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### 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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**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.

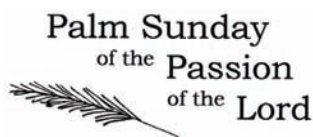
**Sacrament of the Sick:** Please contact the Parish Office if you are homebound and would like to receive Holy Communion.

**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 (2<sup>nd</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> 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, March 30

8:00 a.m. Carlos Alonso by Ricky & Sylvia Switzer and Frances Criscuolo

### Tuesday, March 31

8:00 a.m. Maximillian T. Mendoza by Cezar & Nita Macalalad  
7:00 p.m. Parishioners of St. John's

### Wednesday, April 1

8:00 a.m. Msgr. Richard J. Lyons by the Szulczewski family

### Thursday, April 2

7:00 p.m. Manuel Oliveina by Lynne & Manny Jacalan

### Friday, April 3

3:00 p.m. Solemn Passion of the Lord  
7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

### Saturday, April 4

Noon Blessing of Food  
8:00 p.m. Kate & Meghan by Kristene & Glenn

### Sunday, April 5

8:30 a.m. Alfred Urenovich by Bill, Pat & Will Hughes  
10:30 a.m. Giuseppe & Giuseppa Mannino by daughter Enza DiStefano  
Noon Ernesto 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 Español:**

El padre está dispuesto después de la misa dominical. Por favor, comuniqués 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, March 22**

Regular Collection: \$3,439.75  
Online Giving: \$ 463.19

Bills Paid this Week: \$2,604.55

**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.

*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.**



Dear Parishioners,

The Holy Week invites us to prepare for our greatest Christian Festivity in the liturgical year. It is not Christmas or Palm Sunday or Pentecost but EASTER. Easter is the feast that gives meaning to all the others. I hope to see many of you in Church on Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday and during the Easter Masses.

Happy Easter to all of you,  
Fr. Alphonsus Kariuki

SATURDAY MARCH 28, 2026  
Confessions - 4PM-4:45PM  
PALM SUNDAY VIGIL MASS - 5:00PM

PALM SUNDAY  
SUNDAY MARCH 29, 2026  
Masses 8:30AM, 10:30AM, 12:00PM (SPANISH)

MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER  
THURSDAY APRIL 2, 2026 - 7:00PM  
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
in Church Auditorium  
**Rosarians** 8:30PM-9:00PM;  
**Adoration Group** 9PM-9:30PM;  
**Parish Youth** 9:30PM-10PM;  
**Parish Liturgical Ministers** (Ushers,  
Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors) 10PM-10:30PM;  
**Spanish Charismatic Group** 10:30PM-11PM  
All others are welcome to join any of these  
groups in Adoration

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION  
FRIDAY, APRIL 3, 2026 - 3:00PM  
STATIONS OF THE CROSS - 7:00PM

VIGIL OF EASTER  
SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 2026 - 8:00PM

EASTER  
SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 2026  
Masses 8:30AM, 10:30AM, 12PM (Spanish)

### 2026 Bishop's Annual Appeal

#### *ONE IN CHRIST:*

#### *Called to Love and Serve*

Jesus gave us a perfect example to follow, constantly demonstrating love and care for those around Him. Much of the work that is done through our Church to advocate for respect for life, consoling those who are in hospital or prisons, and providing for the poor and vulnerable depends on the sharing of our financial resources through the Bishop's Annual Appeal. Please prayerfully consider a gift today.

### Campaña Anual del Obispo, 2026

#### *UNO EN CRISTO:*

#### *Llamados a Amar y a Servir*

Jesús nos dio un ejemplo perfecto a seguir, demostrando constantemente amor y cuidado por quienes lo rodean. Gran parte del trabajo que se realiza a través de nuestra Iglesia para abogar por el respeto a la vida, consolar a quienes están en hospitales o prisiones y atender a los pobres y vulnerables depende de compartir nuestros recursos financieros a través de la Campaña Anual del Obispo. Por favor considere en oración un aporte hoy.



### 2026 Gertrude Hawk Fundraiser

Thank you to all those who participated and supported our annual fundraiser! Orders can be picked up at the Church office if you were unable to pick up after Mass this weekend. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Sarah Ben Younes-Millot at (908) 963-0341.



### Feet Washing on Holy Thursday

Father Alphonsus is asking for volunteers for feet washing during Holy Thursday Mass. We need 12 adults that includes men and women. **Please call the Parish office to give your name as soon as possible.**



### Blessing of the Food

The traditional Blessing of the Food will take place on **Saturday, 4/4 at noon** in the **church**. All are welcome to participate.



### Easter Memorials

You are invited to make a memorial donation for the Easter 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 **noon** on **Monday, 4/6**.

### Memoriales de Pascua

Estás invitado a hacer una donación conmemorativa para la temporada de Pascua. Su donación ayudará a proporcionar flores y decoraciones para la iglesia. Para participar puede recoger un formulario en las salidas de la Iglesia o simplemente escribir su nombre, número de teléfono y el nombre de la persona o personas que desea conmemorar y enviarlo junto con su pago al Centro Parroquial antes del mediodía. **Lunes, 4/6**.



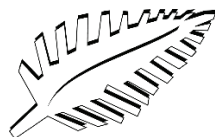
**Prayers for Our Service Members**

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, 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.



**March 29, 2026  
Palm Sunday of the  
Passion of the Lord**

*“As they were marching out, they came upon a man of Cyrene, Simon by name; this man they pressed into service to carry his cross.” MATTHEW 27:32*

The Lord calls us to love God and to love our neighbor. Every day we are presented with opportunities to love our neighbor and help him “carry his cross.” These opportunities aren’t usually big events; they are usually ordinary occurrences like helping someone carry their groceries or holding the door open for them. The key is putting the other person’s needs before our own and not expecting anything in return.

**A&E Upcoming Dates**

**Social Dates**

- 4/12 - April Social-(Easter is 1st Sunday)
- 5/3 - May Social
- 6/7 - June Social

**Church Decorating for Holy Week + Easter**

- 4/2 - Holy Thursday- Cover Statues after mass
- 4/4 - Decorate the church for Easter 8AM-12PM

**Grounds Clean up (in prep for 1st Communion)**

- 4/18 - Grounds Clean Up - 9AM -1PM

**Living Rosary and May Crowning**

- 5/4- Rosary 6:30 PM, May Crowning + Mass 7PM



**Chrism Mass**

The Diocesan Chrism Mass will be celebrated on **Tuesday March 31** at **4 pm**. Bishop Bootkoski will serve as the principal celebrant. For more information, please visit the Chrism Mass page at <https://diometuchen.org/chrism-mass>.



Please remember in your prayers the repose of the soul of Reverend Nicolás Francisco Noreña, a priest of Colombia who has served in the Diocese of Metuchen for the past 24 years, who passed away on March 22. Father Noreña was ordained to the priesthood in 1994. He served at La Asuncion and Most Holy Name of Jesus Parishes in Perth Amboy since 2002.



**2025 – 2026**  
**FAMILY FAITH FORMATION**

**March 2026**

No Family Class in March, Family Service Day: please email photos to me at [stjohnpcl@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnpcl@gmail.com)

**April 2026**

- 12 10:30 AM Youth mass
- 12 11:30 AM to 1 PM • Year 2 Confirmation
- 13 6:30 PM to 8 PM • Year 1 First Com prep • Monday Parents • Year 2 First Com prep • Year 1 Confirmation
- 16 7 PM Year 2 First Com prep Penance Practice
- 18 10:30 AM Year 2 First Com prep Penance
- 26 Last Family Class Slide Presentation
- 27 6:30 PM to 8 PM • Year 2 First Com prep • Year 1 Confirmation
- 30 First Communion Practice 7pm

May 2<sup>nd</sup> – 10 AM First Holy Communion

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](mailto:stjohnpcl@gmail.com)



**FORMACIÓN en la FE FAMILIAR**  
**2025-2026**

**Marzo de 2026**

No habrá clase familiar en marzo. Día de servicio familiar: envíenme fotos por correo electrónico a [stjohnpcl@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnpcl@gmail.com)

**Abril de 2026**

- 12 10:30 h Misa para jóvenes
- 12 11:30 h a 13:00 h • Confirmación de 2.º de primaria
- 13 6:30 h a 8 h • Preparación para la Primera Comunión de 1.º de primaria • Reunión de padres (lunes) • Preparación para la Primera Comunión de 2.º de primaria • Confirmación de 1.º de primaria
- 16 7:00 h Preparación para la Primera Comunión de 2.º de primaria: Práctica de penitencia
- 18 10:30 h Preparación para la Primera Comunión de 2.º de primaria: Práctica de penitencia
- 26 Última presentación de diapositivas de la clase familiar
- 27 6:30 h a 8 h • Preparación para la Primera Comunión de 2.º de primaria • Confirmación de 1.º de primaria
- 30 7:00 h Práctica de Primera Comunión
- 2 DE MAYO – 10:00 a. m. Primera Comunión

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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