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### WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

**Saturday Vigil**.....5:00 pm

**Sunday** .....8:30 & 10:30 am

**Monday - Friday** .....8:00 am (*Church*)

**Holydays**.....8:00 am, 12:00 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 Religious Education:

732-968-2621 ext: 13  
stjohnpcl@gmail.com

**For Pastoral Emergencies,**  
**please call:** 732-685-1098

### 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 main church. You are invited to visit as your  
schedule permits. If you wish to be a regularly scheduled adorer, please contact the Parish  
Office.

**Sacrament of Baptism:** The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on the First and Third  
Sunday of the month at 11:45 am. An instructional Infant Baptism Class is required for  
parents having their first 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. In the event of an emergency, please call 732-685-1098,  
day or night.

**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 Initiation and, if married, are in a marriage  
recognized by the Church.

### WHOLE COMMUNITY CATECHESIS

Whole Community Catechesis is available for the children of registered families of the Parish. **Grades 1-7 (families only):** Monday or  
Tuesday from 6:00 - 8:00 pm once monthly. **Grade 8/Confirmation (children only):** Two Sundays a month from 11:30 am-12:30 pm.  
To register, or for more information please call the Office of Religious Education.

## MASS INTENTIONS



### Monday, August 24

8:00 am Jerry Biro by Elizabeth Biro

### Tuesday, August 25

8:00 am Mary Ann Belmonte by  
Ken & Laura Solkowitz

### Wednesday, August 26

8:00 am Eddy Germain by  
Dr. Joshua Szulczewski

### Thursday, August 27

8:00 am Sue Fosbre & Mame Mooney  
by Ann Hill

### Friday, August 28

8:00 am Mary Clare Yesalavich by  
Kathy & Tim Angiuli

### Saturday, August 29

5:00 pm Rev. Msgr. William Haughney by  
Ann Mooney Hill & family

### Sunday, August 30

8:30 am Dolores Mulvany by Colleen Mendez  
10:30 am Parishioners of St. John's & Robert  
North by Jan & Jim North

## Sacrificial Offerings 2020

### Sunday, August 16

Regular Collection: \$4,082.00  
Online Giving: \$ 695.00

Bills Paid This Week: \$9,582.98

## Restoration of Masses with a Congregation

WELCOME HOME! We are so excited to once again celebrate Holy Mass as a parish family.

**Some restrictions and noticeable differences to ensure everyone's safety:**

**All parishioners must follow** social distancing guidelines, wear masks, and use hand sanitizer.

**Seating** - in order to enable safe social distancing during Mass every other pew has been closed off with blue tape. Ushers and Greeters will guide you where to sit to maintain safe social distancing. There is a limit of no more than 100 people within a building.

**Offertory Procession** - there will not be an Offertory Procession during Mass. The gifts of bread and wine will be kept up on the altar.

**Distribution of Holy Communion** - Though the Consecration itself will remain in its proper place during Mass, we were instructed by the diocese to move the distribution of Holy Communion to the end of Mass to minimize movement throughout the church. After the Closing prayer we will have a single file Communion line to the altar, much like at a daily Mass. Please maintain two pews distance between yourself and the person in front of you.

Mass will still be available on our website at 10:30 for those of you who do not feel comfortable attending public Mass.

Thank you for your patience as we adjust to these guidelines. If you are interested in joining the "Back to Mass" volunteer team please call the parish office, 732-968-2621.

### Thank you for giving to the St. John's Rectory Roof Fund

On behalf of the Finance Council of St. John's Parish, I would like to thank you for giving generously to the St John's Rectory Roof Fund. We have hit our goal of \$24,000 given by 66 parishioners. Your response is overwhelming. Thank you and God bless you!

- Fr. Alphonsus

### Online Giving

Have you tried our new Parish online giving system? There are three ways to give through Tithe.ly:

\*Through our website

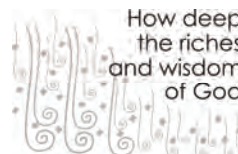
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When giving Tithe.ly you can donate by credit/debit card or bank transfer. You can also select "reoccurring gift" to automate your regular weekly offering so that it is donated automatically on a schedule that you choose. As with any automated service 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.



### August 23, 2020 – 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

*"Or who has given the Lord anything that he may be repaid?" (Romans 11:35)*

St. Paul reminds us of a central fact of stewardship. We cannot give the Lord anything - God already owns it all. God made everything. All we can do is return a portion of God's many gifts back to Him. Sincere gratitude for our gifts opens our hearts to joyful generosity! Through your generous sharing, you just may be the answer to someone's prayer.

### Social Concerns Ministry

We'll be accepting non-perishable food items for local families in need. In addition to having donations here in our Parish Center pantry, we'll be sharing with the FISH outreach in Piscataway for distribution. God's blessings for your continued support. We cannot do GREAT THINGS, but we can do SMALL THINGS with GREAT LOVE. Clothing donations may be placed in the Catholic Charities bin in our Parish Center parking lot.

### Save The Date!

As of now we are still on!!! So please join Life Choices Resource Center for our annual Walk for Life on **Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020 9 am-12 pm** Rain or Shine. Mark it on your calendars! **Registration opens on August 20<sup>th</sup>.** Your love matters! Let life shine through you! Take a Walk...Save a Life! Life Choices Resource Center, 503 Main Street, Metuchen, NJ. Call (732) 516-0911 or visit our site <http://www.LifeChoicesRC.com>.



### **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. Army Pvt. Raymond C. Pizzigoni**  
**U.S. Coast Guard Lt. Ed Sella**  
**U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Paul Frabizzio**  
**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 LCpl. Stephen Wright**  
**U.S. Marine Pvt. José Citron**  
**U.S. Navy IT2 Kenneth Millman III**

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

### **Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser**

The St. Thomas Aquinas HS "Aquinas Star" spaghetti dinner fundraiser for Rocco Dimaggio (3 year old with advanced stage 4 high risk neuroblastoma) will be held **Thursday, 10/8 from 4:30 pm – 7 pm** (serving begins at 4:30 and continues until 6:30). Following the directives regarding COVID 19 the dinner will be TAKE OUT ONLY! St. Thomas Aquinas High School Cafeteria, One Tingley Lane, Edison. Adults \$10.00, Students \$7.00, Children (under 12) \$4.00. For tickets or info, please call (732) 321-8815.

### **Koinonia Academy Now Enrolling**

Koinonia Academy, a pre-K - 12 Catholic school located in Plainfield, NJ, has been blessed to serve Catholic families for 35 years, and is pleased to announce that we are implementing a curriculum based on the Catholic Classical Liberal Arts tradition, to assist parents in the formation of their children to be faith-filled Catholics, good citizens, and deep thinkers. If you or someone you know is interested in an authentic, affordable Catholic education, please contact Principal Allan Wright at 908-668-9002 or [Principal@KoinoniaAcademy.org](mailto:Principal@KoinoniaAcademy.org), or see the website at [KoinoniaAcademy.org](http://KoinoniaAcademy.org) for more information.

### **Issues and Action Webpage**

As Catholics, we have an obligation to consider public policy issues in light of the Gospel and the moral and social teaching of the Church. As faithful citizens, we are called to respond in both prayer and action and consider how public policy can impact our communities, nation and world in the context of Catholic teaching. To provide the faithful of the Diocese of Metuchen with information and resources about issues affecting public policy and to highlight our lifelong responsibility as Catholics to form our own consciences in accord with the Church's teaching, the diocese has launched a new webpage: <https://diometuchen.org/issues-and-action>.

There you can sign up to receive action alerts directly from the diocese, or sign up to receive alerts directly from the New Jersey Catholic Conference and the USCCB. Visitors to the page can also take action on current pending legislation and can see the latest news affecting public policy in our state, nation and world.



### **Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Metuchen are still enrolling!**

Catholic schools in the Diocese of Metuchen will safely welcome students back to school and are now enrolling for fall 2020. With small class sizes and a sensible approach, Catholic schools in the diocese are ready to shift, no matter what the school year may bring. For more information about enrolling your child or to find a Catholic school near you, please visit [diometuchen.org/schools](http://diometuchen.org/schools) or call (732) 562-2446.

### **Family Rosary**

The rosary is a very powerful prayer especially in times of stress and anxiety. The rosary draws us closer to Jesus as we focus on the different times in His life as the repetitive rhythm enables a spiritual peace and calm. Here are a few links on how to say the rosary including how to guide your children.

How to say the rosary:

<http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/rosaries/how-to-pray-the-rosary.cfm>

A scriptural rosary - rosary with scriptural meditations:

<https://www.ourcatholicprayers.com/scriptural-rosary.html>

Spiritual fruits of the rosary:

<http://www.how-to-pray-the-rosary-everyday.com/fruits-of-the-rosary.html>

Tips for teaching children to pray the rosary:

<https://teachingcatholickids.com/13-tips-for-praying-the-rosary-with-kids/>



### **Whole Community Catechesis**

If you have not registered for our Family Centered Catechesis Program please do so as soon as possible. Registration packets can be found on our website or contact our Office of Catechesis at [stjohnpcl@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnpcl@gmail.com) or 732-968-2621, ext 13.

### **Catechist and Aide Volunteers**

"Were our hearts not burning within us..." Luke 24:32. Once we have experienced the true love and joy of the Gospels we are called to joyfully share it with others. A catechist is someone who walks with another to help them grow in faith. Are you being called to share your faith with the youth of our parish? Please prayerfully consider this volunteer opportunity. If you'd like to learn more about being a catechist or aide please contact the Office of Catechesis.

### **Teen and Adult Faith Formation**

Have you been baptized Catholic but never received the rest of the Sacraments of Initiation (Communion, Confirmation)? Have you never been baptized but would like to learn more about the Catholic Faith? We are organizing a program for Teens and Adults who would like to receive their Sacraments or learn more about becoming Catholic. Classes will begin in the Fall. Please fill out the form on our website or Call/email our Office of Catechesis - 732-968-2621 ext 13, [stjohnpcl@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnpcl@gmail.com)

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