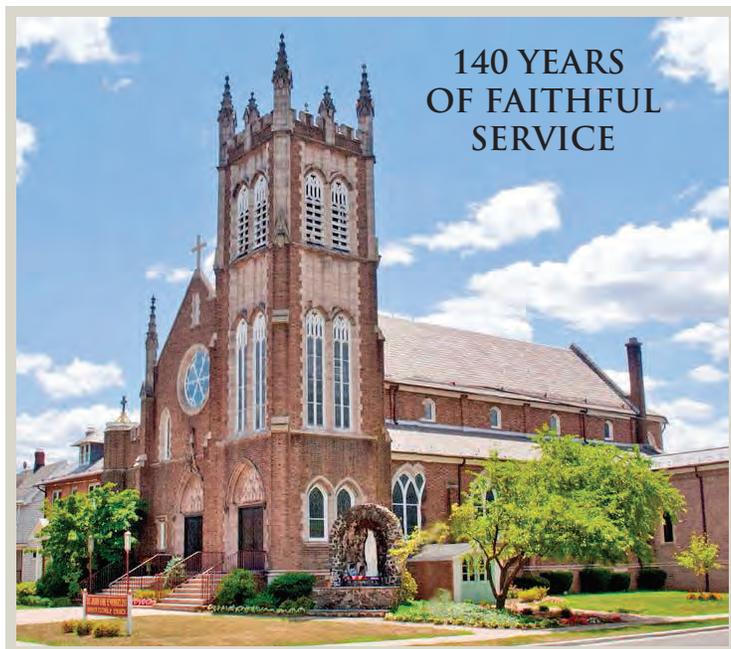


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WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

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;
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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.



Christmas Memorials 2020

Sue Ellen Bibby	In Memory of Charles & Zdena Batcha, Bruce & Barbara Haythorn, Fr. Joseph Holup, Mary Kane, Pat & Kenneth Lant
The Chapleski Family	In Memory of Blaise & Stella DiGiampaolo, Robert & Margaret Chapleski, Michael & Mary Wieczorek, William & Tina Fletcher, Tom Wisniewski
Nancy & Rick Chesler and Family	In Memory of Helen and Ted Chesler, Eugene Rabouin
Sue Confalone	In Memory of John Confalone
Fran Criscuolo	In Memory of Mario Criscuolo
Gerard & Suzanne Cunningham	In Memory of Marijean K. Cunningham
George & Rosemary Deene	In Memory of Frank & Helen Stinner, Lillian Deene, Anne Stinner, Vicki Joy Stinner, Skip Stinner, Rita Hendrickson, Jackie Mattei, James Shimko
John & Annie DiMatteo	In Memory of Doris & John Reilly, Grace & Frank Reilly
Cenza DiStefano	In Memory of Angelo DiStefano, Cati Genova and family
Nina DiQuollo	In Memory of John & Julia DiQuollo
Joe & Marion England	In Memory of John & Marion Maier, Joe & Mae England
John & Jeanne Fitzgerald	In Memory of Vincent & Ann Fitzgerald, Herb & Dot Maritz
Ronald and Donna Fojtlin	In Memory of: Doris Adams, Richard & Norma Brewer, Peter & Helene Fojtlin, John & Josephine Fojtlin, Louis & Doris Freyer, Sr., Charles & Ruth Freyer, Sr., Lilian Freyer, Ruth Freyer, Eric Freyer, John & Mary Kisko, Robert & Joan Kisko, Albert & Jean Kisko, Gus & Sarah Lauer, Bonnie Lauer, Emilie Rabouin, Paul Rabouin, Joan Waresk, Elmer & Doris Wolf, Frederick Wolf, Kathy Wolf
Marita & Bob Fritzingler	In Memory of Norma & George Bennett, Emily & Milton Fritzingler, Sr. Marita Mills, Helene Ford
Thaddaus & Iris Fryzel	In Memory of Peter & Victoria Fryzel
Fran Furino	In Memory of Tony Furino, Jim Garabo
Ruth Gruber	In Memory of Tony Pierro, Jean Yeager, Betty Lynn, Bob Reagan
Lynn & Gary Guthreau	In Memory of Marge Kugelman, Fred Kugelman, Helen Guthreau, Walter Guthreau and Donna Kugelman
Missy & Roy Hennessy	In Memory of Laura & Sid Carpenter
Terry Kurzius & Missy Hennessy	In Memory of Donna and Beth Scalzo
Ann Marie Hill	In Memory of William N. Hill
Bill, Pat & Will Hughes	In Memory of the Hughes, Urenovich & Maloy Families
Matt and Terry Kurzius	In Memory of the Kotz, Kurzius and Wyczalek Families
Viola Mann	In Memory of John and Diamond Risoli, William and Angelina Mann, William Mann, Jr.
The McDowell Family	In Memory of the deceased members of the McDowell, Schreiber, Peters, Wojtach, Shimko families and for Mary Lou D'Andrea and Diane DelNero and Bill Saul
Pat Morris	In Loving Memory of Bill Morris and Julie Morris Meyers
Craig & Diane Neunert	In Memory of Lillian & Roy Hemmingstad, Jeannette & Charles Neunert
Edward & Joan Nowicki	In Memory of our parents, Francis & Anna Nowicki, John & Catherine Jaworski
Patricia O'Hara	In Memory of Frank, Alice & Joseph Barton, George & Mary O'Hara
The Parr Family	In Memory of Marie & Joe Honnig, Catherine Parr
The Sangermano Family	In Loving Memory of Bertha Krieck, mother of Ann Carron
Sue Sofranko	In Memory of Nancy & Rudy Balas
Ayoka Stephenson	In memory of Amber Racine
Pat & Joe Vargo	In Memory of Joseph & Clara Marren, Thomas & Eileen Marren, JoAnne Marren Hnilicka, Edward & Joan Marren, Ed Marren, Frank & Clarice Holland, Glenn Holland, Mary Holland, John & Elizabeth Dragon, Ed Dragon, Joseph & Josephine Vargo
Elizabeth & Ramon Velez	In Memory of Fernando U. Velez Jr., Maria Olga Rodrigo, Mariol Rodrigo, Mr. & Mrs. Fernando Velez
The Weiss and Santullo Family	In Memory of George & Elizabeth Weiss, Fr. Alfred J. Wittke
John, Danielle, Travis & Kait Zilg	In Memory of Jane Zilg, George, Mary & Bill Zilg

MASS INTENTIONS



Monday, January 4

8:00 am Edward Daley by
the Chingery family

Tuesday, January 5

8:00 am Herb Ali by Regina Moreland

Wednesday, January 6

8:00 am Robert Caride by
the Szulczewski family

Thursday, January 7

8:00 am Gregory Dembowski by
the Szulczewski family

Friday, January 8

8:00 am Sally, Mary Sue and John Meaney
by Sue Sofranko

Saturday, January 9

5:00 pm Rosa Ruiz by Bertha Morales

Sunday, January 10

8:30 am Francesco Leraci by Pat & Dan Seader
10:30 am Parishioners of St. John's &
Frank Silva Paiha by Bertha Morales

*This week our Sanctuary lamp is lit in memory
of **Teresa Paoli** by **Rosina Roberto**.*

Sacrificial Offerings 2020 Sunday, December 27

**Financial information for this week was
not available at time of publication.*

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.

Together In Charity Collection

This weekend, **January 2nd/3rd**, the annual "Together in Charity" collection will be taken up at all Masses. The proceeds of this collection helps to fund Catholic Charities' Parish Assistance Program, which provides 24 hour / seven-day-a-week assistance to parishes faced with individuals and families with serious and urgent financial, housing or medical needs. In 2020, over 48% of the parishes in the Diocese availed themselves of this program. Please give generously to this collection and contribute to making this a blessed new year for a family or individual in crisis.



January 3, 2021 – Epiphany of the Lord

"..they fell down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh..." - Matthew 2:11

Notice the order of events in the Magi's visit. First, they knelt before Jesus and prayed to Him. Then they presented Him with their gifts. We, too, must take time to pray before we present our gifts to the Lord. We never know what God may be asking us to share!



Christmas Basket Raffle Winner

Congratulations to

Connie Roscoe, the winner of the Music Ministry Christmas Basket Raffle. Our two basket raffles were a great success and we thank everyone for their generosity!



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 Pvt. 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**

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

Whole Community Catechesis

Gospel Weekly Discussion Questions:

Nativity of the Lord—Christmas • December 25
 The Epiphany of the Lord • January 3, 2021
 Christmas Readings: Isaiah 9:1–6; Titus 2:11–14; Luke 2:1–20
 Epiphany Readings: Isaiah 60:1–6; Ephesians 3:2–3a, 5–6; Matthew 2:1–12

Life Question: What do you do each Christmas that celebrates the meaning of the feast for you?

Gospel Question: How is Jesus a gift to humankind?

EXPLORING THE GOSPEL BY AGE

Exploring the Sunday Readings (Adults)

How do you do homage to God in the presence of the lowly and disadvantaged?

Visions (Grades 7–9)

Life Question: To whom is Jesus' birth important when it happens?

Gospel Question: To whom will Jesus be important when he grows up?

Venture (Grades 4–6)

Life Question: What is a gift you are giving to others to celebrate Jesus' birthday?

Gospel Question: How is Jesus a gift to humankind?

Good News (Grades 2–3)

Life Question: What am I thankful for this Christmas?

Gospel Question: What is the Good News you want to spread about Jesus?

Promise (Grades K–1)

Life Question: What is my favorite Christmas activity?

Gospel Question: How do you celebrate Jesus' birthday?

Seeds (Preschool)

Life Question: What is your favorite thing to do on your birthday?

Gospel Question: Whose birthday do we celebrate at Christmas?

Catholic School 2021-2022 Tuition Assistance

Online Application Process Open

Families interested in applying for tuition assistance to attend an eligible Diocese of Metuchen elementary or high school may apply online now through FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment at <https://online.factsmgt.com/aid>. Online applications must be completed (including all required documentation) by **no later than March 31, 2021**. Applications are available in English and Spanish. Families that need assistance completing the online application or need access to a computer to apply should contact their school.

January 3, 2021

Epiphany of the Lord

Wouldn't You Just Like to Take a Journey?

Sometimes this time of year gets dreary. Remnants of tinsel cling to discarded Christmas trees at curbsides and we are reminded that nothing in this life lasts forever. Masks, confinement, Covid restrictions – we are starting to get weary. There were those in Jesus' early life who were able to see God's revelation, through him, and then act upon it. The contrast today is dramatic. One response is to ignore the signs and to depend on human power. The other is to journey into unknown territory and to follow unfamiliar routes. We in this Catholic faith community, invite you to journey with us into the unknown, to discover more about God's revelation, through Jesus Christ. Anyone who is unbaptized, baptized into another Christian denomination, or baptized Catholic but has never received BOTH sacraments of Confirmation AND Eucharist are invited to an RCIA Inquiry Session. For more information, please reach out to our parish office.

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