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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 (*Kiswahili*)  
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.

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### Office of Faith Formation:

732-968-2621 ext: 3  
[stjohnpcl@gmail.com](mailto: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 27

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

### Tuesday, January 28

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

7:00 p.m. Communion Service

### Wednesday, January 29

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

### Thursday, January 30

8:00 a.m. Joshua M. well being by family

### Friday, January 31

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

### Saturday, February 1

5:00 p.m. All Souls in Purgatory by Pilar Orozco

### Sunday, February 2

8:30 a.m. All Souls in Purgatory  
by Cosimo & Lina Giordano

10:30 a.m. Ray Roscoe  
by Anthony Furino & family

Noon Misa de Salud Hilda Chun de Yque  
by Hijos y Nietos



*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 19**

Regular Collection: \$4,962.65

Online Giving: \$ 715.49

Bills Paid this Week: \$2,892.30

**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.

**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.



**Monthly Reception**

The monthly reception will take place next **Sunday, 2/2 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.

**February**

**Youth Group Meeting**

The Youth Group will meet **upstairs in the parish center after next week's 10:30 mass.** Please stop by the reception for a snack on your way up. All High School students are invited to join.



**Chick fil A Fundraiser**

Just in time for the Big Game on 2/9! Trays are \$47.00 **Forms with payment are due by 2/2.** Pick up is on Sat 2/8 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Funds will go toward snow removal and salting expenses. Any questions contact Kate Guzzi @ (732) 977-2233



**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.

### 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



### 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.

### 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** at **7:00 p.m.** on Zoom. To register visit:

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

### 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**

Dates to know:

**February 2** 10:30 a.m. Youth Mass

**February 2** 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
Confirmation Year 2 class with  
Sponsor/Parent

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

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

**February 23** 9 a.m. Community Meeting

**February 23** 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
Confirmation Year 2 class

FIRST PENANCE:

**March 6** Thursday, 7 p.m. First Penance  
Practice

**March 8** Saturday, 10:30 a.m. First  
Penance

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:

**March 24** Thursday, 1st Holy  
Communion Practice 7 p.m.

**March 26** Saturday, 1st Holy Communion  
10 a.m.

CONFIRMATION:

Practice to be determined at a later date  
Wednesday, April 9 Confirmation Year 2  
at St Mary Stony Hill, Watchung

Fechas a conocer:

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

**Febrero 2** 10:30 a.m. Misa Juvenil

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

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

**Febrero 23** 9 a.m. Reunión Comunitaria

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

PRIMERA PENITENCIA:

**6 de marzo** Jueves, 7 p.m. Primera  
Práctica de Penitencia

**8 de marzo** Sábado, 10:30 a.m. Primera  
Penitencia

PRIMERA COMUNIÓN:

**24 de marzo** Jueves, 1ª Práctica de Santa  
Comunión 7 p.m.

**26 de marzo** Sábado, 1ª Santa Comunión  
10 a.m.

CONFIRMACIÓN:

La práctica se determinará en una fecha  
posterior

Miércoles, 9 de abril Confirmación Año 2  
en St Mary Stony Hill, Watchung

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