

SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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second 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; **Web:** www.stjohnsdunellen.org

Office of Faith Formation: 732-968-2621, ext. 13; 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 (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, December 9

8:00 a.m. Ron Cummings (living birthday)
by Nancy & Rick Chesler & family

Tuesday, December 10

8:00 a.m. Gail Neary by Catholic Daughters
Court Regina Coeli #940
7:00 p.m. Rose Sawchuk (Salud) by Friends

Wednesday, December 11

8:00 a.m. Paul & Barbara Griffin by Sr. Agnes

Thursday, December 12

8:00 a.m. Mai Jia & Ai Ding (R.I.P.)

Friday, December 13

8:00 a.m. Tony Pierro by Ruth Gruber

Saturday, December 14

5:00 p.m. Jerry Sella
by Nancy & Rick Chesler & family

Sunday, December 15

8:30 a.m. The Pizzigoni family
by Martha & John Pizzigoni
10:30 a.m. Bill Harris, Sr. by Christine Harris
Noon Lillian Areli Murcia
by Margarita Dubon



*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.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays of Advent:
December 14 - 4:00 to 4:45 pm
December 21 - 11:00 am to Noon and 4:00 to 4:45 pm

FOURTH SUNDAY of ADVENT

Sunday, December 22, 2024
8:30 AM
10:30 AM
12 NOON - SPANISH MASS

VIGIL OF THE NATIVITY ~ CHRISTMAS EVE

Tuesday, December 24, 2024
4:00 PM
6:00 PM - SPANISH MASS
10:00 PM

NATIVITY OF THE LORD ~ CHRISTMAS DAY

8:30 AM
10:30 AM
12 NOON - SPANISH MASS

MASSES DURING THE CHRISTMAS SEASON:

Sunday, December 29, 2024
THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH
Regular Mass Schedule

Sunday, January 5, 2025
THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
Regular Mass Schedule

Sunday, January 12, 2025
BAPTISM OF THE LORD
After this feast we start the ordinary time of the year

**Sacrificial Offerings 2024
Sunday, December 1**

Regular Collection: \$4,149.40
Online Giving: \$ 564.14

**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 "recurring 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.



Advent Reconciliation

Advent reconciliation on **Saturday December 21** from **11-12 noon**, there will be two priests hearing confessions here in the Church and Father Alphonsus will also be available from **4-4:45pm**.



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**.

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 **Wednesday, December 18**. Blessings and thanks as we prepare for our Savior's birth.



Thank you to the 13 Arts & Environment volunteers who prepared the church for Advent. We appreciate all your hard work vacuuming, cleaning the pews, ironing, cleaning the glass doors and elevator!

Arts & Environment Upcoming dates:

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

**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.



**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.

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.

Contact: Jill Kerekes, Director, Office of Discipleship Formation for Children
jkerekes@diometuchen.org
 732-529-7930

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



**December 8, 2024
2nd Sunday of Advent**

"And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value..." (PHILIPPIANS 1:9-10)

During the Christmas shopping season it is easy to get caught up in the frenzy of buying gifts. But, is that "gift" truly an expression of your love for the other person. Or, are you just fulfilling your "obligation" to give them something? To grow in friendship with someone, you need to spend time with them and learn what is of value to them. Maybe this year, buy less "stuff" and spend more time with those you love.



2024 – 2025 FAITH FORMATION

December 2024

- 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

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

Diciembre 2024

- 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

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

Sisters of Jesus Our Hope/OLM Women's Ministry Advent Retreat

Join us on **Saturday, 12/14**, at **Our Lady of the Mount Parish, 170 Mt. Bethel Road, Warren**, for an Advent Retreat.

9:15 a.m. Mass

10 a.m. Free Registration and Light Refreshments

1st Talk: "A Light in the Darkness"

Sacred Music, Guided Prayer & Eucharistic Adoration

Lunch (bring your own bagged lunch)

2nd Talk: "Let Your Light Shine Before Others"

2:30 p.m. Closing Prayer

New Homeschool Ministry

All parents of Homeschool Families are cordially invited to attend the inaugural meeting for the new Diocesan Homeschool Ministry. The event will take place on **Tuesday, 1/14, 2025** from **6:30 -8:30 p.m.** at **St. Theodore RC Church at 855 Route 57, Port Murray, NJ**. Please come to hear about the ministry vision and a presentation on "Franciscan at Home" which is a free catechetical resource. To register visit:

www.diometuchen.org/homeschool-ministry-1

For more information contact Fr.

Gilbert Starcher:

gstarcher@diometuchen.org.

Rosary for Life

Come Pray a Rosary for Life (in solidarity with those at the March for Life in Washington, DC and across the country). Bishop Checchio is scheduled to attend! **Friday, 1/24, 2025** at **1:00 p.m.** on **Main Street in**

Woodbridge. Park and meet in the St. James Parish parking lot at 12:45 pm (369 Amboy Ave, Woodbridge, NJ) There is a 12:10 pm daily Mass at St. James for those who wish to attend. For more information, contact

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