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APRIL 21, 2024 | THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



The Lord is my Shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.

Welcome to SAINT JOHN'S

REV. JOHN BERCHMANS ANTONY, *Pastor*

HOLJANYS SANTOS, *Bookkeeper, Administrative Secretary* | CHRISTOPHER J. HABERL, *Music Minister*

MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY VIGIL 5:30 PM | SUNDAY 10:00 AM, 12 Noon
DAILY (CHAPEL) MON-FRI 7:30 AM & 12:10 PM | SATURDAY 9 AM

MONTHLY

- ◀ **PRAYERS FOR LIFE:**
First Friday following 12:10 PM Mass
- ◀ **2000 HAIL MARYS:**
First Saturday 7:30 AM - 5:30 PM
in the Chapel

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

- ◀ Saturdays after 9 AM Mass
OR call the parish office for an
appointment at 201-653-8814.

ROSARY

Monday-Friday at 11:30 AM in the Chapel

WEEKLY DEVOTIONS

- ◀ **MIRACULOUS MEDAL:**
Monday after the 12:10 Mass
- ◀ **ST. ANTHONY:**
Tuesday after the 12:10 Mass
- ◀ **OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP:**
Saturday after 9 AM Mass

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

- ◀ Monday - Friday in the Chapel: 11 am
until 2:00 pm. Please note: At 2:00 pm
the Chapel will be closed and sanitized.
- ◀ Saturday - No Adoration
- ◀ Sunday: Adoration & Masses will be
in the Church from 9 am until 1 pm

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

- ◀ Registration can be completed
in the Rectory office.

MARRIAGE

- ◀ Arrangements should begin by setting
a date with the priest ONE YEAR before
the wedding. Please call the Rectory office
for an appointment 201-653-8814.

BAPTISM

- ◀ Baptisms take place on Saturdays
except during Lent. New parents need
to attend a Baptismal prep class.
Registration is required. Please call
the Rectory Office at 201-653-8814.

HOSPITAL VISITATION:

- ◀ Please notify the parish. Hospitals
no longer inform us or allow us to
look up who is in the hospital.

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY—APRIL 20, 2024

- 9:00 AM DELFINA RODRIGUEZ
R/James Kenny
- 5:30 PM PRAKASH
MENDONCA & FAMILY (L)
THANKSGIVING
& GOOD HEALTH

SUNDAY—APRIL 21, 2023

- 10:00 AM JAMES KING 3RD ANNIV.
R/ Michelina King
- 12:00 PM NORA SENGCO, DIANE SMITH
& JEAN ARAGONA
R/Catalina De Leon

MONDAY—APRIL 22, 2024

- 7:30 AM WANDA & ANGEL ALICEA
IN THANKSGIVING R/Wanda Alicea
- 12:10 AM GERTRUDES B. GIANAN
R/Pastor- Surban Family

TUESDAY—APRIL 23, 2024

- 7:30 AM CELSA SANTANA
ETERNAL REST R/ Wanda Alicea
- 12:10 PM BENJAMIN ROZARIO & DEC'D
MEMBERS OF THE GOMES &
ROZARIO FAMILY
R/Veronica Rozario & Family

WEDNESDAY—APRIL 24, 2024

- 7:30 AM DIANE SMITH R/Arocho Family

THURSDAY—APRIL 25, 2024

- 7:30 AM JOSEPH MANGINO
R/Jody A. Ciongoli
- 12:10 PM ALEX MENDONCA (D)
R/Prakash Mendonca & Family

FRIDAY—APRIL 26, 2024

- 7:30 AM LINDA TABUZO
R/ Pastor-Surban Family
- 12:10 PM FRANK MARINO (D)
R/Joan Campbell

SATURDAY—APRIL 27, 2024

- 9:00 AM REV. EDITO GAMALLO
R/Victoria Sta. Iglesia
- 5:30 PM HERNANDO
LOREDO B'DAY ANNIV.
R/Josette Loreda

SUNDAY—APRIL 28, 2023

- 10:00 AM DIANE SMITH R/Arocho Family
- 12:00 PM JOHN SCALES R/John Richards

EUCCHARISTIC BREAD & SACRAMENTAL WINE

The Altar Wine & Hosts for this week is donated in memory of Ramon & Celsa Santana at the request of Wanda Alicea.

SANCTUARY LAMP

The Sanctuary Lamp in the Church this week burns in memory of RAMON & CELSA SANTANA at the request of Wanda Alicea.

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FRIENDLY REMINDERS...

HOLY WATER is available in the foyer.

THE SIGN OF PEACE will be offered without physical contact.

COMMUNICANTS will continue to receive Communion in the hand.



We recommend that everyone coming to Mass please wear a mask.

PARISH NEWS

- **Mothers' Day is on Sunday, May 12th.** Mother's Day cards (Living or Deceased) are available for \$10. Cost includes a card plus Mother's Day dedication – Masses will be dedicated to all mothers, especially those whose name appear on the envelopes. The envelopes will be kept on the Altar and prayed for the entire week. *If interested, please see one of our volunteers at the front of the Church or call the Rectory.*
- **Come join us & bring a friend to celebrate St. John the Baptist Feast** on Sunday, June 23rd! There will be free food (hotdogs & hamburger), our Summer Flea Market and a special St. John the Baptist Raffle: **1st Prize:** An iPad valued at \$350; **2nd Prize:** A free trip to Lancaster, Pa to see the live performance of Daniel at the Sight & Sound Theatre and lunch at the Manor Buffet on August 26th, valued at \$180; and **3rd prize:** Framed Divine Mercy, valued at \$80. **Tickets are on sale now! Cost: \$10**
- **Celebrating a milestone wedding anniversary?** The Office for Family Life Ministry is excited to announce it will once again honor archdiocesan couples celebrating five, 25, and 50 years of Catholic marriage. The 50th Anniversary Mass will be celebrated by Cardinal Joseph Tobin on Sunday, June 2nd at 12 PM. The 5th and 25th Anniversary Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, May 5th at 12 PM. Both anniversary liturgies will be held in the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark, NJ. *If interested in participating, please call the rectory to register.*
- **Reminder:** On Wednesdays we only have one mass at 7:30 AM. There is no 12:10 PM Mass. Adoration is as usual, 11-2 PM
- **Seeking Volunteers:** Would you like to become an Altar Server, Usher, Greeter, Lector or Eucharistic Minister? **Sign up at the back of the Church and we will contact you with more information.** The roles & responsibilities are as follows:
 - **ALTAR SERVER:** carries cross in the procession, rings the bell & assists in the Altar. Also, must have received First Communion to qualify.
 - **USHER:** Takes care of the collection & presents to the Altar.
 - **GREETER:** Welcomes people with a smile & hands out bulletins and other materials for the day.
 - **LECTOR:** Reads one of the Liturgies during Mass, Announcements & Prayer of the Faithful.
 - **EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER:** Distribution of Holy Communion & Blood of Christ with reverence.
- **The 2024 & 2025 Mass Intentions books are open.** You can call, email, or drop off your list of Mass Intentions for 2024 & 2025
- **Candles available!** – Blessed Sacralite glass 8-day candles are available for sale. They have been blessed and if lit continuously, they last for up to 8 days. **Cost: \$10** *If interested, please call the Rectory office.*
- **Community Mass friendly reminder:** on the last Sunday of the month, the 12 Noon Mass will be dedicated as the “Community Mass.” Anyone who would like to dedicate the Mass to **a recently deceased loved one** may do so. Other than Estate Masses, this will be the only Mass where multiple dedications may be seen.
- **Adoration:** Hours are from Monday thru Friday - 11 AM until 2 PM. We encourage people to come and participate and spend some precious time with our Lord Jesus.
- **If you are new to our Church, Welcome!!** Take a moment to register and become part of our Parish family. **Call the Rectory at 201-653-8814 to have the registration form emailed or sent to you through the mail.**
- **Anyone interested in electronic giving,** please go to <https://stjohnbjc.org/> Scroll down to Parish Giving found at the bottom of the web page, click on it and follow the directions. **To donate using the Venmo app, go to @SJBjc.** Thank you!

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

In your prayers, kindly remember the Souls in Purgatory, the Suffering, the Lonely, the Depressed, the Homeless, the Homebound, the Sick and the Deceased.

For prayer intentions or if you have a prayer request for the Intercessory Prayer Group, please call or email the Rectory or call Dolores at: (201)-360-0614 between 6 and 10 PM.

PLEASE NOTE

You are invited to write your prayer intentions into the prayer book at the Pieta sculpture in church or the St. Anthony statue in the chapel. The Rosary Intercessory Prayer Group will pray for your intentions.

Message from Fr. John

Dear brothers and sisters,

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, THE CHURCH CELEBRATES CHRIST, THE GOOD SHEPHERD. He accepted suffering

and death to save his flock. Christ, the good shepherd, is our role model of love and care. If we obediently continue to listen to him and follow him, he will lead us safely to our destination in heaven.

Jesus tells us: "I am a good shepherd: the good shepherd is the one who lays down his life for his sheep... I know my own, and my own knows me. They listen to my voice..." We learn from these two crucial lessons. The first, the role and characteristics of a good shepherd. The second is the duty and response of the flock.

The good shepherd knows and takes care of his flock. He is patient, he loves and never harms his flock of sheep. A good shepherd is readily available for his flock. He is ready to make

sacrifices for their good. On the other hand, a good flock listens to its shepherd. It obeys his instructions and follows him with trust and confidence. In other words, there must be a good relationship and understanding between a good shepherd and his flock.



THE CELEBRATION OF CHRIST THE GOOD SHEPHERD today reminds us that we are shepherds, as well as flocks. We can find a good Shepherd in every humble and God-fearing person in a devoted brother or sister, and wherever there is a caring doctor, a dedicated teacher, a good cook, cleaner, or gardener, there is a good shepherd.

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God Bless.
Fr. John

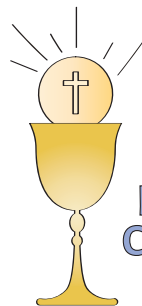
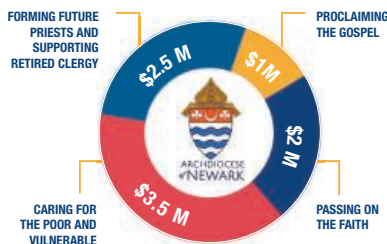


ANNUAL 2024 APPEAL

Next weekend, April 27th and 28th there will be a second collection for the Annual Appeal.

We are currently short in reaching our goal.

Please be generous and contribute what you can.



Please pray for the children who will be receiving their

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION in early May.

May they develop a love of the Eucharist and hunger for this sacred food so that they may turn to God for comfort, guidance, and wisdom as they grow into full discipleship.

ARE YOU DOING SOME SPRING CLEANING?



Donations of new or lightly used items are sought for our Flea Market in June!

Items such as clothes, shoes, bags, toys, kitchen items and knickknacks.

Anything you can donate is greatly appreciated. Call the rectory to schedule a drop off date/time.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"I am the good shepherd...and I lay down my life for the sheep...and they will heed my voice." John 10:14-16

When you pray, do you only ask Jesus for the things that you want? Do you ever ask Jesus what He wants from you? How do you listen for His response? Many times Jesus responds in "quiet whispers" that are not so obvious. So, take time every day, in silence, to actively listen for His voice.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURY

Weekend of April 13-14

Regular Blue Weekly	\$2,431
Monthly assessment:	\$287

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