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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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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, January 19

8:00 a.m. Communion Service

Tuesday, January 20

8:00 a.m. Communion Service

7:00 p.m. Communion Service

Wednesday, January 21

8:00 a.m. Communion Service

Thursday, January 22

8:00 a.m. Communion Service

Friday, January 23

8:00 a.m. Communion Service

Saturday, January 24

5:00 p.m. Deceased members of Chemlock & Saunders families by the Szulczewski family

Sunday, January 25

8:30 a.m. Gerard & Margaret Flynn
by Cosimo & Lina Giordano

10:30 a.m. Anita Maier
by Richard & Judy Ziets

Noon Dagoberto Molina Acevedo (Quinto aniversario de fallecido) by Patricia Molina

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 2026
Sunday, January 11

**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.



2026 Casino Night
SAVE THE DATE!

St. John's Casino Night will take place on Valentine's Day, **February 14, 2026**. Tickets are currently on sale after all Masses, or forms can be picked up at the back of the church. We are currently accepting donations of Gift Cards or new items to be used as prizes. You can drop donations off at the office, or put them in the basket in an envelope marked "Casino Night Donation". If you are interested in Sponsoring, forms are available at the back of the church, or you can 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.

Prayer for a New Bishop (Adapted from the Diocese of St. Petersburg)

Almighty and all loving God,
 Eternal Shepherd and Guide,
 during this time of transition, we trust in Your love,
 confident that You will once again give to the Diocese of
 Metuchen a shepherd who will inspire us to be
 Christ's heart of mercy,
 His voice of hope and hands of justice.
 Guide our new bishop to enlighten
 our hearts and minds with the truth of the Gospel,
 the power of the sacraments,
 and the desire to serve you in all things.
 We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Oración por un nuevo obispo

Dios todopoderoso y eterno,
 Pastor que guías a tu pueblo,
 confiados en tu amor durante este tiempo de transición,
 creemos que, una vez más, darás a la Diócesis de Metuchen
 un pastor que nos inspire a ser
 el corazón misericordioso de Cristo,
 su voz de esperanza y sus manos de justicia.
 Fortalece a nuestro nuevo obispo,
 para que guíe nuestros pensamientos e ilumine nuestro corazón
 con la verdad del Evangelio,
 el poder de los sacramentos,
 y el deseo de servirte en todas las cosas.
 Te lo pedimos por Jesucristo, nuestro Señor. Amén

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.



**2025 – 2026
FAMILY FAITH FORMATION**

January 2026

18 11:30 AM to 1PM • Year 2 Confirmation

25 9:15 AM to 10 AM Family Class

February 2026

1 10:30 AM Youth mass

1 11:30 AM to 1 PM • Year 2 Confirmation

2 6:30 PM to 8 PM • Year 1 First Com prep
• Monday Parents • Year 2 First Com prep •
Year 1 Confirmation

15 11:30 AM to 1 PM • Year 2 Confirmation

16 6:30 PM to 8 PM • Year 2 First Com prep
• Year 1 Confirmation

18 Ash Wednesday , Lent begins

22 9:15 AM to 10 AM Family Class

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**

Enero de 2026

18 11:30 AM a 1 • Confirmación del segundo año

25 de 9:15 a 10 AM Clase Familiar

Febrero de 2026

1 10:30 AM Misa juvenil

1 11:30 AM a 13:00 • Confirmación del segundo año

6:30 PM a 8 • Preparación de Primer Curso
• Lunes Padres • Primer Curso Preparación •
Confirmación de Primer Año 1 •
Confirmación de Primer Año

15 11:30 AM a 1pm • Confirmación del segundo año

16 de 6:30PM a 8 • Primer Año 2
Preparación de Comunicación •
Confirmación de Año 1

18 Miércoles de Ceniza, comienza la Cuaresma

22 de 9:15AM 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 la Fe. Déjalo en la oficina del Centro Parroquial o en la sección de correo.

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