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WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil.....5:00 pm

Sunday8:30 & 10:30 am

Monday - Friday8:00 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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**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 31

8:00 am Mary Clare Yesalavich by Berta Espineira and John & Barbara Briar

Tuesday, September 1

8:00 am Anthony R. Podolski by the Szulczewski family

Wednesday, September 2

8:00 am Tony Furino by Fran Furino

Thursday, September 3

8:00 am Sue Fosbre by Audrey Spenard

Friday, September 4

8:00 am David Bullock, Jr. by the Szulczewski family

Saturday, September 5

5:00 pm Margaret Meyers by Kenneth Meyers, her son and Andrea Meyers, her daughter

Sunday, September 6

8:30 am Parishioners of St. John's & Thomas Nilla by Nancy Danyov
10:30 am Yolanda Giacomarra by her family

Sacrificial Offerings 2020

Sunday, August 23

Regular Collection: \$2,872.00
Online Giving: \$ 607.28

Bills Paid This Week: \$1,164.77

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

*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.



August 30, 2020 –

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?" (Matthew 16:26)

St. Francis of Assisi once said, "Remember, you are what you are in the eyes of God, and nothing else." We often forget this stewardship wisdom when we spend all of our time, talent, and treasure to gain more of the world's riches. We need to set our priorities based on God's values and not the values of the material world.

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.

Walking with Moms in Need – A Year of Service

Pregnant and parenting moms in need are in our parishes and our neighborhoods. As Pope Francis reminds us, our parishes need to be "islands of mercy in the midst of a sea of indifference." Everyone in our parish community should know where to refer a pregnant woman in need. Join this nationwide effort from March 25, 2020 to March 25, 2021. For more information please visit www.walkingwithmoms.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 2nd 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, or see the website at KoinoniaAcademy.org for more information.

Virtual Lectio Divina

Join faithful from around the diocese in a prayerful, virtual gathering of Lectio Divina every Monday at 11 a.m. Lectio Divina is a method for praying with the Scriptures. As one reads and invites the Word to become a transforming lens that brings the events of daily living into focus, one can come to live more deeply and find the presence of God more readily in the events of each day. Start your week with prayer, community, and hope. To get the most out of these sessions, please remember to have your bible readily available. Join via Zoom by using your computer: Meeting ID: 547 948 035; Password: 790432 - OR - by phone at (929) 436-2866; Meeting ID: 547 948 035; Password: 790432

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 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

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

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