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WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil.....5:00 pm

Sunday8:30 am, 10:30 am, Noon (Spanish)

Monday - Friday8:00 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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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 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 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 Religious Education.

MASS INTENTIONS



Monday, January 24

8:00 a.m. Robert Blasneck
by the Szulczewski family

Tuesday, January 25

8:00 a.m. Margarite Gruenfelder
by Tim Rogewitz
7:00 p.m. Parishioners of St. John's

Wednesday, January 26

8:00 a.m. Donald Schneider by Rosemary Ng

Thursday, January 27

8:00 a.m. Adolph & Yolanda Giacomarra
by their family

Friday, January 28

8:00 a.m. Adelina C. Yulo by Edwin Lopez

Saturday, January 29

5:00 p.m. Deacon Michael Gleason
by Catholic Daughters
Court Regina Coeli #940

Sunday, January 30

8:30 a.m. Valerie Aldarondo by her son Ramon
10:30 a.m. Jane & Joseph Kotz
by Terry & Matt Kurzius & family
Noon Parishioners of St. John's



*Please pray for the sick
members of our parish:*

*Cathy Sloomaker
MaryAnn Briones*

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 732-685-1098

Confesiones en Espanol:

El padre está dispuesto después de la misa dominical. Por favor, comuníquese con él.

Círculo de Oración: todos los jueves a las 7:00 pm en la Iglesia. El último jueves del mes hay una Hora Santa a las 7:00pm.

Sacrificial Offerings 2022

Sunday, January 16

Regular Collection: \$3,589.51

Online Giving: \$ 625.54

Monthly Kiswahili Mass: \$160.00

Bills Paid Weeks of 1/9 & 1/16: \$9,281.60

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.

St. John Food Pantry

Our Food Pantry is in need of the following: dry pasta, rice, cereal, canned tuna and chicken, low/no sugar canned fruit, no/low sodium canned vegetables and soups, tomato sauce and fruit juice. **Please note: there is a particular need for gluten free products.** Food donations support our parish food pantry, for our neighbors in need as well as FISH Food Pantry on New Market Road in Piscataway. Thank you for your continuous generosity.



Important Notice Regarding Collection Envelopes

Due to supply chain issues (paper not arriving, people out with Covid and limited truckers); we will not be receiving the collection envelopes or calendars for the foreseeable future. Until the new envelopes arrive, please place your collection offering in a regular envelope marking it with your name, address and envelope number so we can log it correctly.

Donation Report for Taxes

If you would like a report of your donations for your taxes, please contact the Parish Office via e-mail, stjev@verizon.net, or phone, (732) 968-2621, and be sure to include your name, address, phone number and e-mail address.



Text Scam Warning

Recently parishioners have been receiving texts claiming to be from Father Alphonsus and asking them to purchase gift cards for the church. ***Please be aware that this is a scam.*** Father would never ask for money this way, so please **do not** give any money or information to anyone posing as Father or a representative of St. John's in this way.

Parish Ministry & Contacts

Activities & Fund Raising Committee:

Parish Office (732) 968-2621; stjev@verizon.net

Altar Rosary Society: Fran Furino

(732) 968-0846

Altar Servers: Parish Office (732) 968-2621;

stjev@verizon.net

Art & Environment Committee: Kate Guzzi,

(732) 977-2233; kguzzi@optimum.net

Casino Night Committee: Parish Office

(732) 968-2621; stjev@verizon.net

Catholic Daughters of the Americas:

Nina DiQuollo (908) 581-9450

Eucharistic Adoration: Maureen Shea

(732) 968-0136

Extra ordinary Ministers of Holy

Communion: Gary & Lynne Guthreau;

gguthreau@optonline.net

Faith Formation & Catechists: Patricia Hummel,

PCL (732) 968-2621, x13; stjohnpcl@gmail.com

Finance Committee: John Fitzgerald

Golf Outing Committee: Parish Office

(732) 968-2621; stjev@verizon.net

Homebound Ministry: Mary Lou Chingery; Parish

Office (732) 968-2621; stjev@verizon.net

Hospitality Committee: Kate Guzzi

(732) 977-2233; kguzzi@optimum.net

Knights of Columbus Council 2544:

Keith Venturella; kventurella@optonline.net

Marriage Encounter: Eugene & Theresa Porras

(908) 930-1663

Money Counters: Jeff Marren,

jm601@optonline.net

Music Ministry: Edwin Lopez, Director of Sacred

Music, (732) 968-2621

Readers: Gary Guthreau; gguthreau@optonline.net

Social Concerns Ministry: Mary Lou Chingery

(732) 968-2621

Spanish Charismatic Prayer Group:

Gloria Labanda (732) 343-0680

Guadalupe Group: Ana Alpizar (732) 979-4663

Ushers: Mike Sciametta (908) 347-7902;

misciametta@optonline.net



The Synod Journey

A Synodal Church journeys together. As such, the fundamental question of the Synod is this: How is this “journeying together” happening today in your local Church? What steps does the Holy Spirit invite us to take in order to grow in journeying together?

Listening creates space to hear the Holy Spirit and guides our aspirations for the Church of the Third Millennium.



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. 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 LCpl. Stephen Wright**
- U.S. Navy IT2 Kenneth Millman III**
- U.S. Navy HM3 Rosemary Plunkett**
- U.S. Marine RCT Dylan Kolakowski**

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

Whole Community Catechesis



Learning About the Mass continued...

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

Our offering at the Preparation of the Gifts

After the Liturgy of the Word, we celebrate the Liturgy of the Eucharist. During this time, Jesus' sacrifice on the cross is made present by the priest, who carries out what Jesus did at the Last Supper and what he commanded his apostles to do in his memory. The Liturgy of the Eucharist begins with the Preparation of the Gifts. In the bread and wine that is brought up to the priest, we offer back to God the gifts of creation and the result of our labors – or as the prayer in the Mass calls them, "Fruit of the earth and work of human hands."

These gifts symbolize giving of ourselves to God. This bread and wine will become the body and blood of Jesus Christ during the Consecration.

In the early Church, the presentation of the gifts would have been a procession of things from one's home or field such as fruit, oil, honey and of course bread and wine. This presentation of the gifts symbolizes the individual's giving of him/herself to God. The bread and wine would be used for the Eucharistic Liturgy and the other gifts would be given to serve the poor and support the Church. The practice of giving money, which we do today, should be seen in the same light. Putting money in the basket is not just contributing to a good cause but an expression of giving our lives to God. Our money represents hours of our lives and hard work which we now offer to God so we can grow in sacrificial love and join our sacrifices with those of Jesus.

Taken from: A biblical Walk through the Mass (Sri) and Mass Lessons created by Deirdre Nementh

Spiritual Adoption Program

The Office of Catechesis would like to connect our Parishioners and Catechesis families through the gift of prayer. Raising children in faith takes a lot of spiritual support. If you do not currently have a child in the Catechesis program but feel that you could pray daily for a family that does, would you consider spiritually adopting a catechesis family to keep in daily prayer? If this sounds like something you might be interested in please contact the Office of Catechesis, stjohnpcl@gmail.com, 732-968-2621 ext 13.

The Bible In A Year

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.

January 23, 2022

3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

"Go, eat rich foods and drink sweet drinks, and allot portions to those who had nothing prepared..." (NEHEMIAH 8:10)

Ezra's instructions to the people show us that God does not forbid us from enjoying the good things in life. He wants us to be happy! However, God expects us to be grateful for all that He has given us and to generously share our blessings with those who are in need. Now here's the hard part – to share all we have without expecting anything in return.

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