

# SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST

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## Christmas 2024

Dear St. John the Evangelist Parish Family,

May the joy and peace that come with this Season be with you. It's already the third week of Advent and Christmas is almost here.

As Christians, Advent is a wonderful time to celebrate the reconciling love and the healing graces our Lord offers us. Please check the Schedule of Masses and Sacraments between now through the Christmas Season. Invite your family members and close friends to come and celebrate with us.

Please note the Sacrament of reconciliation on Saturday December 21 at 11:00 am to 12:00 Noon and from 4:00 until 4:45 pm. Needless to mention, you know that I am also available any other time by appointment, just call me directly through my cellphone number or follow the instructions to reach me or leave me a message through the parish office number.

I also welcome those who seek some peace and spiritual renewal to Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament which takes place in the Chapel on Thursday from 8:30 am until Benediction at 4:00 pm.

Thank you again for all that you do for St. John's. We all look forward to a happy celebration of the anniversary of the birth of Our Lord and Savior. I wish you God's blessings and Merry Christmas.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Alphonsus Kariuki



## Carta de Navidad 2024

Querida familia parroquial de San Juan Evangelista:

Que la alegría y la paz que vienen con esta temporada estén con ustedes. Ya es la tercera semana de Adviento y la Navidad está a la vuelta de la esquina.

Como cristianos, el Adviento es un tiempo maravilloso para celebrar el amor reconciliador y las gracias sanadoras que nuestro Señor nos ofrece. Por favor, consulte el horario de Misas y Sacramentos desde ahora hasta la temporada de Navidad. Invita a tus familiares y amigos cercanos a venir a celebrar con nosotros.

Tenga en cuenta el Sacramento de la Reconciliación el sábado 21 de diciembre a las 11:00 a.m. a 12:00 p.m. y de 4:00 a 4:45 p.m. No hace falta mencionar, usted sabe que también estoy disponible en cualquier otro momento con cita previa, simplemente llámeme directamente a través de mi número de teléfono celular o siga las instrucciones para comunicarse conmigo o déjeme un mensaje a través del número de la oficina parroquial.

También doy la bienvenida a aquellos que buscan un poco de paz y renovación espiritual a la Adoración del Santísimo Sacramento que tiene lugar en la Capilla el jueves desde las 8:30 am hasta la Bendición a las 4:00 pm.

Gracias de nuevo por todo lo que hacen por St. John's. Todos esperamos con ansias una feliz celebración del aniversario del nacimiento de Nuestro Señor y Salvador. Les deseo las bendiciones de Dios y Feliz Navidad.

Tuyo en Cristo,

Fr. Alphonsus Kariuki

### 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



### Third Sunday of Advent

#### Monday, December 16

8:00 a.m. Julia Tarantino (for her health)  
by Cathleen Harada

#### Tuesday, December 17

8:00 a.m. George Craig by his children  
7:00 p.m. Rose Sawchuk (RIP) by friends

#### Wednesday, December 18

8:00 a.m. Louis Wall Merlini by Rosemary Ng &  
Ashley McCafferty

#### Thursday, December 19

8:00 a.m. Gerard & Giovanna Giordano  
by Cosimo & Lina Giordano

#### Friday, December 20

8:00 a.m. Michelle Michael (thanksgiving)  
by Jimmy

#### Saturday, December 21

5:00 p.m. Jill Fojtlin  
by Nancy & Rick Chesler & family

#### Sunday, December 22

8:30 a.m. Helen Ambrosio by Linda Ambrosio  
10:30 a.m. Billy Pisack  
by Candi Lippincott Nagy  
Noon Leticia Potuguez Quesada by Hijo



*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, December 8**

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

Bills Paid this Week: \$7,218.00

**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.

**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 **Sunday, December 15**. Blessings and thanks as we prepare for our Savior's birth.



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

MASSSES 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



**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.



**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.**

**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.

**Opening Mass for the Holy Year 2025**

Pope Francis has declared 2025 to be a Holy Year of Jubilee for the Catholic Church, an event that takes place once every 25 years. Bishop James F. Checchio, in union with his brother Bishops around the world, will celebrate the Opening Mass for the Holy Year 2025 on the Solemnity of the Holy Family, **Saturday, December 27 at 5 p.m.** at the **Cathedral of Saint Francis of Assisi in Metuchen, NJ.** All are welcome; no ticket required.

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**DIOCESE OF METUCHEN  
FILIPINO APOSTOLATE**

*Simbang Gabi* **2024 PILIPINO MASS**

**DECEMBER 22nd 2024 at 4pm Sunday**  
**at ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST CHURCH.**  
**317 1st Street Dunellen New Jersey**  
**Rev. Roy Quesea and Rev. Alphonsus Kariuki**

MASSES START AT 8:00 AM UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED		
<b>CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART</b> 149 So. Plainfield Avenue, So. Plainfield Celebrant: Very Rev. Jonathan S. Toborowsky, VG		
15 December (Sun)	ST. HELENA	950 Grove Avenue, Edison
16 December (Mon)	QUEENSHIP OF MARY	16 Day Road, Plainsboro
17 December (Tue)	ST. MATTHEW THE APOSTLE	81 Scymour Avenue, Edison
	ST. MATTHIAS	168 JFK Boulevard, Somerset
	ST. CECILIA	10 Kingston Lane,
18 December (Wed)	ST. AMBROSE	83 Throckmorton Lane, Old Bridge
	ST. BERNADETTE	20 Villanova Road, Parlin
	OUR LADY OF FATIMA	501 New Market Road, Piscataway
19 December (Thu)	MARY, MOTHER OF GOD	157 South Triangle Road, Hillsborough
	ST. CECILIA	45 Wilus Way,
20 December (Fri)	OUR LADY OF VICTORIES	42 Main Street, Sayreville
	ST. BERNARD OF CLAIRVAUX	500 Route 22, Bridgewater
	NATIVITY OF THE LORD	185 Applegarth Road, Monroe
21 December (Sat)	ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY	45 Henderson Road, Kendall Park
	ST. BARTHOLOMEW	470 Ryders Lane, East Brunswick
	ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	302 High Street, Hackettstown
22 December (Sun)	ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST	317 First Street, Dunellen
	ST. JAMES	148 Grenville Street, Woodbridge
	IMMACULATE CONCEPTION	35 Mountain Avenue, Somerville
<b>CATHEDRAL OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI</b> 32 Elm Avenue, Metuchen Celebrant: Most Rev. James F. Checchio, JCD, MBA BISHOP OF METUCHEN		
December 16 - 24   ST. LADISLAUS CHURCH - 215 Somerset Street, New Brunswick		



**2024 – 2025 FAITH FORMATION**

**January 2025**

- 5 11:30AM to 1PM Confirmation Year 2 class  
10:30AM Youth Mass
- 6 6:30PM to 8PM Parent meeting  
1st Holy Communion Year 2 Class  
Confirmation Year 1 class
- 7 6:30PM to 8PM Parent meeting  
1st Holy Communion Year 2 Class  
Confirmation Year 1 class
- 13 MONDAY 6:30  
1st Holy Communion Retreat Year 2
- 19 11:30AM to 1PM Confirmation Year 2 class
- 26 9AM Community Meeting-** For parents and children

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.

**Enero 2025**

- 5 11:30 AM a 1 PM Clase de Confirmación Año 2  
10:30AM Misa Juvenil
- 6 6:30 PM a 8 PM Reunión de padres  
1ª Clase de Santa Comunión Año 2  
Clase de Confirmación Año 1
- 7 6:30 PM a 8 PM Reunión de padres  
1ª Clase de Santa Comunión Año 2  
Clase de Confirmación Año 1
- 13 LUNES 6:30PM 1ª Comunión Retiro Año 2
- 19 11:30 AM a 1 PM Clase de Confirmación Año 2

**26 9AM Reunión Comunitaria** - Para padres e hijos

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.*

**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  
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