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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

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ONE HOPE

OF YOUR CALLING

EPHESIANS 4:4



MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 24

5:30 PM Michael Ingleby

7:00 PM (Spa) Gilma Yolanda Abreu Dominguez

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25

7:30 AM People of The Parish

9:00 AM Albino S. Nilo, Sr.

10:30 AM Paquito Vallota & Corazon Junsay

12:00 PM Sarah & Joseph McHale

1:15 PM (Spa) Oneida & Rafael Rosario

MONDAY, JANUARY 26

7:00 AM Ralph DePasquale

9:00 AM Aurora Talavera

6:30 PM John Said

TUESDAY, JANUARY 27

7:00 AM Arthur Flores

9:00 AM Douglas, Brenda, & Brian Pyle

6:30 PM (Spa) Patricia Sutherland & Felix Buenconsejo

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28

7:00 AM John McCabe

9:00 AM Ben & Nenita Martin – 39th Wedding Ann.

6:30 PM Gerardo Santos

THURSDAY, JANUARY 29

7:00 AM Irwing Lazo

9:00 AM Caridad Tobias

6:30 PM Aubrey Cruz Cabel

FRIDAY, JANUARY 30

7:00 AM Al & Perla Valdenarro – Wedding Ann.

9:00 AM Natividad Vasquez

6:30 PM For the Soul of Celestino Marcelino

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31

7:00 AM Joann Hirsch

9:00 AM Emilia Jareta

5:30 PM Vincent & John P. Brennan

7:00 PM (Spa) Our Lady of Guadalupe

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

Bryan K. Bastian & Christopher Haugh
in your prayers.

Religious Education News

- Please remember to turn in any assignment, Mass Attendance Sheets, & sacramental paperwork as soon as possible.
- SJRE has started a **Google Classroom for the Confirmation classes**. To join the Google Classroom use the code: **3v2wuglj**

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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



“The people who sit in darkness have seen a great light.”

January is the month when there is least light in the Northern Hemisphere; the cold and dark affect the psyche and spirit.

Not surprising that the tour industry does a booming trade this time of year, as people seek to get away from the North East winter and head down South to the sun. Florida, Bermuda, the Caribbean, and Turks and Caicos all seem so much more attractive right now.

Hop on a boat in Bayonne, and in a couple of days you're in warmer, sunnier climes; hop on a plane at EWR and in a couple of hours you're in the tropics. Just as we need sun and light, we need the true light which is God himself. We cannot live without him. To do so would be to experience an eternal winter, would mean to sit in darkness.

For some the darkness seems eternal, never ending. Not even the Caribbean or the Florida sun can dispel it. It is a darkness they experience within; in their fears, their anxieties and worries. It takes many forms: doubt and uncertainty, loneliness, lack of confidence, regrets, lost opportunities, and hurts: verbal, emotional, or physical. It is a darkness of dryness and aridity, of not feeling loved, and of being unable to love. It is, above all, a darkness of the experience of the absence of God. This darkness can be self-inflicted, or may come unbidden.

Some of the Saints experienced it as the ‘Dark Night of the Soul,’ – a spiritual crisis in the journey towards union with God. Through no fault of their own, they were plunged into darkness, in some cases for many years. St. John of the Cross, St. Teresa of Avila, and Padre Pio di Pietrelcina all went through it, as did Blessed Teresa of Calcutta, whose darkness lasted from 1948 almost up until her death in 1997. Saint Therese of Liseux wrote of her own experience, assailed with doubts about the afterlife, she reportedly told her fellow nuns, "If you only knew what darkness I am plunged into."

St. John of the Cross titled his poem "The Dark Night", because darkness represents the hardships and difficulties the soul meets in detachment from the world and reaching the light of the union with the Creator. He tells us there are several steps in this night, the first is a purification of the senses, and the second and more intense is that of the purification of the spirit.

All of us have experienced this darkness, to a greater or lesser extent. We are the people who sit in darkness. Unlike the Saints, it is more likely that the darkness is often of our own doing, but nonetheless there is a great Good News proclaimed for us. I personally invite you to listen to this Good News at the Catechesis for Youth and Adults. We will meet at 8:00pm on Mondays and Thursdays, starting on February 2nd. A seat will be waiting for you.

Fr. Sean



Gran Fiesta de San Valentin

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

Invites the entire community to celebrate Valentine's Day with joy and peace. Join us as we honor friendship, love, and the spirit of unity that brings us together. *Everyone is welcome!*

Invitamos a toda la comunidad a celebrar el Día de San Valentin con alegría y paz. Unanse a nosotros para honrar la amistad, el amor y el espíritu de unidad que nos une. *¡Todos son bienvenidos!*

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Upcoming Events Snapshots

- 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 27**
2nd Annual Handbag Bingo
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St. John's Food Pantry

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

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.

Questions: Joe McHale joemc1217@gmail.com

ANNUAL²⁰²⁶ APPEAL

We Are His Witnesses is a pastoral initiative
calling our Church to renew parish life, mission,
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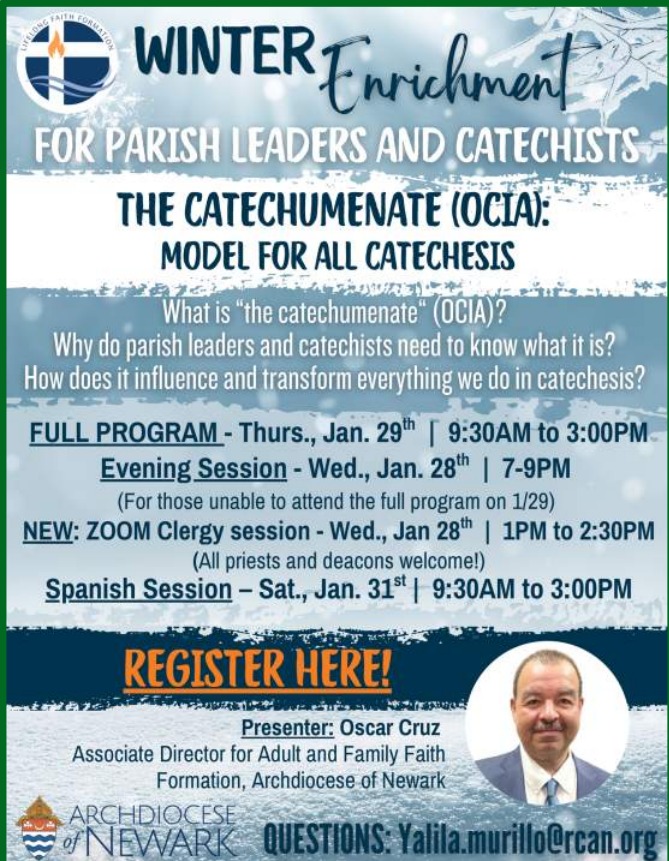
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FULL PROGRAM - Thurs., Jan. 29th | 9:30AM to 3:00PM
Evening Session - Wed., Jan. 28th | 7-9PM
(For those unable to attend the full program on 1/29)

NEW: ZOOM Clergy session - Wed., Jan 28th | 1PM to 2:30PM
(All priests and deacons welcome!)

Spanish Session - Sat., Jan. 31st | 9:30AM to 3:00PM

REGISTER HERE!

Presenter: Oscar Cruz
Associate Director for Adult and Family Faith
Formation, Archdiocese of Newark

QUESTIONS: Yalila.murillo@rcan.org

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).

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ANNUAL ²⁰²⁶ APPEAL

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Grupos Parroquiales

La Palabra

Lunes, 7:30–9:30 PM, Iglesia de abajo

Legión de María

Lunes, 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



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MARTES

10 Febrero
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Para más Información:
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973-497-4335 / 973-497-4571



Las Intenciones Mensuales del Papa

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