

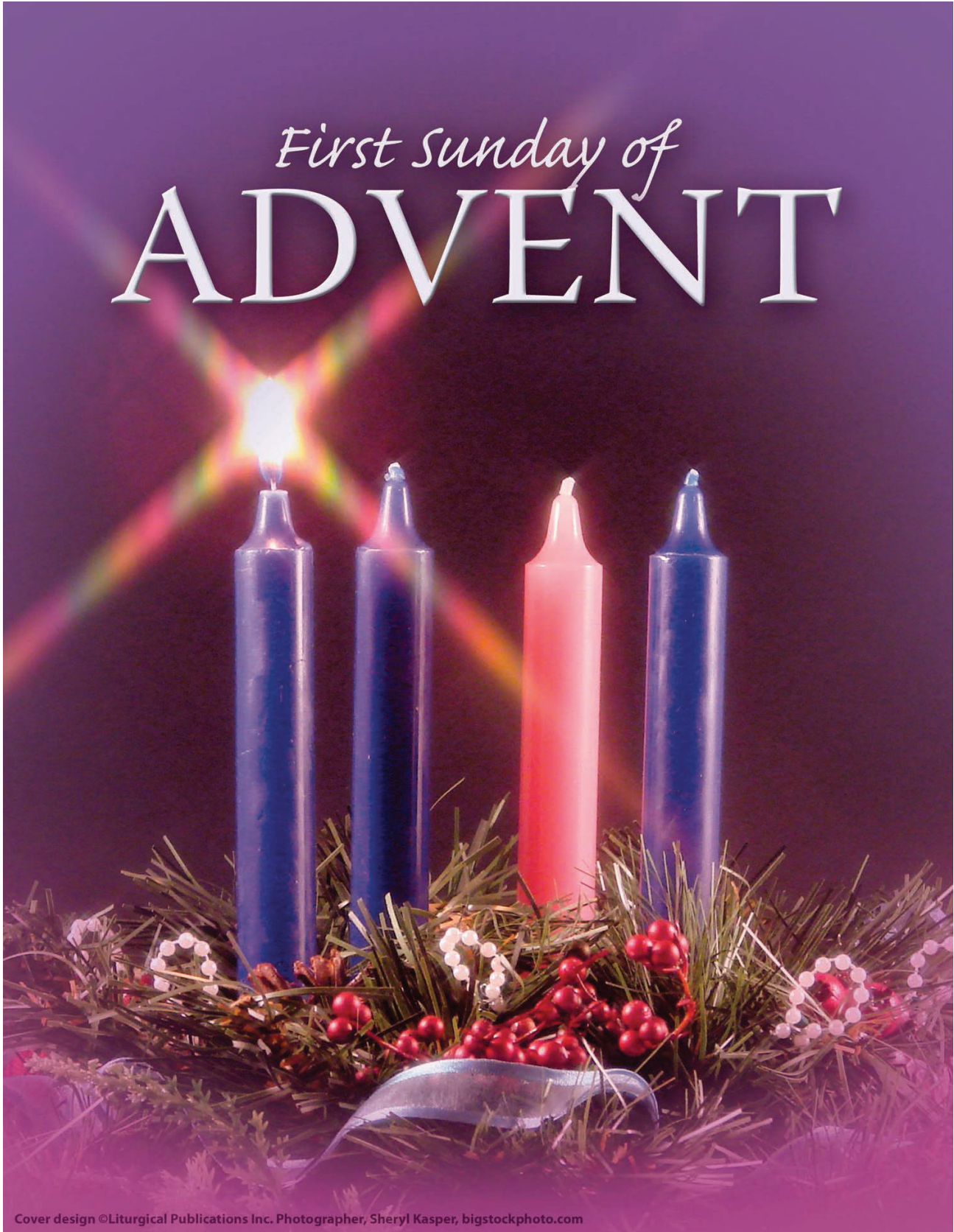
# SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST

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## ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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*First Sunday of*  
**ADVENT**



### WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

**Saturday Vigil**.....5:00 p.m.; **Sunday**.....8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., Noon (Spanish)

**Monday-Friday**...8:00 a.m. (*Chapel*)

**Tuesday**....7:00 p.m. (Spanish); Second **Sunday of each month**...3:30 (Kiswahili)

**Holydays**.....8:00 a.m., Noon & 7:00 p.m. (*Church*)

### PARISH CENTER HOURS

Monday-Thursday: 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.; closed on Friday. Evenings by appointment only

**Telephone:** 732-968-2621; **E-mail:** [stjev@verizon.net](mailto:stjev@verizon.net); **Web:** [www.stjohnsdunellen.org](http://www.stjohnsdunellen.org)

**Office of Faith Formation:** 732-968-2621, ext. 13; [stjohnpcl@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnpcl@gmail.com)

**For Pastoral Emergencies, please call:** 732-968-2621, ext. 12

**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 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Chapel and on the first Friday of each month from 7:00 p.m. to 9 p.m. 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 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel.

**Sacrament of Baptism:** The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on the First and Third Sunday of the month at 1:30 p.m. 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 p.m. 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, and 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 (2<sup>nd</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> 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, December 2

8:00 a.m. Nicholas Livera by Angela Livera

### Tuesday, December 3

8:00 a.m. Angela Livera by Angela Livera  
7:00 p.m. Parishioners of St. John's

### Wednesday, December 4

8:00 a.m. Giovanni Elefante  
by Cosimo & Lina Giordano

### Thursday, December 5

8:00 a.m. Ron Cummings (living birthday)  
by Joan & Shell Rabouin

### Friday, December 6

8:00 a.m. Jacqueline Deluccia  
by Michael, Dawn & Jessica Maurigi

### Saturday, December 7

5:00 p.m. Scott Patronick by Patronick,  
Woerner & Dowd families

### Sunday, December 8

8:30 a.m. Chuck Agnello by Donna Frabizzio  
10:30 a.m. Troia family by Giovanna Di Maggio  
Noon Dunia Herrera Huerta  
by Flor Botero



*Please pray for the sick members of  
our parish:*

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

#### **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.

**Sacrificial Offerings 2024  
Sunday, November 24**

*\*The collection and expense amounts for this week were 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](mailto: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.



Our Food Pantry here at the Parish Center has food to offer for those in need. Come visit us on Tuesday from 10-12 if we can help.



**Christmas Memorials**

You are invited to make a memorial donation for the Christmas season. Your donation will help provide flowers and decorations for the church. To participate you may pick up a form at the exits of the Church or simply write down your name, phone number, and the name of the person or persons you wish to memorialize and send it along with your payment to the Parish Center by **Tuesday, 12/17**.



**Monthly Reception**

The monthly reception will take place this **Sunday, 12/1 after the 8:30, 10:30 and Noon Masses in the Church Auditorium**. All are welcome to join us! Anyone interested in helping out before or after Mass or with donations, please contact Kate Guzzi (732) 977-2233.



**The Youth Group will be selling handmade Christmas Cards during the December Monthly Reception.**

Please consider supporting our effort and adding to your holiday cheer!

**Christmas Giving Tree Program**

Our Angel Giving Tree is in place in the Church vestibule. Please select your angel and return your gift to the Parish Center or Church under the Giving Tree by **Friday, December 20**. Blessings and thanks as we prepare for our Savior's birth.



**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**

**12/21 8AM-12 Noon (Saturday)- Christmas prep**

**12/24/2024 8-11 AM (Christmas Eve-Tues) Nativity, plan + tree set up**

**1/18/2025 9-12 Ordinary time- Take down Christmas decor + put away**

Any questions contact Kate Guzzi (732) 977-2233.

**Create a Franciscan at Home account**

1. Search: Franciscan at Home
2. Select: 'Partnering Dioceses' at the top of the screen on the home page.
3. Select: 'Diocese of Metuchen' from the pull down menu OR type in 'Metuchen' to launch the Landing Page for the Diocese of Metuchen.
4. The Diocese of Metuchen's Landing Page will appear. Click on the blue button with the label: "My parish or school is already registered..."
5. A "Create a New Account" page requesting information will appear. Fill out the information and click on the green "Create a New Account" button at the bottom of the screen.
6. The "Sign up for Free through your Institution" screen will pop up. Select "Diocese of Metuchen" and select your parish from the successive pull down menus.
7. Navigate to your Dashboard to begin utilizing Franciscan at Home.

Questions? Contact: Jill Kerekes,  
 Director, Office of Discipleship  
 Formation for Children  
[jkerekes@diometuchen.org](mailto:jkerekes@diometuchen.org)  
 732-529-7930



**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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

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



**December 1, 2024  
1st Sunday of Advent**

*“But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand.” (LUKE 21:28)*

We celebrate Advent each year in preparation for the birth of Jesus, His first coming, as we await His second coming. What will you do differently this Advent season to grow in friendship and love with Jesus? How will you inspire others to do the same? Start by sharing your God story with others, especially those that are closest to you. Invite and accompany them on their faith journey this Advent.

**Virtual Workshop for Families**

Are you overwhelmed as a parent? Learn how to build a flourishing Catholic household and to share your vibrant family life with others through this free workshop offered by Trinity House Community and sponsored by the Office of Family Life. The workshop will take place on Zoom on February 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. To register, please visit <https://www.diometuchen.org/events/heaven-in-your-home-workshop> or contact Cristina at [cdaverso@diometuchen.org](mailto:cdaverso@diometuchen.org) with questions.

**Adopt a Priest Program**

Have you prayed for your Priest today? To adopt a Priest or for more information, please call Maureen Shea 732-968-0136 or 732-770-0502 cell.

**Programa Adopta a un Sacerdote**

¿Has orado por tu sacerdote hoy? Para adoptar un sacerdote o para obtener más información, llame a Maureen Shea al 732-968-0136 o al celular 732-770-0502.



**Marriage Encounter  
Weekend**

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend gives you the time and tools to enrich your marriage, deepen communication, and nourish the spirituality in your marriage. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will be held **February 14 - 16, 2025**. Please apply ASAP as space is limited. Phone 1-732-904-9636 for application and information (Tom & Ruth DeFalco). Visit us at: [www.wwme.org](http://www.wwme.org) for more information.

**Eucharistic Adorers Wanted**

Now that the pandemic is over, Bishop Checchio would like to offer Eucharistic adoration at **the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, Monday through Friday, from 9:00-11:45 a.m.** As St. Pope John Paul II noted, “The Church and the world have a great need of Eucharistic adoration.” Anyone who is interested in signing up should contact Angela Marshall at [amarshall@diometuchen.org](mailto:amarshall@diometuchen.org)



**2024 – 2025 FAITH FORMATION**

**December 2024**

- 1 11:30AM to 1PM** Confirmation Year 2 class  
10:30AM Youth Mass
- 2 6:30PM to 8PM** Parent meeting  
1st Holy Communion Class Year 2  
7th Grade class Year 1
- 3 6:30PM to 8PM** Parent meeting  
1st Holy Communion Class Year 2  
7th Grade class Year 1
- 10 5PM** Children's class
- 15 9AM** Community Meeting
- 15** Confirmation class Year 1 and 2  
RETREAT #1  
**11:30AM to 1PM**

**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.

Question can be emailed to [stjohnpcl@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnpcl@gmail.com)

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

**Diciembre 2024**

- 1 11:30 AM. a 1 PM** Clase de Confirmación Año 2  
10:30AM Misa Juvenil
- 2 6:30 PM. a 8 PM** Reunión de padres  
1ª Clase de Santa Comunión Año 2  
Clase de 7º Grado Año 1
- 3 6:30PM a 8PM** Reunión de padres  
1ª Clase de Santa Comunión Año 2  
Clase de 7º Grado Año 1
- 10 5PM** Clase para niños
- 15 9AM** Reunión comunitaria para padres e hijos
- 15** Clase de Confirmación Año 1 y 2  
RETIRO #1 **De 11:30 AM 1 PM**

**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.

La pregunta se puede enviar por correo electrónico a [stjohnpcl@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnpcl@gmail.com)

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

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