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## Roman Catholic Church



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### SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

**SATURDAY** — 5:30PM

**SUNDAY** — 8:00AM, 10:00AM, 12:00PM

### DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

**MON.—FRIDAY** — 7:00AM & 8:30AM

**SATURDAY** — 8:30AM

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## SPOTLIGHT ON THE GOSPEL

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Undoubtedly, since fishing was their livelihood, Simon and Andrew knew very well how to catch fish. In other words, they were very successful at catching fish. They must have invested many hours in catching fish, in order to make a living. Now Jesus was telling them that when they followed him, he would enable them to be very successful in bringing souls to him. They would learn from Jesus their new “vocation”.

The word “vocation” comes from Latin, meaning, “a calling” or “a summoning”. The Catechism of the Catholic Church says: “All human beings are called by God to share in God’s divine life.” (CCC356) While we may often associate the idea of vocation to a priest, deacon, sister or religious – we see that vocation is for every human being.

God does not want us to wait until we die to share in his divine life. Jesus gave us the sacraments to be able to receive his divine life, while we are alive. Sacraments help us to live the vocation of sharing in God’s divine life now. Every time we receive Holy Communion, we receive Jesus’ divine life – grace to help us through every situation. We receive Jesus himself – all his power and holiness.

When we go to Confession, we receive Jesus’ divine life – grace of mercy that absolves our sins and strengthens us in times of temptation and to avoid the near occasion of sin.

At Mass we nourish our souls – as one of the penitential rites says: “Jesus, you come in word and sacrament to strengthen us in holiness.” Now, we can see clearly, why participating in the Mass each Saturday evening or Sunday is critical for us to fulfill our vocation.

Perhaps you have heard someone say: “I don’t get anything out of Mass.”... If we come to Mass with a plan – expecting to be uplifted and energized – it will happen. Whether we found the homily to be inspiring or not, the music to be spirit-lifting or not, we always come to Mass to receive Jesus in “word and sacrament.” We leave the Mass, renewed in spiritual strength to live the life of love that will bring others to Jesus Christ.





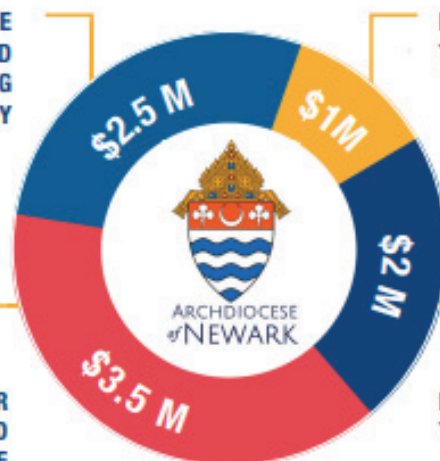
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THE FAITH

### PROCLAIMING THE GOSPEL \$1,000,000

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- Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry
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- Campus Ministry at affiliated Colleges & Universities
- Catholic Schools

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- Catholic Charities
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- Protecting God's Children

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#### PROGRAMS AND MINISTRIES FUNDED INCLUDE:

- Continuing Formation for Priests
- Seminarian Education
- Priest Health Care



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**January 27th  
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**Friday, January 26th**

**Please leave wrapped sandwiches by the  
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**Donations will be taken to  
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**Any questions please call Johanna:  
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## PRAYER INTENTIONS AND SACRAMENTS

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 2024

5:30 pm Al Yacabonis

#### SUNDAY, JANUARY 21, 2024

8:00 am Linda Marie Stulpin  
51 years

10:00 am People of the Parish

12:00 pm Elsie Samer

#### MONDAY, JANUARY 22, 2024

7:00 am Agnes Berta Reuber

8:30 am Paul Reuber

#### TUESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2024

7:00 am Altino DaCosta

8:30 am Aurora Lazaro

#### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2024

7:00 am Adel Bekhit

8:30 am Doris R. Fonseca

#### THURSDAY, JANUARY 25, 2024

7:00 am Ramon Dela Merced

8:30 am Matthew S. Fonseca

#### FRIDAY, JANUARY 26, 2024

7:00 am Perry M. Fonseca

8:30 am Altino DaCosta

#### SATURDAY, JANUARY 27, 2024

8:30 am Vincent Salvanera Blazo  
Dolores Casino  
Mrs. William Reed  
Trudy Sbarro  
Pat Markey

5:30 pm Janet C. Wright

#### SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, 2024

8:00 am John & Mary Sieracki

10:00 am Gopi Chugh

12:00 pm People of the Parish

### WEEKLY MEMORIALS

#### ALTAR CANDLES

Aurora Lazaro

#### SANCTUARY LAMP

John Langan

#### BREAD AND WINE

John Langan

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Helen Angelo, Willys J. Arbelo, Ricardo Bravo, Timothy Carroll, James Desiderio, Josephine DiMaria, June Fellmann, Hailey Galvez, Louise Helder, William Heyder, Laura Hudak, Cynthia Ingman, Karen Kaspern, Francis Kuczynski, Charles Le Poidevin, Emma Makowski, Mary Jo Makowski, John McGuire, Karen Miller, Helen Mullady, Joe Patton, Judith Pond, Joyce Rawlinson, Rudy Rohlik, Anne Svonavic, Daniele Wludyka

#### Please Note:

For privacy reasons and HIPAA regulations, names may only be added by **members of the immediate family** after they have received permission of the one who is sick.

In the event of serious illness or hospitalization, the rectory should be notified. Visits to the sick and shut-ins are made by the priests, deacons and ministers of the Eucharist. It is not necessary for someone to be "gravely ill" to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

#### BAPTISM

Baptisms are celebrated on the last Sunday of every month, to register please call the rectory, go to our website, or scan the QR code.



#### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

Saturday, 1:00-2:00pm

Feel free to approach a priest after any mass or make an appointment by calling the rectory (908) 486-6363

#### MARRIAGE

Please reach out to the rectory as soon as the engagement is announced and we will help to begin the preparation. We look forward to accompanying you in this exciting time.

#### HOMEBOUND COMMUNION CALLS

If you or someone you know is homebound or unable to attend Mass in person and would like to have a Eucharistic minister bring Communion at home, please reach out to Deacon Michael York at myork@sjanj.net. We will make arrangements for Communion visits.

#### BECOMING A FULLY INITIATED CATHOLIC

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