“For unto us a Child is born, 
Unto us a Son is given.”

Isaiah 9-5

Christmas Mass Schedule

Dec. 24, 2019
5:00pm - Family Vigil Mass
9:00pm - Spanish Mass / Misa en español
12:00am - Multilingual Mass / Misa Multilingüe

Dec. 25, 2019
6:30am - English Mass
8:00am - Spanish Mass
9:45am - English Mass
11:15am - English Mass
12:45pm - Spanish Mass
5:00pm - English Mass
7:00pm - Spanish Mass

New Years Mass Schedule

Dec. 31, 2019
5:00pm - English Vigil Mass
7:00pm - Spanish Vigil Mass / Vigilia en Español

Jan. 1st, 2020
(HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION: Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God)
7:30am - English Mass
12:15 - Bilingual Mass / Misa Bilingüe
5:00pm - English Mass
TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading (Isaiah 7:10-14)
You will be given this sign:
The virgin shall conceive and bear a son.

Psalm 24
Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.

Second Reading (Romans 1:1-7)
God has called us to belong to Jesus Christ

Gospel (Matthew 1:18-24)
The son born of Mary shall be called Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.


WEEKLY COLLECTION - COLECTA SEMANAL

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MASS SCHEDULES / HORARIO DE MISAS

ENGLISH MASSES
Sunday: 6:30am, 9:45am, 11:15am & 5:00pm Saturday: 7:30am & 5:00pm (Vigil Mass)
Daily: 7:30am (Except Friday) & 5:00pm
*Friday Morning Mass is at 8:00am
SPANISH MASSES
Dominos: 8:00 a.m., 12:45 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.
Miercoles: 7:00 p.m.
TAGALOG MASS
Every 4th Saturday at 7:00pm

CONFESSIONS / CONFESIONES
Friday/Viernes: 5:30 to 6:30 pm.
Saturday/Sábado: 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. & 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. (or by appointment)

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:
Monday to Friday: 8:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Saturday & Sunday: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
(Closed for lunch 12:00 to 1:00 p.m.)

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Mission Statement
We, the people of St. John of God Parish strive to be a community of Faith, Hope and Love. By recognizing our Baptismal call, we are committed to follow in Faith the teaching of Jesus Christ by uniting our community through Evangelization, Education, Service and Worship.

LIBRARY - MERRY CHRISTMAS
Feliz Navidad

Legend:
FR- Fr. Raymond , FP- Fr. Pius, FM - Fr. Matthew VP- Visiting Priest
† - R.I.P. , T - Thanksgiving, BD- Birthday, B- Blessings
WAnn- Wedding Anniversary, H- Health, PS- Prayer Service

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, December 23:
7:30 am FR Paula y Rodolfo Castillo †
5:00 pm FM Emmanuel Ruivivar (BD)

Tuesday, December 24:
7:30 am FR Ruben Lopez †
5:00 pm FP Maria Rosario & Alejandro Manalo †
9:00 pm FP Familia Vidaña (H)
12:00 am FR For the Manalo Clan (B)

Wednesday, December 25:
6:30 am FM Emilio Glenn Evangelista †
8:00 am FM Juan Leonardo Cadenas (B)
9:45 am FP Jessie Portillo & Family †
11:15 am FR Genor & Librada Gabuten †
12:45 pm FR Fidel Gomez †
5:00 pm FP Luis & Lucina Sagun †
7:00 pm FP Parishioners of St John of God

Thursday, December 26:
7:30 am FP Marvin & Esteban Mendoza †
5:00 pm FM Anita Constantino †

Friday, December 27:
8:00 am FP Edson Moreno Lara †
5:00 pm FM Juan Manuel Duarte †

Saturday, December 28:
7:30 am FR Jim Alexander †
5:00 pm FR Miguel Angel Rosales †
7:00 pm FP Angelito & Minerva Sulibat †

Sunday, December 29:
6:30 am FP Juan Carlos Camacho Jr (BD)
8:00 am FP Maria Guadalupe y Jose Rovalcaba †
9:45 am FP Jose Garcia (BD)
11:15 am FR Ricardo & Susana Rosales †
12:45 pm FR Equleo Hernandez †
5:00 pm FP Parishioners of St John of God
7:00 pm FM Manuel N Beltran †

FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 13-19, 2019

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18:
12:00 am FP Benito & Rocio Rosales †
5:00 pm FP Manuel & Bertha Rovalcaba †
7:30 pm FM Parishioners of St John of God

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20:
6:30 am FP Rocio & Benito Rosales †
8:00 am FP Maria Bertha Rovalcaba †
9:45 am FP Jose & Roselia Garcia (BD)
11:15 am FR Maria Elisa y Guadalupe Rovalcaba †
12:45 pm FR Rocio Rosales †
5:00 pm FP Parishioners of St John of God
7:00 pm FM Parishioners of St John of God

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GRACIAS POR SUS GENEROSAS DONACIONES.
Debido a las fechas limites de los boletines de vacaciones, no anunciaremos la colecta de el fin de semana del 14/15 y 21/22 de diciembre hasta el próximo boletín. ¡Gracias!

Thank you for your generous donations.

FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 23-29, 2019

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28:
6:30 am FP Maria del Rosario †
8:00 am FP Mariela Vidaña (H)
9:45 am FP Sachiele & Maria del Rosario Rosales †
11:15 am FR Martha Leonor y Maria del Rosario Rosales (H)
12:45 pm FR Maria del Rosario Rosales †
5:00 pm FP Parishioners of St John of God
7:00 pm FM Parishioners of St John of God

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29:
6:30 am FP Ana Maria Rosario (BD)
8:00 am FP Maria del Rosario Rosales (BD)
9:45 am FP Maria del Rosario Rosales (BD)
11:15 am FR Maria del Rosario Rosales (BD)
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When the Nativity scene was set up a lot of people started going to it and started taking pictures and selfies with it. It is really a work of art. The flowers and lights made it more attractive. This simple work of beauty brings joy to those who take time to appreciate it.

Fr. Pius started by envisioning a beautiful nativity scene in his mind and then started working hard on it. There were some volunteers who worked with him. He shared his idea with them and at first the whole picture was not so clear and complete. As they worked on the project and everything started to take shape it brought more excitement. After finishing the work everyone felt good and joyful.

I remember a story that someone shared me. It came from a Christmas newsletter of the Pink Sisters in Quezon City, Philippines.

There was once a tiny angel who came to earth in order to see Jesus born in Bethlehem. When the angel landed on earth, however, he found himself on the wrong side of the world. So with the guidance of a star he had to travel a long distance to reach the Holy Land. On the way there he saw much misery, loneliness, violence, poverty, death wars and refugees. When he finally reached Bethlehem, he was so excited and depressed at the same time. He asked an archangel standing by the crib a question that bothered him so much: “Why did God choose to be born in this ugly world?” The archangel, smiling, stooped down slightly and whispered to the tiny angel, “Precisely God chose this ugly world to take away all ugliness and miseries!”

Jesus was born and died more than 2000 years ago and yet there is still ugliness and miseries in this world. Did He fail? Of course not, it is just that He is not yet finished. Is it really His desire to take away all ugliness and miseries? Yes, but He intends to accomplish this task with our help since we are the cause of the ugliness and miseries in the world.

Jesus has a vision of a beautiful world where everything lives in harmony and peace, joy and contentment. It is like heaven here on earth.

Let us contribute what we can to make this vision a reality. Let us start by shedding off whatever is “ugly” in us, namely sin. Let us recognize our sinfulness and be truly sorry for it through the sacrament of reconciliation. When we meet some “ugly” people, those who are undesirable for us, those who make life difficult for us, and those who have hurt us…let us treat the hem with kindness, with love and with forgiveness. This is another way of spreading beauty.

This might not be so easy to do but keep in mind that a work of beauty takes dedication and perseverance and hard work. It may be hard work but it will surely bring joy and fulfillment to those who work for it and those who will benefit from it. And above all, this would be a wonderful gift for the birthday celebrant on the manger.

May you have a BEAUTIFUL and JOYFUL CHRISTMAS!

A Message From Fr. Matthew
Rev. Matthew Fernandez, MMHC
4th Sunday of Advent
December 22, 2019

When the NACIMIENTO se estableció mucha gente comenzó a ir a ver y comenzó a tomarse fotos y selfies. Es realmente una obra de arte. Las flores y las luces lo hicieron más atractivo. Esta sencilla obra de belleza trae alegría a aquellos que se toman el tiempo para apreciarlo.

El Padre Pío comenzó con la imaginación de una hermosa escena de belén en su mente y luego comenzó a trabajar duro en ella. Había algunos voluntarios que trabajaron con él. Compartió su idea con ellos y al principio todo el panorama no era tan claro y completo. A medida que trabajaban en el proyecto y todo comenzó a tomar forma, trajo más emoción. Después de terminar el trabajo todos se sintieron bien y alegres.

Recuerdo una historia que alguien compartió conmigo. Provino de un boletín navideño de las Hermanas Rosas en Quezon City, Filipinas.

Una vez hubo un pequeño ángel que vino a la tierra para ver a Jesús nacido en Belén. Sin embargo, cuando el ángel aterrizará en la tierra, se encontró en el lado equivocado del mundo. Así que con la guía de una estrella tuvo que viajar una larga distancia para llegar a Tierra Santa. En el camino vio tanta miseria, soledad, violencia, pobreza, guerras de muerte y refugiados. Cuando finalmente llegó a Belén, estaba tan emocionado y deprimido al mismo tiempo. Le hizo a un arcángel de pie junto a la cuna una pregunta que le molestaba tanto: “¿Por qué escogió Dios nacer en este mundo feo?” El arcángel, sonriente, se agachó ligeramente y le susurró al pequeño ángel: “¡Precisamente Dios escogió este mundo feo para quitar toda la fealdad y las miserias!”

Jesús nació y murió hace más de 2000 años y, sin embargo, todavía hay fealdad y miserias en este mundo. ¿Falló? Por supuesto que no, es sólo que aún no ha terminado. ¿Es realmente Su deseo de quitar toda fealdad y misería? Sí, pero tiene la intención de llevar a cabo esta tarea con nuestra ayuda, ya que somos la causa de la fealdad y las miserias en el mundo.

Jesús tiene una visión de un mundo hermoso donde todo vive en armonía y paz, alegría y satisfacción. Es como el cielo aquí en la tierra.

Contribuyamos con lo que podamos para que esta visión sea una realidad. Empecemos por derramar lo que sea “feo” en nosotros, a saber, el pecado. Reconozcamos nuestro pecado y lo lamentemos verdaderamente a través del sacramento de la reconciliación. Cuando nos encontramos con algunas personas "feas", las que son indeseables para nosotros, las que nos dificultan la vida y las que nos han hecho daño…tratemos el dobladillo con bondad, amor y perdón. Esta es otra forma de difundir la belleza.

Esto puede no ser tan fácil de hacer, pero tenga en cuenta que una obra de belleza requiere dedicación, perseverancia y trabajo duro. Puede ser un trabajo arduo, pero seguramente traerá gozo y satisfacción a quienes trabajan para ello y a los que se beneficiarán de él. Y sobre todo, este sería un regalo maravilloso para el celebrante de cumpleaños en el pesebre.

May you have a HERMOSA Y ALEGRE NAVIDAD!
Thank you for all your kindness in helping our food pantry with non-perishable food items. If you wish to donate to our pantry for the less fortunate, you may do so by bringing non-perishable items to the parish office. We are in need of:

- Pasta (all types)
- Cookies / crackers
- Stuffing mix
- Jell-O / pudding
- Canned tuna, spam, & chicken
- Juice
- Cake mix / other mixes
- Instant oatmeal
- Small bags of beans and rice
- Peanut butter

Thank you very much!

LA OFICINA PARROQUIAL ESTARÁ CERRADA EL DÍA:

- Martes, Diciembre 24
- Miércoles, Diciembre 25
- Martes, Diciembre 31
- Miércoles, Enero 1 - 2019

Le desemos lo mejor para estas felices fiestas y esperamos poder servirle en el nuevo año.

THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON:

- Tuesday, December 24
- Wednesday, December 25
- Tuesday, December 31
- Wednesday, January 1st - 2020

We wish you the best for this holiday season and look forward to serving you in the new year.

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Thank you very much!
NEW ENROLLMENT INITIATIVE PROGRAM

NEI: Financial aid for NEW students!

Are you or someone you know interested in having your child attend Catholic School, but do not qualify for any financial assistance programs? NEI may be the program for you!

This year our school has been selected to participate in a unique financial aid program through the Catholic Education Foundation (CEF). The New Enrollment Initiative (NEI) program provides new qualifying families with a tuition award in the amount of $1,000. For more details on qualifications and how to apply. Please contact our office today.

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DID YOU KNOW?
My body, my rules
In all the hustle and bustle of the Christmas season, it can be easy for children to get overwhelmed — with parties and holiday get togethers, they may be seeing lots of new or unfamiliar family members and friends. It’s important to remind children that they can say no to hugs, kisses, and other physical signs of affection if they are uncomfortable. Review “my body, my rules,” and give children polite ways to decline any signs of affection that they don’t want to give or receive. A simple “no thank you” to a request for a hug, or deflecting to a high-five, gives a child important control over who touches him or her, and how he or she feels in any situation.

For more information, visit

¿SABÍA QUE?
Mi cuerpo, mis reglas
Con todo el movimiento y bullicio de la temporada navideña, puede ser fácil para los niños sentirse abrumados con las fiestas y reuniones navideñas, y al conocer a nuevos o desconocidos miembros y amistades de la familia. Es importante recordar a los niños que ellos pueden decir no a abrazos, besos u otras formas físicas de afecto si ellos se sienten incomodos. Revise “mi cuerpo, mis reglas”, y enséñele a los niños formas educadas de rechazar cualquier forma física de afecto que ellos no quieren dar o recibir. Un simple “no, gracias”, a una solicitud de un abrazo, o a un “chocar los cinco”, le da al niño o niña un control importante de quién él o ella dan autorización para que los toquen, y de cómo él o ella se siente en cualquier situación dada.


WE NEED CATECHISTS

Do you hear that? God is calling you!
Come make a difference in the future of our Catholic Church.
We need Confirmation Teachers to work with our youth and confirmation ministry. We also need catechists for our first communion program.

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Protecting God’s Children for Adults
St. Linus Catholic Church (Norwalk)
When: Saturday, January 25, 2020 at 8:00 AM (English)
Register online at: www.virtusonline.org

Protecting God’s Children for Adults (Spanish)
St. Linus Catholic Church (Norwalk)
When: Saturday, January 25, 2020 at 2:30 PM (Spanish)
Register online at: www.virtusonline.org
Christmas Decorations

Help make the church beautiful this Christmas by making a donation to our Christmas Decorations Fund.

Write your name on an envelope & include who you dedicate the donation to in the “in memory of” section. The names will be printed in the bulletin please do not leave the envelopes here. Drop them off in the collection baskeests or at the parish office.

Ayúdenos a embellecer la iglesia haciendo una donación a nuestro Fondo de Decoraciones Navideñas.

Escriba su nombre en uno de los sobres e incluya a quién dedica esta donación en la sección que dice “in memory of”. Los nombres se publicaran en el boletín. Por favor no deje los sobres aquí. Llévelos a la oficina parroquial o póngalos en la canasta de la colecta.