

SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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PASTORAL STAFF

Reverend Alphonsus Kariuki, *Pastor*
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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 (*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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Office of Faith Formation:

732-968-2621 ext: 3
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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, October 27

8:00 a.m. Mary Elizabeth Gilbert
by Nanny & Pop Pop

Tuesday, October 28

8:00 a.m. Agustin Antonio Garcia
by Evelyn Garcia
7:00 p.m. Juan Yque by Sus hijos & nietos

Wednesday, October 29

8:00 a.m. Michael Glennon by Kevin Glennon

Thursday, October 30

8:00 a.m. Magdalena Rios by Luisa Rios

Friday, October 31

8:00 a.m. Jim Stevens by Nancy & Rick Chesler

Saturday, November 1

5:00 p.m. Jason Creveling
by Cosimo & Lina Giordano

Sunday, November 2

8:30 a.m. Robert Hendricks
by Bill, Pat & Will Hughes
10:30 a.m. Augusto Orozco by Pilar Orozco
Noon Juana Henriquez
by Eugenio & Theresa Porras

*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, October 19**

Regular Collection: \$4,469.10

Online Giving: \$ 792.94

Bills Paid this Week: \$6,034.96

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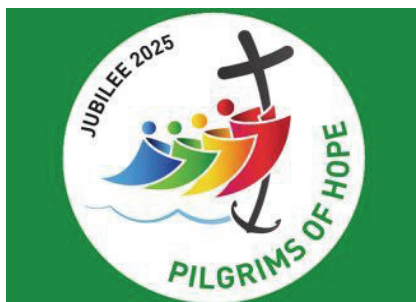
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- *Through our website
- *through our Facebook page
- *using the Tithe.ly mobile giving App

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 in Dunellen are dedicated to nurturing all who gather in faith. We offer inclusive opportunities for worship, prayer, lifelong learning, spiritual growth and fellowship, embracing people from every background as we journey together in devotion to God.

Vision Statement

We envision a vibrant, outward-facing parish that radiates our Catholic faith through visible presence in the wider community. Anchored in fellowship and service, we aim to reflect God's love in all we do.



An invitation
for the faithful of the Church of Metuchen to attend

a Solemn Mass of
**THANKSGIVING AND FAREWELL FOR
BISHOP JAMES FRANCIS CHECCHIO**

5th Bishop of Metuchen

Saturday, November 1 at 11 a.m.
on the Solemnity of All Saints Day,
Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi
548 Main Street, Metuchen, NJ 08840



After shepherding the faithful of the Church of Metuchen for nine years, Bishop James F. Checchio prepares to say goodbye as he begins to transition to his new role as Coadjutor Archbishop of New Orleans.



In thanksgiving for this local Church and a farewell to the faithful of Central New Jersey, please join Bishop Checchio as he offers a final Mass of Thanksgiving for the people as their Bishop and with gratitude for their continued blessing in this new chapter in the life of the Church.



Following the Mass, please join Bishop Checchio in the CYO building for a light reception.



Save the Date- Parish Activities

11/2 - **Sunday Social** after all Masses
11/15 - **Tricky Tray** from 11am -3:30pm

Tricky tray tickets are on sale now!

Bring some friends for a day of fun and prizes!

Ticket prices:
\$5 Entrance fee

\$35.00 bundle (\$10 savings)
1 small prize sheet (26 tix)
1 medium prize sheet (26 tix)
1 large ticket

\$45.00 bundle (\$15 savings)
2 small prize sheet (52 tix)
1 medium prize sheet (26 tix)
1 large ticket

Groups of 8 can reserve a table!

Where to purchase: Tix can be purchased at the Parish Center Mon-Thurs 9AM-2PM from Kate Guzzi 732-977-2233 or Eventbrite (online) by Searching St. John's Tricky Tray.

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.

Looking for ProLife Leaders

The ProLife Committee is looking for Young Catholic ProLife leaders looking to make a difference. Please call Maureen Shea at (732) 770-0502.



All Souls Remembrance Mass

An All Soul's Remembrance Mass will be held on **Wednesday, 11/5 at 7:00 p.m.** in the **church**. If you would like to have family and friends remembered at the Mass, please fill out one of the intention envelopes that are located at all entrances to the church and submit it to the Parish Office by **no later than Sunday, 11/2.**



Monthly Reception

The monthly reception will take place next **Sunday, 11/2 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.**

November

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.



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.

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.

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".



**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.

Black Catholic History Month

Please join us to celebrate Black Catholic History Month on **Saturday, November 8** at the **St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, 146 Metlars Lane in Piscataway**. The morning begins at 9:00 AM with a welcome followed by a 9:30 AM Mass celebrated by Reverend Patrick Winbush, O.S.B. which will then be followed by brunch and fellowship. There is no charge for this event, but registration is required. Deadline for registration is October 24th. Please register at: https://diometuchen.org/multicultural_ministry If you have any questions, please contact Sr. Miriam Perez at mperez@diometuchen.org or 732-529-7933.



**October 26, 2025
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

"...for whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted." LUKE 18:14

Pride and ego are the root causes of most of our sins. Thinking your time is so valuable or your talent is better than anyone else or your money gives you status is another way of making those things "gods" before God. Pride is the opposite of humility. Remember, all that we have and all that we are is a gift from God. We should be humbled by God's incredible generosity and be grateful for all we have been given. Ultimately, gratitude leads us to humility.



Retrouvaille Weekend

Stress In Your Marriage?

- Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage?
- Are you frustrated, hurt or angry with your spouse?
- Have you thought about separation or divorce?
- Does talking about it only make it worse?

RETROUVAILLE is a Lifeline to Help Couples Heal and Renew their Marriages sponsored by the Office of Family Life, Diocese of Metuchen, NJ. RETROUVAILLE consists of a weekend experience for married couples (no group discussions) with four follow-up sessions. The upcoming weekend is **January 30 – February 1, 2026**. All inquiries are confidential. For further information, please contact Rich Colasuonno 732-236-0671 or Annette Colasuonno 732-672-0748 or email 3024@helpourmarriage.org.



2024 – 2025
FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

*****A NEW CALENDAR has been uploaded to the website. Please download at your earliest convenience*****

October Dates 2025

26 -- 9:15 AM to 10AM Family Class, parents and children attend this meeting

November Dates 2025

- 1 All Saints Day** – see bulletin for mass times
- 2 10:30 AM Youth mass**
11:30 AM to 1 PM • Year 2 Confirmation
- 3 6:30 PM to 8 PM** • Monday Parents
• Year 1 First Com prep • Year 2 First Com prep
• Year 1 Confirmation
- 16 11:30 AM to 1 PM** • Year 2 Confirmation
- 17 6:30 PM to 8 PM** • Year 2 First Com prep • Year 1 Confirmation
- 30 9:15 AM to 10 AM Family Class** - parents and children attend this meeting
First week of Advent

If you have prayer cards, rosary or any other religious items, please share with our Faith Formation Families. Drop off at Parish Center office or mail slot.

Email Alice Fogarty at stjohnpcel@gmail.com

**FORMACIÓN FAMILIAR EN LA FE
2025-2026**

Se ha publicado un nuevo calendario en el sitio web. Por favor, descargue la información lo antes posible.

Fechas de octubre de 2025

26 9:15 am a 10:00 am Clase familiar: padres e hijos asisten a esta reunión.

Fechas de noviembre de 2025

1. Día de Todos los Santos: consulte el boletín para los horarios de misa.
2. Misa de jóvenes: 10:30 am a 1:00 pm
11:30 am a 1:00 pm • Confirmación de 2.º año
- 3 6:30 pm a 8:00 pm** • Lunes: Padres • Preparación para la Primera Comunión de 1.º año • Preparación para la Primera Comunión de 2.º año • Confirmación de 1.º año
- 16 11:30 am. a 1:00 pm** • Confirmación de 2.º año
- 17 6:30 pm a 8:00 pm** • Preparación para la Primera Comunión de 2.º año • Confirmación de 1.º año
- 30 9:15 am a 10:00 am** Clase familiar: padres e hijos asisten a esta reunión.
Primera semana de Adviento

Si tiene estampas, rosarios u otros artículos religiosos, por favor, compártalos con nuestras familias de Formación en la Fe. Déjelos en la oficina del Centro Parroquial o en la ranura de correo.

Envíe un correo electrónico a Alice Fogarty a stjohnpcel@gmail.com

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