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### MASS SCHEDULE

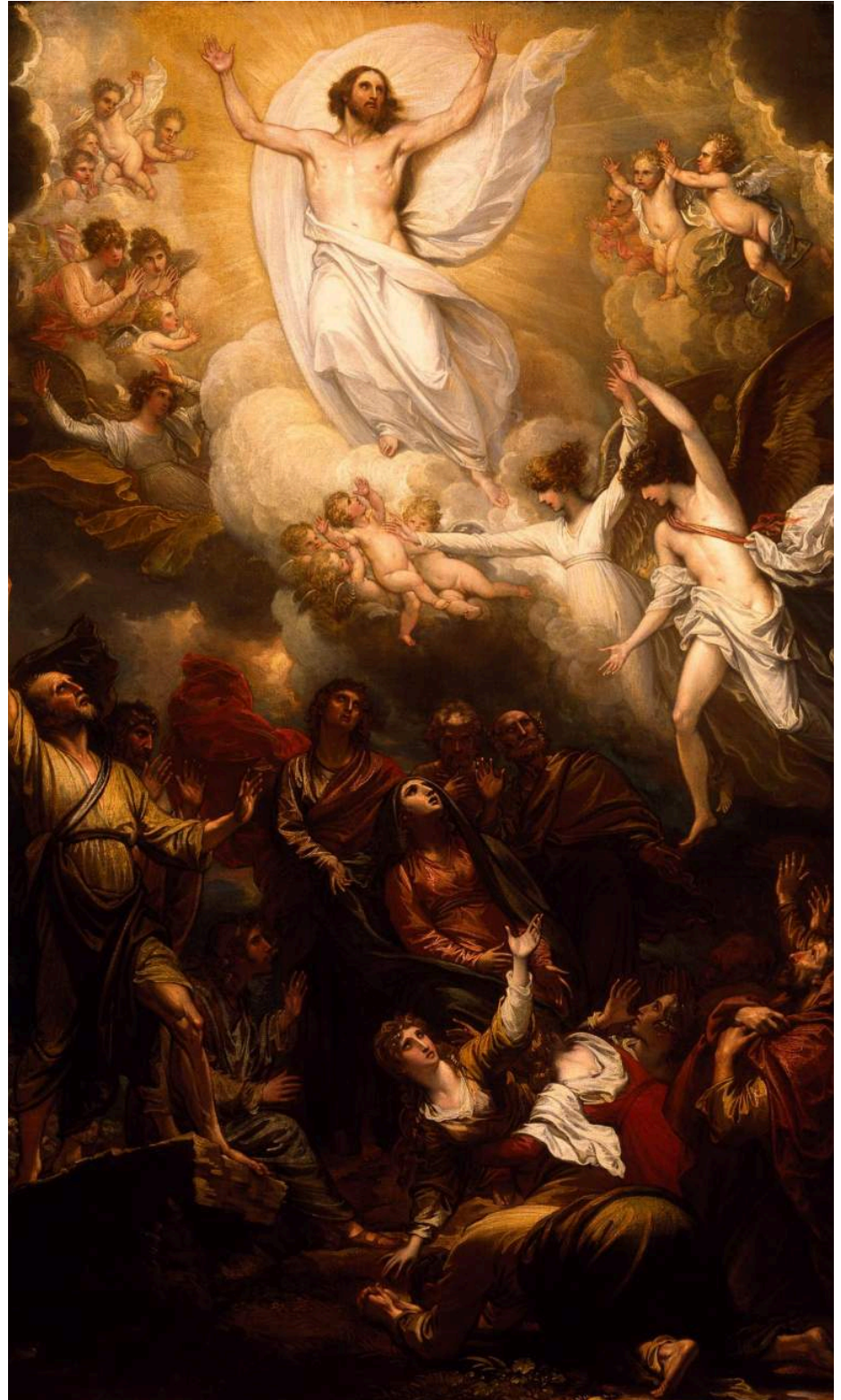
Sat Vigil: 5:30 , 7:00 PM (Sp)

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, MAY 16

5:30 PM To The Priests, Deacons & Seminarians of St. John's  
7:00 PM (Spa) Maria Vera & Francisco Moreira

## SUNDAY, MAY 17

7:30 AM People of The Parish  
9:00 AM Sabina Menezes  
10:30 AM Alejandra Nebriil & Bienvenido Ramilo  
12:00 PM Joseph Kenel  
1:15 PM (Spa) Ana Maria Almonte

## MONDAY, MAY 18

7:00 AM Erasmo Guevara  
9:00 AM Matthew & Angelita Gretchen  
6:30 PM Toledo & Balico Families (L)

## TUESDAY, MAY 19

7:00 AM John Gallagher  
9:00 AM Orlando & Alfonso Montoya  
6:30 PM (Spa) Ana Maria Almonte

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 20

7:00 AM Carter Darby  
9:00 AM Robert Dushlek  
6:30 PM Felina Aujero

## THURSDAY, MAY 21

7:00 AM Telesforo Esmero  
9:00 AM Mary Patricia McHale  
6:30 PM Carmelo & Cristina Turingan & Family

## FRIDAY, MAY 22

7:00 AM Thomas Connolly – 34<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
9:00 AM Deacon Jim Detura  
6:30 PM Gloria Garcia

## SATURDAY, MAY 23

7:00 AM Magdalena Punla  
9:00 AM Jennifer Pagan  
5:30 PM John Brennan

## SUNDAY, MAY 24

7:30 AM Ericson Sanguir  
9:00 AM Juan Redoblado  
10:30 AM Jack Pallatta  
12:00 PM John Gallagher  
1:15 PM (Spa) Jose Celio Martinez

## SAINT OF THE WEEK

**SAINT RITA OF CASCIA**

**PATRON SAINT IMPOSSIBLE CAUSES & PARENTHOOD**

Saint Rita of Cascia was pressured into marriage young, endured a cruel husband, lost both her husband and sons, was miraculously accepted into an Augustinian convent despite being a widow, and received a mystical wound from Christ's crown of thorns before being canonized in 1900 as the patron saint of impossible cases.



## MEMORIALS

Flowers, Host, Wine & Sanctuary Candle  
May 2nd- 8th  
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## 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

**Bridget M. Martin, Juan Redoblado, Jr,  
Lorraine Peine, James D. Elliott,  
Angela Morales, Joana A. Lind,  
& Patricia Wallner**  
in your prayers.

## *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.

## *Respect Life Committee – Baby Bottle Drive*

Today, after all the Masses, members of the Respect Life Committee will be handing out Baby Bottles. Please take one and, if you can, fill it with change for the 3 Pregnancy Centers we support. Return the bottles on or before Father's Day.

Dear Brothers and Sisters



The Solemnity of the Ascension is possibly the most forgotten of the great feasts of the Lord. Why? In part because, unlike all the other feasts of the same rank, it never falls on Sunday. Forty days after Easter is always a Thursday, and midweek services during the Paschal season are not very popular.

Evidence of this is the fact that we are celebrating today, on a Sunday, and not on Ascension Thursday - a decision made by practically every diocese, perhaps in the hope that more people would actually attend Mass on this Solemnity.

While Catholics in Massachusetts, Connecticut, Nebraska, Pennsylvania, and New York celebrated on Thursday - a "holy day of obligation," the rest of the U.S. is celebrating the Ascension today, on a Sunday.

Yet, every time we say the Creed we profess our believe in the Ascension:  
 "...He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father."

The Ascension is not only a feast commemorating a past event, it's also a reality professed by all the baptized. This is made explicit in the Creed, and in that text it is coupled with an earlier phrase: "He came down from heaven ... and became man."

As God, he descended from heaven and took on human nature, and as Man, he ascended to his Father and sat down next to him, as we hear in today's Scripture:

"You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."  
 When he had said this, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight."

"Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky?  
 This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven."

The Desert Fathers and Mothers, whose wisdom is collected in the *Apophthegmata Patrum*, (the Sayings of the Desert Fathers), see the Ascension of Christ as a call to inward, spiritual ascent and as a mystery of humanity being brought into the divine presence.

The Ascension celebrates the fact that our human nature is already, in Christ, united with the Father. Where the head is, there also is the body. Rather than a physical departure, the Desert Fathers point us to a transformation of the heart that allows for constant communion with God - 'I will be with you always.'

Christ is not absent from us, but can now be more fully present to us. We can experience this ourselves by making what the Desert Fathers called the Inner Ascent.

As Christ descended from Heaven, and took flesh, and he then Ascended to the Father, we can Descend into our heart, where Christ dwells, and experience communion with the Father.

The Ascension announces to us the joy that heaven is already present for us while we are still on earth.

Fr. Sean

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## Restoring Hope

*Overcoming Exploitation at the Intersections of Faith, Culture and Vulnerability*

**Tuesday, May 19, 2026**

**Location:** Our Lady of Grace Parish Center, 411 Clinton Street, Hoboken

**Time:** 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM | 90-Minute Panel Discussion

Join us for a thoughtful conversation on how faith communities can address exploitation and promote healing and hope.

**Moderated by: Fr. Alex Santora**

- ✝ A clergy abuse survivor sharing how faith both harmed and healed
- 🌐 An immigration expert on cultural norms used to silence victims
- 👤 A human trafficking expert on migrant vulnerabilities and the Church's response

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**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).

**St. John's Food Pantry**

Praise the Lord! Thanks to all your generous food donations we served 100 needy families on Monday, April 27th (330 people).

During Mar & Apr, the Shoprite of New Milford collected 141 bags of groceries for St John's food pantry.

Here are our upcoming food distribution dates: Mondays – 5/25; 6/22; 7/27 & 8/24.

**Items needed:**

- White rice
- tuna
- coffee
- pasta and sauce
- peanut butter and jelly
- kids cereal
- bath tissue.

You can drop off food donations at the Rubbermaid shed behind the Parish Life Center. Any questions please contact Joe McHale 201-655-1073, [joemc1217@gmail.com](mailto:joemc1217@gmail.com).

**Peace be with you**

**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:

Charissa Villamayor: 347-705-2325  
charissavillamayor@gmail.com  
Beatrice D'Souza: 201-895-9042  
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**Women's Cornerstone XXIII  
Registration Form**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Home Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Cell Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Name (family member):**  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Relationship:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Cell Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Name (friend):** \_\_\_\_\_

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**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.

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INVITA A LAS:

**NOCHE DE REFLEXIÓN Y ORACIÓN**

*Carismas de Jesús*

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JUEVES 16 ABRIL  
JUEVES 23 ABRIL  
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“Volvemos nuestra mirada a Jesús, quien se revela como Rey de la Paz, incluso cuando la guerra se cierne a su alrededor. El permanece firme en la mansedumbre, mientras otros incitan a la violencia. Se ofrece para abrazar a la humanidad, incluso cuando otros alzan espadas y garrotes.”

Papa León XIV

***La Despensa de Alimentos de St. John's***

Gracias por sus generosas donaciones; las próximas fechas de distribución son los lunes 5/25; 6/22; 7/27 & 8/24, y se necesitan artículos como arroz blanco, atún, café, pasta y salsa, mantequilla de maní y mermelada, cereal infantil y papel higiénico, los cuales pueden dejarse en el cobertizo detrás del **Centro de Parroquial**.

***El Comité de Respeto por La Vida  
Colecta de Biberones***

Hoy, después de todas las Misas, los miembros del Comité Pro-Vida estarán distribuyendo biberones. Por favor, tome uno y, si puede, llénelo con monedas para los 3 Centros de Embarazo que apoyamos. Devuelva los biberones el Día del Padre o antes.

***Las Intenciones Mensuales del Papa  
Que todos tengan alimento***

Oremos para que todos, desde los grandes productores hasta los pequeños consumidores, se comprometan a evitar el desperdicio de alimentos y a garantizar que todos tengan acceso a una alimentación de calidad.

- Grupos Parroquiales***
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  - 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
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3er Viernes, 7:00–9:45 PM, Iglesia de abajo



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