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### WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

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

**Sunday** .....8:30 am, 10:30 am, 12:00  
noon (Spanish)

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

**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  
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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 Chapel. 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 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. 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, January 11

8:00 am Jean Hill by Jodie D'Angiolillo

### Tuesday, January 12

8:00 am Jean Hill by  
St. John's Finance Committee

### Wednesday, January 13

8:00 am Ted Robachefski by  
Mary Lou Chingery

### Thursday, January 14

8:00 am Jean Hill by Catholic Daughters  
Court Regina Coeli #940

### Friday, January 15

8:00 am Jean Hill by the Szulczewski family

### Saturday, January 16

5:00 pm Henry Janssen by Madaline Janssen

### Sunday, January 17

8:30 am Parishioners of St. John's &  
Robert St. Laurent by family

10:30 am Jane & Joseph Kotz by  
Terry & Matt Kurzius

*This week our Sanctuary lamp is lit in memory  
of **Maria D'Cairia** by **Rosina Rovito**.*

## 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 white cord. Ushers and Greeters will guide you where to sit to maintain safe social distancing. There is a limit of no more than 150 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** - The diocese has directed that at the discretion of the pastor the distribution of Holy Communion can now be restored to its proper place within Mass. In keeping with CDC health and safety guidelines, we will still have a single file Communion line to the altar and ask that you please maintain two pews distance between yourself and the person in front of you.

Mass will still be available on our website at 8:30 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.

### 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.



### Thank You!

The generosity of our parish family with gift cards brought much happiness to the children and parents alike on Christmas morning! Many thanks for such thoughtfulness.

### Sacrificial Offerings 2021

#### Sunday, January 3

Regular Collection: \$3,293.00

Online Giving: \$ 1,279.00

Bills Paid This Week: \$5,312.00

Christmas Collection: \$16,321.50

Online Giving: \$ 348.25



### 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.



**January 10, 2021  
Baptism of the Lord**

*"And a voice came from the heavens, 'You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.'" - Mark 1:11*

Through our baptism, we too, are daughters and sons of God. We are disciples of Jesus. As true disciples we are called to actively participate in our Catholic faith, not just be mere bystanders. This means working in collaboration with the Holy Spirit and discerning how we are being asked to use our gifts. Using our gifts for the benefit of others and not just for our own interests and comfort.

**Religious Awards for  
Catholic Girl Scouts**

Since there will not be an annual Gathering Day for Girl Scouts in person this year, the Catholic Girl Scout Committee has designed a series of virtual meetings so that Girl Scouts can continue to make progress toward their religious awards, including the following:

Juniors - I Live My Faith  
Cadettes - Marian Medal  
Seniors and ambassadors - Spirit Alive

If you are interested in participating in these virtual meetings, please email [domgirlscouts@gmail.com](mailto:domgirlscouts@gmail.com) and providing the following information:

- Name
- Parish
- Girl Scout level
- Religious award of interest
- Have you started to work on this award?

**Volunteer to Make Pocket Rosaries  
for Law Enforcement**

The Office of Family Life is pleased to announce the creation of the Blue Rosary Guild. The purpose of the Guild is for community members of all ages to make pocket Rosaries for law enforcement officers, providing them with support and spiritual strength and promoting devotion to the Rosary among all the faithful. All materials and instructions will be provided and a Zoom virtual tutorial will also be scheduled. Anyone interested should contact Cristina D'Averso-Collins, Director of the Office of Family Life at [cdaverso@diometuchen.org](mailto:cdaverso@diometuchen.org).

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**The Power of the Spirit At Work  
During This Pandemic**

The Spirit of God is often described as the power of God. The world's definition of power is usually associated with control, wealth, and status. The power of God in our lives is not the same power as defined by the world. The Spirit of God brings us God's love and elements of His peace – especially during these difficult "Pandemic Days". If you would like to "inquire" about the power of the Spirit of God, Jesus, or our Catholic faith family, come to an RCIA Inquiry Session. All who are unbaptized, baptized into another Christian denomination, or baptized Catholic but have never received BOTH sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist are invited. For more information, please reach out to our parish office.



## Whole Community Catechesis



### Gospel Weekly Discussion Questions: Baptism of the Lord Mark 1:7–11

**Life Question:** What leadership do you offer in your faith community?

**Gospel Question:** How do you live out the baptism claim on you for service in the Church and world?

### EXPLORING THE GOSPEL BY AGE *Exploring the Sunday Readings* (Adults)

John the Baptist was so compelling that, even when he pointed to Jesus, some folks preferred John. When have modern preachers become more popular than their message?

#### Visions (Grades 7–9)

**Life Question:** What makes belonging to the Christian community important to you?

**Gospel Question:** How does John the Baptist help Jesus begin his work?

#### Venture (Grades 4–6)

**Life Question:** What kind of service work inspires you?

**Gospel Question:** How do the Father and Spirit bless Jesus at his baptism?

#### Good News (Grades 2–3)

**Life Question:** What happens at Baptism?

**Gospel Question:** Who does this Gospel show will be with Jesus in his work?

#### Promise (Grades K–1)

**Life Question:** What happens at Baptism?

**Gospel Question:** Who belongs to Jesus' family?

#### Seeds (Preschool)

**Life Question:** What happens at Baptism?

**Gospel Question:** What did the priest or deacon say when he baptized you?

## What is your plan to draw closer to God in this New Year?

The New Year is always a time for us to reflect on where we are and how we might want to do things better. Where are you in your relationship with God and how can we help make it stronger? Here are a few ideas to consider this year; some may be a little different.

Are you interested in reading the Bible? Read **The Bible in a Year with Fr. Mike Schmitz**

podcast. <https://media.ascensionpress.com/podcast/all-bible-in-a-year-episodes/>

He is using the Great Adventure Timeline as he guides listeners through the Bible in a year. It is not too late to join in.

Daily prayer schedule - Set a specific time aside each day and use one of the two books the parish gave as gifts this Christmas to help deepen or strengthen your prayer life. **"I heard God laugh"** will help you learn how to dive deeper in prayer, while **"Do Something Beautiful for God"** has daily prayer reflections with St. Mother Teresa.

Have you seen **The Chosen**? "The Chosen is the first-ever-multi-season TV show about the life of Jesus. Created outside of the Hollywood system. The Chosen allows us to see Jesus through the eyes of those who knew him."

<https://studios.vidangel.com/the-chosen>.

You can stream it for free on your own but if you would be interested in watching as a Parish email Patricia Hummel -

[stjohnpcl@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnpcl@gmail.com). We can have a

virtual watch party and also view from the Auditorium for those who struggle with technology.

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