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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, FEBRUARY 14
5:30 PM Melencio Isip
7:00 PM (Spa) Maria Briceño

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15
7:30 AM People of The Parish
9:00 AM Hermenegilda Romano
10:30 AM Elaine Mischler
12:00 PM Juanito Salipong & Noel Junsay Barnon
1:15 PM (Spa) For the Health of Maria Espinal & Family

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16
7:00 AM Roy Rellesiva, Jr – Birthday & Thanksg. (L)
9:00 AM Kim Sal Ron
6:30 PM Dorothy Hartney – 38th Anniversary

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17
7:00 AM John Abraham – Thanksgiving (L)
9:00 AM Honorio de Leon
6:30 PM (Spa) Divino Niño y Acción de Gracias

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18
7:00 AM Marguerite (Marge) Lalty
9:00 AM Vincent Barone
6:30 PM Carmen G. Angbetic
8:00 PM Divino Niño Jesus

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19
7:00 AM Margarita Mendoza
9:00 AM Kathleen Dennehy
6:30 PM Jose Lintag – Thanksgiving & Healing

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20
7:00 AM Gloria Baltan
9:00 AM Margaret & Joseph Heckl
6:30 PM Patricia Sutherland & Mabel Sanchez

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21
7:00 AM Gregorio Cabarrubias
9:00 AM Renia T. Jaruda
5:30 PM Macaria Mafel
7:00 PM (Spa) Maria Alvarado

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22
7:30 AM People of The Parish
9:00 AM Maria Giordano
10:30 AM Rosemarie Lugasen
12:00 PM Delmy A. Escobar
1:15 PM (Spa) Kevin & Alex Henao (L)

SAINT OF THE WEEK
SAINTS CYRIL AND METHODIUS

Cyril and Methodius were Greek brothers who became missionaries to the Slavic peoples, creating an alphabet and translating Scripture and the liturgy into Slavonic. Although they faced strong opposition for using the vernacular, their mission received papal approval. Their work endured beyond persecution and helped shape the faith and culture of Eastern Europe, leading to their recognition as co-patrons of Europe.

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
Joseph "Joe" Verga
in your prayers.

The Pope's Monthly Intention

For children with incurable diseases

Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

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**
- **The next Youth Group meeting is February 15th, 2026 from 3 PM to 5 PM. See you there!**

Dear Brothers and Sisters

”I tell you solemnly, till heaven and earth disappear, not one dot, not one little stroke, shall disappear from the Law until its purpose is achieved.” Matt 5, 18

What Law is Jesus referring to? Federal Law, state law, traffic law, health care law? He is referring not to any human prescript, but to the Law of Moses, i.e. the first five books of the Bible: Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy, otherwise known as the Torah.

The Law of Moses is written down, and as such it is made up of words – strokes of writing, letters on a page. The original text is Hebrew, which none of us here at St. John's are able to read. But thanks to St. Jerome, who went to live in the Holy Land, residing in Bethlehem, and who gave his life to learn the Hebrew language, the Law of Moses was translated into Latin. From the Latin we have the vernacular translations, including ours in English.

The full meaning of Jesus words quoted above can be lost on us English speakers, because we are unable to read Hebrew – the original text. The words “Not one dot, not one little stroke” do not mean much to us, but they would have meant something very specific for Jesus' listeners. In Hebrew there is one letter which is smaller than all the others. Unlike the English language, where all the letters are the same size, the Hebrew language has the ‘yod,’ the smallest letter in the alphabet. In English we are taught from grade school how to write our letters on a horizontal line, our letters sit on this line and extend from it upwards. In Hebrew there is no line on the page, letters are formed from the top down, they are aligned from above, thanks to the yod, which is suspended above.

It is the yod to which Jesus refers when he says ‘not one dot, not one little stroke.’

The yod is the tenth letter of the alphabet, and its presence or absence changes the tense from past to future. If no yod is present the tense is perfect – past. If the yod is present the tense becomes imperfect – the future, that which is to come, that which is open. Because of this the yod is also the first letter in the name of God – Yahweh. Every time the the yod is written/ pronounced, the name of God is invoked.

This yod is written only once in the Law of Moses as a capital letter, in a text of the Book of Numbers. This occurs when the people of God (us) were complaining and being obstinate, refusing to listen to Moses or to believe what God was telling them. Finally God got fed up and decided to forsake this people, and choose another who would obey him and listen to him. It is then that Moses intercedes and asks God not to do this, but rather to let his power grow (Yigdal) by displaying his mercy and patience. God listens and relents, he is merciful, and Moses says: “Yahweh is slow to anger and rich in graciousness, forgiving faults and transgression...” Numbers 14, 18

The heart of the Law, the center of all the precepts given in the Scriptures, the essence of the commandments, is this mercy and forgiveness. God's name is made great, his true power is manifest in his capacity to forgive, in his willingness to be merciful.

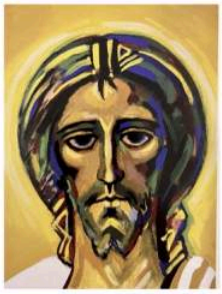
How many times has he been merciful to us, we who are often stiff necked and obstinate. He has not acted according to what we deserve, but out of his patience and mercy. This is the heart of the law. Only having experienced the mercy of God, can one be merciful to others. There are times when we have had enough, when we get fed up, when we went to take matters into our own hands. People can be unreasonable, they can push our buttons, and drive us nuts. It is then that the yod comes to our salvation.

It helps us not to forget who we are, and to remember who God is.
We are invited to be aligned not to what is below, but to what is above.
We are invited not to dwell on the past, but to look to the open future, the eternal life to which we have been called.
May the heart of the law find a home in our hearts today.

Fr. Sean

The Offices of Saint John's—the rectory and Religious Education Office—will be closed on Monday, February 16, 2026, in observance of the holiday.

Catechesis for Adults and Youth



Let us not be afraid to ask ourselves:
What am I living for?
Do I live my faith in my everyday life?
Do my sufferings have meaning behind them?
Am I tired of living my faith alone?
How can I pass faith to my children or grandchildren?

Come and Listen!

The announcement of the love of God must be announced to every generation.

Mondays and Thursdays
8:00 PM
Free Babysitting

Meeting in Conlon Hall Cafeteria
Traduccion en Espanol

Starting February 2

Lenten Corner

Ash Wednesday Schedule
February 18th 2026

7:00am **Mass** with Ashes
9:00am **Mass** with Ashes
12:00pm **Service** with Ashes
3:30pm **Service** with Ashes
6:30pm **Mass** with Ashes
8:00pm **Mass** with Ashes *(Spanish)*

Deanery Lenten Penance Services

Monday Feb 23rd at 7:00pm
St. Joseph, Oradell

Tuesday March 3rd at 7:00pm
St. John the Evangelist, Bergenfield
(Service will be in Spanish)

Monday March 9th at 7:00pm
Ascension Parish, New Milford

Saturday March 14th at 1:30pm
Annunciation Parish, Paramus

Wednesday March 18th at 7:00pm
Our Lady of Visitation, Paramus

Monday March 23rd at 7:00pm
Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Tenafly

Annual Appeal 2026

We Are His Witnesses is a pastoral initiative renewing parish life, mission, and ministry in a changing world. Through the Annual Appeal, we support vital Catholic ministries we can only sustain together, strengthening unity across the Archdiocese of Newark.
Visit https://rcan.org/sharing/ to donate.

St. JOHN'S COUNCIL #1345 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

WHERE: 61 Armour Pl, Dumont NJ
WHEN: Friday, February 27, 2026, 6 – 8 PM
INCLUDES: Beer Battered Cod - Steak Fries –Homemade Mac & Cheese – Coleslaw - Tartar Sauce – Pickles –Salad & Bread

DESSERT: Cake/Cookies/Coffee/Tea

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Reservation Details:
RSVP via call or text to Ken at 516-220-9333 or Email: KofC1345Reservations@gmail.com
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As always, THANK YOU for your support.

St. John's Food Pantry

Our next food distribution will be on Monday Feb 23rd (8:30 am - 11am / 6pm to 7pm).
Items needed in Feb & March:
Kids cereal, tomato sauce, tuna, corn, bath tissue, paper towels, peanut butter & jelly.

This month we don't need: pasta, rice, or beans.
Thank you very much for your generous donations of cash, gift cards and food. Bless your kind hearts. ❤️ ✝️

Any questions - contact Joe McHale
201-655-1073 / joemc1217@gmail.com

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.
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Anointing Fire Ministry
Mondays, 7:00–10 PM, Parish Life Center Chapel 2nd Fri., 10:00 PM–6:30 AM, LC (Adoration).

INFORMATION SESSIONS ON THE PERMANENT DIACONATE

FEB 26 or FEB 27, 2026
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Las oficinas de Saint John—la rectoría y la Oficina de Educación Religiosa—estarán cerradas el lunes 16 de febrero de 2026, en observancia del día festivo.

Las Intenciones Mensuales del Papa

Para los niños con enfermedades incurables

Oremos para que los niños que sufren enfermedades incurables y sus familias reciban la atención médica y el apoyo necesarios, sin perder nunca la fortaleza ni la esperanza.

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, 2ndo piso de PLC

Matrimonios Con Cristo
3er Viernes, 7:00–9:45 PM, Iglesia de abajo

Noticias de Educación Religiosa

- Por favor, recuerden entregar cualquier tarea, las hojas de asistencia a Misa y la documentación sacramental lo antes posible.
- SJRE ha comenzado un Google Classroom para las clases de Confirmación. Para unirse a Google Classroom, utilice el código: **3v2wuglj**
- La próxima reunión del Grupo Juvenil será el 15 de febrero de 2026, de 3:00 p.m. a 5:00 p.m. ¡Nos vemos allí!

ANNUAL 2026 APPEAL

Somos Sus Testigos es una iniciativa pastoral que llama a nuestra Iglesia a renovar la vida parroquial, la misión y el ministerio en respuesta a un mundo cambiante. A través de la Colecta Anual, apoyamos ministerios esenciales de nuestra fe católica que solo podemos sostener juntos, fortaleciendo una Iglesia más unida en toda la Arquidiócesis de Newark.

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