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Fourth Sunday of
ADVENT



Christmas 2025



*Dear esteemed Parishioners of
St. John's Family,*

*I write to greet you and to wish you a Merry
Christmas, "For unto us a Child is born, unto us a
Son is given..." (Isaiah 9:6)*

*As we celebrate the birth of our Savior, may his
peace and joy dwell richly in your hearts. May
Emmanuel, God with us, guide your families and
strengthen your faith throughout the coming year.*

*This holy season reminds us that God's love came to dwell among us through the
newborn King born in Bethlehem. May he fill your home with joy, laughter, and
hope.*

*But before we celebrate Christmas, I invite you to the sacrament of reconciliation
on Saturdays from 4 until 4:45 pm. And even after the 5:00 PM Mass. You know
that I am also available any other time by appointment and most of you have my
direct number at which to reach me. You can also use my parish number whose
messages I check frequently.*

*I also welcome those who seek some peace and spiritual renewal to adoration of the
Blessed Sacrament which takes place in the Chapel on Thursday from 8:30 am until
Benediction at 4:00 pm.*

*Thank you again for all that you do for St. John's. I am very proud to be part of
this great spiritual family of Dunellen.*

*Yours in Christ,
Fr. Alphonsus Kariuki*

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



Fourth Sunday
of Advent

Monday, December 22

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

Tuesday, December 23

8:00 a.m. Parishioners of St. John's
7:00 p.m. Parishioners of St. John's

Wednesday, December 24

4:00 p.m. Gordon Harmon by loving family
6:00 p.m. Jackelyn Elise McCann
by Kyla & Savanna
10:00 p.m. John Connolly McCann
by his mother Kathleen

Thursday, December 25

8:30 a.m. Roberto Loo & Elena Hernandez &
Artemio & Josefina Jacalan
by Manny & Lynne Jacalan
10:30 a.m. John Thomas McCann
by his children
Noon Naget Tufik Lauar Coimbra
(well being) by family & friends

Friday, December 26

8:00 a.m. Gerard E. Cunningham
by Gerard & Suzanne

Saturday, December 27

5:00 p.m. Deceased members of the Backus,
Glennon, Ruddy & Schmitt families
by Kevin Glennon

Sunday, December 28

8:30 a.m. Louis Steven Pizzigoni
by Martha & John Pizzigoni
10:30 a.m. Anna Mackie (21st anniversary of
death) by Trudie Mackie & family
Noon Mr. & Mrs. Tony Neto "for their
sanctification of their Holy Family"

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.



This week our Sanctuary lamp in the Church is lit for the repose of the soul of Gerard E. Cunningham by Gerard & Suzanne and our Chapel candle is lit for the repose of the soul of Bill Harris, Sr. by Chris Harris.

Please pray for the sick members of our parish: Louis Capozzi, Cathy Sloomaker, MaryAnn Briones, Joan Rabouin, Barry Gittens



**Sacrificial Offerings 2025
Sunday, December 14**

**The collection and expense amounts for this week were 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 "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.



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**

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**

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

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 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 Formación en
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