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Third 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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Office of Faith Formation: 732-968-2621, ext. 13; stjohnpcl@gmail.com

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 (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.

FOURTH SUNDAY of ADVENT

Sunday, December 21, 2025

8:30 AM

10:30 AM

12 NOON – SPANISH MASS

VIGIL OF THE NATIVITY ~ CHRISTMAS EVE

Wednesday, December 24, 2024

4:00 PM

6:00 PM – SPANISH MASS

10:00 PM

NATIVITY OF THE LORD ~ CHRISTMAS DAY

8:30 AM

10:30 AM

12 NOON – SPANISH MASS

MASSES DURING THE CHRISTMAS SEASON:

Sunday, December 28, 2025

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

Regular Mass Schedule

Sunday, January 4, 2026

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Regular Mass Schedule

Sunday, January 11, 2026

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

After this feast we start the ordinary time of the year

MASS INTENTIONS



Third Sunday
of Advent

Monday, December 15

8:00 a.m. Naget Tufik Lauer Coimbra
(well being) by family & friends

Tuesday, December 16

8:00 a.m. Parishioners of St. John's
7:00 p.m. Aristides Garcia Lozano
(2nd Aniversario de Fallecido)
by Sus Hermanos

Wednesday, December 17

8:00 a.m. George Craig by his children

Thursday, December 18

8:00 a.m. Naget Tufik Lauer Coimbra
(well being) by family & friends

Friday, December 19

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

Saturday, December 20

5:00 p.m. Carol Henryk
by Nancy & Rick Chesler

Sunday, December 21

8:30 a.m. Roberto & Elena Hernandez
by Lynne & Manny Jacalan
10:30 a.m. John Thomas McCann
by wife Kathleen
Noon Roselia Calderon
by Karina Reyes & familia

*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 ano 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, December 7**

Regular Collection: \$5,198.49

Online Giving: \$ 669.94

Bills Paid this Week: \$ 847.29

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.

**2025 New Jersey Right to Life
Car Raffle Fundraiser Results**

Volvo – Jo Ann Brown #13516 Middlesex
\$1,000 Shop Rite GC – Eileen Curran #13455 Lewes, DE
\$750 Shop Rite GC – Chris Esposito #14289 Middlesex
\$500 Shop Rite GC – Hannah Philpott #139403 Bergen

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.

**2026 Casino Night
SAVE THE DATE!**

St. John's Casino Night will take place on Valentine's Day, **Saturday, February 14, 2026**. Ticket sales will begin in January. We are currently accepting donations of Gift Cards to be used as prizes. You can drop them off at the office, or put them in the basket in an envelope marked "Casino Night donation". If you are interested in Sponsoring, please go to the parish website for more details.





**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 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
 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”.



**2024 – 2025
FAMILY FAITH FORMATION**

December Dates 2025

- 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

January Dates 2026

- 4 10:30 AM Youth mass
11:30 AM to 1 PM • Year 2 Confirmation
- 5 6:30 PM to 8 PM • Year 1 First Com
prep, • Monday Parents, • Year 2 First
Com prep, • Year 1 Confirmation
- 12 6:30 PM to 8 PM FIRST COM
RETREAT
• Year 1 First Com prep, • Year 2 First
Com prep, • Year 1 Confirmation
- 18 11:30 AM to 1PM • Year 2 Confirmation
- 25 9:15 AM to 10 AM Family Class

*****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**

**Diocese of Metuchen Filipino
Apostolate Simbang Gabi 2025**

As part of a devotional 9-day series of
Masses honoring the Blessed Mother Mary
in preparation for the Nativity of our Lord
Jesus Christ, Mass will be celebrated at **St.
John's on Monday, 12/22 at 7:00 p.m.**
in the **church**. All Are Welcome!

**Formación en la Fe Familiar
2025-2026**

Fechas de diciembre 2025

- 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

Fechas de enero 2026

- 4 10:30 AM Misa juvenil 11:30 AM a 13:00
• Confirmación de 2º
- 5 6:30 PM a 8 PM • Preparación de
Primer Curso de Primaria, • Padres de
lunes • Preparación de Primer Come, •
Confirmación de Primer Año de Año 1 •
Confirmación de Primer Año
- 12 6:30 PM a 8 PM PRIMER RETIRO
COM
• Preparación para Primer Come, •
Preparación para Primer Año 2, •
Confirmación para Primer Año
- 18 11:30 AM a 1 • Confirmación del
segundo año
- 25 de 9:15 a 10 AM Clase Familiar

*****SE HA SUBIDO UN NUEVO
CALENDARIO a la página web. Por
favor, descárgalo en cuanto sea
posible*****

Si tienes tarjetas de oración, rosario o
cualquier otro objeto religioso, por favor
compártelo con nuestras Familias de
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