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### 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: 13  
[stjohnpcl@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnpcl@gmail.com)

**For Pastoral Emergencies,**  
**please call:** 732-685-1098

### 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 adoror, 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. In the event of an emergency, please call 732-685-1098, day or night.

**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, April 24

8:00 a.m. Roberto Loo Hernandez  
by Lynne & Manny Jacalan

### Tuesday, April 25

8:00 a.m. Roberto Loo Hernandez  
by Lynne & Manny Jacalan  
7:00 p.m. Tulia Cenit San Juan by Liliana Diaz

### Wednesday, April 26

8:00 a.m. For all teachers by Parishioners

### Thursday, April 27

8:00 a.m. Marilyn A. Koops  
by the Szulczewski family

### Friday, April 28

8:00 a.m. Catherine Muller by the Geigel family

### Saturday, April 29

5:00 p.m. Mary McDonald  
by Rosemary Ng & Bill Vierling

### Sunday, April 30

8:30 a.m. Chet Kondraki by Kim Regewitz  
10:30 a.m. Roberto Criscuolo  
by Joan & Michele Rabouin  
Noon Juan Sepulveda Maldonado  
by Hija Maribel



*This week our Sanctuary lamp in the Chapel is lit in honor of Living and Deceased members of Catholic Daughters Court Regina Coeli #940 by the Catholic Daughters.*

## 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 732-685-1098

## Confesiones en Espanol:

El padre está dispuesto después de la misa dominical. Por favor, comuníquese con él.

**Círculo de Oración:** todos los jueves a las 7:00 pm en la Capilla. El último jueves del mes hay una Hora Santa a las 7:00pm.

### Sacrificial Offerings 2023 Sunday, April 16

Regular Collection: \$2,419.48  
Online Giving: \$ 795.24  
Easter: \$5,765.50

Bills Paid this Week: \$6,278.90

#### 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.

#### St. John Food Pantry

Our Food Pantry is in need of the following: dry pasta, rice, cereal, canned tuna and chicken, low/no sugar canned fruit, no/low sodium canned vegetables and soups, tomato sauce and fruit juice. *\*Please note: there is a particular need for gluten free products.\** Food donations support our parish food pantry, for our neighbors in need as well as FISH Food Pantry on New Market Road in Piscataway. Thank you for your continuous generosity.

*Please pray for the sick members of our parish:*

Louis Capozzi  
Cathy Sloodmaker  
MaryAnn Briones



#### Collection for Catholic Relief Services

The second collection next week, April 29/30, will be designated exclusively to benefit the Native & Black American Collection as well as Catholic Relief Services. Please be as generous as your means allow.

#### 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.

#### 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. 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 LCpl. 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**

If there are any other military members you would like to be included in our prayers, please contact the Parish Office.

### **Parish Ministry & Contacts**

**Activities & Fund Raising Committee:**

Parish Office (732) 968-2621; [stjev@verizon.net](mailto:stjev@verizon.net)

**Altar Rosary Society:** Fran Furino

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**Altar Servers:** (732) 968-2621; [stjev@verizon.net](mailto:stjev@verizon.net)

**Art & Environment Committee:** Kate Guzzi,  
(732) 968-2621;

**Catholic Daughters of the Americas:**

Nina DiQuollo (732) 968-2621

**Eucharistic Adoration:** Maureen Shea

(732) 968-2621

**Extra ordinary Ministers of Holy**

**Communion:** Martha Pizzigoni; (732) 968-2621

**Faith Formation & Catechists:** Alice Fogarty,

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**Finance Committee:** John Fitzgerald

**Golf Outing Committee:** Parish Office

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**Homebound Ministry:** Jon Fourre, (732) 968-2621

**Hospitality Committee:** Kate Guzzi

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**Knights of Columbus Council 2544:**

Keith Venturella, (732) 968-2621

**Marriage Encounter:** Eugene & Theresa Porras

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**Money Counters:** Jeff Marren, (732) 968-2621

**Music Ministry:** Gerard Chiusano, (732) 968-2621

**Readers:** Martha Pizzigoni; (732) 968-2621

**Social Concerns Ministry:** Mary Lou Chingery

(732) 968-2621

**Spanish Charismatic Prayer Group:**

Gloria Labanda (732) 968-2621

**Guadalupe Group:** Ana Alpizar (732) 968-2621

**Tricky Tray Committee:** Parish Office

(732) 968-2621; [stjev@verizon.net](mailto:stjev@verizon.net)

**Ushers:** Mike Sciametta (732)968-2621



### **April 23, 2023 3rd Sunday of Easter**

*"Did not our hearts burn within us while He talked to us on the road, while He opened to us the scriptures?" (Luke 24:32)*

How often do we take the time to discern what Jesus wants from us? Are our prayers always petitions, asking Jesus to do things for us? If so, that's a one-sided relationship. Living our faith means developing a personal relationship with Jesus. Just like any friendship, there is give and take, each side listening to each other and helping each other out. Take time in silence to listen to what Jesus is asking of you.

### **NJ Catholic Youth Rally at Six Flags Great Adventure**

**May 21st, 2023**

**9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.**

#### **1 Six Flags Boulevard, Jackson, NJ**

Registration is open for our Annual Statewide Youth Rally! The NJ Catholic Youth Rally is a day-long event that gathers teens from across the state of NJ for a day of fun, fellowship, Mass, and more held at Six Flags Great Adventure in Jackson, NJ. **The day starts with dynamic opening ceremony hosted by the Diocese of Metuchen.** Teens then get the day to enjoy the park and all the rides. The day concludes in the Batman Stunt Arena with a Mass. Open to all Jr. High, High School & Young Adult Ministry, Scouting Parish/School Athletic Programs, and families! View more information and register at

<https://www.diometuchen.org/youth-rally>



## Faith Formation



### A Family of Faith

Prayers: please practice prayers with your child. 1<sup>st</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade must have a firm memory of the prayers: Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be, Act of Contrition, and Grace before meals.

**Sunday, April 23, 9 to 10:30 a.m.** - Community Meeting. Please email your service projects by April 18th. Bring Person of Faith.

This will be our last Community Meeting of the year.

**Thursday, 4/27, 6 p.m.** – First Holy Communion Practice

**Saturday, 4/29, 10 a.m.** – First Holy Communion

Confirmation Practice: to be determined  
Confirmation: **June 5th**

### Monthly Youth Mass

The next Youth Mass will be **10:30** on **Sunday, 5/7.**

### Youth Choir

All 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders and high school teens interested in singing in the Youth Choir please email [stjohnpcl@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnpcl@gmail.com). Practice will be on the day of each Youth Mass in the church beginning at 9:30 a.m.

### High School Youth Group

All High School Teens are welcomed to join the High School Youth Group. Stop by the Parish Center to see what we are all about. For more information email [stjohnshsyg@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnshsyg@gmail.com)

## Mount Saint Mary House of Prayer Upcoming Programs

Registration for all offerings is required 10 days in advance to avoid the program being cancelled. To register call 908-753-2091, email: [msmhope@msmhope.org](mailto:msmhope@msmhope.org) or visit our website: [www.msmhope.org](http://www.msmhope.org).

### Tuesday, April 25, 7-8:30 pm

For all men—young, old and in between. Join our group over coffee or tea for life affirming discussions and prayer to find God in our lives and to make a difference in our own worlds.

**4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the Month from 7-8:30 p.m. Also on May 25, June 20, July 25, Aug. 22** at the House of Prayer and on Zoom. Freewill Offering. For more information call Jerry McKenna at 908-472-3969

### Saturday, April 29, 10 am-2 pm

#### REPLENISHING PERSONAL RESERVOIRS

Stress is at epidemic levels in the world today. Stress affects every aspect of the body, mind, and spirit. This program invites you to discern your tolerance of stress and explore renewal zones that work for you. God will replenish our personal reservoirs, but we need to take the appropriate steps and cooperate with *God's Grace*. Lunch is included. (\$40-\$50 as you are able). In person only.

### Friday, May 5, 7 pm—Sunday, May 7, 1 pm GUIDED RETREAT WEEKEND Turning from an Empty Tomb: The Easter Journey of Mary of Magdala

Mary had to turn away from what had been to recognize her Risen Love. We will pray these turnings as we contemplate her experience in John 20. What tombs do we need to turn from this Easter season so that we can truly proclaim: "I have seen the Lord?" Overnight (\$200), commuter (\$175) and virtual options (\$150) (\$50 non-refundable deposit)

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