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## Masses for the Week

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>December 31, 2011</b>
5:30 pm	Vincent Brennan
7:00 pm (Spanish)	Jose Tom & Amela Joseph
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>January 1, 2012</b>
7:30	People of the Parish
9:00	Ray Tintle
10:30	Ana Arbona
11:00 (Chapel)	Angelita Oropilla
12:00 pm	Jennifer Talbert
12:30 pm (Spanish)	Flor Hernandez
1:30 pm	Special Needs Inclusive Family Mass
5:30 pm (Filipino)	Special Intention
<b>Monday</b>	<b>January 2—Ss. Basil &amp; Gregory</b>
7:00	Kenneth Sacks
9:00	Jose Tom & Amala
7:30 pm	Aloysius Grogan
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>January 3—Holy Name of Jesus</b>
7:00	Eloisa Corredera
9:00	Frank Ingannamorte
7:30 pm	Divino Niño
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>January 4—St. Elizabeth Ann Seton</b>
7:00	Eras De Jesus
9:00	Luigi & Anna Ammaccapane
7:30 pm	Janice Leon Escobar
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>January 5—St. John Neumann</b>
7:00	Vincent Filipelli
9:00	Vincent Brennan (17th Anniversary)
7:30 pm	Robert J. Sommers
<b>Friday</b>	<b>January 6—St. André Bessette</b>
7:00	Leonardo Ciccarella
9:00	Sidney Dincin
7:30 pm	Claire Mechmann
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>January 7—St. Raymond</b>
7:00	Patricia Sutherland
9:00	Catherine & James Vincent Bohan - (60th Anniversary)
5:30 pm	Jennifer A. Talbert
7:00 pm (Spanish)	German Garcia
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>January 8—Solemnity of Epiphany</b>
7:30	People of the Parish
9:00	Melinda & Severino Dalangin
10:30	Anna Jacono
11:00 (Chapel)	Msgr. James M. Sheehan
12:00 pm	Bridget Cawley
12:30 pm (Spanish)	Ramón Ulerio

*“Do not squander time, for that is the stuff life is made of.”*

-Benjamin Franklin

## Readings for the Week

<b>Monday:</b>	1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28
<b>Tuesday:</b>	1 Jn 2:29—3:6; Jn 1:29-34
<b>Wednesday:</b>	1 Jn 3:7-10; Jn 1:35-42
<b>Thursday:</b>	1 Jn 3:11-21; Jn 1:43-51
<b>Friday:</b>	1 Jn 5:5-13; Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38 [23, 31-34, 36, 38]
<b>Saturday:</b>	1 Jn 5:14-21; Jn 2:1-11
<b>Sunday:</b>	Is 60:1-6; Ps 72; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

## Sacraments

**Penance** - Monday-Friday: 7:00pm-7:20pm. Saturday: 1:00pm -2:00pm and immediately following the 5:30pm Mass or by appointment with a priest at any time.

**Baptisms** are normally held the 2nd and 3rd Sunday of each month at 1:30pm.\* **Instructions for parents** are normally held the 1st Sunday of each month at 1:30pm in the basement of the Parish Life Center. These instructions are required of parents having their first child Baptized. All parents must be *registered parishioners* and present *child's birth certificate* at the time of arranging for the baptism. **Godparents** must be practicing Catholics, at least sixteen years of age, who have received the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist, and, if married, the Sacrament of Matrimony. Sponsor certificate must be presented at least one week before Baptism.

**PLEASE NOTE! We are accepting registrations for Baptisms for February and beyond. Please call the Rectory at 201-384-0101 for information.**

**Matrimony** - Arrangements for a wedding should be made at least one year in advance. Couples are required to attend Pre-Cana or Engaged Encounter and “God’s Plan” sessions. Please contact one of the priests, 201-384-0101.

## Santo Niño Healing Prayer Ministry

An Outreach Healing Prayer Service for Abused Children, Adult Survivors, and the Chronically-ill, led by a priest or a deacon:

**\*Every 1st Friday of the month, 7-9pm - upper church** for Reconciliation & Silent Meditation, Holy Eucharist, Blessed Sacrament exposition, Adoration & Benediction, and...

**\*Every 3rd Friday of the month, 8-9:30pm** in the Santo Niño Healing Prayer Room, Parish Life Center, for Holy Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Holy Spirit Invocation, Gospel Reading & Homily theme - “Jesus the Healer,” Prayers for Healing - Laying on of Hands, followed by Fellowship & Refreshments. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

## St. John’s Overnight Eucharistic Adoration

**Every First Friday**, overnight Eucharistic Adoration in the Notre Dame Chapel of the Parish Life Center, from 9:00pm to 7:00am. Sign up sheet is available at the church main entrance.

## St. John’s Prayer Groups

**Charismatic Prayer Group** - Meets each **Friday evening 8pm-10pm** with Father Arcadio in the Santo Niño Healing Prayer Room, Parish Life Center (upper Church on 1st Friday for Holy Hour.)

**Legion of Mary** - Meets each **Saturday, 9:30am-11:00am** in the Lower Church.

**Padre Pio Prayer Group** - Meets on the **3rd Saturday of each month, 3-4pm** in the Lower Church. Coffee hour follows 4-5pm.

**Spanish Prayer Group** - Meets each **Thursday evening, 7:30pm-9:30pm** in the Lower Church.

**Jóvenes de Jesús Prayer Group** - Meets every **Friday evening, 7:30pm-9:30pm** in the Parish Life Center. For more information, please contact website: [www.jovenesdejesus.org](http://www.jovenesdejesus.org).

**St. John’s Youth Group** - Meets on most **Mondays, 7:00pm-9:00pm**, Youth Room, lower church.

## *Pastor's Desk*

*Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,*

*On behalf of all our priests, our deacon, and our parish staff, I gladly take this opportunity to wish each and every one of our parishioners a **VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR!** Be assured that you and your loved ones will remain in our thoughts and prayers all year long!*

*Msgr. Richard Arnhols*

## *Reflection on Today's Gospel*

*Today marks New Year's Day, a World Day of Prayer for Peace, the Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord, and the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. The beginning of a new year usually carries with it a note of hope. Last year is over; whatever joy or sorrow it brought now gives way to new possibilities. We look to Mary today as one who did not merely enter a new year, but a new age. She invites us to join her.*

*The Gospel narrative is set within the context of the family. However, the focus is really on the observance of religious practices. Circumcision was the ritual that initiated the males into the community of Israel. As observant Jews, Mary and Joseph fulfilled all of the prescriptions of the law, seeing that the child was circumcised as custom dictated. This was also the time of naming. The child is given the name told to Mary by the angel at the time of his conception. Most of what the angel had announced has now come to pass. But we all will have to wait to see how her son will acquire the throne of his father David and rule the house of Jacob forever.*

*What do you seek in a new year? What blessing do you ask of God, who has revealed the depth of divine love in the birth of Jesus? Consider the blessing the Lord ordered Moses to give to Aaron and his sons to speak to the people of Israel. God offered them a blessing that brings divine protection through God's gracious presence, revealing a God who intends to look kindly upon and give peace to the chosen people.*

*Our annual celebration of Christmas extends these same blessings into God's plan that we become adopted into the family of God by our birth in Christ through baptism. We are given not only the freedom that comes from being made children of God, taken up into a relationship allowing us to call God Abba (Father), but also to consider ourselves as heirs and inheritors of our God's kingdom when we pass from this life to eternal life.*



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*The name "Jesus" means "God saves." This is the message of this season: God became one of us to save us, to seek us out and bring us into communion with the God who is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We are invited to think of ourselves as part of the family of the Trinity. Mary is set before us every first day of the new year as the woman who ponders this wonderful mystery of God-become-human from the beginning. She gently extends to us an invitation to quiet reflection, prayer and praise.*

*"Mary, Mother of Jesus, God's Son and our Savior, you were ever attentive to what God was asking of you, keeping the law of Moses, but also open to hearing and obeying God's ongoing call in your life. Pray for us to be attentive to what God will say and ask of us during this new year of grace. Amen."*

## *God's Plan for Giving: Tithing - A Way of Life!*

**Our Sunday Tithe: Collection: Dec. 11, 2011 - \$16,800.57 Comparable Sunday last year: Dec. 12, 2010 - \$14,696.50  
December 8 - Holyday of the Immaculate Conception: \$3,436.00  
Retirement Fund for Religious: \$4,939.00**

As with last weekend, we ask, even though there will only be one collection taken today, that you make the additional sacrifice of your regular Sunday offering PLUS your Solemnity of Mary holyday offering, and put both envelopes in the basket.

## Devotions

**Novena** - Our Lady of Perpetual Help, *Wednesday Evenings, 7:00pm*, upper church.

**Holy Hour and Benediction** - *First Friday of every month at 8pm*, upper church, in *English*; *Last Thursday of every month at 8:00pm*, upper church, in *Spanish*.

**Rosary** - *Monday through Saturday 8:30am*, upper church.

## St. John's Bereavement Ministry

For anyone who is experiencing or having difficulties dealing with the loss of a loved one, whenever the loss occurred, we are here to help you. If you need or wish to talk, or are interested in becoming part of this ministry to the bereaved, please call Fr. Ray, 201-384-0101.

**For the Spanish-speaking**, please call Delia, 201-387-8420.

**Remembrance Plaque** - If a loved one passed away and a Funeral Mass was held here at St. John's, please call Fr. Ray to request the name plate.

## Prayers for the Dead

Please remember **Fred Speranza** (former co-owner of Perfect Cut Carpets) in your prayers.

## Support Group for Grieving Parents

The Office of Family Life Ministries of the Archdiocese of Newark sponsors *support groups for Parents Grieving the Death of a Child*.

**Groups meet year' round:**

on the *first Wednesday of each month at St Thomas the Apostle Parish Center, 60 Byrd Ave., Bloomfield*.

on the *third Monday of each month at St. Peter the Apostle Parish Center, 445 Fifth Ave., River Edge*.

There is no preregistration and there is no fee. All meetings begin at 7:30pm. For further information, please contact the Office at 973-497-4327 or email [mccormja@rcan.org](mailto:mccormja@rcan.org).

## Memorial Fund

We are offering weekly memorial/special intention opportunities for the altar wine and bread used at Mass, the sanctuary candle, and flowers for the altar. **Please fill out a request form, available at the rectory**. The memorial items will be listed in the appropriate week's bulletin.

### Memorial/Special Intentions for This Week

#### Sanctuary Candle

~ In Loving Memory of:

**Illuminada Carlet**

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## Vocations Discernment Retreat

Thinking about the Priesthood or Religious Life? The Vocations Office of the Archdiocese of Newark presents:

**A Vocations Discernment Retreat: "Stay with us, Lord."**

**January 6,7,8 2012 at Carmel Retreat House**

**1071 Ramapo Valley Rd., Mahwah, NJ 07430-2406**

For more information or to register, please call 973-497-4365 or email [gabriejo@rcan.org](mailto:gabriejo@rcan.org).

## Pro-Life Mass

All are invited to attend the Annual Archdiocesan Pro-Life Mass and Holy Hour marking the 39th anniversary of the infamous Roe vs. Wade Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion in the U.S. on **Sunday, January 15th, 12 noon, Sacred Heart Cathedral Basilica, Newark**. Most Reverend Thomas A. Donato will preside. **Followed by a Eucharistic Holy Hour for Life at St. Lucy's Church, Newark** (a few blocks away). There will be a short procession to St. Lucy's immediately following the Mass. Holy Hour will include the Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet, and Benediction. Young Adults of the Archdiocese will lead prayers and music. Let us come together in prayer, sorrow and hope as we approach the 39th anniversary of the infamous Roe vs. Wade Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion in the U.S.

## Right to Life

**Please mark your calendar!** St. John's will once again be sponsoring a bus to the **Right to Life March in Washington, DC**. This year, it will be held on **Monday, January 23rd**. Maybe this is the year your schedule will allow you to go—think about it. For information and to save a place for yourself, please call Father Ray, 201-384-0101

## Word of Life

"The Church considers it her duty to defend in our society as a whole the truths and values in which the very dignity of man is at stake. Accordingly, to mention one particularly important point, we have no right to judge whether an individual is 'already a person' or 'still a person,' and even less is it up to us to manipulate the human being or even to wish to do so."

- Pope Benedict XVI, Address to the Hon. Reinhard Schweppe, Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany to the Holy See, November 7, 2011.

## Pregnancy Resource Centers

**New Hope, Inc.**—106 W. Palisade Ave., Suite 104, Englewood, New Jersey 07631 201-408-4726 [newhopeinc@verizon.net](mailto:newhopeinc@verizon.net), [www.newhope4lifeweb.org](http://www.newhope4lifeweb.org)

**Lighthouse**—809 Main St., Hackensack, New Jersey 07601 201-501-8876. [www.lighthouseprc.org](http://www.lighthouseprc.org)

**Birthright of Bergen County**—19 W. Pleasant Ave., Maywood, New Jersey 07607 201-845-4646

*All offer resources of various kinds in dealing with decisions about present or past pregnancies.*

## Rachel's Vineyard

For healing after an abortion. The retreat is a very specific process designed to help you experience the mercy and compassion of God. It is also an opportunity to surface any shame, guilt and grief. The weekend will help your soul find a voice, and transform the pain of the past into love and hope.

Weekend retreats are held throughout the year at the **McGuinness Center of St. John the Apostle Church in Linden**. Call Michelle at the **Respect Life Office at 732-388-8211**, email [arnewrepect@sjanj.net](mailto:arnewrepect@sjanj.net), or visit [www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org) for more information. The retreat and registration are strictly private! All inquiries will be answered confidentially.

## Religious Education

Classes resume January 5 for Grades 8 and C9-12.

Thurs., Jan. 5th—**Family Faith Year 2**—First Penance Retreat  
4 to 7:30pm in the Parish Life Center.

This is mandatory for all children in RE  
Grades 3-8 who are preparing for  
their sacraments this year.

Sun., Jan. 8th—**First Penance Puppet Show Rehearsal**

9am in the Parish Life Center,  
for all parent volunteers.

## Three Kings Gatherings

Families are invited to bring their children, who have written letters to the Three Kings with their desires for the new year, to one of our Epiphany celebrations: **Friday, January 6th at 8:30pm in the lower church (English); Saturday, January 7th after the 7pm Spanish Mass in Conlon Hall (Spanish).** For more information, contact Fr. Manuel at the rectory.

## Filipino Apostolate

**Sun., January 1, 2012—Filipino Mass at 5:30pm**

Sponsors: Pete Nicdao & Family

**Mon., January 9, 2012—Filipino Apostolate monthly meeting**

Parish Life Center Basement—8pm

**Sat., January 21, 2012—Feast of Santo Niño**

5:30pm Mass, followed by a sumptuous banquet and program at Conlon Hall.

## Unemployed, or Looking for a Better Job?

**YOU ARE NOT ALONE!**

Everyone is welcomed to the job search workshops  
offered by our St. Joseph the Worker Ministry

Need more information?

Contact:

St\_joseph\_the\_worker@yahoo.com

or

call Jack Weldin, Jr. at 201-385-8365

## Blessing for the New Year

Alone or with family members, gather at the Christmas tree or manger scene. Hold a new year's calendar during the prayer.

*Let us praise the Lord of days and seasons and years! Our lives are made of days and nights, of seasons and years, for we are part of a universe of suns and moons and planets. We mark ends and we make beginnings and, in all, we praise God for the grace and mercy that fill our days.*

Pray an Our Father and a Hail Mary. Reflect briefly on things of the past year in thanksgiving and pray for desires for the new year. Then conclude:

*Remember us, O God; from age to age be our comforter. You have given us the wonder of time, blessings in days and nights, seasons and years. Bless us at the turning of the year, and fill the months ahead with the bright hope that is ours in the coming of Christ. You are our God, living and reigning, forever and ever. Amen.*

## Memorial Acclamations

While our sung acclamations after the Consecration will remain seasonal, our daily acclamations will now be chosen from among the three listed in the missalette or the card in the pew. After announcing, "The mystery of faith," the priest will start off the first few words of the acclamation which the people will then continue. Ideally, the people say the acclamation without the priest's help.

1. *We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection, until you come again.* OR
2. *When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.* OR
3. *Save us, Savior of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection, you have set us free.*

## Healing Mass

*Divine Mercy of New Jersey  
And*

*Divine Mercy Healing Ministry of New Jersey  
in cooperation with*

*The Parish of Corpus Christi*

*218 Washington Place, Hasbrouck Heights, NJ 07604*

*Mass of Healing January 15—2pm*

2:00pm—Mass

2:55pm—Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

3:00pm—The Chaplet of Divine Mercy

3:20pm—Procession of the Blessed Sacrament

3:45pm—The Laying on of Hands

Jesus said, "Go now and tell no one; your faith has healed you." Come, all you who are broken, feel the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit. You will leave refreshed and renewed. We ask that you go to *Reconciliation* prior to the Mass and to receive Jesus. Let your healing begin!

For further information, contact the Parish Office at 201-288-4844 or Deacon Vince Ricciardi at 732-803-2539.

## St. John's Rosary Society

The Rosary Society is sponsoring their next *theater party* to the *Oradell Playhouse on Sunday, February 19th—2pm* performance of *LAST OF THE RED HOT LOVERS* by Neil Simon. Good seats available. Call Ellen (201-385-6603) or Rachel (201-666-8958). All tickets \$21.00—Checks made payable to St. John's Rosary Society. The public is invited.

## St. John's Golden Age Club

Meetings are scheduled on the *first and third Fridays* of the month at **1:30pm** in Conlon Hall. Please remember to bring labels from Campbell and General Mills products to Mary Drake, table #12. Non-perishable food is also welcomed for the food pantry. (Please put in the bin at church.)

**January 12th—Atlantic City Taj Mahal Casino.** Bus departs at **9am** from the parking lot behind the Little League Field at Melrose and Wildrose Avenues. Call Fran 201-385-7663. The club schedules an Atlantic City trip every second Thursday of the month. Non-members are welcome on trips.

## ***Transfiguration Academy***

### **A HAPPY AND FAITH-FILLED NEW YEAR!**

***This weekend we celebrate new beginnings!  
Let us ask Our Blessed Mother to continue to watch over and bless all our families and the Academy  
as she watched over Jesus,  
and as we continue on our Faith-filled journey through life.***

### ***Lucky Calendar Raffle***

Transfiguration Academy is holding a ***Lucky Calendar Raffle***. Beginning January 2, 2012 and ending December 31, 2012, you have the chance to win from \$35.00 to \$200.00. The cost of a Calendar is \$35.00 and is available now at St. John's Rectory.

You may purchase a calendar for yourself, your family or friends. They make outstanding gifts. Each calendar has a 3-digit number. Numbers will be pulled every Sunday at St. John's Bingo for each day of the week, excluding Sundays and Christmas Day. If your calendar's number (STRAIGHT ONLY) is pulled, you win the dollar amount indicated on the calendar for that day. A check will automatically be mailed to the person who is associated with that calendar number. Numbers will be published in Conlon Hall and St. John's Sunday Bulletin. You can win more than once during the course of the year.

There will be only 999 calendars sold, so get yours before they're all gone!

### ***Family Dine-In Night***

***Transfiguration Academy and Tri-Valley Restaurant*** (located at 366 Knickerbocker Rd. in Dumont) are proud to present Family Dine-In Night. Every Sunday from 2pm until 9pm, enjoy a late lunch, dinner or dessert from their extensive menu, present this ad, and Tri-Valley Restaurant will donate 10% of your check to Transfiguration Academy.

So, gather your family and friends, have a lunch or dinner and help our Transfiguration Academy Family raise funds for our children's programs.

### ***"Marching Paladin for a Day"***

Paramus Catholic is proud to welcome 7th, 8th, and 9th graders to experience a day at band camp on Monday, January 16, 2012 8am to 4pm. If you play brass, woodwind, or percussion—come and check it out! There will also be instruction for flag squad and twirlers; drill instruction, field show blocking, and section practices for all. Lunch will be provided. Call Coach Sabak for information and registration: 201-446-4466, ext. 150

### ***Felician College***

***Instant Decision Days: January 9-14, 2012.*** Monday—Thursday, 8:30am-7pm; Friday, 8:30am-4:30pm; Saturday, 9am-12pm. Kirby Hall, Lodi Campus, 262 So. Main St., Lodi. For Freshmen and Transfer Students Starting Spring 2012 or Fall 2012. Contact us for an appointment or feel free to stop by with your: High School transcripts/GED/College transcripts, SAT/ACT scores. Reach us at 201-559-6131 or [admissions@felician.edu](mailto:admissions@felician.edu)/felician.edu.

### ***Courage Chapter***

To meet the spiritual needs and support those of our parishes who struggle with ***same sex attraction***, the ministry of ***Courage*** is available in our Archdiocese. For information, visit [www.couragerc.org](http://www.couragerc.org) or contact Deacon Vince at [deaconvincecouragebc@aol.com](mailto:deaconvincecouragebc@aol.com) or call him confidentially after 5pm at 201-220-3968, for weekly meeting schedule.

### ***Scholarship Fund for Inner-City Children***

The Scholarship Fund for Inner-City Children will hold its ***9th annual High School Basketball Festival on Saturday and Sunday, January 7 & 8, 2012, at Kean University in Union.*** For full game schedule, times and tickets information, please visit [www.sfchoops.com](http://www.sfchoops.com) or call 973-497-4279. The Scholarship Fund for Inner-City Children provides economically challenged students in grades K-12 with partial tuition scholarships to attend Catholic School in the Archdiocese of Newark.

### ***Scrapbooking***

Assumption Academy, 35 Jefferson Ave., Emerson, is sponsoring a Scrapbooking Fundraiser Crop on Saturday, March 24, 2012 from 9am to 9pm at the Academy. All crafters are welcome: Scrapbookers, Stampers, Papercrafters and more! Help support Assumption Academy and join us for a continental breakfast, lunch, dinner, snacks and beverages as well as goodie bags for every crafter. 50/50 raffle, onsite vendors, raffles of scrapbooking supplies, and door prizes. Registration is a \$50.00 non-refundable donation to Assumption Academy. For further information or for a registration form please contact Irene Hines Mendler ([ihines@optonline.net](mailto:ihines@optonline.net)), download one on our website: [www.assumptionacad.org](http://www.assumptionacad.org), or call 201-262-0300.

## **BINGO**

**EVERY WEDNESDAY 7:30PM  
EVERY SUNDAY 7:00PM  
CONLON HALL**

## **NO BINGO**

**ON  
NEW YEAR'S DAY, JANUARY 1**

***Come and Support It!  
"Smoke Free!"***