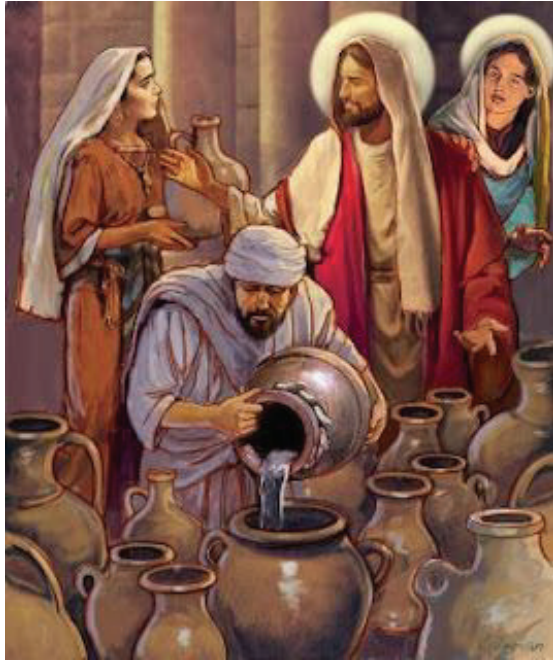


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## ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**Mary Lou Chingery**, *Coordinator of Social Ministry*  
**Cecilia Macalalad**, *Music Ministry*

### 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.

**Telephone:** 732-968-2621

**E-Mail:** stjv@verizon.net

**Web:** www.stjohnsdunellen.org

### Office of Faith Formation:

732-968-2621 ext: 3  
stjohnpcl@gmail.com

**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, January 20

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

### Tuesday, January 21

8:00 a.m. Joshua M. well being by family  
7:00 p.m. Communion Service

### Wednesday, January 22

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

### Thursday, January 23

8:00 a.m. Parishioners of St. John's

### Friday, January 24

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

### Saturday, January 25

5:00 p.m. Rose & Anthony Marsjanik  
by Marsjanik family

### Sunday, January 26

8:30 a.m. Mary Agnello by Donna Frabizzio  
10:30 a.m. Gail Maritz Neary  
by Kim Rabouin Wood  
Noon 1er Aniversario de Fallecimiento de  
Celmira Gomez Molina  
by Hector Gomez



*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 2025  
Sunday, January 12**

Regular Collection: \$4,346.23

Online Giving: \$ 663.69

Bills Paid this Week: \$12,879.50

**Online Giving**

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

\*Through our website

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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.

**Retrouvaille Weekend**

Stress in your marriage? Diocese of Metuchen is hosting a weekend retreat for couples experiencing problems in their marriage on **February 28-March 2**. For information, please contact Rich (732-236-0671) or Annette (732-672-0748) or Email: [3024@helpourmarriage.org](mailto:3024@helpourmarriage.org) All inquiries are confidential.



Thank you to the volunteers who helped with Christmas decorating.

We truly appreciate your time, your creativity and your willingness to help wherever needed.

We could not have done it without you!



**Casino Night – Save the Date**

St. John's Casino Night fundraiser will be held on **Saturday, March 1, 2025** from **6:00pm – 11:00pm**. Please mark your calendar and save the date for a fun-filled evening.



**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.

### 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](mailto:jkerekes@diometuchen.org)  
 732-529-7930

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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
- Enter your name and your email address

### 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](mailto:amarshall@diometuchen.org) or call 732-562-1543.

### Bereavement Facilitator Training Course February – March 2025

Registration for the Bereavement Facilitator Training Course is now open. This six-session course will be held **Wednesday evenings from 7 pm-9 pm on Zoom/Teams** starting **February 12- March 26** (No class on March 5, Ash Wednesday). This program is designed for individuals who want to become facilitators for existing parish bereavement support groups or who wish to start a bereavement support ministry at their parish or online. It can also benefit anyone who ministers to the bereaved in parishes in different capacities. For more information or to register visit:

<https://archdioceseofnewark.regfox.com/loss-transition-2025>

### Virtual Workshop for Marriage-Minded Catholic Singles – February 11-March 25, 2025

Building Forever – A course for marriage-minded Catholic singles to discover healthy habits, build virtue, avoid common mistakes and so much more! Every Tuesday from February 11 – March 25, 2025 at 7:00 PM on Zoom. To register visit:

<https://www.ihccnj.com/buildingforever>  
 For more information email [cdaverso@diometuchen.org](mailto:cdaverso@diometuchen.org)



**2024 – 2025 FAITH FORMATION**

Thank you all the parents, volunteers and children who attended the Annual First Holy Communion Retreat. Your enthusiastic participation was amazing and heartwarming. Thank you to all our volunteers. Confirmation Candidates Matthew Ramirez, Edgar Castellanos, Ella Hughes, Edgar Arias. Teachers: Trudie Mackie, Fran Furino, Esmeralda Navarro and Genesis Rivera. Emily Grajales, Deacon Glenn and Father Alphonsus. Without your endless support, this could not have happened. As you continue to prepare for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and First Eucharist in spring, please know we are all praying for you.

Dates to know:

**January 26** 9AM Community Meeting

**February 2** 11:30AM to 1PM Confirmation Year 2 class with Sponsor/Parent

**February 2** 10:30AM Youth Mass

**February 3** 6:30PM to 8PM Parent meeting, 1st Holy Communion Year 2 Class. Confirmation Year 1 class

**February 4** 6:30PM to 8PM Parent meeting, 1st Holy Communion Year 2 Class, Confirmation Year 1 class

**February 23** 9AM Community Meeting

**February 23** 11:30AM to 1PM Confirmation Year 2 class

Agradece a todos los padres, voluntarios y niños que asistieron al Retiro Anual de Primera Comunión. Su entusiasta participación fue increíble y conmovedora. Gracias a todos nuestros voluntarios, los Candidatos a la Confirmación Matthew Ramirez, Edgar Castellanos, Ella Hughes, Edgar Arias. Profesores: Trudie Mackie, Fran Furino, Esmeralda Navarro y Génesis Rivera. Emily Grajales, el Diácono Glenn y el Padre Alphonsus. Sin su apoyo infinito, esto no podría haber sucedido. A medida que continúan preparándose para el Sacramento de la Reconciliación y la Primera Eucaristía en primavera, sepan que todos estamos orando por ustedes.

Fechas a conocer:

**Enero 26** 9AM Reunión Comunitaria

**Febrero 2** 11:30 a.m. a 1 p.m. Clase de Confirmación Año 2 con Patrocinador / Padre

**Febrero 2** 10:30AM Misa Juvenil

**Febrero 3** 6:30PM a 8PM Reunión de padres, 1ª Clase de Santa Comunión Año 2. Clase de Confirmación Año 1

**Febrero 4** 6:30PM a 8PM Reunión de padres, 1ª Clase de Santa Comunión Año 2, Clase de Confirmación Año 1

**Febrero 23** 9AM Reunión Comunitaria

**Febrero 23** 11:30 a.m. a 1 p.m. Clase de Confirmación Año 2

**Life Choices Resource Center Annual Charity Banquet February 23, 2025**

You are invited to attend the Life Choices Resource Center's (a crisis pregnancy center) Annual Charity Banquet on **Sunday, February 23** at the **Pines Manor, 2085 Rt. 27, Edison, NJ** from **4:00 – 8:00 PM**. Tickets are \$85 per person. For questions or to register email [LifeChoices@Optonline.net](mailto:LifeChoices@Optonline.net) or call 732-516-0911.

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