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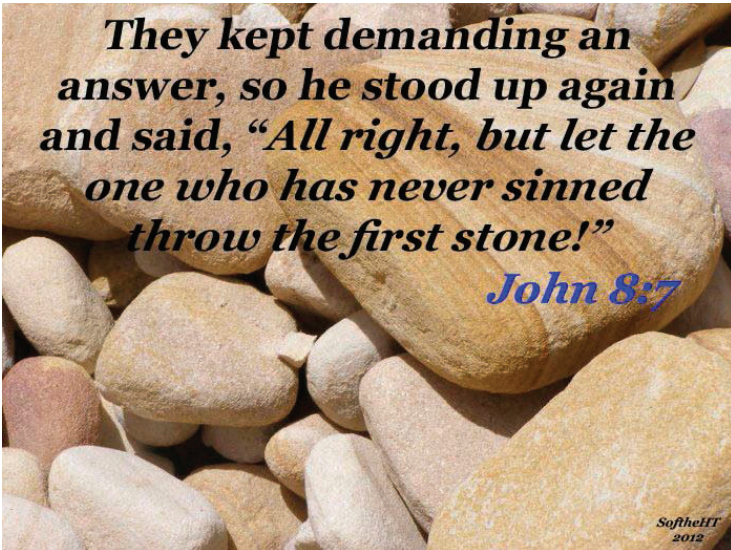


### PASTORAL STAFF

Reverend Alphonsus Kariuki, *Pastor*  
Reverend Roy Quesea, *Weekend Assistant*  
Deacon Glenn Robitaille  
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](mailto:stjev@verizon.net)

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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, April 7**

8:00 a.m. Dorothy Maritz  
by John & Jeanne Fitzgerald

**Tuesday, April 8**

8:00 a.m. Parishioners of St. John's  
7:00 p.m. Luz Ayorga & Fausto Velastegui  
by familia

**Wednesday, April 9**

8:00 a.m. Parishioners of St. John's

**Thursday, April 10**

8:00 a.m. Parishioners of St. John's

**Friday, April 11**

8:00 a.m. Parishioners of St. John's

**Saturday, April 12**

5:00 p.m. William Bauer by the Christian family

**Sunday, April 13**

8:30 a.m. George Hodulik  
by John & Jeanne Fitzgerald  
10:30 a.m. Frank Rovito by Fran Criscuolo  
Noon Ovidio Ayala "septimo aniversario  
de fallecido" by Veronica Rodriguez  
y familia



*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 ano 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, March 30**

Regular Collection: \$4,116.55  
Online Giving: \$ 486.15

*\*The expense amount for this week was not available at the time of publication.*

**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.

**Job Opportunity  
Parish Secretary**

Applicants are asked to have computer skills, basic accounting, ability to multi-task, maintain parish sacramental records, filing, and good communication and organization skills.  
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Dear Parishioners,

The Holy Week invites us to prepare for our greatest Christian Festivity in the liturgical year. It is not Christmas or Palm Sunday or Pentecost but EASTER. Easter is the feast that gives meaning to all the others. I hope to see many of you in Church on Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday and during the Easter Masses.

Happy Easter to all of you,  
Fr. Alphonsus Kariuki

SATURDAY APRIL 12, 2025  
Confessions - 4PM-4:45PM  
PALM SUNDAY VIGIL MASS - 5:00PM

PALM SUNDAY  
SUNDAY APRIL 13, 2025  
Masses 8:30AM, 10:30AM, 12:00PM (SPANISH)

MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER  
THURSDAY APRIL 17, 2025 - 7:00PM  
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
in Church Auditorium  
**Rosarians** 8:30PM-9:00PM;  
**Adoration Group** 9PM-9:30PM;  
**Parish Youth** 9:30PM-10PM;  
**Parish Liturgical Ministers** (Ushers, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors) 10PM-10:30PM;  
**Spanish Charismatic Group** 10:30PM-11PM  
All others are welcome to join any of these groups in Adoration

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION  
FRIDAY, APRIL 18, 2025 - 3:00PM  
STATIONS OF THE CROSS - 7:00PM

VIGIL OF EASTER  
SATURDAY, APRIL 19, 2025 - 8:00PM

EASTER  
SUNDAY, APRIL 20, 2025  
Masses 8:30AM, 10:30AM, 12PM (Spanish)

April 6, 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

What a blessing that we have so many good, holy priests faithfully serving in the Diocese of Metuchen in our parishes, hospitals and other important ministries! I write to remind you that we also have **forty retired priests** of our diocese who have dedicated many years of devotion to God and our parish communities.

While all of our retired diocesan priests receive a monthly stipend to assist them with expenses, some go to live with relatives, while twelve live at our ***Maria Regina Residence for Retired Priests***. Here our retired priests live each day with dignity while being able to live in community with brother priests. Those who are physically able continue to generously help in so many ways—offering Mass at local parishes, hearing confessions and sharing their spiritual and administrative wisdom with their brother priests. They also spend time in prayer in their chapel praying for the needs of everyone in our diocese, including you.

Our retired priests have served so many people over the course of their ministry, nourishing our Catholic faith, educating our youth and serving the poor and vulnerable. ***Next weekend, April 12 and 13, as we celebrate Palm Sunday***, the faithful of the diocese will have the opportunity to gratefully acknowledge the life-long dedication of these priests by contributing to the ***Annual Collection for our Retired Diocesan Priests***. All funds raised through this collection will be used exclusively to assist our retired priests.

Thank you for your generosity. Please keep all of our priests in your daily prayers. Please also continue to pray for vocations from our local Church to the holy priesthood for service in our diocese.

With renewed best wishes, I remain

Yours in Christ,

Most Reverend James F. Checchio, JCD, MBA  
Bishop of Metuchen



### Penance Service

During this Jubilee year of Hope one of the spiritual achievements we are encouraged to do is to make a good sacrament of reconciliation. We should have a penance service on **Thursday, April 10** at **7 p.m.**, two other visiting priests will be invited to help. Please consider taking advantage of this opportunity.

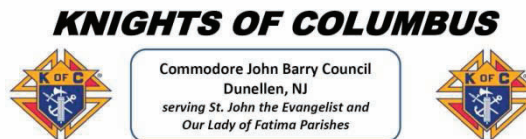


### Easter Memorials

You are invited to make a memorial donation for the Easter season. Your donation will help provide flowers and decorations for the church. To participate you may pick up a form at the exits of the Church or simply write down your name, phone number, and the name of the person or persons you wish to memorialize and send it along with your payment to the Parish Center by **noon** on **Friday, 4/18**.

### Memoriales de Pascua

Estás invitado a hacer una donación conmemorativa para la temporada de Pascua. Su donación ayudará a proporcionar flores y decoraciones para la iglesia. Para participar puede recoger un formulario en las salidas de la Iglesia o simplemente escribir su nombre, número de teléfono y el nombre de la persona o personas que desea conmemorar y enviarlo junto con su pago al Centro Parroquial antes del mediodía. **Viernes, 4/18**.



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## ANNUAL LENTEN FISH AND CHIPS DINNER

**March 7, March 14, March 21,  
March 28, April 4, April 11**

**5:30PM TO 7:00PM**

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Fried Shrimp Dinner  
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**WALK - IN TO DINE - IN!**  
Dine - In dinners also include salad and dessert  
Call 732-968-2544 after 4PM to order take - out



### Easter Egg Hunt

On **Easter Sunday**, following the **10:30 Mass**, around the **Pastoral Center**, all children 9 and under will have an egg hunt. No registration necessary. Any donation for the hunt can be dropped off in the Parish Center.

**Búsqueda de huevos de Pascua**  
**El Domingo de Pascua**, después de la **Misa de las 10:30 en los alrededores del Centro Pastoral**, todos los niños menores de 9 años tendrán una búsqueda de huevos. No es necesario registrarse. Cualquier donación para este evento se puede dejar en el Centro Parroquial.

**Art & Environment Upcoming Dates**

**On Saturday 4/12 from 8-11 a.m.** we will be spreading mulch in flower beds and around trees. Light refreshments will be served. All volunteers are welcome  
Any questions call Kate Guzzi 732 977 2233

**Church Decorating for Easter**

All volunteers are welcome!

**4/17 after mass-** Covering the statues after Holy Thursday mass

**4/18 Holy Saturday - 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.**  
Cleaning the church, changing the linens + decorating



**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.

**2025 Jubilee Sites –  
Diocese of Metuchen\***

**\*Source: Decree on Pilgrim Churches –  
Jubilee Year**

Bishop James F. Checchio – Dec. 8, 2024

Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi  
Jubilee Cross in Sanctuary  
32 Elm Avenue  
Metuchen, NJ 08840

Shrine Chapel of the Blessed Sacrament  
50 West Somerset Street  
Raritan, NJ 08869

National Blue Army Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima  
674 Mountain View Road East  
Asbury, NJ 08802

National Shrine of St. Lucy Filippini inside St. Mary of Mount Virgin Church  
Parish of the Visitation  
192 Sanford Street  
New Brunswick, NJ 08901

Visiting these Pilgrimage Site Sacred Spaces is not merely an outward action but a reflection of the soul’s pilgrimage toward God, with conversion, reconciliation, and renewal at its heart.

The faithful may obtain the Jubilee Indulgence by fulfilling the following conditions:

- Reception of Holy Communion
- Prayer for the intentions of the Holy Father.
- A sincere intention to detach from all sin, even venial sin, and, if necessary, going to confession
- Participating in liturgical celebrations or other designated religious activities connected to the Jubilee Year
- In some cases, those unable to travel may fulfill the requirements through other means, such as prayers at home
- The Bishop “encourages all the faithful, during the time of grace, to take the opportunity for sacramental confession so that the Jubilee Indulgence may be received in the spirit of true reconciliation with God and the Church”.



**2024 – 2025 FAITH FORMATION**

Dates to know:

**April**

- April 7/8** Parent Meeting 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.
- April 27** Community meeting for parents and children, 9:15 a.m. to 10 a.m.

**CONFIRMATION:**

- April 6** Confirmation 2 class following 10:30 a.m. Mass
- April 7** Monday at 7 p.m. Practice for Confirmation at St. Mary Stony Hill
- April 9** Wednesday at 5 p.m. Confirmation at St. Mary Stony Hill, 225 Mountain Blvd., Watchung, arrive 4:30 p.m.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:**

- April 24** Thursday, 7 p.m. 1st Holy Communion Practice
- April 26** Saturday, 10 a.m. 1st Holy Communion

**Fechas a conocer:**

**Abril**

- 7/8 de abril** Reunión de padres de 6:30 p.m. a 8 p.m.
- 27 de abril** Reunión comunitaria para padres e hijos, de 9:15 a.m. a 10 a.m.

**CONFIRMACIÓN:**

- Lunes 7 de abril** a las 7 p.m., -- Práctica para la Confirmación en St. Mary Stony Hill
- 9 de abril** – Miércoles a las 5 p.m. -- Confirmación en St. Mary Stony Hill, 225 Mountain Blvd., Watchung, llegada a las 4:30 p.m.

**PRIMERA COMUNIÓN:**

- 24 de abril** Jueves a las 7 p.m. 1ª Práctica de la Santa Comunión
- 26 de abril** Sábado a las 10 a.m. 1ª Comunión



**April 6, 2025  
5th Sunday of Lent**

*“...For his sake I have accepted the loss of all things and I consider them so much rubbish, that I may gain Christ...”  
(PHILIPPIANS 3:8)*

The first commandment says that we should not put other gods before the Lord. Sharing all of our gifts - our time in prayer, our talent in charitable works, and our treasure to support the Church helps us keep God first in everything. It helps us from putting other gods before God. It helps us from becoming a slave to our possessions. It helps us to use our gifts for the glory of God and not for the glory of ourselves.

**Surviving Divorce April 2025**

Surviving Divorce – For men and women seeking healing from separation or divorce. This 8-week program, while based on the teachings of the Catholic Church, is open to anyone who needs comfort, counsel and clarity after a divorce. Meetings will be held on **Wednesdays 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. beginning April 23, 2025** at the **St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, 146 Metlars Lane, Piscataway, NJ**. For more information or to register contact Rachele Hanna at [rachele.hanna@gmail.com](mailto:rachele.hanna@gmail.com).

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