

SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



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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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732-968-2621 ext: 3

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, February 2

8:00 a.m. Communion Service

Tuesday, February 3

8:00 a.m. Communion Service

7:00 p.m. Communion Service

Wednesday, February 4

8:00 a.m. Communion Service

Thursday, February 5

8:00 a.m. Communion Service

Friday, February 6

8:00 a.m. Communion Service

Saturday, February 7

5:00 p.m. Kate & Meghan by Kristene & Glenn

Sunday, February 8

8:30 a.m. Roberto Loo Hernandez & Elena Hernandez by Manny & Lynne Jacalan

10:30 a.m. Antonio Pileggi by family Distefano
Noon Por la salud de Ann Hill by Anonimo

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 2026
Sunday, January 25

**The collection amounts for this week were not available at the time of publication.*

Bills Paid this Week: \$4,248,58

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.

2026 Bishop's Annual Appeal
ONE IN CHRIST: Called to Love and Serve

By giving to the Bishop's Annual Appeal, we are opening our hearts to those living on the fringes of society and help to attend to their physical, spiritual and emotional needs. The basic necessities of food and shelter provided by ***Catholic Charities***, as well as the counseling services the agency offers to those struggling with addictions and other hardships of life can only continue with your help. Please prayerfully consider a gift today.

Campaña Anual del Obispo, 2026
UNO EN CRISTO: Llamados a Amar y Servir

Al contribuir a la Campaña Anual del Obispo, estamos abriendo nuestros corazones a quienes viven al margen de la sociedad y les ayudamos a atender sus necesidades físicas, espirituales y emocionales. Las necesidades básicas de comida y refugio proporcionadas por ***Caridades Católicas***, así como los servicios de asesoría que la agencia ofrece a quienes luchan contra las adicciones y otras dificultades de la vida, solo pueden continuar con su ayuda. Por favor considere en oración hacer su aporte hoy.

New Jersey Catholic
Mental Health Conference

With 1 in 10 adults in the US and over 1 billion people worldwide affected by mental health issues, everyone from clergy to educators to lay faithful are invited to attend this conference entitled "*From Isolation to Belonging: Mental Health and the Catholic Church*" on **Saturday, May 2, 2026**, at the **St. John Neumann Pastoral Center in Piscataway, NJ**. The fee to register is \$40 and is limited to the first 300 registrants. Please visit njconf.com for more information.



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**
- U.S. Navy HSm3 Gael Luna Saavedra**

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



February 1, 2026
4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." MATTHEW 5:3

The phrase "poor in spirit" can be confusing. Think of it in this sense – poor in spirit means depending on God's providence and not depending on our own self-reliance. Being detached from earthly things (power, money, and comfort) and being attached to heavenly things (charity, sacrifice, and mercy). Denying ourselves from satisfying our desires and helping others obtain their basic needs.

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



Valentine's Day

No reason why Valentine's Day should be just one day each year. Why not give your spouse a gift that lasts every day? A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend gives you the time and tools to enrich your marriage, deepen communication, and nourish the spirituality in your marriage. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will be held **February 13 – 15**. Please apply ASAP as space is limited. Phone 1-732-904-9636 for application and information (Dan & Jeannette Soto). Visit us at: www.wwme.org for more information.

The Adopt a Priest Program

The "Adopt a Priest Program" is strictly a spiritual commitment to pray and offer the sacrifices required by one's daily duty, to draw down graces for a particular Priest, for the rest of one's life. It is a lifelong commitment. This can be done by simply praying the "Morning Offering" in this way: **O My God, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary and the Sacred Heart of Jesus, I offer Thee all my prayers, works joys and sufferings of this day, in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world, in reparation for my sins, the sins of the whole world and especially for my adopted Priest, Father _____ (mention your adopted Priest's Name). Amen.** If your priest dies, continue to pray for him. If you should die, certainly you will not cease to pray for him until you both meet in heaven. Saint Therese, the Little Flower, adopted two Missionary Priests in this way. This is very powerful. It makes the littlest thing we do infinitely worthwhile. To adopt a Priest or for more information, please call Maureen Shea 732-968-0136 or 732-770-0502 cell.

El "Programa Adopta a un Sacerdote" es estrictamente un compromiso espiritual para orar y ofrecer los sacrificios requeridos por el deber diario de uno, para atraer gracias para un sacerdote en particular, por el resto de su vida. Es un compromiso de por vida. Esto se puede hacer simplemente rezando la "Ofrenda de la Mañana" de esta manera: **Oh Dios mío, a través del Inmaculado Corazón de María y del Sagrado Corazón de Jesús, te ofrezco todas mis oraciones, obras, alegrías y sufrimientos de este día, en unión con el Santo Sacrificio de la Misa en todo el mundo, en reparación por mis pecados, los pecados de todo el mundo y especialmente por mi Sacerdote adoptivo, Padre _____ (mencione el nombre de su sacerdote adoptivo). Amén.** Si su sacerdote muere, continúe orando por él. Si uno muere primero, ciertamente no dejarás de orar por él hasta que ambos se encuentren en el cielo. Santa Teresita, la Pequeña Flor, adoptó dos sacerdotes misioneros de esta manera. Esto es muy poderoso. Hace que las pequeñas cosas que hacemos valgan infinitamente la pena. Para adoptar un sacerdote o para obtener más información, llame a Maureen Shea al 732-968-0136 o al celular 732-770-0502.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL 2026-2027

TUITION ASSISTANCE

ONLINE APPLICATION PROCESS OPEN

Families interested in applying for tuition assistance to attend an eligible Diocese of Metuchen elementary or high school may apply online now through FACTS Financial Aid Management at

<https://online.factsmgmt.com/aid>. Online applications must be completed (including all required documentation) by no later than **March 31, 2026**. **A signed Parish Verification Form is also required by the Diocese, and should be signed by your Pastor, and submitted to the school or schools your children attend. Eligibility requirements, instructions and forms can be found at**

<https://diometuchen.org/tuition-assistance>. Applications are available in English and Spanish. Families that need assistance completing the online application or need access to a computer to apply should contact their school.

ASISTENCIA PARA LA MATRÍCULA EN

LAS ESCUELAS

CATÓLICAS 2026-2027

EL PROCESO DE SOLICITUD EN LÍNEA ESTÁ ABIERTO

Las familias interesadas en solicitar ayuda en la matrícula para asistir a una escuela primaria o secundaria elegible de la Diócesis de Metuchen pueden presentar su solicitud en línea ahora, a través de la Evaluación de subvenciones y ayuda de FACTS en <https://online.factsmgmt.com/aid>.

Las solicitudes en línea deben completarse (incluida toda la documentación requerida) a más tardar el **31 de marzo de 2026**. **La Diócesis también exige un Formulario de Verificación Parroquial, que debe estar firmado por su Párroco y presentarse en la escuela o escuelas a las que asisten sus hijos. Los requisitos de elegibilidad, las instrucciones y los formularios se pueden encontrar en**

<https://diometuchen.org/tuition-assistance>. Las solicitudes están disponibles en inglés y español. Las familias que necesiten ayuda para completar la solicitud en línea o que necesiten acceso a una computadora para presentar la solicitud deben comunicarse con su escuela.

Family Healing Mass

For all feeling alone or grieving due to divorce, severe marital difficulties, as well as for children of any age who are affected by these facets of Family Brokenness, please join us for a special Mass and Resource Fair on **Saturday, March 14th, at 10:00 a.m.** at the **St. John Neumann Pastoral Center**. Representatives from the "Surviving Divorce," "Retrouvaille" and "Life-Giving Wounds" ministries will be present. There will also be activities for younger children while adults are looking into the resources.

To register, please visit:

diometuchen.org/events/family-brokenness-mass.

Contact Rachele Hanna for details at rachele.hanna@gmail.com.

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**2025 – 2026
FAMILY FAITH FORMATION**

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**

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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