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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 21
5:30 PM Macaria Mafel
7:00 PM (Spa) Maria Alvarado

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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23
7:00 AM Joseph Campesi
9:00 AM Ramon R. Ermita
6:30 PM Valerio Antonio Rodriguez

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24
7:00 AM Sabrina Cabarrusia
9:00 AM Mary Andreuzzi
6:30 PM (Spa) Justina Antonia & Eraelito Puello

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25
7:00 AM Dominic Francisco
9:00 AM Mauricio Velez
6:30 PM Rev. Oscar Aquino

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26
7:00 AM Edgardo Morales, Sr.
9:00 AM Living & Deceased of Pagcaliwagan & Catambay
6:30 PM Maria Laura Montagna & Children (L)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27
7:00 AM Francisco Abero
9:00 AM Nino Roberto B. Rodriguez
6:30 PM Ana "Cookie" Ramirez

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28
7:00 AM Hermogenes Abero
9:00 AM Macaria Mafel
5:30 PM Sally D. Lee & Madeline Geraci - 19th & 11th Anniv.
7:00 PM (Spa) Clark Family

SUNDAY, MARCH 1
7:30 AM People of The Parish
9:00 AM Jo Kopec, Mary Noto, & Rose Schmetz
10:30 AM Maria Hoernlein
12:00 PM Patricia & Valeriano Lagutin
1:15 PM (Spa) Maria Morales

SAINT OF THE WEEK
SAINT GABRIEL OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS

Born in Italy and baptized Francis, Saint Gabriel lost his mother at a young age and, after being cured of serious illnesses, felt called to religious life; though first refused by the Jesuits because of his age, he later joined the Passionists and took the name Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrows. Known for his cheerfulness, prayerfulness, and faithful observance of religious life, he impressed all who knew him. He died of tuberculosis at age 24 in 1862 and was canonized in 1920.

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
Peter J. Napolitano "Produce Pete"
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**
- As a part of Lent we have scheduled confession times for all classes. **Please keep an eye on your email for the date and time.**

Dear Brothers and Sisters

Nature has given us the ability to experience five different tastes:
Sour.
Salty.
Sweet.
Savory.
Bitter.
But we have almost completely eliminated all bitter tastes from ourdiet, substituting them for sweet things.
Sugar, artificial sweeteners and saccharines abound. And the result is a very unhealthy imbalance in the metabolism.
The digestive system needs the stimulation of bitter substances in order to function properly.
Excess sugar, and lots of sweet food, plays havoc with our liver, as all the ancient and traditional herbalists, in both the east and the west, know very well.
Our liver is the metabolic laboratory of the body eliminating all kinds of poisons and toxins from our system, and producing bile, a digestive juice essential for the breakdown of fatty substances.
The lack of bitter substances in our liver results in listlessness, a lack of vitality, and very poor digestion.
So, treat your body well this Lent! Treat it well by giving up sugar and chocolate, and cream, and all sweet foods. Get a taste for bitter things.
What is true for the body is true for the soul. The soul needs bitter things, in order to eliminate the poison of sloth and complacency.
Some people only feed their soul on sugary and "nice" things.
They want a nice wife, or a nice husband, nice children, only nice meetings, nice Masses, nice homilies, nice hymns. They want to be surrounded by nice people.
But all this can ruin our spiritual metabolism. We can end up as soft, bourgeois, listless Christians. Very nice, but very unbalanced.
The soul, like the liver, needs the bitter as well as the sweet. But do we really have the stomach for it?
Lent is the opportunity to restore the balance, to regain our health.
Now is the time to taste some of the more "bitter" words of the scriptures; words that are anything but sweet and nice; words calling us to repent; words that can disturb our complacency, expose our sin and hypocrisy, and move us to tears rather than smiles.
These bitter words, these hard sayings, are a gift from God, restoring us to health and wholeness, to sanctity and sanity.
Lent is the opportunity to do some real "bitter" penance, and to produce some real spiritual bile.
During Lent we are invited to take up the spiritual weapons of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. For those of you who wish, we will be celebrating Morning Prayer at 6am every Monday thru Friday during Lent at St. John's in Bergenfield. A seat will be waiting for you.

Fr. Sean

This Week at

FAITH QUEST 2026

An Adult Spirituality Series

Hosted by St. Aloysius

219 Bloomfield Avenue, Caldwell, NJ 07006

Wednesday, March 4, 2026 - 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Guest Speaker: **Rev. Fr. Andrew M. Rubinich**

Holy Friendship: Cultivating the Virtue, Growing in Communion.

Father Rubinich will explore friendship as a virtue, drawing from Sacred Scripture, the witness of the saints, and the rich tradition of the Church. Participants will be invited to reflect on their call not merely to connection, but to true communion—with God and with one another—as members of the Body of Christ. The presentation will also offer concrete and practical steps for growing in the virtue of holy friendship in daily life.

Father Rubinich: Ordained a priest of the Archdiocese of Newark May 25, 2024, received a Master of Divinity in Pastoral Ministry and Master of Arts in Moral Theology from Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology at Seton Hall Univ. He served as transitional deacon at St. Paul the Apostle Parish, Greenville, Jersey City, was a Parochial Vicar at St. Aloysius Parish, Caldwell and now serves at St. Michael Parish, Cranford.

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 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).

Lenten Corner

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)

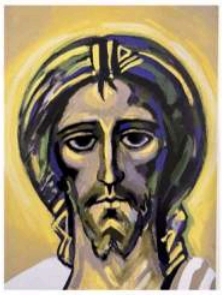
Monday March 9th at 7:00pm
Ascension Parish, New Milford

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

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!

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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

Request for Church Contribution Statement 2025

Name: _____ ***Phone:***_____
Address: _____ ***Envelope #:***_____

Please fill out, detach, and place in collection basket or return to rectory.

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!

Las Intenciones Mensuales del Papa

Para los niños con enfermedades incurables

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