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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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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



*I am the way and the truth
and the life.*

- John 14:6

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, MAY 2

5:30 PM Vincente & Patricia Napoles
7:00 PM (Spa) Hadassah & Susan Williams

SUNDAY, MAY 3

7:30 AM People of The Parish
9:00 AM Marcelo Nulud
10:30 AM Donna F. Rumian
12:00 PM James Dengler
1:15 PM (Spa) Jose Hugo Lopez

MONDAY, MAY 4

7:00 AM Zion Jairam
9:00 AM Andrew Knott
6:30 PM Florentina Cua

TUESDAY, MAY 5

7:00 AM Jancy & Matthew
9:00 AM Catherine Knott
6:30 PM (Spa) Mabel Sanchez

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6

7:00 AM Carmelo & Cristina Turingan & Family
9:00 AM Frances B. Gorman – 9th Anniversary
6:30 PM Mauro & Virginia Tobes

THURSDAY, MAY 7

7:00 AM Marie Pilar Soliven Novak
9:00 AM Vincent P. & John P. Brennan
6:30 PM Socorro Ladera Anora

FRIDAY, MAY 8

7:00 AM Marie Pilar Soliven Novak
9:00 AM Teodora & Jesus Bagato
6:30 PM Sotera De Jesus

SATURDAY, MAY 9

7:00 AM Maria Morton – (L) Thanksgiving
9:00 AM Delmy A. Escobar
5:30 PM Apet Lintay – (L) Thanksgiving
7:00 PM (Spa) Patricia Sutherland, Miguel and Joseph Caicedo

SUNDAY, MAY 10 - MOTHER'S DAY

7:30 AM People of The Parish
9:00 AM For All Mothers
10:30 AM For All Mothers
12:00 PM For All Mothers
1:15 PM (Spa) For All Mothers

SAINT OF THE WEEK ST. ROSE OF VENERINI

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Born in Viterbo, Italy in 1656, St. Rose of Venerini overcame personal tragedy, including the death of her fiancé and father, to discover her true calling as an educator. Guided by a Jesuit spiritual director, she opened a free school for girls in 1685 and went on to organize schools throughout Italy, including Rome. The women she gathered in her home to pray the rosary eventually became the Venerini Sisters, who later ministered to Italian immigrants in the United States. She died in Rome in 1728 and was canonized in 2006.



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
**Florabla Santos, Rofel Flores, &
Robert Campos Rivas**
in your prayers.

Confirmation Celebration

Let us keep our candidates in our prayers as they continue their journey of faith.

Lord, You send out Your Spirit to touch the hearts of all people, so that they may believe in You and in Jesus whom You sent.

Look kindly on all candidates for Confirmation as they listen to Your voice.

Open their hearts to Your Spirit and bring to fulfillment the good work that You have begun in them.

As we prepare these children for Confirmation, make each of us an instrument of Your love. Teach us to appreciate what is holy in others, and to be patient with what we do not understand. Deepen our faith in the Gospel and help us to pass it on by our example.

We pray that You will continue to guide us and sustain us.

Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Dear Brothers and Sisters



“If you love me, you will keep my commandments.” (Jn 14:15)

What are the commandments of Jesus? ‘Does he mean the Ten Commandments?’ I asked myself upon reading today’s Gospel. I came across an author called Paul Ellis who had also asked himself the same thing, I share some of his thoughts here:

A legalist reads this backwards: “You will keep my commandments if you love me.” In other words, we must prove our love for God by doing what He commands.

But keeping His commands is a by-product of love. To give an example, there are many laws governing the responsibilities of fathers in situations of domestic violence. Break any of these laws and you might go to jail or have your kids taken away. It’s a serious business. But to be honest, I couldn’t tell you what these laws are. I’ve never read them. Yet I can confidently declare that most of the Dads I know are keeping every one of these laws. How do I know? Because they love their kids. They don’t keep the laws to show the authorities that they love their kids, and they don’t relate to their children on the basis of these laws. They relate to them on the basis of love and keeping the

laws of the land flows naturally from that love relationship. They know the laws serve a good purpose, but they weren’t written for them. They were written for fathers who don’t love their kids.

Contrary to what the legalist may tell you, keeping the laws to earn what God freely offers is a surefire sign that you don’t know the love of God. A legalist reads the words of Jesus above and sees a threat. Do the commandments or else! But love makes no threats.

So what are the commands of Jesus?

In today’s Gospel (John 14:15) Jesus is referring to two specific commands, the first is “A new command I give you: Love one another as I have loved you....” (Jn 13:34)

And the second: “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me... Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the miracles themselves” (Jn 14:1,11)

How can we be certain that these are His commandments? Because John – who was there when Jesus spoke these words – says so in one of his letters: “And this is His command: to believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and to love one another as He commanded us.” (1 Jn 3:23)

What does it mean to keep His commands? Put it altogether and Jesus is saying this:

“If you love me, you will love one another as I have loved you and your faith in me will lead to miracles like I have been doing and greater miracles still.”

Jesus’ first commandment is pretty much humanly impossible to keep, while the second commandment is definitely impossible. Impossible for the legalist, that is; but not for the one who is in love.

The great news is that it is Christ who has loved us, even when we were sinners. Knowing, experiencing this love is the only thing that makes it possible for us to love him, and to love others in the same way. May each of us continue to grow in the experience of his love, and may we, as a result, experience the possibility of loving others exactly as they are.

Fr. Sean

Works around the Parish

A big thank you to all the volunteers who have helped with the works around the parish. With their goodwill we have completed several projects.

Thanks especially to:

Steve and Freddy who helped Fr. Mike renovate the youth room in the Lower Church, and are renovating the cafeteria in Conlon Hall, these spaces can now be used by parish groups for their meetings.

The Men’s Basketball group who installed new LED lights in Conlon Hall and cleaned and polished the floors in the cafeteria and the gym.

Hugo and his brother Cesar who fabricated and installed two roofs covering the stairwells to the Lower Church. This will prevent future flooding in the that in the Lower Church.

The Spanish choir Tras Sus Huellas (In His Footsteps) who installed a new floor in the school library – which can now be used by parish groups for meetings.

Luis who fixed the electrical issue in the choir stairwell to restore lights in that space.

Tom and Mark – volunteers from Fr. Sean’s previous parish in Woodcliff Lake, who installed new light switches in Conlon Hall, and also installed night-time lights in our bell tower.

Reina and her family who continue to upkeep the plants and shrubbery around the parish as part of the Weeds and Wheat ministry.

Respect Life Committee – Baby Bottle Drive

Next weekend (Mother’s Day Weekend - May 9-10), the Respect Life Committee will be handing out Baby Bottles to be filled with change, which will be donated to the three Crisis Pregnancy Centers we support throughout the year. We will be collecting the bottles on or before Father’s Day. Please be as generous as you can. The centers are always most grateful for our help.

SJRC Youth Group!

Next meeting is May 10th from 12-2 in Conlon Hall. Come make cheesesteaks with us!

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).

The Pope’s Monthly Intention

That everyone might have food

Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

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May 1, 2026
9:40am - Opening Prayer
9:50 am - 9:00pm - Marian Exhibit
* Free admission
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May 2, 2026
8:00am - 5:00pm - Marian Exhibit
* Free admission
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7:30pm - Musical Tribute to Mary Concert
*see separate Flyer for information & ticket sales
* \$ 20 - suggested donation
*Concessions are open before, during break and after the concert

May 3, 2026
8:55am - 3:00pm - Maria Exhibit
* Free admission
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Refreshments
3:30pm - Marian Procession
5:00pm - Musical Prelude by G2G Choir
5:30pm - Holy Eucharist
Celebrant:
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**Women's Cornerstone XXIII
June 12 and 13, 2026**

What is Cornerstone?

Cornerstone is a Spiritual Retreat for the women of our parish. It is designed to renew and refresh you, your faith, and your relationship with God. It is described as a spa for your soul!

What to expect?

In Cornerstone, you will meet and interact with people of faith in a warm, welcoming environment. The music, prayers, and activities have been selected just for you. Delicious meals and materials are provided. Dress is casual. There will be presentations and small group activities during the Cornerstone Weekend. There is time for personal Reflection, Rosary, Reconciliation, and Liturgy of the Eucharist.

Where does Cornerstone Weekend happen?

The Cornerstone Weekend takes place in the Parish Life Center at St. John the Evangelist in Bergenfield, New Jersey. Activities begin on Friday at 7:00 PM. Candidates return again on Saturday 7:30 AM and conclude the day at 7:30 PM, with anticipated mass at 5:30 pm.

(Women do not sleep over on Friday Night.)

Who conducts the Cornerstone Weekend?

The Cornerstone Weekend is organized by women of our parish who have already experienced a Cornerstone retreat. The team prepares all year, selecting a theme, music, and activities to make the weekend enjoyable and uplifting.

For more information contact:

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**Women's Cornerstone XXIII
Registration Form**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

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Email: _____

Spouse / Family / Friend Contact:
We need two contacts, please.

Name (family member):

Relationship: _____

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Email: _____

Name (friend): _____

Relationship: _____

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Email: _____

Did someone refer you?

His/her Name: _____

Please return this form via email to the contacts with your \$50 donation to Chang Zelle (908) 894-4920 or Venmo @Chang-Caulfield with label Cornerstone Women XXIII. If you want to pay cash, please hand it to one of the sisters in a marked sealed envelope. Financial assistance is available, if needed. Deadline for registration is May 31, 2026.

La Iglesia San Juan el Evangelista y los Organizadores de la Celebración de la Virgen de Guadalupe te invitan a:

Gran Kermés

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Para la Celebración de la *Virgen de Guadalupe*

DOMINGO 17 DE MAYO 2026
A PARTIR DE LAS 12:00 PM

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Lugar: *Coulon Hall*
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LA IGLESIA SAN JUAN EVANGELISTA Y EL MINISTERIO

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TE INVITAN RETIRO PARA PAREJAS

De manera que ya no son dos, sino una sola carne. Pues bien, lo que Dios ha unido, no lo separe el hombre. MATEO 19:6

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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

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