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WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil.....5:00 p.m.; **Sunday**.....8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., Noon (Spanish)

Monday-Friday...8:00 a.m. (*Chapel*)

Tuesday....7:00 p.m. (Spanish); Second **Sunday of each month**...3:30 (Kiswahili)

Holydays.....8:00 a.m., Noon & 7:00 p.m. (*Church*)

PARISH CENTER HOURS

Monday-Thursday: 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.; closed on Friday. Evenings by appointment only

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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 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Chapel and on the first Friday of each month from 7:00 p.m. to 9 p.m. 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 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel.

Sacrament of Baptism: The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on the First and Third Sunday of the month at 1:30 p.m. 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 p.m. 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, and 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 14

8:00 a.m. Antonio Pileggi by Rosina Rovito

Tuesday, April 15

8:00 a.m. Francisco Rovito by wife & family
 7:00 p.m. 1er Año de Fallecida Lillian Areli Murcia by Margarita Dubon

Wednesday, April 16

8:00 a.m. Fred Herzog by Glenda Herzog

Thursday, April 17

7:00 p.m. Parishioners of St. John's

Friday, April 18

3:00 p.m. Solemn Passion of the Lord
 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Saturday, April 19

Noon BLESSING OF FOOD
 8:00 p.m. Eugene Rabouin by Nancy & Rick Chesler & family

Sunday, April 20

8:30 a.m. Roberto Loo Hernandez by Lynne & Manny Jacalan
 10:30 a.m. Frank & Anna Sciametta by Michael Sciametta
 Noon Eduardo Bonin (1er año de fallecido) by familia



This week our Sanctuary lamp in the Church is lit in memory of Anthony Pileggi by Fran Furino.

Please pray for the sick members of our parish: Louis Capozzi, Cathy Sloodmaker, 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, comuniqués 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, April 6**

Regular Collection: \$4,472.29
Online Giving: \$ 583.80

Bills Paid this Week: \$15,413

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.



Holiday Office Closing

The Parish Office will be closed on **Holy Thursday, 4/17** and **Easter Monday, 4/21**. It will re-open on Tuesday, 4/22.



Blessing of the Food

The traditional Blessing of the Food will take place on **Saturday, 4/19** at **noon** in the **church**. All are welcome to participate.



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)



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**.

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

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

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 and to begin utilizing Franciscan at Home.

Contact: Jill Kerekes, Director, Office of Discipleship Formation for Children
jkerekes@diometuchen.org
 732-529-7930

**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”.



**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.



**April 13, 2025
Palm Sunday
of the Passion of the Lord**

“...I tell you, Peter, before the cock crows this day, you will deny three times that you know me.” (LUKE 22:34)

How many times have you heard someone make a disparaging comment about God or our Catholic faith? How did you react? Do you remain quiet so not to cause a disturbance? Or, because you don't want people to think negatively about you? Or, because you don't think you know enough about the Catholic faith? Pray for the courage to speak up and enter into a respectful conversation when the opportunity to talk about our faith arises. Joyfully share your faith with others.



2024 – 2025 FAITH FORMATION

Family Service Projects Photos

Please email photos of your family service project to stjohnpcl@gmail.com by **April 21**.

April Dates to know:

April 27 9:15 a.m. to 10 a.m.
Community meeting for parents and children

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:

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

Fotos de Proyectos de Servicio Familiar

Por favor, envíe por correo electrónico las fotos de su proyecto de servicio familiar a stjohnpcl@gmail.com antes del **21 de abril**.

Abril Fechas a conocer:

27 de abril 9:15 a.m. a 10 a.m. Reunión comunitaria para padres e hijos

PRIMERA COMUNIÓN:

24 de abril Jueves a las 7 p.m. 1^a Práctica de la Santa Comunión
26 de abril sábado a las 10 a.m. 1^a Comunión

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.

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