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*second sunday of*  
**ADVENT**



### 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.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays of Advent:  
December 13 - 11:00 am to Noon and 4:00 to 4:45 pm

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FOURTH SUNDAY of ADVENT

Sunday, December 21, 2025

8:30 AM  
10:30 AM  
12 NOON - SPANISH MASS

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VIGIL OF THE NATIVITY ~ CHRISTMAS EVE

Wednesday, December 24, 2024

4:00 PM  
6:00 PM - SPANISH MASS  
10:00 PM

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NATIVITY OF THE LORD ~ CHRISTMAS DAY

8:30 AM  
10:30 AM  
12 NOON - SPANISH MASS

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MASSES DURING THE CHRISTMAS SEASON:

Sunday, December 28, 2025  
THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH  
Regular Mass Schedule

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Sunday, January 4, 2026  
THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD  
Regular Mass Schedule

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Sunday, January 11, 2026  
BAPTISM OF THE LORD  
After this feast we start the ordinary time of the year

## MASS INTENTIONS



Second Sunday  
of Advent

### Monday, December 8

8:00 a.m. Rosa T. Chavez by family  
Noon Joan Rabouin (Special Intention) by  
Nancy & Rick Chesler & family  
7:00 p.m. Parishioners of St. John's

### Tuesday, December 9

8:00 a.m. German A. Patino by Kim Regewitz  
7:00 p.m. Parishioners of St. John's

### Wednesday, December 10

8:00 a.m. Parishioners of St. John's

### Thursday, December 11

8:00 a.m. Parishioners of St. John's

### Friday, December 12

8:00 a.m. Parishioners of St. John's

### Saturday, December 13

5:00 p.m. Joan A. Culver by Deacon Jacinto  
Fernandes, Our Lady of Fatima

### Sunday, December 14

8:30 a.m. Peter Vieira Santos  
by Gianna Criscuolo  
10:30 a.m. Hilmer "Mama Mime" Edelmira  
Salgado by Deacon Jacinto  
Fernandes, Our Lady of Fatima  
Noon Diego Ramon Cabrera 1 año de  
fallecido by Edith Socorro e hijos

*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, November 30**

Regular Collection: \$3,766.61  
Online Giving: \$ 491.60

*\*The expense amount for this week was 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 "recurring 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.



*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.**



**Christmas Memorials**

You are invited to make a memorial donation for the Christmas 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 no later than Tuesday, 12/23.



**Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe**

**Friday, December 12** is the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. There will be morning praises to Our Lady at **5 a.m.** in the **church** and Mass at **6 p.m.** in the **church** followed by dinner in the auditorium. All are welcome to attend.



### 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, Capt. Michael Nielsen**  
**U.S. Marine LCpl. 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](mailto:jkerekes@diometuchen.org)  
 732-529-7930

### Diocese of Metuchen Filipino Apostolate Simbang Gabi 2025

A devotional 9-day series of Masses honoring the Blessed Mother Mary in preparation for the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ. All Are Welcome!

Mass Schedule (Masses start at 7 p.m. unless otherwise noted):

12/15 (Mon.) *St. Cecelia* 45 Wilus Way, Iselin  
 12/16 (Tues.) *St. Cecelia* 10 Kingston Lane, Monmouth Junction  
*St. Augustine of Canterbury* 45 Henderson Rd., Kendall Park  
*St. Matthias* (6:30 p.m.) 168 JFK Blvd., Somerset  
 12/17 (Wed.) *St. Mary* 830 5<sup>th</sup> Ave., Alpha  
*St. Ambrose* 83 Throckmorton Lane, Old Bridge  
*St. Matthew the Apostle* 81 Seymour Ave., Edison  
 12/18 (Thus.) *Our Lady of Fatima* 501 New Market Rd., Piscataway  
*Church of the Assumption* 302 High St., Hackettstown  
*St. James* 148 Grenville St., Woodbridge  
 12/19 (Fri.) *Nativity of Our Lord* (6 p.m.) 185 Applegarth Rd., Monroe  
*Mary, Mother of God* 157 S. Triangle Rd., Hillsborough  
*St. Helena* 950 Grove Ave., Edison  
 12/20 (Sat.) *St. Bartholomew* (6 p.m.) 470 Ryders Ln., East Brunswick  
*Queenship of Mary* (5 p.m.) 16 Dey Rd., Plainsboro  
*St. Bernadette* 20 Villanova Rd., Parlin  
 12/21 (Sun.) *Immaculate Conception* (4 p.m.) 35 Mountain Ave., Somerville  
*Our Lady of Victories* 42 Main St., Sayreville  
*Church of the Sacred Heart* 149 S. Plainfield Ave., S. Plainfield  
 12/22 (Mon.) *St. Bernard of Clairvaux* 500 Rt. 22, Bridgewater  
*St. John the Evangelist* 317 First St., Dunellen  
*St. James* 148 Grenville St., Woodbridge  
 12/23 (Tues.) *Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi* 32 Elm Ave., Metuchen  
 For inquiries please call Carmille (908) 392-0152



2024 – 2025

## FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

### Respect Life Poster Contest

All children are invited to create a poster for the Respect Life Poster Contest.

Theme: “Each of us is a gift from God...How do we love like Jesus and live as a gift to others?”

Is your child a creative, likes drawing and doodling? Looking for an activity over Christmas break? Why not have them create an entry for the Respect Life Poster Contest.

Email [stjohnpcl@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnpcl@gmail.com) for more information

### December Dates 2025

- 7 Week 2 of Advent  
10:30 AM Youth mass  
11:30 AM to 1 PM • Year 2 Confirmation
- 8 Feast of Immaculate Conception
- 14 Week 3 Advent  
9:15 AM to 10 AM Family Class  
11:30 AM to 1 PM • Year 2 Confirmation
- 15 6:30 PM to 8 PM • Year 2 First Com  
prep • Year 1 Confirmation
- 21 Week 4 Advent
- 24 Christmas Eve
- 25 Christmas Day

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

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 [stjohnpcl@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnpcl@gmail.com)

### Formación en la Fe Familiar 2025-2026

Se invita a todos los niños a crear un cartel para el Concurso de Carteles Respect Life.

Tema: "Cada uno de nosotros es un regalo de Dios... ¿Cómo amamos como Jesús y vivimos como un regalo para los demás?"

¿Tu hijo es creativo, le gusta dibujar y garabatear? ¿Buscas actividades durante las vacaciones de Navidad? ¿Por qué no les pides que creen una participación para el Concurso de Carteles de Respeto a la Vida?

Email [stjohnpcl@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnpcl@gmail.com) for mor information

### Fechas de diciembre 2025

- 7 Semana 2 de Adviento  
10:30 AM Misa juvenil  
11:30 AM a 1pm • Confirmación del segundo año
- 8 Fiesta de la Inmaculada Concepción
- 14 Semana 3 Adviento--  
9:15 AM a 10 AM Clase Familiar  
11:30 AM a 1pm • Confirmación de 2º Año
- 15 6:30 a 8 • Preparación de Primer Come, Año 2 • Confirmación de Año 1
- 21 Semana 4 Adviento
- 24 Nochebuena
- 25 Día de Navidad

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

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.

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