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WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil..... 5:00 pm
Sunday 8:30 am, 10:30 am, Noon (*Spanish*)
Monday - Friday..... 8:00 am (*Chapel*)
Tuesday..... 7:00 pm (*Spanish*)
Second Sunday of each month.....3:30 pm (*Kiswabili*)
Holydays..... 8:00 am, Noon & 7:00 pm (*Church*)

PARISH CENTER HOURS

Monday-Thursday: 9:00 am - 2:00 pm;
closed on Friday.

Evenings by appointment only.

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**For Pastoral Emergencies, please
call:** 732-968-2621, ext. 2

PARISH REGISTRATION

All families and individuals within the canonical bound areas of St. John the Evangelist are invited to register by contacting the Parish Office.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place on Thursday from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm in the Chapel and on the first Friday of each month from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm in the Chapel. You are invited to visit as your schedule permits. If you wish to be a regularly scheduled adorer, please contact the Parish Office. During Lent, Adoration takes place on Friday from 8:30 am to 7:00 pm in the Chapel.

Sacrament of Baptism: The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on the first and third Sunday of the month at 1:30 pm. Baptisms will not be performed during Lent. An instructional Infant Baptism Class is required for parents having their child baptized and is recommended for godparents. For more information and to register for Pre-baptism class, please call the Parish Office.

Sacrament of Marriage: Common Policy among the Dioceses in New Jersey recommends preparing for your wedding at least one year in advance. Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available every Saturday from 4:00 - 4:45 pm in the Reconciliation Room of the Church or by appointment.

Sacrament of the Sick: Please contact the Parish Office if you are homebound and would like to receive Holy Communion.

Sponsor Eligibility: Godparents/Sponsor eligibility certificates are available for registered parishioners by calling the Parish Office. Godparents/Sponsors must be practicing Catholics who have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist and, if married, are in a marriage recognized by the Church.

FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation is available for registered parish families with children in Grades 1-8. As the Primary Catechists of their children, parents are prepared and supported to lead their children in faith at home. Meetings are twice a month, one for parents only to prepare for monthly activity lessons and one for parents and children to grow in community. Sacramental reception years (2nd and 8th grade) have additional Sunday meetings to prepare for receiving First Reconciliation/Holy Communion and Confirmation. To register, or for more information please call the Office of Faith Formation.

MASS INTENTIONS



Monday, November 18

8:00 a.m. Andrew Au by Josephine Kuok

Tuesday, November 19

8:00 a.m. Michael O'Brien
by the Szulczewski family
7:00 p.m. Salud de Amalia Carlota Melgar de
Monge by Familia

Wednesday, November 20

8:00 a.m. Lois Biondi by Linda Ambrosio

Thursday, November 21

8:00 a.m. Roberto Loo Hernandez
by Lynne Jacalan

Friday, November 22

8:00 a.m. Andrew Au by Josephine Kuok

Saturday, November 23

5:00 p.m. William Bauer by the Christian family

Sunday, November 24

8:30 a.m. Mary Agnello by Donna Frabizzio
10:30 a.m. Adolph Giacomarra by his family
Noon Ramon Gilberto Alfaro by Hijo

Padrinos de Bautismo Y Confirmacion:

La ley eclesiástica manda que los padrinos para el bautismo y confirmación, deben ser católicos confirmados y activos en la parroquia, o sea que asistan a la misa dominical, ayudan al mantenimiento de la Iglesia, este casado/y por la Iglesia; si es soltero/a no debe estar en unión libre. Debe vivir una vida de acuerdo con las enseñanzas de la Iglesia. Solo Podemos entregar cartas a parroquianos que viven de acuerdo con estas normas.

Bautismos:

Los Bautismos en español son celebrados en el segundo domingo del mes a la 1:15 PM. No se celebran bautismos durante la Cuaresma. Para hacer arreglos para los bautismos en español, comuníquese con la oficina parroquial. Si la secretaria no puede contestar en ese momento, le puede dejar un mensaje con su número de teléfono para llamarle luego.

Formacion Religiosa—Catecismo:

Si usted es nuevo en la parroquia y quiere inscribir a su niño/a en las clases de catecismo, por favor comuníquese con la oficina parroquial.

RICA:

Adultos que deseen convertirse a la religión católica o que necesiten recibir Primera Comunión y o Confirmación, deben ponerse en contacto con la oficina de la parroquia para el Rito de Iniciación Cristiana de adultos

Matrimonios:

Los arreglos para la fecha de casamiento se deben hacer un año por anticipado, antes de hacer los arreglos sociales. Comuníquese con la oficina parroquial.

Ministerio de Visitar a Los Enfermos:

Comuníquese con la oficina parroquial. Si es una emergencia (en peligro de muerte) después de horas de oficina, llamar al número 732-968-2621, ex. 2.

Confesiones en Espanol:

El padre está dispuesto después de la misa dominical. Por favor, comuníquese con él.

Círculo de Oración: todos los jueves se comensara a las 6:45 pm con el Santo Rosario en la Capilla. El último jueves del mes hay una Hora Santa a las 7:00pm.

Please pray for the sick members of our parish:

*Louis Capozzi, Cathy Sloomaker,
MaryAnn Briones, Joan Rabouin,
Barry Gittens*





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OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

November 1, 2024

Rev. Alphonsus Kariuki, Pastor
St. John the Evangelist Parish
317 First Street
Dunellen, NJ 08812-1111

Dear Father Kariuki,

Please extend my sincere thanks to the parishioners of St. John the Evangelist Parish for their generous response to the 2024 Bishop's Annual Appeal. With final gifts totaling \$35,266 your parish earned a total rebate of \$1,633. An initial payment of \$1,101 was sent to you in June. Enclosed find a check in the amount of \$532 representing the balance due. This income will not be assessed and is to be used for local needs at your discretion.

I am particularly grateful to you, your staff and your parish coordinators for the appeal who worked so hard to ensure our success. Thanks to your parish's generosity, we are able to continue to fulfill our mission and live the Gospel message through our pastoral ministries and charitable outreach to those in need.

God bless you and be assured you have my heartfelt gratitude and prayers.

With renewed best wishes, I remain

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James F. Checchio".

Most Reverend James F. Checchio, JCD, MBA
Bishop of Metuchen

enclosure

Stay with US, Lord: Renew our Hearts and Send us on Mission

**Sacrificial Offerings 2024
Sunday, November 10**

Regular Collection: \$4,309.96
Online Giving: \$ 550.40

**The expense amount for this week was not available at the time of publication.*

Online Giving

Have you tried our new Parish online giving system? There are three ways to give through Tithe.ly:

- *Through our website
- *through our Facebook page
- *using the Tithe.ly mobile giving App

When giving Tithe.ly you can donate by credit/debit card or bank transfer. You can also select "reoccurring gift" to automate your regular weekly offering so that it is donated automatically on a schedule that you choose. As with any automated service there is a small transaction fee for the church. You have the option to select "cover the fee" to make this transaction fee a part of your tax deductible gift. If you need assistance setting up a gift or learning how to use Tithe.ly email stjohnpcl@gmail.com

Give the Gift of Faith

Churches are dependent upon the generosity of others to fulfill their mission of spreading the Good News as mandated by Christ on the day of his Ascension. To perpetuate our church's mission in our area, please consider putting St. John the Evangelist Church in your will.



Thanksgiving Basket Drive

For Thanksgiving giving, we request to please help fill our Thanksgiving

Baskets with donations of turkey, stuffing, yams, instant potatoes, canned vegetables, cranberry sauce and other goodies. Please bring your donations to the Parish Center or Church by **November 25, 2024**. Thank you for your generosity!



**Sheenan Funeral Home
Annual Candle- Lighting
Ceremony**

The holiday season will soon be upon us and can be a difficult time for those experiencing loss. The Sheenan Funeral home invites you to attend their Annual Candle-Lighting Ceremony on **Sunday, 11/17** at **noon**, commemorating your loved ones. This gathering offers families an opportunity to remember, to hear words of comfort and hope, and to celebrate the life of those gone before us. Light refreshments will be served. Kindly reply to Sheenan Funeral Home: (732) 968-4227.

Arts & Environment Upcoming dates:

All are welcome to help- including students who need volunteer hours

11/30- 9AM-11 (Saturday)- Advent cleaning and set up

12/22 8AM-12 Noon (Saturday)- Christmas prep

Clean the church (vacuum, wipe elevators, pews + doors)

Unwrap and pre-stage all of the decorations (wreaths, lights, nativity, candles that need to go up Christmas Eve)

Set up the lighting out front and in the choir loft

Change and iron Altar linens

12/24/2024 8-11 AM (Christmas Eve-Tues) Set up inside decorations + trees, Decorations on doors + outdoor lighting

1/18/2025 9-12 Ordinary time- Take down Christmas decor + put away
Vacuum the church, entrances and elevator

Any questions contact Kate Guzzi 732 077 2233

Evangelization Workshop

The U.S. Bishops have dedicated the third and final year of the Eucharistic Revival the Year of Mission and have encouraged the faithful to participate in the Walk With One initiative. To aid us in this mission, the Diocese of Metuchen is hosting an evangelization workshop for all parishioners. This workshop is among the most hands-on, practical, and dynamic presentations on evangelization available for Catholics today. Through a series of presentations, small groups, and exercises, you will gain the courage you need to be an enthusiastic and joyful evangelist in the circumstances of your everyday life and in Christian ministry.

You won't want to miss the upcoming workshop with St. Paul Street Evangelization (SPSE) on **Saturday, November 23**. The day will begin with Morning Mass with Msgr. Joseph Celano at 9:00AM at the Church of the Immaculate Conception. The evangelization workshop will follow from 9:45AM-3:30PM at Immaculata High School. SPSE is a non-profit, grassroots organization that has mobilized thousands of ordinary Catholics to get out there on the streets and help God save souls.

The registration fee of \$25 includes breakfast, lunch, and all training materials. You can register online at <http://stpaulse.com/somerville> or by using this QR code



Diocesan Black Catholic Gathering

The Diocesan Black Catholic Gathering scheduled for November 23, 2024 is **cancelled** until further notice.



Prayers for Our Service Members

Please pray for the following parishioners who are currently serving in the Military:

- U.S. Navy Reserve Lt. Michael Bartilotti**
- U.S. Army Pvt. Luke Harshaney**
- U.S. Coast Guard Lt. Cmdr. Ed Sella**
- U.S. Marine Mer. Cpl. Thomas Tyler Lizak**
- U.S. Army Pfc. Sean Parente**
- U.S. Marine LCpl. Dante Parente**
- U.S. Army 2nd Lt. Casey Wenzel**
- U.S. Army Spec. 4 Timothy Francisco**
- U.S. Marine Sgt. Stephen Wright**
- U.S. Navy IT2 Kenneth Millman III**
- U.S. Navy HM3 Rosemary Plunkett**
- U.S. Marine LCpl. Dylan Kolakowski**
- U.S. Air Force, 2nd Lt. Michael Nielsen**
- U.S. Marine Pfc. Daniel Hernandez**

If there are any other military members you would like to be included in our prayers, please contact the Parish Office.



November 17, 2024 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

“And then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in the clouds’ with great power and glory.” (MARK 13:26)

We will all have that day when we are standing before God and our life is played out like a movie. When this happens and God asks each of us, “What have you done with the gifts that I have given you?” How will you respond? The good news – it’s never too late to start living a grateful and generous lifestyle.

The Adopt a Priest Program

The "Adopt a Priest Program" is strictly a spiritual commitment to pray and offer the sacrifices required by one's daily duty, to draw down graces for a particular Priest, for the rest of one's life. It is a lifelong commitment. This can be done by simply praying the "Morning Offering" in this way: **O My God, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary and the Sacred Heart of Jesus, I offer Thee all my prayers, works joys and sufferings of this day, in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world, in reparation for my sins, the sins of the whole world and especially for my adopted Priest, Father _____ (mention your adopted Priest's Name). Amen.**

If your priest dies, continue to pray for him. If you should die, certainly you will not cease to pray for him until you both meet in heaven. Saint Therese, the Little Flower, adopted two Missionary Priests in this way. This is very powerful. It makes the littlest thing we do infinitely worthwhile. To adopt a Priest or for more information, please call Maureen Shea 732-968-0136 or 732-770-0502 cell.

El "Programa Adopta a un Sacerdote" es estrictamente un compromiso espiritual para orar y ofrecer los sacrificios requeridos por el deber diario de uno, para atraer gracias para un sacerdote en particular, por el resto de su vida. Es un compromiso de por vida. Esto se puede hacer simplemente rezando la "Ofrenda de la Mañana" de esta manera: **Oh Dios mío, a través del Inmaculado Corazón de María y del Sagrado Corazón de Jesús, te ofrezco todas mis oraciones, obras, alegrías y sufrimientos de este día, en unión con el Santo Sacrificio de la Misa en todo el mundo, en reparación por mis pecados, los pecados de todo el mundo y especialmente por mi Sacerdote adoptivo, Padre _____ (mencione el nombre de su sacerdote adoptivo). Amén.** Si su sacerdote muere, continúe orando por él. Si uno muere primero, ciertamente no dejarás de orar por él hasta que ambos se encuentren en el cielo. Santa Teresita, la Pequeña Flor, adoptó dos sacerdotes misioneros de esta manera. Esto es muy poderoso. Hace que las pequeñas cosas que hacemos valgan infinitamente la pena. Para adoptar un sacerdote o para obtener más información, llame a Maureen Shea al 732-968-0136 o al celular 732-770-0502.

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- Go to <https://signup.formed.org/>
- Enter our parish's zip code
- Enter your name and your email address

Union Catholic High School Scholarship Exam

Current 8th grade students are invited to participate in Union Catholic High School's Annual Scholarship Testing Program. The Scholarship Exam for the Class of 2029 will be held on **Saturday, 12/7 at 9:00 a.m.** and **Sunday, 12/8 at 12 noon.** *There is a \$35 fee to take the exam; there is no makeup date.* Over \$175,000 in scholarship monies will be awarded based on the results of this exam. To register for the Scholarship Exam, scan this QR Code:



For more info or questions, contact the Admissions Office at 908-889-1600, ext. 302 or email jbowman@unioncatholic.org Union Catholic High School 1600 Martine Avenue, Scotch Plains, New Jersey 07076



2024 – 2025 FAITH FORMATION

November 2024

19 5pm Children’s class

24 9am to 10 am -- Community meeting for Parents and children

Confirmation Year 1 and Year 2

Retreat – Sunday Dec 15, 2024 11:30 AM to 1pm--All Confirmation candidate’s year 1 and 2 must attend this important retreat. Please see details at the monthly parent meeting.

Question can be emailed to stjohnpcl@gmail.com

All children must sign-in weekly for mass in the back of church.

Noviembre 2024

19 5 PM Clase infantil


24 9AM a 10 PM -- Reunión comunitaria de padres e hijos

Retiro de Confirmación Año 1 y Año 2

– Domingo 15 de diciembre de 2024 11:30AM a 1:00PM--Todos los candidatos a la Confirmación del año 1 y 2 deben asistir a este importante retiro. Consulte los detalles en la reunión mensual de padres. La pregunta se puede enviar por correo electrónico a stjohnpcl@gmail.com

Todos los niños deben registrarse semanalmente para la misa en la parte trasera de la iglesia.

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