

SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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 (*Kiswabili*)
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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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, October 6

8:00 a.m. Narcisa Sabale by Gilda & Lily friends

Tuesday, October 7

8:00 a.m. Cesar Valencia by Diane Valencia
7:00 p.m. Elvia Rios y Jose Duque by Luisa Rios

Wednesday, October 8

8:00 a.m. Jose Refugio Muñoz Lopez
by Carmen Mortara

Thursday, October 9

8:00 a.m. Cristina Zavala (first anniversary of
death) by Carmen Mortara

Friday, October 10

8:00 a.m. Adolph Giacomarra by his family

Saturday, October 11

5:00 p.m. German & Aidee Mosquera
by Pilar Orozco

Sunday, October 12

8:30 a.m. Helen Guthreau
by Lynn & Gary Guthreau
10:30 a.m. Jim Fitzgerald
by John & Jeanne Fitzgerald
Noon Mabel Hernandez
by Veronica Rodriguez



This week our Sanctuary lamp in the Church is lit for the repose of the souls of Yolanda & Adolph Giacomarra by their family.

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, September 28**

Regular Collection: \$4,133.01
Online Giving: \$ 496.15

Bills Paid this Week: \$ 479.33

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 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.



Monthly Reception

The monthly reception will take place next **Sunday, 10/12 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.**

October

Youth Group Meeting
The Youth Group will meet **upstairs in the parish center**

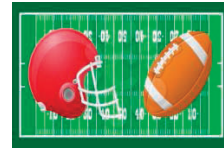


after next week's 10:30 mass. Please stop by the reception for a snack on your way up. All High School students are invited to join.

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.



Save the Date- Parish Activities

- 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

Tricky Tray-

11/15 (Sat) from 11AM-3:30 PM SAVE THE DATE

If you are thinking of attending- bring some friends- it's a fun time to sit with friends and win some prizes!

Not sure what to donate?

- What items would you like to have or win, but wouldn't normally buy for yourself?
- National gift cards are always popular (Home Depot, Lowes, Walmart, Uber, Lift, Xbox, Olive Garden), etc. Costco + BJ's have different gift cards on sale each month
- Do you work at a company where you get a discount? (electronics, services, beauty products, household goods, etc)
- Get together other families and make a bigger donation like \$200 gift card or a TV, grill or other popular electronic
- Do you have a local restaurant or business you frequent that would be willing to donate a gift card?
- **Contact Kate Guzzi if you have a local business that you would like to recommend to us.**

Fall Grounds Clean Up

10/25 from 9AM-1PM We will be doing grounds clean up. Weeding/Spreading mulch on 10/25 from 9AM-1PM. All parishioners are welcome including students who need community service

Advent Set Up and Church Cleaning

11/29 from 9-12
Vacuuming, cleaning entrance door windows, wiping down pews. All volunteers are welcome. Students who need community service hours are welcome.

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. If anyone would like Football Frenzy tickets to help sell to your family and friends, please call Denise (732) 801-4190, and she will get them to you.



Fatima Candlelight Procession

All are invited to attend this annual event on **Sunday, October 12**, gathering at the **Our Lady of Fatima Church**, located at **501 New Market Road in Piscataway, NJ** at **7:00 p.m.** There will be a program following the procession in the church. The procession begins at 7:30pm. The Rosary will be recited in the church for those unable to walk in the procession. Rosaries, candles and handkerchiefs are available for a small donation. Please join us. For information call Roberta at 732-245-9124.



**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, Capt. 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

Hispanic Heritage Mass

Please join Bishop Checchio for the celebration of the Hispanic Heritage Mass, on **Friday, October 10, 2025, at 7 p.m.** at the Cathedral of Saint Francis of Assisi, Metuchen. Before the Mass, Fr. Ronal Vega will pray the Rosary starting at 6:20 p.m.

We encourage you to wear your traditional dress to represent your country. Everyone is welcome!

Misa de la Herencia Hispana

Acompaña al Obispo Checchio en la celebración de la Misa de la Herencia Hispana el **viernes 10 de octubre de 2025 a las 7:00 p.m.** En la Catedral San Francisco de Asís en Metuchen. Antes de la Misa, le Padre Ronal liderará el rezo del Santo Rosario iniciando a las 6:20 pm.

Motivamos a los asistentes a vestir su traje típico, en representación de su país. Todos son bienvenidos



**October 5, 2025
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

"For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power and love and self-control." 2 TIMOTHY 1:7

Many of us compartmentalize our Faith, we bring it out only when we attend Mass or when we attend a parish event. Being a good steward requires discipline and striving to put God first in everything - all the time. The next time you are at a neighborhood party or at work or out shopping, would your words and actions signal to others that you are a good and faithful servant of our Lord?

**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”.

**Celebrate the Jubilee Year During the
Traveling Eucharistic Rosary
Congress**

A Jubilee Year is a Holy Year for the forgiveness of sin, conversion and joyful celebration. During this Jubilee of Hope, we are encouraged to renew our relationship with Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Eucharist, and to encounter His healing grace. We have the perfect opportunity to do so this October 4-10, during the Traveling Eucharistic Rosary Congress. A Traveling Eucharistic Rosary Congress is seven days of around-the-clock Eucharistic Adoration, including an Hourly Rosary, with each 24-hour period hosted by a different parish. This year's Congress features eight parishes, spread throughout the diocese. During each 24-hour period, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed following morning/afternoon Mass, with the Rosary prayed aloud at the start of each hour, followed by silent prayer for the remainder of the hour. We encourage all parishioners to participate in this year's Congress by volunteering to cover at least one hour of Adoration at a parish near you. To schedule an hour of Adoration, or if you are interested in leading the Rosary at the beginning of the hour, please call one of the numbers below:

10/6 Our Lady of Fatima Middlebrook (732) 968-5555

10/7 Queenship of Mary Forsgate (609) 799-7511

10/8 St. Ambrose Raritan Bay (732) 679-5666

10/9 St. Ann Round Valley (908) 537-2221

10/10 Shrine Chapel of the Blessed Sacrament Raritan (908) 722-1489

For more information, please contact Adam Carlisle, Secretary for Evangelization and Communication at acarlisle@diometuchen.org or (732) 529-7936.



2024 – 2025 FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

October classes start this week. Please check the dates below as some have changed.
***A NEW CALENDAR has been uploaded to the website. Please download at your earliest convenience

Please bring your FAMILY OF FAITH books to the Monday parent meeting.
Children's books will go out this week during class.

Dates to know for October 2025

- 5 -- 10:30 AM Youth mass
- 5 -- 11:30 AM to 1 PM • Year 2 Confirmation
- 6 -- 6:30 PM to 8 PM • Year 1 First Com prep, • Monday Parents • Year 2 First Com prep, • Year 1 Confirmation
- 12 -- Ministry Fair, Family Social after all masses
- 19 -- 11:30 AM to 1 PM, • Year 2 Confirmation
- 20 -- 6:30 PM to 8 PM, • Year 2 First Com prep, • Year 1 Confirmation
- 26 -- 9:15 AM to 10AM Family Class

I am looking for volunteers for Monday night, once a month.
Please consider volunteering for this wonderful ministry.
Email Alice Fogarty at stjohnpcl@gmail.com.

Formación Familiar en la Fe 2025- 2026

Por favor, traigan sus libros de FAMILIA DE FE a la reunión de padres del lunes.
*** Los libros infantiles se entregarán esta semana durante las clases.

Fechas importantes para octubre de 2025:
5 -- 10:30 am • Misa de jóvenes
5 -- 11:30 am - • Confirmación de 2.º año
6 -- 6:30 pm. - 8:00 pm - • Preparación para la Primera Comunión de 1.º año • Padres del lunes • Preparación para la Primera Comunión de 2.º año • Confirmación de 1.º año

12 -- Feria del Ministerio, reunión familiar después de todas las misas
19 -- 11:30 am. - • Confirmación de 2.º año
20 -- 6:30 pm. - 8:00 pm. - • Preparación para la Primera Comunión de 2.º año • Confirmación de 1.º año
26 -- 9:15 am. - 10:00 am. • Clase familiar

Busco voluntarios para los lunes por la noche. Una vez al mes.
Por favor, consideren ser voluntarios para este maravilloso ministerio.
Envíe un correo electrónico a Alice Fogarty a stjohnpcl@gmail.com.

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