

SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST

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.

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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, February 17

8:00 a.m. Michelle Lemay by Catholic Daughters Court Regina Coeli #940

Tuesday, February 18

8:00 a.m. Ron Fojtlin by Nancy & Rick Chesler
7:00 p.m. Ines Porras Arias
by Eugenio & Theresa Porras

Wednesday, February 19

8:00 a.m. Joan Rabouin Special Intentions
by Nancy & Rick Chesler & family

Thursday, February 20

8:00 a.m. Edward Zionkowski
by Szulczewski family

Friday, February 21

8:00 a.m. Las Animas del Purgatorio
by Veronica Jara

Saturday, February 22

5:00 p.m. Anthony & Josephine Szulczewski
by Szulczewski family

Sunday, February 23

8:30 a.m. Francisco Rovilo
by Ruth Payer & family
10:30 a.m. Catholic Daughters Court Regina
Coeli #940 100th Anniversary
Noon Aquilina Martinez 2nd Aniversario de
Fallecida by Bernardino Ayala



*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 9

Regular Collection: \$3,864.02

Online Giving: \$ 666.44

Bills Paid this Week: \$9,675.88

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.

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.

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 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
 732-529-7930



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- Go to <https://signup.formed.org/>
- Enter our parish's zip code
- Enter your name and your email address



February 16, 2025
6th Sunday of Ordinary Time

"Blessed are you when people hate you...exclude and insult you, and denounce your name...on account of the Son of Man."
 - LUKE 6:22

All of us have been in situations when someone has made a negative comment or joke about God or our Catholic faith. How did you respond? Did you stay silent or pretend to go along with the crowd because you didn't want to cause waves and then, later, you felt bad? Know that God is with you all the time; the Holy Spirit will put the right words in your mouth. Pray for the strength and courage to proclaim our faith to others, especially during uncomfortable situations.



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.



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

March 2 Confirmation class following
10:30 youth mass
March 3-4 Parent meeting 6:30 p.m. to
8 p.m.
March 9 11:15 Mass followed by lunch and
the retreat. Concludes at 4:30 p.m. at St.
Mary Stony Hill
March 16 Confirmation class following
10:30 mass

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, 7 p.m. 1st Holy
Communion Practice
April 26 Saturday, 10 a.m. 1st Holy
Communion

CONFIRMATION:

Monday, April 7, 7 p.m. Practice for
Confirmation at St Mary Stony Hill
Wednesday, April 9, 5 p.m. Confirmation at
St Mary Stony Hill, Watchung, arrive
4:30 p.m.

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

marzo

2 de marzo Clase de Confirmación
después de la Misa de los Jóvenes de las
10:30
9 de marzo, 11:15 Misa seguida de
almuerzo y retiro. Concluye a las 4:30 p.m.
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:

Lunes, 7 de abril a las 7 p.m. Práctica para
la Confirmación en St. Mary Stony Hill
Miércoles, 9 de abril, 5 p.m. Confirmación
en St. Mary Stony Hill
llegada a las 4:30 p.m.

OASIS Day 2025
DAY OF PRAYER FOR WOMEN
April 5, 2025


The Religious Teachers Filippini
invite you to a day of extraordinary grace .

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Rev. Anthony Randazzo

Arrival: 9:30 am - Departure: 3:00 pm
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Beverages will be provided through the day.

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For More Information, contact:
Sr. Alice Ivanyo MPF
sralicej@gmail.com
732-238-9222



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