of Nazareth have a secret, their holiness comes not from their relationships with one another, but from the fact that they each have a relationship with God.

Holiness is a gift, but it is also something that needs to be discovered, nurtured and desired. None of us choose the family we belong to, but one thing is for sure, the family we belong to is called to be holy; and this holiness, the secret to family life, begins with you. If we wait for the others to be holy things are never going to happen.

God is calling you; not your spouse, or children, or brother, or sister, or father or mother, to be holy. But is that something we really want, or even think about?

Mary and Joseph know that the child does not belong to them. He is not their property, he is not their project, their hobby. They are custodians of a child who, as every child, is called to be a child of God. This will mean “keeping things in their heart.” They don’t shoot from the hip. They will learn to suffer and to love this child who, through them, is called to be son of his Father. They will put God first in their own life, freeing the child to do what God asks of him.

All of our families are infused with the holiness of God. This holiness is the secret of our communion, our relationships with each other, our love for one another. We can rediscover this holiness today, the Feast of the Holy Family, when God speaks to our hearts. He will speak to your heart. May he make of us his children, and in doing so teach each of us how to be a parent, a grandparent, a spouse, a son, a daughter, a brother, a sister, in the holy family to which we belong.

Fr. Sean

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A Prayer for New Year's Eve



Loving Father,
 Help us remember the birth of Jesus,
 that we may share in the song of the angels,
 the gladness of the shepherds,
 and worship of the wise men.

Close the door of hate
 and open the door of love all over the world.

Let kindness come with every gift
 and good desires with every greeting.

Deliver us from evil by the blessing
 which Christ brings,
 and teach us to be merry with clear hearts.

May the dawn of the new year
 make us glad to be Your children,
 and may its closing hours bring us to rest
 with grateful thoughts,
 forgiving and forgiven,
 for Jesus' sake.

Amen.

RESPECT LIFE NEWS

- 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.
- 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.

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 4:30pm**. 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 Twelve Days of Christmas

For twelve sacred days, the Church stays close to the manger, lingering with the mystery of Christ's birth.

We begin with the Nativity of the Lord, welcoming **Emmanuel**, *God-with-us*.

We remember those who bore witness to Him:
St. Stephen, first martyr;
St. John the Evangelist, apostle of love;
and the Holy Innocents, held forever in God's mercy.

We honor St. Thomas Becket and St. Sylvester, and rejoice in the **Holy Family—Mary, Joseph, and Jesus—** our model of faithful love.

As the year turns, we proclaim **Mary, Mother of God**, give thanks for holy teachers and saints, and adore the Holy Name of Jesus.

We close these days awaiting Epiphany, hearts lifted toward the light of Christ revealed to the world.

A Look Ahead

New Year's Day Masses

Dec 31 Vigil Mass: 5:30 PM (Eng) & 7 PM (Spa)

Jan 1: 9 AM & 10:30 AM

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.

St. John's Prayer Groups

Legion of Mary

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

Padre Pio Prayer Group



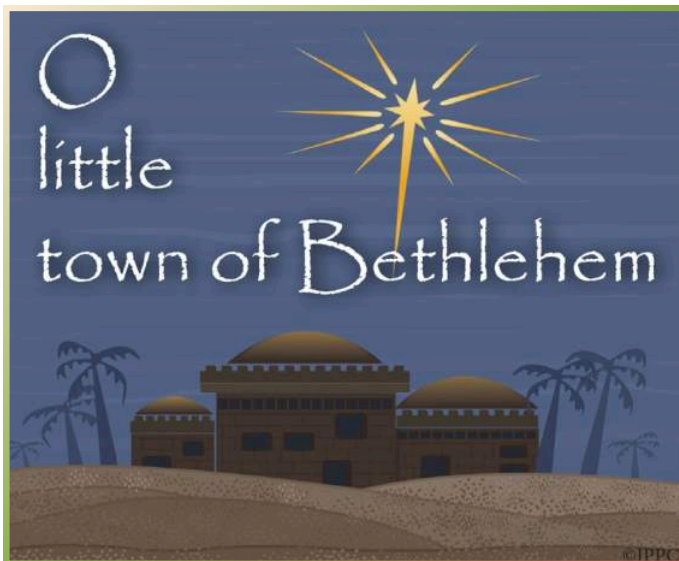
2nd Sat., 2:00–4:30 PM, Conlon Hall Cafeteria

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

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Bajo la Advocación de:

La Virgen de la Altagracia



**Sábado 3 de Enero, 2026
6:00AM**

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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.



Oración para el Año Nuevo



Padre amoroso,
ayúdanos a recordar el don de Jesús entre nosotros,
para que llevemos adelante el canto de los ángeles,
la alegría de los pastores y la devoción de los sabios.

Cierra la puerta del odio
y abre de par en par la puerta del amor en todo el mundo.

Que la bondad acompañe cada propósito
y que las buenas intenciones guíen cada saludo.

Líbranos del mal por la bendición
que Cristo sigue trayendo,
y enséñanos a alegrarnos con corazones limpios y fieles.

Que el amanecer del nuevo año
nos haga alegrarnos de ser Tus hijos,
y que sus últimas horas nos lleven al descanso
con pensamientos agradecidos,
perdonando y perdonados,
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Amén.



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