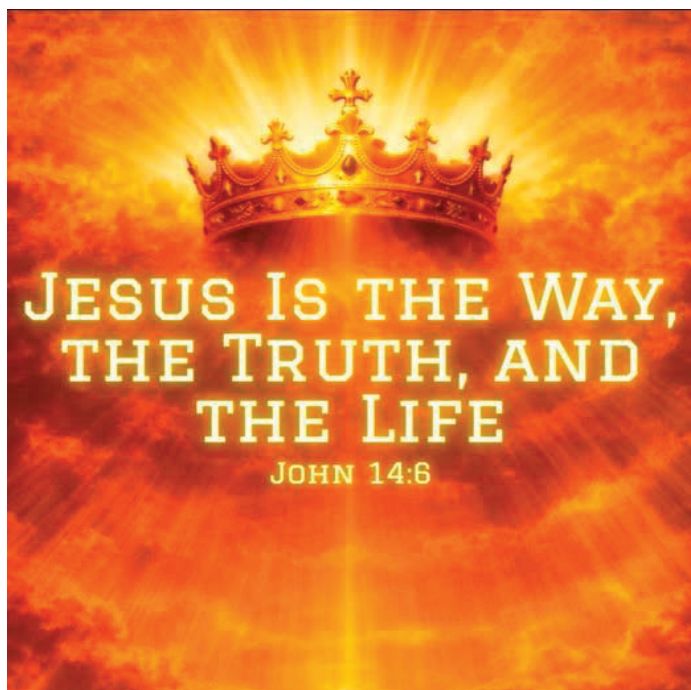


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Deacon Glenn Robitaille

Alice Fogarty, *Parish Catechetical Leader*

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:

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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 4

8:00 a.m. Manny Jacalan by Lynne Jacalan

Tuesday, May 5

8:00 a.m. Jane Zilg by John Zilg
7:00 p.m. Carlos Arias by his wife

Wednesday, May 6

8:00 a.m. Mary Reffler
by Toni King & Jaime Brady

Thursday, May 7

8:00 a.m. Phil Jones by Tim Regewitz

Friday, May 8

8:00 a.m. Joan Rabouin
by Nancy & Rick Chesler & family

Saturday, May 9

5:00 p.m. Elva Mosquera by Pilar Orozco

Sunday, May 10

8:30 a.m. Mother's Day Intention
10:30 a.m. Mother's Day Intention
Noon Mother's Day Intention

*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, April 26

**the collection amounts were not available at the time of publication.*

Bills Paid this Week: \$2,702.67

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 back of the church - please check before or after mass if you have not picked them up yet.



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.



Monthly Reception

The monthly reception will take place this **Sunday, 5/3 after the 8:30, 10:30 and Noon Masses in the Church Auditorium.** All are welcome to join us! Anyone interested in helping out before or after Mass or with donations, please contact **Kate Guzzi (732) 977-2233.**

2026 Bishop's Annual Appeal

ONE IN CHRIST:

Called to Love and Serve

Thank you to all who have given so generously to the 2026 Bishop's Annual appeal. If you have not made a pledge, there is still time to participate. Mail your gift to Diocese of Metuchen Bishop's Annual Appeal, PO Box 4000, Metuchen, NJ 08840-4000 or give online at <https://diometuchen.org/BAA>.

Campaña Anual del Obispo, 2026

UNO EN CRISTO:

Llamados a Amar y a Servir

Gracias a todos los que han contribuido tan generosamente a la Campaña Anual del Obispo, 2026. Si aún no ha hecho una promesa de donación, todavía tiene tiempo de participar. Envíe su donación por correo a Diócesis de Metuchen Bishop's Annual Appeal, PO Box 4000, Metuchen, NJ 08840-4000 o done en línea en <https://diometuchen.org/BAA>.

May

Youth Group Meeting

The Youth Group will meet **upstairs in the parish**

center after next week's 10:30 mass.

Please stop by the reception for a snack on your way up. All High School students are invited to join.



BLOOD DRIVE

May 7, 2026

1:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

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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.



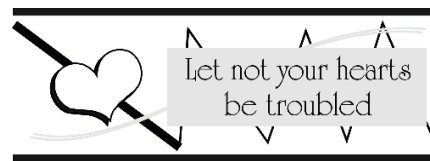
Prayers for Our Service Members

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.



May 3, 2026
5th Sunday of Easter

“The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.” (1 Peter 2:7)

Every person has been given gifts from the Holy Spirit. These are called “charisms” and they are used to build God’s kingdom on earth. While many people are able to recognize their natural talents and abilities, they may be unsure of their charisms. If you know someone who is struggling for a direction in life, give them a little encouragement. Help them discern their charisms and how God is calling them to use them. Remember - no gift is too small or insignificant in God’s salvation plan.

America the Beautiful Concert

Our Lady of Fatima Parish in Piscataway, NJ invites you to join us for a Patriotic & Inspirational Concert, ***America the Beautiful*** featuring Father Alphonse's Orchestra of St. Peter by the Sea.

The Concert will be held on **Sunday, May 17, 2026 at 3:00 PM** at the Piscataway High School Performing Arts Center, 100 Behmer Road, Piscataway, NJ.

Ticket prices are: \$50.00 for adults, Veterans/Active Duty: \$40.00, Under 12 years old and students: \$40.00.



For ticket information call 732-968-555 or visit www.olfparish.org.

Enjoy an afternoon of timeless American classics, beloved orchestral favorites, and uplifting music! Doors open at 2:00 PM. All proceeds benefit the Our Lady of Fatima Church renovations.



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.wvme.org for more information.

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.

Post-Cana Workshop

If you are married 1-5 years in the Catholic Church and looking to deepen your love for your spouse and the Sacrament of Marriage, you are invited to attend the Post-Cana Marriage Workshop on **June 20**, from **10am-1pm**. This is an opportunity to revisit topics discussed at your Pre-Cana, and share about your experiences as newlyweds.

Topics include:

- Friendship & Communication,
- Prayer and Spirituality,
- Catholic Parenting,
- Intimacy, and more.

For more information and registration, please visit:

<https://diometuchen.org/events/post-cana>



2025 – 2026

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

May 2026

- 2 10 AM First Holy Communion
- 3 11:30 Confirmation Year 2 class
- 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

Life-Giving Wounds

A one-day healing retreat for adult children of divorce or separation on **Saturday, July 11, from 8:30 AM - 5:30 PM.** Come for a greater understanding of the wounds left by your parents' divorce or separation, for advice concerning love and trust of others, and for an experience of Christ and community that will lead to deeper self-understanding and healing. Registration is \$40 and includes a light breakfast, boxed lunches, and all retreat materials. For questions about registration: email magnese@diometuchen.org or call 732-562-1543.



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

Mayo de 2026

- 2 10 AM Primera Comunión
- 3 11:30 Confirmación clase de segundo curso
- 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.

Email Alice Fogarty at stjohnpcl@gmail.com

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