

SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST

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FOURTH 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

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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



Fourth Sunday
of Advent

Monday, December 23

8:00 a.m. Cesar P. Valencia by the TaeKwonDo Group, Piscataway Senior Center

Tuesday, December 24

4:00 p.m. Gordon Harmon by his loving family
6:00 p.m. Rose Sawchuk (R.I.P.) by friends
10 p.m. Christina Zavala & Pedro Mortara by Hijos

Wednesday, December 25

8:30 a.m. Roberto Loo Hernandez, Artemio Jacalan & Josefina Jacalan by Manny & Lynne Jacalan
10:30 a.m. Ron Cummings (good health) by Nancy & Rick Chesler & family
Noon 2nd año de Fallecida Marcelina Parazona by Hijo & familia

Thursday, December 26

8:00 a.m. Gerard E. Cunningham by Gerard & Suzanne

Friday, December 27

8:00 a.m. Marion Maier by Ruth Gruber

Saturday, December 28

5:00 p.m. Deceased members of Backus, Glennon & Ruddy families by Kevin Glennon

Sunday, December 29

8:30 a.m. Louis Ambrosio by Linda Ambrosio
10:30 a.m. Mr. & Mrs. Stanislaw Zukowski by Mastrian family
Noon En Agradecimiento por las Bendiciones a la familia Castro Contreras by familia Castro Contreras

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 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 15**

Regular Collection: \$4,473.74
Online Giving: \$ 726.94

Bills Paid this Week: \$2,359.06

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.



Thank You For Your Generosity With Our Giving Tree!

To our generous parishioners, your gifts are sure to bring much joy to the children at Christmas. Thanks so much and many blessings.



Holiday Office Closing

The Parish Office will be closed on **Wednesday, 12/25** and **Thursday, 12/26** in observation of Christmas. It will re-open on Monday 12/30.



Please pray for the sick members of our parish:

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

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 4:00 PM UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

15 December (Sun)	CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART 149 So. Plainfield Avenue, So. Plainfield Celebrant: Very Rev. Jonathan S. Tobrowsky, VG	050 Grove Avenue, Edison 16 Dey Road, Plainsboro
16 December (Mon)	ST. HELENA QUEENSHIP OF MARY	81 Scymour Avenue, Edison 168 JFK Boulevard, Somerset 10 Kingston Lane, Hillsborough
17 December (Tue)	ST. MATTHEW THE APOSTLE ST. MATTHIAS ST. CECILIA	83 Throckmorton Lane, Old Bridge 20 Villanova Road, Parlin 501 New Market Road, Piscataway
18 December (Wed)	ST. AMBROSE ST. BERNADETTE OUR LADY OF FATIMA	157 South Triangle Road, Hillsborough 45 Wilus Way,
19 December (Thu)	MARY, MOTHER OF GOD ST. CECILIA	42 Main Street, Sayreville 500 Route 22, Bridgewater 185 Applegarth Road, Monroe
20 December (Fri)	OUR LADY OF VICTORIES ST. BERNARD OF CLAIRVAUX NATIVITY OF THE LORD	45 Henderson Road, Kendall Park 470 Ryders Lane, East Brunswick 302 High Street, Hackettstown
21 December (Sat)	ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY ST. BARTHOLOMEW ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	317 First Street, Dunellen 148 Grenville Street, Woodbridge 33 Mountain Avenue, Somerville
22 December (Sun)	ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST ST. JAMES IMMACULATE CONCEPTION	CATHEDRAL OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI 32 Elm Avenue, Metuchen Celebrant: Most Rev. James F. Checchio, JCD, MBA BISHOP OF METUCHEN
23 December (Mon)		

December 16 - 24 | ST. LADISLAUS CHURCH • 215 Somerset Street, New Brunswick



**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

Arts & Environment Upcoming dates:

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

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.

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Our parish now has a subscription to FORMED, a premier online platform filled with over 4,000 Catholic studies, movies, audio dramas, talks, e-books, and even cartoons for our children. You can enjoy FORMED on your computer or on your television with an inexpensive Roku device or Apple TV. You can even listen on your phone as you commute to work or do chores. To gain access to all of FORMED's content, follow these simple steps:

- Go to <https://signup.formed.org/>
- Enter our parish's zip code
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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.



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

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

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

2025 Choices Matter Conference

The Diocese of Metuchen’s Office of Human Life and Dignity presents “The 2025 Choices Matter Conference– A Critical Life Issues Conference” which will be held at the **St. John Neumann Pastoral Center in Piscataway** on **Saturday, 3/29, 2025**. An Opening Mass will be celebrated by Bishop James Checchio at 9:00 AM and the conference will begin at 10:15 AM and end at 3:30 pm. This year’s theme is “Choose Hope – A Path to Mental Wellness.” General registration is \$35 and student registration is \$15. The conference features Eucharistic Adoration, exhibits and more. The fee includes lunch and handouts. To register visit:

<https://www.diometuchen.org/choicesmatter>. Everyone is welcome! For questions or for more information please email amarshall@diometuchen.org or call 732-562-1543. Seating is limited.

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 amarshall@diometuchen.org or call 732-562-1543.

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