



ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

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FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 22, 2026

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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, MARCH 21

5:30 PM Dorothy Imbragulio
7:00 PM (Spa) San Jose

SUNDAY, MARCH 22

7:30 AM People of The Parish
9:00 AM Eriberta L. Enriquez
10:30 AM Eileen Callaghan
12:00 PM Magdalena Punla
1:15 PM (Spa) Patricia Sutherland

MONDAY, MARCH 23

7:00 AM Joseph Jeen & Ancy George (L)
9:00 AM Cecile Cortez (L)
6:30 PM Elizabeth Stypulkoski

TUESDAY, MARCH 24

7:00 AM Carmelo & Cristina Turingan
9:00 AM Zenaida Cecero
6:30 PM (Spa) Pedro Becarra & Antonio Salinas

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25

7:00 AM Gale Ciepilcki
9:00 AM Emilia Jarita
6:30 PM Keith Connolly

THURSDAY, MARCH 26

7:00 AM Lucita P. Anselmo
9:00 AM Zenaida Acero
6:30 PM Amador Trinidad – 2nd Anniversary

FRIDAY, MARCH 27

7:00 AM Hermine Cable – 11th Anniversary
9:00 AM Casper Family
6:30 PM John D. Kaberle, Jr.

SATURDAY, MARCH 28

7:00 AM Patricia Ballway Bonomolo
9:00 AM Aris Reynolds & Licerio Mateo
5:30 PM Mary & George Bailey
7:00 PM (Spa) Marino Perez

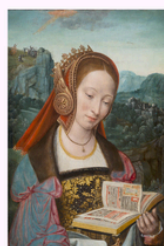
SUNDAY, MARCH 29

 **PALM SUNDAY** 
7:30 AM People of The Parish
9:00 AM Aaron Lintag – Thanksgiving & Healing
10:30 AM John & Arlene Casper
12:00 PM Melencio, Luz, Melissa, Melvin & Lawrence Isip
1:15 PM (Spa) Hernan Cortez

SAINT OF THE WEEK SAINT CATHERINE OF GENOA

After a powerful experience of God's love during confession, Saint Catherine of Genoa transformed her life of disappointment and self-indulgence into one of devoted service, eventually managing a large hospital in Genoa alongside her reformed husband.

She died on September 15, 1510, was canonized in 1737, and is remembered for her spiritual writings on purgatory and the life of union with God that begins on earth.



Baptism

April: There will be No Baptism Classes in English.

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

**Julio Jesus Santos Cabrera &
Edwin Luluquisen Valdez**
in your prayers.

Join us in

A Meditation on the Seven Last Words of Jesus Christ



PALM SUNDAY, March 29, 2026

MAIN CHURCH 3:00 PM - 5:00 pm

St John the Evangelist, Roman Catholic church

29 N Washington Ave., Bergenfield, NJ 07621

Dear Brothers and Sisters



"Poor Lazarus"

A family I know regularly prayed together on Sundays. They would sit around their large dining room table - there were ten kids - and the dad would read a Gospel, comment on it, and invite the family to share their experiences.

This particular day the dad, Frank, a NYC Firefighter and husband of Jean, read the Gospel we hear in Mass today, the resurrection of Lazarus, to the ten children.

After reading the passage, with all the eyes of the kids upon him, Frank said these words, "Poor Lazarus!" Frank explained that Lazarus had already died, and was on his way to heaven, but he had to come back here! The grief and tears of Lazarus' sisters, family and neighbors

had moved Jesus himself to pity, so he raised Lazarus back from the tomb. Lazarus' sisters were ecstatic, but how did Lazarus feel about it?

It wasn't till some years later, after Frank himself had died in the Twin towers on 9/11, that his words really hit home and made sense to his family. After Jean lost her husband, and the ten children their father, they were wracked with grief. That is until they sat down one Sunday to pray.

For many months after Frank's death they were unable to pray. Jean would sit down at the table with the kids, see Frank's empty chair, and collapse in a ball of tears. But this particular Sunday she gave it another go, and read the Gospel of the day, which happened to be the resurrection of Lazarus. After reading it to the children, her husband Frank's words came back to her. "Poor Lazarus." Her grief was lifted, and the family turned a corner. They had been missing their Dad, wishing he were still here, crying that he was no longer with them, but here was this Gospel staring them in the face, and Frank's words were in their ears.

Sure, Jesus raised him from the dead, brought him back, but Lazarus would one day have to face death again. Why would you want someone to come back if they were already in heaven? If we love someone we want the best for them, not what's best for us. What's better than being in heaven? Jean understood, and so did the children.

A social worker who had been assigned to work with the family after 9/11 noticed a dramatic change, and asked Jean if they were doing anything different. "We began to pray again" was Jean's reply. The social worker was so impressed with the change in attitude of the kids, that she asked Jean if she could teach other grieving families from 9/11 how to pray.

Jean was herself diagnosed with terminal cancer. She went to the Lord in August of 2012, eleven years after her husband. Before she left I asked her if she was afraid for the children. She stared me in the face, as if I had insulted her, and said "No, I am not afraid for them, I know they will be fine, because they have faith, which is the most important thing I can give them."

The raising of Lazarus prefigures Jesus' own death and Resurrection. It prefigures our death and Resurrection! Our faith, our Christianity, our Catholicism, is based on an encounter with a living person: Christ crucified and Risen. This encounter happens now, this side of the grave. Death is swallowed up in victory! O death where is your victory! There is no grief, no heartache, no loss, no suffering, no anguish which the Resurrection has not already overcome. Do we truly experience this?

The Resurrection of Christ is not celebrated as a memorial or a thing of the past, but as something that is present and happening today among us. We can draw strength from today's Gospel, as we advance towards Palm Sunday, Holy Week, and the great celebration of the Easter Triduum, where the Resurrection of Christ awaits us.

Fr. Jean

SAN JUAN EVANGELISTA
Via Crucis en Vivo
 STATION OF THE CROSS LIVE

Via Crucis
 SAN JUAN EVANGELISTA

Celebración de la Pasión del Señor
 St. John the Evangelist, Conlon Hall
 April 3rd, Good Friday
 (Viernes Santo), 1:00pm
 29 N Washington Ave., Bergenfield, NJ

Lenten Corner

Deanery Lenten Penance Services

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

Morning Prayer in the Main Church
 Morning Prayer will be held Monday through Friday at 6 AM during Lent.

Stations of the Cross
 Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday during Lent in the church, 5:45pm English, & 7:00pm Spanish

St. John's Food Pantry

Shoprite of New Milford will collect food donations for St. John's food pantry throughout **March & April 2026**. When you're shopping, you can deposit grocery donations in the large bins at the front of the store.

Thank you very much for your generosity.

We appreciate the kindness of Shoprite management in helping us feed needy families. The upcoming food distribution days will be from 8:30 AM-11 AM & 6 PM-7 PM in **Conlon Hall** on these dates:
Monday March 23rd
Monday April 27th
Monday May 25th

All guests will need to complete a registration form. Contact Joe McHale if you have any questions:
 201-655-1073 / joemc1217@gmail.com.
 Thank you!

Paschal Triduum Schedule

Holy Thursday:

- 9:00 AM Morning Prayer
- 7:30 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper (*bilingual*)

Good Friday:

- 9:00 AM Morning Prayer
- 12:00 PM The Lord's Passion (*English*)
- 1:00 PM Via Crucis (*Spanish*)
- 3:00 PM The Lord's Passion (*Spanish*)

Easter Vigil:
 7:30 PM (*bilingual*)

The Pope's Monthly Intention
For disarmament and peace

Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

Building a Culture of Life in NJ Seminar

Topics:

- Post Roe NJ - How Now Shall We Act?
- The Abortion Pill
- Post abortion Healing/Mercy House
- Church Activation Techniques/Projects
- Reaching the Hispanic Community
- The Importance of School Boards
- Objectionable content in NJ's Public School Curricula & what can be done

* "Coffee And" + Light Lunch/Networking



Sat. March 28, 2026
9:45 AM* to 1:30 PM

St. Andrew's Church
Parish Center (2 driveways to right of church)
120 Washington Ave..
Westwood, NJ 07675
* Regularly scheduled Mass in church at 9 AM

Registration is **required** at:
lifeneteducation.org/life

\$20 pre-registered by 3/18/26
\$25 thereafter



info@lifeneteducation.org

Speakers include:



Fr. Diego Navarro
St. Andrew's Church,
Westwood
Pastor



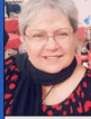
Deacon Len Deo
NJ Family Policy Ctr.
Founder & President



Christine Flaherty
LIFENET
Executive Director



Cheryl Riley
Respect Life Office &
Mercy House Director
Archdiocese of Newark



Teresa Martinez
Rama de Maria
Founder



Ethel Hermenu
Pro-Life Activist
School Board Member



Margarita Sori,
PhD
Researcher

and more!

St. John's Prayer Groups



Legion of Mary

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

Padre Pio Prayer Group

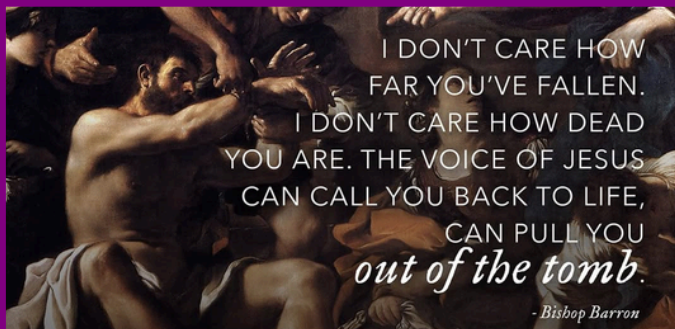
2nd Sat., 2:00–4:30 PM, Conlon Hall
Cafeteria

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).



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

MEETING IN CONLON HALL
CAFETERIA

FREE BABYSITTING

TRADUCCION EN ESPAÑOL



The Filipino Apostolate of
St. John the Evangelist Church
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cordially invite you to

2026 PABASA NG PASYON

A CATHOLIC DEVOTION IN THE PHILIPPINES DURING HOLY WEEK INVOLVING CHANTING OF THE PASYÓN.

AN EARLY 16TH-CENTURY EPIC POEM NARRATING THE LIFE, PASSION, DEATH, AND RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST.

DATE AND TIME SCHEDULE

FRIDAY NIGHT THROUGH SATURDAY
AFTERNOON -MARCH 27 TO 28, 2026

8:00PM ONWARDS (OVERNIGHT)

VENUE: PARISH LIFE CENTER CHAPEL (2ND FLOOR)

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST R.C. CHURCH

For further info please contact: Rena Penecilla @ 201-245-4970, Carina Balingit 201-637-3098 or Fel Sunga-Isp @ 201-328-7996



MINISTERIO HISPANO ARQUIDIOCESIS DE NEWARK
Caminamos en la Fe
Noches de Formación

Calendario: 2025-2026
Tema:
ESTA ES NUESTRA FE QUE NOS GLORIAMOS DE PROFESAR.

16 de septiembre:
Vivir la fe en nuestra realidad parroquial
7 de octubre:
Credo en Dios Padre
4 de noviembre:
Creo en Jesucristo
9 de diciembre:
Se encarnó de la Virgen María (Adviento)
13 de enero:
Creo en el Espíritu Santo vivificador
10 de febrero:
Creo en la Iglesia: una, santa, católica y apostólica
10 de marzo:
Fue crucificado - Pasión redentora
7 de abril:
Ha resucitado y está vivo entre nosotros
12 de mayo:
Creo en el perdón de los pecados
9 de junio:
Creo en la comunión de los santos

Presentadores

Septiembre DON. ASTERIO VELASCO DIRECTOR MINISTERIO HISPANO ARQUIDIOCESIS DE NEWARK	Febrero P. DUVERNEY BERMUDEZ IMMACULATE CONCEPTION ELIZABETH
Octubre P. ASIEL RODRIGUEZ ST. JESSE JERSEY CITY	Marzo P. NELSON OYOLA SACRED HEART BLOOMFIELD
Noviembre P. LYNX SOLIMAN ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI RIDGEFIELD PARK	Abril P. PEDRO REPOLLET OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL JERSEY CITY
Diciembre P. CAMILO CRUZ ST. PATRICK, PRO CATHEDRAL NEWARK	Mayo P. JUAN P. ESTEBAN TRIBUNAL ECLESIASTICO ARQUIDIOCESIS DE NEWARK
Enero P. DIEGO NAVARRO ST. ANDREW WESTWOOD	Junio P. YOSSEL PUENTES HOLY ROSARY AND ST. MICHAEL, ELIZABETH

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Despensa de Alimentos de St. John's

Shoprite de New Milford recolectará donaciones de alimentos para la despensa de St. John's durante **marzo y abril de 2026**. Mientras hace sus compras, puede depositar donaciones de alimentos en los grandes contenedores ubicados en la entrada de la tienda.

Muchas gracias por su generosidad. Agradecemos la amabilidad de la gerencia de Shoprite por ayudarnos a alimentar a familias necesitadas.

Los próximos días de distribución de alimentos serán de 8:30 AM a 11 AM y de 6 PM a 7 PM en **Conlon Hall** en las siguientes fechas:
Lunes 23 de marzo
Lunes 27 de abril
Lunes 25 de mayo

Todos los visitantes deberán completar un formulario de registro. Comuníquese con Joe McHale si tiene alguna pregunta: 201-655-1073 / joemc1217@gmail.com.
¡Gracias!

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

Las Intenciones Mensuales del Papa
Por el desarme y la paz

Oremos para que las naciones avancen hacia un desarme efectivo, especialmente el desarme nuclear, y para que los líderes mundiales elijan el camino del diálogo y la diplomacia en lugar de la violencia.

