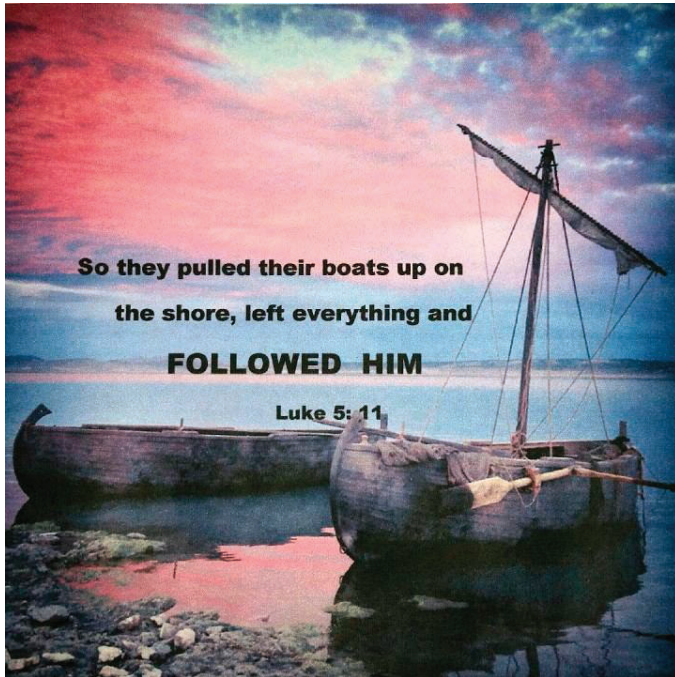


# SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST

## ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



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### PASTORAL STAFF

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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.

**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: 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, February 10

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

### Tuesday, February 11

8:00 a.m. Lila Munguia by friends

7:00 p.m. Communion Service

### Wednesday, February 12

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

### Thursday, February 13

8:00 a.m. Souls of Purgatory by anonymous

### Friday, February 14

8:00 a.m. Cesar Monge (wellbeing) by wife

### Saturday, February 15

5:00 p.m. Jacqueline Barrantes by Pilar Orozco

### Sunday, February 16

8:30 a.m. Agnes DeNicola

by Kelly DeNicola & family

10:30 a.m. Richard Gerding

by Michael Sciametta

Noon Miguel A. Vasquez (Salud y

Cumpleaños) by Theresa Porras



*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, February 2**

Regular Collection: \$4,952.80  
Online Giving: \$ 562.69

Bills Paid this Week: \$4,834.78

**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](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.

**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.



**Casino Night – March 1, 2025**

St. John's Casino Night fundraiser will be held on **Saturday, 3/1** from **6:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.** Tickets are now on sale. Flyers are at the back of the church or can be found on the church website. Tickets are \$75/person in advance, \$85 per person at the door, and include \$100 in chips. Tickets purchased before 2/14 will receive a **BONUS** of \$50 in chips. Anyone wishing to donate a **raffle prize** can drop it at the office or contact Sue Lester at 908-331-4273.

**Casino Night – Sponsorship**

If you would like to Sponsor this event, please pick up a form at the back of the church or contact Sue Lester 908-331-4273.



**2025 Gertrude Hawk Fundraiser**

The Annual Faith Formation Gertrude Hawk Fundraiser has begun. Brochures and order forms are available in the church vestibule and at the parish office. Parishioners may also order using the link **[SHOP Gertrude Hawk NOW!](#)** on our website home page. **All order forms are due by 2/24.** Order pick-up will be after Masses the weekend of 3/29. If you have any questions, email Sarah Ben Younes-Millot at [mcelroy\\_sarah@hotmail.com](mailto:mcelroy_sarah@hotmail.com).

**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.

**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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**February 9, 2025**  
**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time**

*"Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?' 'Here I am,' I said, 'send me!'" - ISAIAH 6:8*

Every day, in little ways and in big ways, God asks, "Whom shall I send?" Whether it is someone to take on a new ministry, to give a friendly smile to a stranger or to say a word of encouragement to a friend, God constantly provides opportunities to help someone in need. God is always talking to us; we just need to pay more attention. When you hear God calling have the courage to walk through the door and say, "Here I am, Lord."



**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.



## 2024 – 2025 FAITH FORMATION

Dates to know:

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

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

**March 2** Confirmation class following  
10:30 youth mass

**March 9** Confirmation retreat , 11:30 at  
St. Mary Stony Hill

FIRST PENANCE:

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

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

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:

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

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

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

**2 de marzo** Clase de Confirmación  
después de la Misa de los Jóvenes de las  
10:30

**9 de marzo** Retiro de confirmación, 11:30  
en St. Mary Stony Hill

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

**26 de abril** 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

### **Rachel's Vineyard Weekend Retreat**

Come to our Healing Weekend Retreat

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contact Leah at [leah@soulfilledbygrace.co.site](mailto:leah@soulfilledbygrace.co.site) or  
Ana at [ana@soulfilledbygrace.co.site](mailto:ana@soulfilledbygrace.co.site). Visit  
[www.RachelsVineyard.org](http://www.RachelsVineyard.org) for more information  
on retreat dates and locations. Healing is waiting  
for you and you are not alone.

### **Virtual Workshop for Marriage- Minded Catholic Singles – Revised Date - February 22**

Building Forever – A course for marriage-  
minded Catholic singles to discover healthy  
habits, build virtue, avoid common mistakes and  
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