

SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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.

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Office of Faith Formation:

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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, September 1

8:00 a.m. Rosa T. Chavez 4th Anniversary of Death by loving family

Tuesday, September 2

8:00 a.m. Flerida Rosario y Caridad Rosario by Maria Lopez
7:00 p.m. Joseluis Obrien Astete (2do Aniversario de Fallecido) by Primos

Wednesday, September 3

8:00 a.m. Ramon Rosario by Maria Lopez

Thursday, September 4

8:00 a.m. Arismendis Rosario by Maria Lopez

Friday, September 5

8:00 a.m. Kate & Meghan by their parents

Saturday, September 6

5:00 p.m. Thomas Johnson by Pilar Orozco

Sunday, September 7

8:30 a.m. Yolanda Giacomarra by her family
10:30 a.m. Tony & Mildred Garabo by Fran Furino
Noon Juan Santos Herrera 2nd Aniversario de Fallecido 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 Español:

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, August 25**

Regular Collection: \$2,646.50

Online Giving: \$ 891.60

Bills Paid this Week: \$1,003.92

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.

Mission Statement

We the Roman Catholic Community of St John's the Evangelist Dunellen have a mission to provide support for all who celebrate the liturgy and come to worship God. We provide opportunities for worship, education, socialization, and spiritual support for our community. We welcome all people from all walks of life to attend our church.

Vision Statement

We strive to be a Roman Catholic Church that is actively visible in the community, sharing its spirituality through fellowship, and is committed to serving God.

Pilgrimage Opportunity

An important part of any Jubilee Year celebration is pilgrimage. The St. Anthony of Padua Secular Franciscan Fraternity, which meets at Our Lady of Mount Virgin Parish, Middlesex, invites you to join us on pilgrimage to the **Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land in Washington, DC on Saturday, October 4, 2025**, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. The day's itinerary includes the celebration of Holy Mass, tours of the Monastery's famous replicas of the Holy Land shrines and its beautiful gardens, opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and dinner in Maryland. The bus departs from Our Lady of Mount Virgin at **7:00 a.m.** and will return at approximately **6:00 p.m.** The all-inclusive cost of the day is \$60. For more information or to register, please call or email Italia Testa, (732) 604-9449, italiatesta@gmail.com.

Monthly Reception



The monthly reception will take place next **Sunday, 9/7 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.**





Golf Outing

Our outing is set for
**Sunday, 10/5 at Fox
Hollow Golf Course in**

Branchburg. This is a major fundraiser for the church and its success depends on our loyal parishioners. Please invite any golfer that you know to support this our event. You can give them a brochure that are in all our Church exits. For more information and to register contact Denise at stjeacct@gmail.com or 732 801-4190.



St. John's Football Frenzy Fund Raiser

Don't just watch football this season, be part of the game and help St. John's by joining in the Football Frenzy!! One ticket gives you 80 chances to win. This fundraiser follows the last 10 weeks of NFL football. You'll receive 3 different teams each week on your ticket. All 3 team scores are added together and compared. If your 3 teams combined score is the highest or lowest for that week, you win a cash prize! Total prizes being given away are \$5,000! Go to www.footballsweeps.com.

Click on the Order Tickets Online Button. Enter code **FB25STJOHN** to buy online. Login or create an account to purchase tickets! You may also purchase tickets from the Parish Office. The last day to purchase is October 29. Check the Parish website, <http://www.stjohnsdunellen.org/>, for more information.



Save the Date- Parish Activities

9/7 - Sunday Social after all Sunday masses

9/14 - Parish Picnic in the afternoon

10/5 - Golf Outing at Fox Hollow

10/12 - Sunday Social + Ministry Fair after all Masses.

11/2 - Sunday Social after all Masses

11/15 - Tricky Tray from 11am -3:30pm

Parish Picnic –

Sunday 9/14 1-4 PM- All are welcome!!

30 minute Planning meeting: Mon 9/8 @ 7PM in the **church auditorium**. If you are interested- please don't be shy. We would love to hear your ideas. **Volunteers** are needed for set up, clean up, running activities (crafts, games) and serving/replenishing food. **We are simplifying the picnic sign up this year for anyone able to donate their time or food/drinks-**

Sign up for volunteering + food - or Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Rolls, Watermelon + Water will be available in next few weeks.

Other food- does not require sign up (unless special need for space).

Disposable aluminum pans (fit in sterno trays) will be provided starting the end of August to ensure easy set up + clean up

Drinks- Water, Iced Tea and Lemonade will be provided. Juice pouches / soda / canned drinks will not be provided- we had difficulty keeping everything cold last year.

Please contact **Kate Guzzi (732) 977-2233** if you have any questions about the Picnic or how you can help

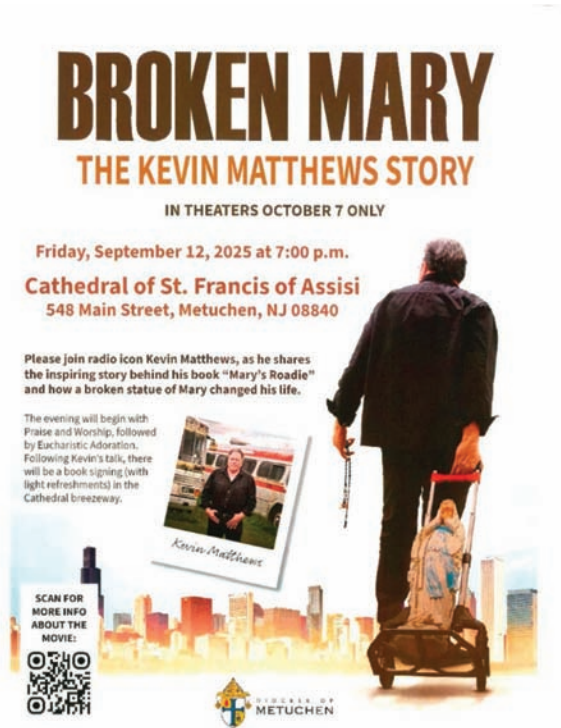
Tricky Tray

11/15 (Saturday) from 11-3:30 PM

Gently used baskets- please place under choir steps at the church entrance or drop off to the Parish Center. **Donation Slips for new items-** will be available at the church entrances + Parish Center in the next few weeks. All new items are welcome, no matter how small. We have a talented group of people who make the most amazing baskets based on your donations. Please contact **Kate Guzzi (732) 977-2233** if you have any questions about the Tricky Tray.

Adult RCIA

If you need the sacraments of initiation, that is Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation, or if you know someone that needs them and would like to have them, please pick up and fill out the RCIA registration form that are in all the Church exits, and bring them to the Parish Office.



Kevin will also be speaking at the National Blue Army Shrine on Saturday, September 13. Bishop Checchio will also be in attendance, as it is the 108th Anniversary of the Fifth Apparition of Our Lady of Fatima. The day's schedule will include 10:30am Confessions, 12pm NOON Rosary Procession with the Statue of Our Lady of Fatima, 12:30pm Speaker – Kevin Matthews, 1:15pm – Holy Mass; Celebrant: Most Rev. James F. Checchio, Holy Mass is followed by Exposition, Eucharistic Procession, Benediction, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, Blessing of Religious Articles, Fatima Farewell and Enrollment in the Brown Scapular. Can't be with us in-person? Join our daily [livestream](#) in celebration of our Fatima Apparition event beginning at 11:30am with the Holy Rosary at bluearmyshrine.com/livestream/



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**
- U.S. Air Force A1C Francis Reilly**

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

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,
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".



Parish Bus Trip

Diocesan Jubilee Pilgrimage

Join Our Lady of Fatima and St. John the Evangelist Parishes as we travel to Washington, DC for our Diocesan Pilgrimage to the **Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception** with Most Rev. James F. Checchio on **Saturday, September 20, 2025**. The bus will depart from Our Lady of Fatima Church at 6:00 am and return 10:00 pm. The cost is \$65 per person and includes round trip bus transportation and dinner at the Grand E Buffet & Grill Restaurant in Laurel, MD. For further information and/or registration, please contact Our Lady of Fatima Parish Office at 732- 968-5555; Ming Estrada 732-261-1316; Amy Gutierrez 848- 702-1884; or Veronica Klein 732-763-6357. Reserve early!

Viaje en Autobús Parroquial

Peregrinación Jubilar Diocesana

Únase a las parroquias de Nuestra Señora de Fátima y San Juan Evangelista mientras viajamos a Washington, DC para nuestra peregrinación diocesana a la **Basílica del Santuario Nacional de la Inmaculada Concepción** con el Reverendísimo James F. Checchio el sábado, **20 de septiembre de 2025**. El autobús partirá de la Iglesia Nuestra Señora de Fátima a las 6:00 am y regresará a las 10:00 pm. El costo es de \$ 65 por persona e incluye transporte en autobús de ida y vuelta y cena en el restaurante Grand E Buffet & Grill en Laurel, MD. Para más información y/o inscripción, por favor comuníquese con Señora de Fátima Oficina Parroquial al 732-968-5555; Ming Estrada 732-261-1316; Amy Gutiérrez 848- 702-1884; o Veronica Klein 732-763-6357. ¡Reserva con anticipación!

The Catholic Parent

Parents are invited to a new group which will meet **2 Fridays a month** at **6:30 p.m.** on Zoom beginning on **September 26th**. Meetings will include watching a brief video on a topic particular to Catholic parenting and discussing as a group. Topics will include desiring holiness for your child, child temperaments, family culture, strong marriage, and being an effective witness, among others. The group is intended for those with children in the home and new parents are particularly welcome as developmental stages will be discussed! If interested, please contact Cristina at cdaverso@diometuchen.org

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.



2024 – 2025 FAITH FORMATION

Family Faith Formation

Confirmation 2 Orientation
September 7, 11:30am

Formación familiar en la fe

Confirmación 2 Orientación
7 de septiembre, 11:30 a.m.

Registration Questions?
stjohnpcl@gmail.com (Español and English)

¿Preguntas sobre el registro?
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