

**MASS INTENTIONS
JANUARY 19-26, 2025**



**Saturday, January 18th
Vigil of the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:00 pm †Josephine & Michael Szczomak
†Bette Beagin

**Sunday, January 19th
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:30 am †Kenneth Dilks
9:30 am Living and Deceased Parishioners
11:30 am †Angelo Basile
†Frank Galletta
5:30 pm Misa en español

Monday, January 20th

11:30 am †Elizabeth Barbary

Tuesday, January 21st

11:30 am †Henry Licar (17th Anniversary)

Wednesday, January 22nd

11:30 am †Mary Mulroony

Thursday, January 23rd

11:30 am †Edna Sturno

Friday, January 24th

11:30 am †Joan Ferrary
†Frank Piazza (22nd Anniversary)

Saturday, January 25th

11:30 am †Joyce Barbary Post
4:00 pm †Josephine & Michael Szczomak
†Bette Beagin

Sunday, January 26th

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 am †Francis & Maureen Shea
9:30 am †Karen Kraft
11:30 am †Ray Wright
Living & Deceased members
of the parish
5:30 pm Misa en español



*SANCTUARY LAMP will burn
this week in Memory of
Carolyn McGuigan*



*EUCHARISTIC GIFTS
of Bread & Wine are offered
this week in Memory of
Carolyn McGuigan*

✠ pray for the deceased ✠

May they rest peacefully in the Lord.

Articles for the January 26th bulletin are
due in the parish office by Monday,
January 20th.

2024 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT

will be mailed directly to your home.



Sr. Jean Amore, S.M.I.C., Choi, Pat Connelly,
David D'Arco, Marc D'Argenzio, James Dean,
Ann Dorning, Luca Favia, Kelly Fleming, Sasha Gibbons,
Rick & Carol Ann Gigli, Gregory Hodkinson,
Lisa Guarente-Hogan, Mohammad Muslih, Grace Olivo,
Joseph Pezzano, Ronald & Nana Piazza,
Richard Prospero, Richard Ruggiero, Alyssa Stepneski,
John Szczomak, Jean Trommelen, & Bonnie Windley

If you would like to add a name of a sick person to this prayer list, please call the Parish Office.

Religious Formation Schedule

Classes Begin with 9:30 am Mass followed by instruction in Bishop Manning Hall. All students are required to sign in before Mass.

January 19 th	No Class Attend Mass with your family
January 26 th	10:30 am – 11:30 am



La Virgen Peregrina

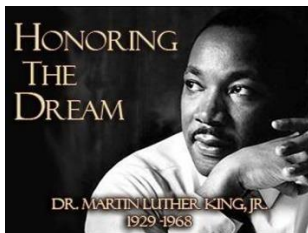
La Virgen Maria está visitando vuestra casa. Después de la misa del domingo, habrá un horario en la parte de atrás. Escribe vuestra dirección y teléfono en el día que deseáis llevarla por una semana.

ST. BONAVENTURE PRAYER GROUP

St. Bon's Prayer Group has been meeting since 1992. Many parishioners have joined us through the years, and some have steadfastly stayed since the beginning. We meet each Tuesday morning in the Tailor Shop.

We start at 10:00 AM and end with Mass at 11:30 AM. Each week we will do morning prayer, read the Gospel for the up-coming Sunday, and discuss how it can relate to our everyday lives.

This is an invitation to please consider joining us. There is no obligation to attend every week – you can join us whenever it is convenient. Please let us know if you are interested or have any questions. We hope to see you there. Marge and Joe Balough – 973-278-6152 or mjbalough921@gmail.com



Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Monday, January 20, 2025
The Office will be closed.
Mass schedule is unchanged.

OFFERING ENVELOPE BOOKLETS

Are in the Parish Office
for you to pick up at your convenience.

COLLECTIONS

Sunday, January 12..... \$2,337.35
Christmas Collection to date...\$19,754.00

Thank you for your continued support



Saint Gerard Majella School Open House



Casa abierta de la escuela

Sunday, January 26th from 2:30 - 4:30 pm

Domingo 26 de enero de 14:30 a 16:30 horas



Please join us for our first **Open House on Sunday, January 26th** from 2:30 - 4:30 pm. We have limited openings available for the Fall 2025/Spring 2026 school year in PreK4 through 6th grade. You can register for aid and scholarships and enrollment on site with assistance from our parents and staff. Please register now by emailing admissions@stgerardschool.org. Include your name, phone number, email and age of child and the grade they will be in the fall.

Únase a nosotros para nuestra primera jornada **de puertas abiertas el domingo 26 de enero**, de 14:30 a 16:30 horas. Tenemos vacantes limitadas disponibles para el año escolar otoño 2025/primavera 2026, desde PreK4 hasta 6to grado. Puede registrarse para recibir ayuda, becas e inscripción en el sitio con la ayuda de nuestros padres y personal.

Regístrese ahora enviando un correo electrónico a admissions@stgerardschool.org. Incluya su nombre, número de teléfono, correo electrónico y edad del niño y el grado que cursará en el otoño.



TALLERES DE ORACIÓN Y VIDA
Una Nueva Evangelización
Padre. Ignacio Larranaga OFM. CAP

YO SOY

La luz del mundo; el que me sigue no andará en tinieblas, sino que tendrá la luz de la vida. (Juan 8:12)

TE INVITAMOS A

- Vivir una experiencia transformadora...
- Liberarte, sanar heridas y recuerdos dolorosos..
- Vivificar tu fe y profundizar la calidad de tu oración...
- Recuperar el encanto de Dios y la alegría de vivir...

EN UN TALLER DE ORACIÓN Y VIDA

Saint Bonaventure church
174 Ramsey st, Paterson NJ 07501

Inicio: Lunes, Enero 27, 2025
Hora: 7-9pm

Mas información:
Patricia: 201-240-4362
Rectoria : 973-279-1016

Por favor, aparque su coche en el aparcamiento grande al lado del Bishop Manning Hall.



Movimiento Sacerdotal Mariano – El Cenáculo de N.J.

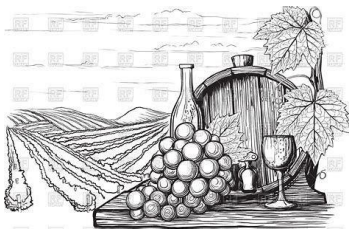
Todos los miércoles a las 6:30 PM se celebrará el Cenáculo en la iglesia. Unid a este movimiento sacerdotal Mariano. Habrá Misa el último miércoles de cada mes a las 7:00PM a partir de enero 29.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Saturday, February 1st
after the 11:30 AM Mass

SOCIAL HOUR WITH REFRESHMENTS

**Please join us Saturday, January 25th in
the church basement after the 4:00 PM
Mass.**



*Through the waters
of Baptism, we welcome into
our Parish Family
Max Michael Calvitti*

**Diocesan Ministries Campaign 2024 “United in
Faith, Hope and Love”**

There is still time to support the 2024 Diocesan Ministries Appeal! Perhaps you have received a final request from Bishop Sweeney asking for your support or you have seen information on our website or social media, and just haven't gotten around to contributing. Every gift is important and a blessing for thousands throughout the Diocese of Paterson. Please help support the dozens of Catholic Charities programs and ministries, Nazareth Village and our retired priests' healthcare needs, Catholic urban education, seminarian formation as well as the renovation of the Father English Food Pantry in Paterson, where 18,000 people are helped each month. The 2024 Appeal supports this vital work through the end of the diocesan fiscal year on June 30, 2025. May God bless you for your support!

Campaña para los ministerios diocesanos 2024
“Unidos en fe, esperanza y amor”

¡Aún hay tiempo para apoyar a la Campaña para los ministerios diocesanos! A lo mejor hayas recibido una petición final del Obispo Sweeney pidiendo tu apoyo o has visto información en nuestro sitio web o redes sociales y no has tenido tiempo de contribuir. Cada donativo es importante y una bendición para miles a lo largo y ancho de la Diócesis de Paterson. Por favor apoya las docenas de programas y ministerios de Caridades católicas, Nazareth Village y la necesidad de atención médica a los sacerdotes jubilados, la educación católica urbana y la formación de seminaristas, así como también la renovación del Banco de alimentos Father English en Paterson, donde ayudamos a más de dieciocho mil (18.000) personas cada mes. La Campaña 2024 apoya esta obra vital hasta el fin del año fiscal diocesano que termina el 30 de junio de 2025. ¡Que Dios te bendiga por tu apoyo!

FEEDING THE POOR AND HUNGRY

Our Schedule for January is as follows:

FROZEN DINNER PANS

Saturday & Sunday, January 18/19

Available after all Masses in the rear of the church

FROZEN DINNER PICKUP –

Saturday, January 25th – 8:15 to 9:45 AM

In front of Bishop Manning Hall

NON-PERISHABLE GROCERIES –

May be dropped off at the same time or any time before January 25th in the rear of the church or the Parish Office.



Come ONE Come ALL!
Coffee &
Sunday, February 2nd
after all the masses in
the church basement

From the Desk of Fr. Alex.....

During my recent trip to France to visit my family, I had the remarkable blessing of concelebrating Mass at the Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris. Standing within its storied walls, I was reminded of the profound history that fills that sacred space—the triumphs, tragedies, and prayers of generations past. After years of restoration, the cathedral stands again as a symbol of resilience and faith. It is more than just a building; it is the heart of a nation's spiritual heritage.

Yet, what struck me most wasn't only the breathtaking architecture or the solemn echo of prayers filling the nave—it was the *welcome*.

As the grand doors opened, the rector of the cathedral was there at the entrance, greeting both pilgrims and tourists alike. His warmth made it clear that this wasn't simply a monument—it was a living church. After Mass, he stood at the back, offering farewells as though each visitor was personally known to him. It was a beautiful reminder that even in one of the most iconic and historic churches in the world, faith is shared most powerfully through simple gestures of kindness and presence.

At the end of that same Mass, I was approached by a woman I had never met before—someone I will likely never see again. She shared her fear and heartbreak over her daughter, who she believed was suffering from something sinister, even demonic. She asked me what she should do, seeking help, hope, and reassurance. I was humbled to witness her vulnerability and trust in a priest—a stranger—to be a loving father to her in that moment of distress.

This encounter brought to life the powerful truth Pope Francis shares in *Evangelii Gaudium*: “*The Church is called to be the house of the Father, with doors always wide open.*” (EG 47). When people encounter us, they should encounter the love, mercy, and peace of Christ. Sometimes, that encounter comes in a simple greeting at the door or a wave on the sidewalk. Other times, it's through being present in someone's pain, even when we don't have all the answers.”

Here at St. Bonaventure, we are invited to live this same mission of welcome and encounter. Whether someone arrives seeking sanctuary, curiosity, or healing, we can show them the face of Christ. Even when our part in their story is brief, it matters. Just as the rector at Notre Dame greeted and blessed everyone who entered, we can be signs of God's presence, trusting that the seeds of faith are planted in ways we may never see.

Let's continue to be that beacon of hope for others, following God's tempo, not ours. In every small gesture of welcome, we share the love of a Father who sees and loves us all.

Durante mi reciente viaje a Francia para visitar a mi familia, tuve la notable bendición de concelebrar una misa en la catedral de Notre Dame en París. Estando de pie entre sus históricas paredes, recordé la profunda historia que llena ese espacio sagrado: los triunfos, las tragedias y las oraciones de generaciones pasadas. Después de años de restauración, la catedral se alza nuevamente como un símbolo de resiliencia y fe. Es más que un simple edificio; es el corazón del patrimonio espiritual de una nación.

Sin embargo, lo que más me impactó no fue solo la arquitectura impresionante o el eco solemne de las oraciones que llenaban la nave, sino la bienvenida.

Cuando se abrieron las grandes puertas, el rector de la catedral estaba allí en la entrada, saludando tanto a los peregrinos como a los turistas. Su calidez dejó en claro que no se trataba simplemente de un monumento, sino de una iglesia viva. Después de la misa, se paró en la parte de atrás, despidiéndose de cada visitante como si lo conociera personalmente. Fue un hermoso recordatorio de que, incluso en una de las iglesias más emblemáticas e históricas del mundo, la fe se comparte con más fuerza a través de gestos sencillos de bondad y presencia.

Al final de esa misma misa, se me acercó una mujer que nunca había conocido antes, alguien a quien probablemente nunca volveré a ver. Ella compartió su miedo y angustia por su hija, que creía que sufría algo siniestro, incluso demoníaco. Me preguntó qué debía hacer, buscando ayuda, esperanza y consuelo. Me sentí humilde al presenciar su vulnerabilidad y confianza en un sacerdote, un extraño, para que fuera un padre amoroso para ella en ese momento de angustia.

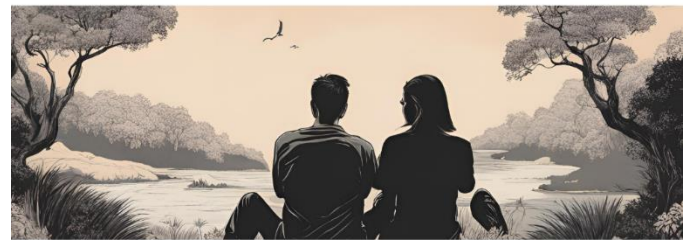
Este encuentro hizo realidad la poderosa verdad que comparte el Papa Francisco en Evangelii Gaudium: “La Iglesia está llamada a ser la casa del Padre, con las puertas siempre abiertas” (EG 47). Cuando las personas se encuentran con nosotros, deben encontrar el amor, la misericordia y la paz de Cristo. A veces, ese encuentro se produce en un simple saludo en la puerta o un gesto con la mano en la acera. Otras veces, es a través de estar presentes en el dolor de alguien, incluso cuando no tenemos todas las respuestas.”

Aquí en San Buenaventura, estamos invitados a vivir esta misma misión de acogida y encuentro. Ya sea

que alguien llegue buscando refugio, curiosidad o sanación, podemos mostrarle el rostro de Cristo. Incluso cuando nuestra parte en su historia es breve, es importante. Así como el rector de Notre Dame saludó y bendijo a todos los que entraron, podemos ser signos de la presencia de Dios, confiando en que las semillas de la fe se plantan de maneras que tal vez nunca veamos.

Sigamos siendo ese faro de esperanza para los demás, siguiendo el ritmo de Dios, no el nuestro. En cada pequeño gesto de bienvenida, compartimos el amor de un Padre que nos ve y nos ama a todos.

FAITH AND REASON RELATIONSHIP RETREAT



LISTENING IS THE BEGINNING OF LOVE

ST. PAUL INSIDE THE WALLS

FEBRUARY 8, 2025

Presented by:
Jack Beers
Certified Catholic
Mentor and Coach

Relationships don't have to be in crisis before they are nurtured. This retreat is designed for couples who are seriously dating, engaged, or married and wish to deepen their connection with each other and with Christ, using sound psychology through a faithful, Catholic perspective.

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