

# SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST

## ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

317 FIRST STREET · DUNELLEN · NEW JERSEY 08812



### PASTORAL STAFF

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Alice Fogarty, *Parish Catechetical Leader*  
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 (*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

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### Office of Faith Formation:

732-968-2621 ext: 13  
stjohnpcl@gmail.com

**For Pastoral Emergencies, please  
call:** 732-968-2621, ext. 12

### 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 5

8:00 a.m. Joy Teresa Monge (birthday living)  
by Monge family

### Tuesday, February 6

8:00 a.m. All Souls day  
by Cosimo & Lina Giordano

### Wednesday, February 7

8:00 a.m. David Watson (rest in peace)  
by Anonymous

### Thursday, February 8

8:00 a.m. Juan Santos Herrera  
by Concepcion Santos

### Friday, February 9

8:00 a.m. Patricia "Pat" Andriola  
by Sue Sofranko

### Saturday, February 10

5:00 p.m. Susan Fosbre by her mother Ann Hill

### Sunday, February 11

8:30 a.m. Dorothy Feola by George & Rosemary  
Deene and Parishioners of St. John's

10:30 a.m. Salvatore & Susanna DiStefano  
by daughter-in-law

Noon Juan Sepulveda Maldonado  
by Hija Maribel

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

*Louis Capozzi  
Cathy Sloomaker  
MaryAnn Briones  
Joan Rabouin*



#### **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. 12.

#### **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 2024**  
**Sunday, January 28**

Regular Collection: \$4,612.20

Online Giving: \$ 50.00

Bills Paid this Week: \$4,639.25

**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.

**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.



**Collection of Old Palms**

If you have old palms we are collecting them in preparation for Ash Wednesday.

Baskets are available at church entrances for collection.



**CASINO NIGHT**  
**COMMITTEE MEETING**

If you would like to be a member of the Casino Night Committee, please plan on attending our next meeting on **Thursday, 2/15 at 7 p.m.** in the **Parish Center**. If you are interested in helping out, but not available for the meeting, please contact Mike Stabile ([MSS1804@YAHOO.COM](mailto:MSS1804@YAHOO.COM)) or Sue Lester ([SJKLESTER@GMAIL.COM](mailto:SJKLESTER@GMAIL.COM)). Casino Night will be held on Saturday, April 20 in the Church Auditorium. So mark your calendars!



**Monthly Reception**

The monthly reception will take place this **Sunday, 2/4 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 this 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.



**Parish Ministry & Contacts**

**Activities & Fund Raising Committee:**

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

**Altar Rosary Society:** Fran Furino

(732) 968-2621

**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,

PCL (732) 968-2621, x13; [stjohnpcl@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnpcl@gmail.com)

**Finance Committee:** John Fitzgerald

**Golf Outing Committee:** Parish Office

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

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

2621

**Hospitality Committee:** Kate Guzzi

(732) 968-2621

**Knights of Columbus Council 2544:**

Tom Bafutto (732) 968-2621

**Marriage Encounter:** Eugene & Theresa Porras

(732) 968-2621

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

**Music Ministry:** Cecilia Macalalad, (732) 968-2621

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

**Social Concerns Ministry:** Mary Lou Chingery

(732) 968-2621

**Spanish Charismatic Prayer Group:**

Martha Sanabria (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



**Eucharistic  
Revival**

**National Eucharistic Congress  
– Tickets/Travel Packages**

**Available (Coming Soon)!**

I apologize for the delay, but we recently found out that the NEC will not be provided shuttle service or transportation for general attendees. The good news is that various travel agencies are offering this service. We are currently working through this issue and hope to begin selling tickets/travel packages to anyone interested in attending the National Eucharistic Congress in the next few weeks. Participants will be able to choose a “Land Only” option, which will include shuttle service, for about \$1,424.00. We are also pleased to announce that we are in the process of securing round trip tickets to and from Indianapolis (including shuttle service). We hope to publicize these options in the next few weeks. In the meantime, I would encourage anyone interested in attending the Congress to please fill out the NEC Interest Form on our website (<https://diometuchen.org/nec2024>), as we will be offering these tickets/travel packages on a first come, first serve basis.

**National Eucharistic Pilgrimage -  
Important Update**

The Diocese of Metuchen was recently notified that the perpetual pilgrims will be traveling through the diocese this **May 27-28, 2024**. The pilgrims will be arriving on the early evening of May 27 and departing on the early evening of May 28. More information will be forthcoming, but the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage is hoping that the perpetual pilgrims, young adult Catholics (19 to 29 years old), will be able to rely on the biblical hospitality of local hosts, including lay families, parishes, religious orders, schools, and shrines along the way. There will be twelve young adults (including two seminarians) and one or two ordained chaplain(s) on every route. The four pilgrimage processions will ultimately converge in Indianapolis on July 16, 2024, to participate in the National Eucharistic Congress. Adam Carlisle, Secretary for Evangelization and Communication, will be helping to organize our diocese’s involvement. If anyone is interested in assisting with this important event, please feel free to contact him: [acarlisle@diometuchen.org](mailto:acarlisle@diometuchen.org).



**2024 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 **2/12**. Order pick-up will be after Masses on 3/17. If you have any questions, email Sarah Ben Younes-Millot at [mcelroy\\_sarah@hotmail.com](mailto:mcelroy_sarah@hotmail.com)



**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**

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

**2024 Bishop’s Annual Appeal  
STAY WITH US, LORD: Renew our  
Hearts and Send Us on Mission**

By giving to the Bishop’s Annual Appeal, we are opening our hearts to those living on the fringes of society and help to attend to their physical, spiritual and emotional needs. The basic necessities of food and shelter provided by **Catholic Charities**, as well as the counseling services the agency offers to those struggling with addictions and other hardships of life can only continue with your help. Please prayerfully consider a gift today.

**Campaña Anual del Obispo 2024  
QUÉDATE CON NOSOTROS, SEÑOR:  
Renueva nuestros Corazones y  
Envíanos en Misión**

Al contribuir a la Campaña Anual del Obispo, estamos abriendo nuestros corazones a quienes viven al margen de la sociedad y les ayudamos a atender sus necesidades físicas, espirituales y emocionales. Las necesidades básicas de comida y refugio proporcionadas por **Caridades Católicas**, así como los servicios de asesoría que la agencia ofrece a quienes luchan contra las adicciones y otras dificultades de la vida, solo pueden continuar con su ayuda. Por favor considere en oración un aporte hoy.

**Eucharistic Adorers Wanted**

Now that the pandemic is over, Bishop Checchio would like to offer Eucharistic adoration at the **St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, Monday through Friday, from 9:00-11:45 a.m.** As St. Pope John Paul II noted. “The Church and the world have a great need of Eucharistic adoration.” Anyone who is interested in signing up should contact Angela Marshall at [amarshall@diometuchen.org](mailto:amarshall@diometuchen.org)

### The Adopt a Priest Program

The "Adopt a Priest Program" is strictly a spiritual commitment to pray and offer the sacrifices required by one's daily duty, to draw down graces for a particular Priest, for the rest of one's life. It is a lifelong commitment. This can be done by simply praying the "Morning Offering" in this way: **O My God, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary and the Sacred Heart of Jesus, I offer Thee all my prayers, works joys and sufferings of this day, in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world, in reparation for my sins, the sins of the whole world and especially for my adopted Priest, Father \_\_\_\_\_ (mention your adopted Priest's Name). Amen.**

If your priest dies, continue to pray for him. If you should die, certainly you will not cease to pray for him until you both meet in heaven. Saint Therese, the Little Flower, adopted two Missionary Priests in this way. This is very powerful. It makes the littlest thing we do infinitely worthwhile. To adopt a Priest or for more information, please call Maureen Shea 732-968-0136 or 732-770-0502 cell.

El "Programa Adopta a un Sacerdote" es estrictamente un compromiso espiritual para orar y ofrecer los sacrificios requeridos por el deber diario de uno, para atraer gracias para un sacerdote en particular, por el resto de su vida. Es un compromiso de por vida. Esto se puede hacer simplemente rezando la "Ofrenda de la Mañana" de esta manera: **Oh Dios mío, a través del Inmaculado Corazón de María y del Sagrado Corazón de Jesús, te ofrezco todas mis oraciones, obras, alegrías y sufrimientos de este día, en unión con el Santo Sacrificio de la Misa en todo el mundo, en reparación por mis pecados, los pecados de todo el mundo y especialmente por mi Sacerdote adoptivo, Padre \_\_\_\_\_ (mencione el nombre de su sacerdote adoptivo). Amén.** Si su sacerdote muere, continúe orando por él. Si uno muere primero, ciertamente no dejarás de orar por él hasta que ambos se encuentren en el cielo. Santa Teresita, la Pequeña Flor, adoptó dos sacerdotes misioneros de esta manera. Esto es muy poderoso. Hace que las pequeñas cosas que hacemos valgan infinitamente la pena. Para adoptar un sacerdote o para obtener más información, llame a Maureen Shea al 732-968-0136 o al celular 732-770-0502.



### February 4, 2024 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

*"Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed...He told them, 'Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come.'"*  
- Mark 1:35, 38

In today's Gospel reading we see a perfect example of stewardship. Jesus gives His time to do all that God wishes - healing the sick and preaching. But before He begins, Jesus takes time to be alone with God in prayer. It is through prayer, spending time with God, that we are given the graces needed to do what He wishes us to do. Praying before acting is a great habit to develop.

### Choices Matter

#### A Critical Life Issues Conference

The Diocese of Metuchen's Office of Human Life and Dignity presents "Choices Matter – A Critical Life Issues Conference which will be held at the **St. John Neumann Pastoral Center in Piscataway on Saturday, March 16.** An Opening Mass will be celebrated by Bishop James Checchio at **9:00 a.m.** and the conference will begin at **10:00 a.m.** and end at 3:30 p.m. This year's topics/expert speakers are: Jim Towey – Author and advisor and personal friend of St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta; Kevin Dunn – An award-winning filmmaker and pro-life speaker; Evie West – Ex-gang member, Teen Mom & Author "Revolving Choices: Playing Roulette with Life". General registration is \$35 and student registration is \$15. The conference features Eucharistic Adoration, exhibits and more. The fee includes lunch and handouts. To register visit:  
<https://www.diometuchen.org/choicesmatter>. Everyone is welcome! For questions or for more information please email [amarshall@diometuchen.org](mailto:amarshall@diometuchen.org). Seating is limited.



**2023 – 2024 FAITH FORMATION**

**Family of Faith**

**February 2024**

- 4 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Confirmation class with Sponsor/Parent  
10:30 a.m. Youth Mass
- 5 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Parent meeting, 1st Holy Communion Class, 7th Grade class
- 7 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Parent meeting, 1st Holy Communion Class, 7th Grade class
- 14 ASH WEDNESDAY
- 18 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Confirmation class
- 25 9 a.m. Community Meeting

**Confirmation**

**DATES TO KNOW**

Confirmation rehearsal -- Monday, 4/22, 7 p.m.  
Confirmation -- Thursday, 4/25, at 5:00 p.m.  
Place: St Mary's Stony Hill 7 p.m. First Penance Practice

First Penance Practice , April 6, 7 p.m.  
First Penance, April 8 , 10 a.m.

First Communion Practice -- TBD  
First Communion April 27, 2024, 10 a.m.

**MASS SIGN-IN**—Please sign in during weekend mass. Sign-in sheet in in rear of church. If your name does not appear please write it on lines provided.

**Familia de Fe**

**Febrero 2024**

- 4 11:30 a.m. a 1 p.m. Clase de confirmación con el padrino/padre  
10:30 a.m. Misa Juvenil
- 5 6:30 p.m. a 8 p.m. Reunión de padres, 1ª clase de Sagrada Comunión, clase de 7º grado
- 7 6:30 p.m. a 8 p.m. Reunión de padres, 1ª clase de Sagrada Comunión, clase de 7º grado
- 14 MIÉRCOLES DE CENIZA
- 18 11:30 a.m. a 1 p.m. Clase de confirmación
- 25 9 a.m. Confirmación de la reunión comunitaria

**FECHAS A CONOCER**

Ensayo de confirmación - Lunes, 4/22 , 7pm  
Confirmación - Jueves, 4/25, a las 5:00 p.m.  
Lugar: St Mary's Stony Hill 7 p.m. Primera práctica de penitencia

Primera Práctica de Penitencia, 6 de abril, 7 p.m.  
Primera Penitencia, 8 de abril, 10 a.m.

Práctica de la Primera Comunión – TBD  
Primera Comunión 27 de abril de 2024, 10 a.m.

**REGISTRO MASIVO:** regístrese durante la misa del fin de semana. Hoja de registro en la parte trasera de la iglesia. Si su nombre no aparece, por favor escríbalo en las líneas proporcionadas.

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