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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

MK1:21-28

*He commands even the unclean spirits and they obey him. Can you name some*

“unclean spirits” of our day? How about the seven deadly or capital sins? – lust, greed, envy, pride, laziness, gluttony and sloth (indifference in religious matters). They are called deadly, as they engender other sins and vices. How about addictions? – drugs, alcohol, gambling etc. How about TV, sports, work and recreational interests? They are not bad in themselves, but if we allow them to push God out of our lives – then they may have become “unclean spirits”.

An “unclean spirit” can be anything which prevents us from growing closer to Jesus....is there something that prevents us from praying as we would like to pray...being generous as we would like to be...being a loving person etc.?

How do we drive them out? Only Jesus can take away our unclean spirits. A great starting point is Confession. After confessing our sins, the priest in the person of Christ, who alone can forgive sins gives us absolution, in effect saying: “Be clean!” This will put us on the right track.

Why are unclean spirits still around after 2000 years since Jesus walked this earth? We pray for the Kingdom of God to reign on earth as it does in heaven. What are the things that prevent us from doing God’s will? 1) we want to do our own thing, 2) someone else’s suggestion to us and 3) the enemy. The key is to pay attention! Be on guard! Recognize those unclean spirits...don’t let them in your life, and if they are there now, go to Confession and hear those words: “I absolve you...” Jesus taught not only with words but with His life. Jesus gives us authority today. His love can conquer can fear, doubt, anxiety, worry and temptation, and any unclean spirit.



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and they obey him.*



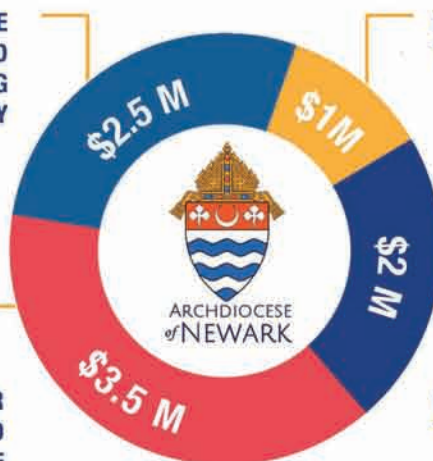
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#### PROGRAMS AND MINISTRIES FUNDED INCLUDE:

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This year we are honoring our Pastor, Rev. Joseph A. Ferraro, K.H.S.

**It will be held at Nanina's in the Park, Tuesday, February 13, 2024, 6:00-11:00 PM**

Tickets are \$125.00, checks can be made payable, "Holy Family Church".



February 2nd

### Feast of the Presentation of the Lord



Also known as **Candlemas**, this feast commemorates three distinct but related historical events in the life of the Holy Family. It marks the day when Mary and Joseph brought baby Jesus to the temple in Jerusalem, exactly 40 days after his birth.

Today's feast also commemorates the encounter in the temple between the Holy Family and Saint Simeon the prophet and Saint Anna the prophetess. This is the third and final infancy epiphany of Jesus (the first was to the Hebrew shepherds; the second to the Gentile kings; this third one to the elders of the Israelites).

Today's feast is known by the title **Candlemas** because of the words of Saint Simeon when he met the child Jesus in the temple: "For my eyes have seen your salvation which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a **light** for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel" (Luke 2:30-32). Jesus is the **Light of the World**, the Messiah who has come not just for the Jew but the gentile; not just the righteous, but the sinner.



# Supporting Our Parish

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## PRAYER INTENTIONS AND SACRAMENTS

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### SATURDAY, JANUARY 27, 2024

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

#### MONDAY, JANUARY 29, 2024

7:00 am Maria B. Lopez

8:30 am Bibiana Martinez

#### TUESDAY, JANUARY 30, 2024

7:00 am Lourdes Young Racelis

8:30 am David Martin Cloud

#### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31, 2024

7:00 am Jeffrey Ford

8:30 am Helen Bast

#### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 01, 2024

7:00 am Irene Burnelko

8:30 am Josephine Nunn

#### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 02, 2024

7:00 am Irene Burnelko

8:30 am Stephen Burczynski, Jr.

#### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 03, 2024

8:30 am Maureen Burke

Robert Sala

Kelly Anne Duffy

Julie Poggioli

Helen Coyle 20th Anniversary  
& Cathy Coyle 4th Anniversary

5:30 pm People of the Parish

#### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 04, 2024

8:00 am Geraldine Comba

10:00 am Robert Mifsud

12:00 pm Sugreev Kwatra

### WEEKLY MEMORIALS

#### SANCTUARY LAMP

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.

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