

# SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST

## ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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 (*Kiswahili*)  
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  
[stjohnpcl@gmail.com](mailto: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, May 26

8:00 a.m. Giovanni Elefante  
by Cosimo & Lina Giordano

### Tuesday, May 27

8:00 a.m. Andrew Au by Josephine Kuok  
7:00 p.m. Micaela Gonzalez Sis  
by Victoriano Ortiz

### Wednesday, May 28

8:00 a.m. Ramune Petraviciene (for her health  
& well being) by Amuras

### Thursday, May 29

8:00 a.m. In memory of Mary, George &  
William Zilg by John Zilg

### Friday, May 30

8:00 a.m. Andrew Au by Josephine Kuok

### Saturday, May 31

5:00 p.m. Gene Christian by a friend

### Sunday, June 1

8:30 a.m. Lynne Jacalan (Thanksgiving)  
by Manny Jacalan  
10:30 a.m. Domenico Vizzoni  
by Michael, Dawn & Jessica  
Noon Martha Gomez by Hector Gomez

*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 Espanol:**

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, May 18**

Regular Collection: \$4,493.50  
Online Giving: \$ 730.94  
Bills Paid this Week: \$1,625.54

**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](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.

**Blessed Sacrament Church in  
Martinsville is Hiring!**

Part-time Maintenance Person: flexible hours, able to do minor repairs, setting up and taking down tables, etc., cleaning inside the church building, maintaining outdoor areas. If interested, please call Kathi in the Parish Office at (732) 356-4405, ext. 2.

*Mission Statement*

**We the Roman Catholic Community of St John's 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.**



*Mother's Day Intentions  
(received after publication deadline)*

- Dunia Herrera
- Alejandra de Reyes
- Julia de Segura
- Paulina Gomero
- Marcelina Tarazona



**May 25, 2025  
6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

*"...Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid."  
(JOHN 14:27)*

Our limited human understanding cannot begin to understand the immense power of God. Instead of trusting in God, we often think we can control every outcome. Do you want to make God laugh? Tell Him your plans. The next time worry, anxiety or fear creeps in, thank God for all He has given you and trust that He has a better plan for you. Make God your first choice and not your last resort.

**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, Director, Office of Discipleship Formation for Children  
[jkerekes@diometuchen.org](mailto:jkerekes@diometuchen.org)  
 732-529-7930



**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, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Michael Nielsen**
- U.S. Marine Pfc. Daniel Hernandez**

If there are any other military members you would like to be included in our prayers, please contact the Parish Office.



**Girl Scout Troop 65300's Sustainability Clothes and more Swap/Drive**

Swap your old styles for new ones and donate/recycle clothing you no longer need.

**Sunday, 6/8 from 9:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., 200 Orange Street, Dunellen, NJ.**

For re-wear, reuse and recycling we accept the following items in any condition for all ages and genders so long as they are clean, dry and odorless:

\*Footwear: shoes, heels, flats, sandals, flip-flops, boots (all varieties), sneakers, cleats, slippers

\*Clothing: tops (t-shirts, blouses, shirts, tank tops), sweaters, sweatshirts, dresses, outerwear (coats, jackets, blazers), bottoms (pants, slacks, jeans, sweatpants, skirts, shorts), suits, pajamas, intimates (slips, bras, underwear, socks), baby clothing

Accessories: hats, bags (pocketbooks, backpacks, duffelbags, totes), belts, gloves, ties, scarves, bathrobes, jewelry

Linens: sheets/pillowcases, blankets, comforters, curtains/drapes, aprons, dish cloths, cloth napkins, table linens, quilts

Other: luggage, sports jerseys, stuffed animals  
 Everything should be kept dry in a closed plastic bag. Recycling your clothes shouldn't be hard, we're here to help!

**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.



## 2024 – 2025 FAITH FORMATION

Registration for the 2025 -2026 Family of Faith Formation began on May 15, 2025. Candidates for Sacrament must register by **August 23, 2025**. EARLY Registration discount for all is **BEFORE August 23, 2025**.

Please return the children's bible to the Parish office as soon as possible.

We are looking for volunteers for teacher and aides for the new year. Email [stjohnpcl@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnpcl@gmail.com) for more information. Donations of Rosaries and other sacramental are always welcome. Help our families grow by sharing them with us.

Felicitaciones a todos los candidatos de Confirmación, Primera Comunión y RICA que recibieron los sacramentos en abril. Que Dios los bendiga con sabiduría, fortaleza y gracia al continuar su camino de fe. Ruego para que su fe sea siempre fuerte y que su corazón esté lleno del amor de Dios.

La inscripción para el Curso de Formación Familiar de Fe 2025-2026 comenzará del 15 de mayo. El descuento de inscripción ANTICIPADA para todos es antes **del 23 de agosto de 2025**. El descuento por inscripción anticipada es **ANTES del 23 de agosto de 2025**.

Por favor, devuelva la Biblia infantil a la oficina parroquial lo antes posible.

Buscamos voluntarios para maestros y auxiliares para el nuevo año. Para más información, escriba a [stjohnpcl@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnpcl@gmail.com). El rosario y otros sacramentos son siempre bienvenidos. Ayude a nuestras familias a crecer compartiéndolos con nosotros.

## St. Thomas Aquinas High School Trojan Fast Track

St. Thomas Aquinas High School invites prospective students to our exclusive “Trojan Fast Track” even on **Thursday, 6/12 from 3 – 7 p.m.** at **St. Thomas Aquinas H.S., 1 Tingley Lane, Edison**. This one night event offers families a streamlined experience to apply, receive an admissions decision, explore financial aid options and enroll – on the spot.

Why attend?

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- \*Special enrollment fee discount for same-day commitments
- \*Celebrate your acceptance with photo ops and Trojan pride!

Pre-registration is required for same-day processing. Secure your spot now:

<https://forms.gle/9wcM1ocTnpAMGXUW6>

We look forward to welcoming you and helping you take the next step on your journey to becoming a Trojan. \*Students that will be in 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade during the 2025-26 school year cannot yet apply for admissions, but are welcome to attend, take a tour and meet our faculty/coaches! Questions? Contact Brant Lutska, Director of Recruitment at [blutska@stahs.net](mailto:blutska@stahs.net) or visit [stahs.net](http://stahs.net).

## Quo Vadis

The Diocese of Metuchen's Office of Vocations invites young men ages 14-17 to attend Quo Vadis: Where Are You Going? Prayer • Fellowship • Adventure , Teambuilding Activities **July 29<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup>, Camp Shiloh, 753 Burnt Meadow Road, Hewitt, NJ**. Questions? Email: [quovadis@diometuchen.org](mailto:quovadis@diometuchen.org). This is an opportunity to have fun, grow in your faith, and begin to think and pray about where God may be calling you in life. This will be an action-packed few days with opportunities to play sports, participate in leadership and teambuilding exercises, pray, share meals, and grow in our faith together. Please RSVP by June 30<sup>th</sup>. For more information and to register visit [www.diometuchen.org/quovadis](http://www.diometuchen.org/quovadis).

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