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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, JANUARY 10

5:30 PM Lis & Jendrysik Family

7:00 PM (Spa) Christian Picharido

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11

7:30 AM People of The Parish

9:00 AM Teresita Casanova & Jose Luis Figueroa

10:30 AM John Brennan

12:00 PM John Gallagher

1:15 PM (Spa) Maria & Alejandro Espinal – Wedding A.

MONDAY, JANUARY 12

7:00 AM Awilda Marrero

9:00 AM Alicia Remo

6:30 PM Walter Mischler

TUESDAY, JANUARY 13

7:00 AM Socorro Ladera Anora & Jeen Joseph & Ancy George

9:00 AM Antoinette Morrone - 18th Anniv.

6:30 PM (Spa) Rafael Escaño

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14

7:00 AM Grace Francisco - 1st Death Anniversary

9:00 AM Frances B. Gorman

6:30 PM Leoncia Corona

THURSDAY, JANUARY 15

7:00 AM Norma Ferman

9:00 AM All Departed Souls

6:30 PM Aurora Talavera

FRIDAY, JANUARY 16

7:00 AM Irv Corkett

9:00 AM Divino Niño – Thanksgiving

6:30 PM Zoe Melana Cooper

SATURDAY, JANUARY 17

7:00 AM Angela Manuel – Birthday

9:00 AM John Brennan

5:30 PM Melencio Isip

7:00 PM (Spa) Living & Deceased of Patino Alvarez Family

SUNDAY, JANUARY 18

7:30 AM People of The Parish

9:00 AM Alicia Eugenia Rivera

10:30 AM Guillermo Montoya

12:00 PM Melencio Isip

1:15 PM (Spa) Jose Rosario & Salvetiana Hernandez

MASS PRESIDERS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 10

5:30 PM – Father Michael Bollinger

7:00 PM (Spa) – Father Hector Larrea

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11

7:30 AM – Father Oliver Nilo & Deacon Jim Detura

9:00 AM – Father Michael Bollinger

10:30 AM – Father Oliver Nilo

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
Jose Luis Figueroa
in your prayers.

Religious Education News

- Please remember to turn in any assignment, Mass Attendance Sheets, & sacramental paperwork as soon as possible.
- The **Catching Up With Christ Class** returns on January 13th, 2026. Please check your emails for the homework!
- SJRE has started a **Google Classroom for the Confirmation classes**. To join the Google Classroom use the code: **3v2wuglj**

The Pope's Monthly Intention

For prayer with the Word of God

Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

Dear Brothers and Sisters



Today we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord. On the day of their baptism, the newly baptized receive a certificate, verifying that they are children of God.

A birth certificate details the names of the parents and the time and place of birth. A certificate of Baptism details the names of Godparents and day and place of re-birth.

We are born three times; of the flesh, of water and the spirit (Baptism) and, at the moment of death, we are born into eternal life.

We celebrate two funerals. Our real funeral, our real burial, happens at the moment of Baptism. We are buried with Christ in the waters of death. Our old self is buried in the tomb of Baptism, the self of selfishness, pride, fear, arrogance, doubt, hypocrisy, lust, avarice, sloth, anger. In this moment we also receive a new nature, the nature of Christ, love, patience, charity, humility, forbearance, magnanimity, truth, meekness, holiness.

Baptism is the day when we began a new life, the day we were born again, the day we became sons and daughters of God.

When a baby is born you can see her, hold her in your arms. People say. 'she has her mothers eyes' 'she has her fathers nose'. But the effects of baptism are not immediately evident. Because we do not physically see anything happen at the moment of baptism, it's easy to think that nothing does happen.

Baptism is not a magical rite. It's not as if someone waves a wand and, presto, you are transformed. True, we are baptized as children of God, we become Christians, we do receive the nature of God. Ontologically, sacramentally, this is true. There is a 'DNA' change in our soul at the moment of Baptism, but this change is not immediately perceivable.

Baptism is a beginning and an end. An end to the old life of pride, greed, lust, envy, gluttony, wrath and sloth. The beginning of humility, liberality, chastity, kindness, abstinence, patience and diligence. But any child who has been baptized does not automatically become an angel; just ask their parents! They are not now programmed to grow up to be humble, kind, patient and diligent. They do not automatically obey their parents or not fight with their siblings. Baptism is a beginning, a journey that will last our whole life, an itinerary in which we can either nurture or neglect the sacrament we received.

That is why the sacrament of Baptism begins with a dialogue. The parents and Godparents are asked if they are willing to help their child grow up in the faith of the Church. They are asked if they are willing to pass on their faith. Their 'yes' must become a 'yes' on the part of the child him/herself, as he or she grows and matures, giving their own assent to the gift they have received at the moment of Baptism.

We too are invited to give our assent today, on this Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Jesus did not need to be Baptized, after all, he had no sin. But he accepted to be baptized, and in so doing made himself one with us in our fallen humanity. "He who did not know sin, became sin for us" says St. Paul. We, who know what it is to live the 'old life' of resentment, of selfishness, of doubt, of anger, of lust, of avarice, or greed; are given the possibility to discover a new life in Christ. Just as Christ becomes one with us in our humanity, we, through Baptism, can become one with him in his divinity. We begin to live the life of God.

Even if we do not remember the date of our Baptism, or do not always see its effects in our life, today's Feast comes to greet all of us. May our Baptism make of us co-heirs with Christ, truly sons and daughters of God.

Fr. Sean

Sto. Niño Sinulog festival



The Filipino Apostolate of St. John Bergenfield
cordially invite you to
The 30th Anniversary of the Feast of Sto. Niño in Bergenfield

Holy Eucharist Celebration on January 17, 2026
5:15pm - Sto. Niño & Sinulog Dance procession
5:30pm - Holy Mass

St. John the Evangelist Church Bergenfield, New Jersey

Celebrant: Fr. JM Manolo A. Punzalan, STL, MA-HRS
Director, Filipino Apostolate of the Archdiocese of Newark
Concelebrant: Fr. Oliver Nilo and other priests

Roger Ballesteros - Hermano Mayor
Cecil Almendra, PhD, RN - Hermana Mayor

Sinulog festival and reception
to follow at Conlon Hall

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Upcoming Events Snapshots

Jan 17

Santo Niño Feast Day

Santo Niño & Sinulog
Procession in Conlon Hall @
5:15 PM



Jan 20

Our Lady of Altagracia Feast Day

Mass & Reception
in Conlon Hall @ 6:30 PM



Jan 26

Catechesis for Youth and Adults

Catechesis begins in the Conlon
Hall Cafeteria @ 8:00 PM on Mon
& Thurs



Jan 26

Food Pantry Distribution

8:30 AM & 6:00 PM in Conlon
Hall



Feb 14

St. Valentines Day Dinner Dance

Begins @ 8:00 PM in Conlon Hall.
This event is fundraiser to upgrade
the kitchen in Conlon Hall.



Feb 17

2nd Annual Handbag Bingo

Doors open @ 5:30 PM
Bingo begins @ 7:30 PM



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our humanity, we, through Baptism, can
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St. John's Food Pantry

Thanks to generous donors, the pantry served 137 families (over 430 people) before Christmas.

With thanks to: **Tri-Valley Brass; Knights of Columbus; Bergen Irish Society; Virgin Mary Syrian Church; South Presbyterian Church; Clinton Reformed Church; KOC Columbiettes; St. Gabriel's Syrian Church; Bergenfield Social Services; Durga Bari (Indian Community Group).**

Next Distribution: Monday, January 26 —
8:30–11:00 a.m. / 6:00–7:00 p.m.

Questions: Joe McHale joemc1217@gmail.com

Cash donations or gift cards may be dropped off or mailed to the St. John's Rectory.

Items Needed (Jan–Feb): White rice; tuna, canned meat & fish; kids' cereal; canned pasta & ravioli; pasta sauce; cooking oil; bath tissue; paper towels; peanut butter & jelly; body wash & soap; toothpaste; crackers & cookies.

Thank you, and God bless you for your generosity.

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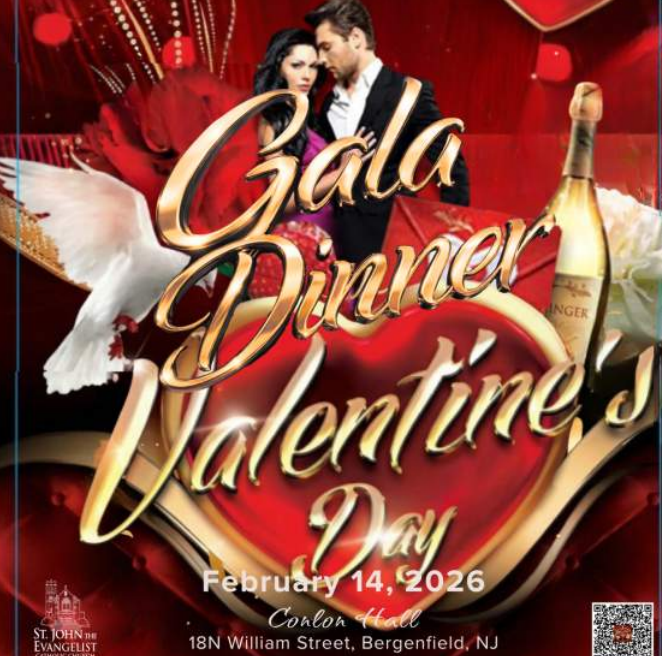
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Gala Dinner Valentine's Day
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MORE INFORMATION: 646-772-7571

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CHURCH

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).




La Iglesia Católica San Juan el Evangelista invita a toda la comunidad a celebrar el Día de San Valentín con alegría y paz. Únanse a nosotros para honrar la amistad, el amor y el espíritu de unidad que nos une. Todos son bienvenidos.

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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

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