

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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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, April 27

8:00 a.m. Rev. Msgr. Richard Lyons
by Nancy & Rich Chesler and family

Tuesday, April 28

8:00 a.m. Lucille Lenskold by Ruth Payer
7:00 p.m. Ann Hill by St. John's

Wednesday, April 29

8:00 a.m. John M. Allen by Josh Szulczewski

Thursday, April 30

8:00 a.m. Mary McDonald
by husband George McDonald

Friday, May 1

8:00 a.m. Jose Maria Jaramillo
by loving family

Saturday, May 2

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

Sunday, May 3

8:30 a.m. Aldona & Eduardas Pociai
by Amuras
10:30 a.m. Vicente Orozco by Pilar Orozco
Noon Hector y Leonel Pleites
by Nancy Escobar

*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, April 19

Regular Collection: \$4,542.05

Online Giving: \$ 505.39

Bills Paid this Week: \$5,512.94

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.

The Catholic Spirit

Social Media Accounts

Take us with you when you go! Please visit The Catholic Spirit on Facebook (**The Catholic Spirit - NJ**), Instagram (**@CathSpiritNJ**) and X (**@CathSpiritNJ**). We will keep you updated on news from the Diocese of Metuchen.

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.

A&E Upcoming Dates

Social Dates

5/3 - May Social

6/7 - June Social

Envelopes are in the church auditorium- please check before or after mass if you have not picked them up yet.

Old Palms will be collected at church entrances until the end of April.



Living Rosary and

May Crowning

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



Mother’s Day Intentions

Mother’s Day Spiritual Bouquet envelopes are available at all church entrances. Also, a triduum of Masses will be celebrated Monday May 11th

through Wednesday May 13th in honor of all the mothers of the parish, living and deceased.

2026 Bishop’s Annual Appeal

ONE IN CHRIST:

Called to Love and Serve

While serving at the altar and preaching are their most visible roles, our **Permanent Deacons** do so much more. To name just a few ways: they are the sign of Christ the Servant among us, they are baptizing infants, presiding at wake services, teaching faith formation classes, serving meals to the poor and bringing the Eucharist to the sick. Your gift to the Bishop’s Annual Appeals helps defray tuition costs for the formation and continuing education of our permanent deacons.

Campañā Anual del Obispo, 2026

UNO EN CRISTO:

Llamados a Amar y a Servir

Si bien servir en el altar y predicar son sus roles más visibles, nuestros **diáconos permanentes** hacen mucho más. Por nombrar solo algunas otras: ellos son el signo de Cristo el Siervo entre nosotros, bautizan a los niños, presiden los funerales, dan clases de formación en la fe, sirven comidas a los pobres y llevan la Eucaristía a los enfermos. Su donación a la Campañā Anual del Obispo ayuda a sufragar los costos de la matrícula para la formación y la educación continua de nuestros diáconos permanentes.



Pray for the Military

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.



Be Baptized in the name of Jesus

**April 26, 2026
4th Sunday of Easter**

“And Peter said to them, ‘Repent, and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ...’ (Acts 2:38)

The word “repent” means to turn from sin, to change our actions. Change that is permanent comes from within. It requires prayer, discipline, and perseverance. Change is also hard. We have to recognize that we are broken and need help. The good news - we are not alone in our journey. Ask Jesus daily for guidance and patiently listen for his response.

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.

St. Francis Indulgence

On January 10, 2026, His Holiness Pope Leo XIV declared a special Jubilee Year of Saint Francis on the occasion of the 800th Anniversary of the death of Saint Francis of Assisi. This jubilee calls every faithful Christian, following the example of the Saint of Assisi, to "become a model of holiness of life and a constant witness of peace". The Apostolic Penitentiary, in accordance with the will of the Holy Father, granted a plenary indulgence on this occasion during the period of January 10, 2026 to January 10, 2027. The indulgence can be obtained under the ordinary conditions and by making a pilgrimage to any Franciscan conventual church or a Place of Worship dedicated to St. Francis of Assisi (e.g., our Cathedral) or connected to him and then participate in a liturgical celebration or spend at least a reasonable period of time in pious meditation and raise prayers to God.

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. **Registration ends 4/27**. Please visit <https://diometuchen.org/events/njcc-2026> for more information.

NJ Catholic Youth Rally 2026

NJ Catholic Youth Rally 2026!
Sunday, May 17th at Six Flags Great Adventure.

We invite you to come for a day filled with a dynamic opening ceremony (hosted by the Diocese of Metuchen), many rides, and a concluding Holy Mass!

Please see **sign-up link here:**
<https://fundraise.givesmart.com/form/-4AuPA?vid=1pazyq>

As we await final steps from six flags, please start to consider how many tickets you would like per your youth group/parish/school. More details about the day can be found on the Diocesan Website at:

<https://www.diometuchen.org/youth-rally>



Mother's Day Gift

With Mother's Day fast approaching, why not give your wife and yourself the special gift of a Marriage Encounter Weekend? 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 **July 17 – 19**. Please apply ASAP as space is limited. Phone 1-732-904-9636 for application and information (Tom & Ruth DeFalco). Visit us at: www.wwme.org for more information.

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Save the date!!

Pilgrimage to the National Blue Army Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima.

Join us on **May 30, 2026, from 9:30 am to 3:00 pm**, at the Blue Army National Shrine. All are invited to participate in the adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, confessions, prayer of the Rosary and Angelus, and closing Mass. The event is free, and prior registration is not required. Please bring your lunch. More information? please visit

<https://diometuchen.org/peregrinacion-hispana> or contact us 732 243 4573 or at Lescobar@diometuchen.org

¡Reserva la Fecha!

Peregrinación Hispana al Santuario Nacional Blue Army de la Virgen de Fátima.

Acompáñanos el **30 de mayo de 9:30 am a 3:00 pm** en el Santuario Nacional Blue Army. Tendremos adoración al Santísimo, confesiones, rezo del Santo Rosario, el Angelus y la Misa de clausura. El evento es gratuito. No requiere registro previo. Por favor lleva tu comida, para compartir. ¿Más información? Visita <https://diometuchen.org/peregrinacion-hispana> o comunícate al 732 243 4573 o a Lescobar@diometuchen.org



**2025 – 2026
FAMILY FAITH FORMATION**

April 2026

- 26 9:15 AM – 10 AM 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 2026

- 2 – 10 AM First Holy Communion
- 4 6:30 PM May Crowning All Families
- 17 2 PM to 3 PM Confirmation Class and
Practice in church
- 18 7pm Confirmation at St Johns – please
arrive by 6:30 PM

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**

Abril de 2026

26 de abril de 2026, de 9:15 a 10:00 h:
Presentación de diapositivas para la última
clase familiar

27 6:30 h a 8 h • Preparación para la
Primera Comunión de 2.º de primaria y
Confirmación (1.er de primaria)

30 Ensayo de la Primera Comunión (7:00 h)

Mayo de 2026

2 10:00 Primera Comunión

4 6:30 h: Coronación de la Virgen María
para todas las familias

17 2:00 a 3:00 h: Ensayo de la
Confirmación en la iglesia

18 7:00 Confirmación en la iglesia de San
Juan (llegar antes de las 6:30 h)

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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