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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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**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 (2<sup>nd</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> 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 28**

8:00 a.m. Kurt Denmerle  
by John & Jeanne Fitzgerald

**Tuesday, April 29**

8:00 a.m. Andrew Au by Josephine Kuok  
7:00 p.m. Lillian Areli Murcia  
by Margarita Dubon

**Wednesday, April 30**

8:00 a.m. Resilus Louis Jacques  
by Archina Cajuste

**Thursday, May 1**

8:00 a.m. Jose Maria Jaramillo  
by Chavez family

**Friday, May 2**

8:00 a.m. Andrew Au by Josephine Kuok

**Saturday, May 3**

5:00 p.m. Vicente Orozco by Pilar Orozco

**Sunday, May 4**

8:30 a.m. Manny Jacalan (thanksgiving)  
by Lynne Jacalan  
10:30 a.m. Angeto Distefano by family  
Noon Crecenciana Osorio Morales  
by Concepcion Santos



*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, April 20**

*\*The collection and expense amounts for this week were 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.

**Blessed are those  
who have not seen**



**and yet believe!**

**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".



**Monthly Reception**

The monthly reception will take place next **Sunday, 5/4 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.

**May**

**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.



**Mother's Day Intentions**



Mother's Day Spiritual Bouquet envelopes are available at all church entrances. Also, a triduum of Masses will be celebrated Monday May 12<sup>th</sup>

through Wednesday May 14<sup>th</sup> in honor of all the mothers of the parish, living and deceased.

**Rain Date – Grounds Clean Up**



We have a new date for grounds clean up - **Saturday 5/17/2025 from 9AM-12PM.**

We will mostly be spreading mulch and some planting. Light refreshments will be served. Students and friends are welcome! Any questions please let me know: Kate Guzzi, 732 977 2233



**Pray for the Military**

**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.



**April 27, 2025  
Sunday of Divine Mercy**

*“Jesus said to them again, ‘Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.’” (JOHN 20:21)*

Peace – the first gift of the risen Lord. Just as Jesus sent the apostles out into the world, so too, He sends us. As disciples of Jesus, we are called to be compassionate and merciful; and not with just those who are our friends, but also with our “enemies.” Think of someone in your life who you need to reconcile with. Call them right now or better yet, go visit them.

**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.

**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](mailto:jkerekes@diometuchen.org)  
 732-529-7930





**2024 – 2025 FAITH FORMATION**

Registration for 2025-2026 begins **May 15<sup>th</sup>**. Forms will be emailed to current families. New families please pick up a form in the Parish Office.

**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

La inscripción para el año escolar 2025-2026 comienza el 15 de mayo. Los formularios se enviarán por correo electrónico a las familias actuales. Las familias nuevas pueden recoger un formulario en la Oficina Parroquial.

**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<sup>a</sup> Práctica de la Santa Comunión  
**26 de abril** sábado a las 10 a.m. 1<sup>a</sup> Comunión

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