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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*)

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
stjohnp@stjohnsdunellen.org

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 25

8:00 am Mr. & Mrs. Edward West by
Betty Lockwood

Tuesday, January 26

8:00 am Ronald Shea by the Shea family

Wednesday, January 27

8:00 am Adolph & Yolanda Giacomarra
by the Giacomarra family

Thursday, January 28

8:00 am Jean Hill by The Altar Rosary Society

Friday, January 29

8:00 am Eileen Parenti by Betty Lockwood

Saturday, January 30

5:00 pm Penny Weed by Bill Morin

Sunday, January 31

8:30 am Parishioners of St. John's &
Roberto Loo Hernandez by
Manny & Lynne Jacalan
10:30 am Deceased members of the Rovito
family by son and daughter-in-law

Sacrificial Offerings 2021

Sunday, January 17

Regular Collection: \$4,249.00
Online Giving: \$ 886.90

Bills Paid This Week: \$27,168.81

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

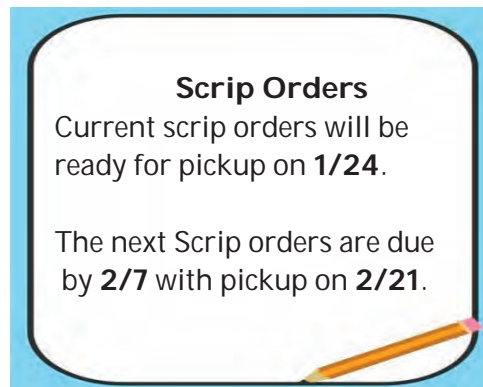
Give the Gift of Faith

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.



January 24, 2021
3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Follow me and I will make you fishers of men." - Mark 1:17

Jesus' call to *"Follow me"* is a call to all Christians! The call is in the here and now, in our present circumstances, not when we think we are "ready" or have everything in order. Good stewardship of our God-given gifts means that things aren't always going to go according to our schedule and that God has a much better plan in store for each of us.

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>.



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.

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.

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.

24 Hour Prayer Line

Our Diocesan Office for Persons with Disabilities has a 24 hour prayer line for those who desire prayer for special needs. If you, a family member or friend would like to be remembered in prayer for a temporary or permanent illness, please call us and leave a detailed message at (732) 765-6431 or send an email to our office: catholicswithdisabilities@gmail.com

Our Diocesan Office for Persons with Disabilities also has a Facebook page that provides daily updates with short inspirational reflections for people with disabilities, family members and care givers. The site also provides endless resources for those with physical, emotional, cognitive, visual, auditory and other special challenges. To access our Facebook page (even if you are not a member of Facebook), type the following into your search engine: Diocese of Metuchen Office for Persons with Disabilities

Whole Community Catechesis



Gospel Weekly Discussion Questions: Jesus Gathers Followers Mark 1:14-20

Life Question: Who are your role models as Christians?

Gospel Question: What attracts you about following Jesus?

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

What have you learned through persisting in a call?

Where are you in your journey as a disciple of Jesus?

Visions (Grades 7–9)

Life Question: When do you take time to open your heart to Jesus as Pope Francis asks us to?

Gospel Question: What do you do each day to continue Jesus' work?

Venture (Grades 4–6)

Life Question: What is the first story you remember hearing about Jesus?

Gospel Question: In what ways can you help Jesus gather people into God's family?

Good News (Grades 2–3)

Life Question: Who do you know that follows Jesus?

Gospel Question: Why do you want to follow Jesus?

Promise (Grades K–1)

Life Question: What are all the things and people you hear when you listen?

Gospel Question: What do you hear Jesus say in the Gospel?

Seeds (Preschool)

Life Question: Who do you know that follows Jesus?

Gospel Question: Will you follow Jesus?

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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