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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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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, February 1

8:00 am Eleanor Kohler by Catholic Daughters
Court Regina Coeli #940

Tuesday, February 2

8:00 am Jean Hill by Frances Criscuolo
& family

Wednesday, February 3

8:00 am Deborah Smick by
the Szulczewski family

Thursday, February 4

8:00 am James DiLello by
Faustin & Anita Almeida

Friday, February 5

8:00 am Gale Zensky by Catholic Daughters
Court Regina Coeli #940

Saturday, February 6

5:00 pm Joseph & Scott Patronick by
Patronick, Woerner & Dowd families

Sunday, February 7

8:30 am Ted Kotz & Ron Kotz by
Terry & Matt Kurzius
10:30 am Parishioners of St. John's &
Daniel Nunzello by grandson Ramon

Sacrificial Offerings 2021 Sunday, January 24

Regular Collection: \$2,889.00
Online Giving: \$ 749.84

Bills Paid This Week: \$3,287.00

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.

Scrip Orders

The next Scrip orders are due by **2/7**.

Pickup is on **2/21**.



January 31, 2021
4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties." - 1 Corinthians 7:32

How much anxiety do we bring upon ourselves by constantly worrying about not having enough or attaining more things? God won't necessarily give you everything you want, but He will provide everything you need. Try this – use the word "pray" instead of the word "worry" in the future. Then pray for things instead of worrying about them.

FISH Needs Phone Volunteers

We are in need of caring persons to answer calls that come each day from individuals seeking help from FISH-Dunellen Area. The volunteer would commit to one or two days a month working from their home. Training and support provided. Your help is vital to our work caring for those in need in our service area. Interested persons can call the Hotline, 732-968-0081, and leave a message for Lisa.



**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.

Job Opening

Blessed Sacrament Church in Martinsville has an opening for a P/T Religious Education Office Assistant. Please visit <https://www.blessedsacramentnj.org/jobs> for a full job description and online application. No phone inquiries, please.

Valentine's Day is Every Day

No reason why Valentine's Day should be just one day each year. Why not give your spouse a gift that lasts every day? A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience gives you the time and tools to revitalize romance, deepen communication, and nourish the spirituality in your marriage. Join us from the comfort of your home via Zoom for a Weekend Experience **Friday – Sunday, February 12 – 14, 2021**. Phone Al & Mary Liz Heumann, **1-610-449-1859**, for application and information. Visit us at: www.wwme.org for more information.

**Holy Savior Academy
Needs Your Help!**

As stakeholders in Holy Savior Academy, we are asking for your help. We are trying to spread the word about the last Catholic grade school in our Deanery by asking that everyone please go to the Holy Savior Academy Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/holysavioracademy>, like it and share it. We request that you consider doing this before Catholic Schools Week, which starts on 1/31. This way the advertising, testimonial and virtual tour videos will be seen by many more people. Holy Savior Academy will pray for prayer requests by our Facebook friends every day during Catholic Schools Week. You can post your request or message our page privately. If you know of anyone who might need more information about Holy Savior Academy, please let them know about our school. Holy Savior is currently offering a Christ centered education, through in person or online classes, for children in grades PreK-8. Holy Savior Academy, 149 South Plainfield Ave., South Plainfield, NJ 07080. (908) 822-5890. info@holysavioracademy.com

**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.

Whole Community Catechesis



Gospel Weekly Discussion Questions: Jesus Has The Power To Heal Us Mark 1:21-28

Life Question: What clamors for attention in your community of faith? In your family? In your business?

Gospel Question: What drives Jesus? What does he stand for?

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

What clamors for attention in your community of faith? In your family? In your business?

Visions (Grades 7–9)

Life Question: How do hurtful attitudes spread?

Gospel Question: What amazes the crowd about Jesus' teaching?

Venture (Grades 4–6)

Life Question: What drives people to stand up for justice?

Gospel Question: What drives Jesus? What does he stand for?

Good News (Grades 2–3)

Life Question: What powers do I have?

Gospel Question: What power does Jesus have?

Promise (Grades K–1)

Life Question: What have I learned today? What did I teach today?

Gospel Question: What does Jesus teach?

Seeds (Preschool)

Life Question: How can I be a peacemaker?

Gospel Question: What is a way to show Jesus' peace?

Draw closer to God in the New Year:

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>

The Chosen Watch Party!

Beginning **Friday 2/5, 8PM**; each episode is roughly 40 to 50 minutes long. Please register with Patricia Hummel stjohnpcl@gmail.com for auditorium seating or the online link.

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.

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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