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WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil.....5:00 pm

Sunday8:30 am, 10:30 am, 12:00
noon (Spanish)

Monday - Friday8:00 am (*Chapel*)

Holydays8:00 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 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 18

8:00 am Robert Kantsky by the Carrol family

Tuesday, January 19

8:00 am Tom Reed by
John & Jeanne Fitzgerald

Wednesday, January 20

8:00 am Herb Maritz by
John & Jeanne Fitzgerald

Thursday, January 21

8:00 am Dorothy Maritz by
John & Jeanne Fitzgerald

Friday, January 22

8:00 am Kurt Demmerle by
John & Jeanne Fitzgerald

Saturday, January 23

5:00 pm Gordon Harmon by
Nancy & Rick Chesler and family

Sunday, January 24

8:30 am Jean Hill by St. John's Choir
10:30 am Parishioners of St. John's & Mary
Clare Yesalavich by husband John

*This week our Sanctuary lamp is lit in memory
of **Francesco Leraci** by **Pat & Dan Seader**.*

Sacrificial Offerings 2021

Sunday, January 10

Regular Collection: \$3,066.00
Online Giving: \$ 701.61

Bills Paid This Week: \$6,047.72

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

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.



Collection Envelopes

Collection envelopes will no longer be mailed to the homes, but will be made available for pick-up in the church. As you exit, please stop by the tables to the left, by the holy water dispenser, to retrieve yours. For anyone who is unable to pick them up, please contact the office.



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
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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 17, 2021
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, 'What are you looking for?'" - John 1:38

What are you looking for? Are you wasting your time looking for the material comforts of the world? Or, is your heart longing for something deeper that can only be found by spending time with God? Take time, each day, in silence and ask the Lord what it is that He wants you to do.



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All - Waiting

Today's readings talk to us about "call" – Samuel called by the Lord, the first disciples called by Jesus. Our God constantly calls us to enter into a personal relationship with him. In daily life, especially during these difficult Covid Pandemic days, it is not so simple to hear the call of God. Sometimes others are most valuable in helping us – Eli helped Samuel, and Andrew helped his brother Simon. We invite you to Come and See how the Catholic Community can help you to respond to emptiness, or a longing to get to know God better, or a sense of being drawn to the Catholic Church. Attendance at an Inquiry Session requires NO COMMITMENT to join the Catholic Community. Inquiry Sessions are merely an opportunity to "Come and See" how the Catholic Faith Community can help you find a home in God. 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.

Respect Life Mass & Pro-Vita Awards

Please consider joining us for the Annual Diocesan Respect Life Mass & Pro-Vita Awards on **Friday, January 22 at 5 p.m.** at the **Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi, Metuchen**. Bishop James F. Checchio will be the celebrant. Seating is limited so registration is required. Please register by visiting: www.diometuchen.org/humanlifeanddignity. The Mass will also be live-streamed. For more information, contact human.life.and.dignity@diometuchen.org



Come pray a rosary for life

In solidarity with those at the March for Life in Washington, DC, and all who are praying for life in a special way on that day, Bishop James F. Checchio will pray a rosary for life on Main Street in Woodbridge on **Friday, January 29 at 1 p.m.** All are invited to attend, though face coverings and social distancing will be required. Those planning to attend are asked to park and meet in the St. James Parish, 369 Amboy Ave., Woodbridge, parking lot at 12:45 p.m. We will then process to the Main Street location. The rosary will be prayed in English and Spanish. There is a 12:10 p.m. daily Mass at St. James for those interested in attending before the rosary. For more information, contact: amarshall@diometuchen.org.

St. Timothy and St. Teresa Awards

Every year, the Office of Youth & Young Adult Ministry honors Juniors and Seniors from the Diocese of Metuchen with the St. Timothy and St. Teresa of Calcutta Awards. In past years, these awards have been presented in person; however this year, due to the pandemic, the awards will be presented virtually on **Tuesday, Jan. 26 at 7 p.m.** For more information or for the link to the video premiere of the awards presentation, please visit: <https://diometuchen.org/youthministry>.

Whole Community Catechesis



Gospel Weekly Discussion Questions: Jesus Calls His Followers John 1:35-42

Life Question: Who do you want to be like?

Gospel Question: What have you stayed with as a practice of Christian discipleship that has deepened your faith and commitment and led you to a sense of God with and in you?

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

What is a journey that involved you firsthand in a life changing experience?

Visions (Grades 7–9)

Life Question: What positive pressure from your peers do you feel?

Gospel Question: If you were in Andrew's place, what might persuade you to follow Jesus?

Venture (Grades 4–6)

Life Question: Who do you follow?

Gospel Question: Why do people follow Jesus?

Good News (Grades 2–3)

Life Question: Who is someone you want to be like?

Gospel Question: Why do Andrew and his friend follow Jesus?

Promise (Grades K–1)

Life Question: Who are my friends?

Gospel Question: Who are Jesus' friends?

Seeds (Preschool)

Life Question: What do you hear when you listen?

Gospel Question: What do you hear when you listen in church?

Draw closer to God in the New Year:

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.

The Chosen TV Show

The Chosen is the first-ever-multi-season TV show about the life of Jesus. See Jesus through the eyes of those who knew him.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X-AJdKty74M>

Interested in a Parish Watch Party? - email Patricia Hummel - stjohnpcl@gmail.com. We can have a virtual watch party and also view from the Auditorium for those who struggle with technology.

SoulCore <https://soulcore.com/>.

Strengthen your body, mind and Soul. SoulCore is a Marian prayer apostolate integrating core strengthening, stretching and functional movement with the prayers of the rosary.

The Word 2021, International Catholic Bible Conference will be virtual Feb 11-13

<https://www.cardinalstudios.org/catholic-bible-summit-home>

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