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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
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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 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 10

8:00 a.m. Loreto G. Inguito
by Cezar & Nita Macalalad

Tuesday, January 11

8:00 a.m. Felipe San Agustin
by Cezar & Nita Macalalad
7:00 p.m. Parishioners of St. John's

Wednesday, January 12

8:00 a.m. Rene de Lizer by the Geigel family

Thursday, January 13

8:00 a.m. Deacon Michael Gleason
by Lynn & Gary Guthreau

Friday, January 14

8:00 a.m. Dawn Siegel by the Hummel family

Saturday, January 15

5:00 p.m. Robert St. Laurent by his family

Sunday, January 16

8:30 a.m. Parishioners of St. John's
10:30 a.m. John Risoli by Viola Mann
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 2021

Christmas

Regular Collection: \$12,930.00

Online Giving: \$ 200.00

Sunday, December 26

Regular Collection: \$3,094.00

Online Giving: \$ 554.84

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.

Father Alphonsus Away

After three years without a vacation, Fr. Alphonsus has been able to go to visit his family members in Kenya and to pray with them after the loss of his sister recently. Fr. William Mahon will have confessions and Mass on Saturday evening, and Fr. Roy and Deacon Glenn will take care of all the other pastoral needs until Fr. Alphonsus comes back after 4 weeks. Thank you.

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.

Christmas Clean Up



The Art & Environment Committee will be meeting to remove the Christmas decorations and clean up the church next **Saturday, 1/15 from 8:00-11:00 a.m.** Anyone who wishes to help in this effort is welcome to join us.

January 9, 2022

The Baptism of Our Lord

"John answered them all, 'I baptize you with water; but he who is mightier than I is coming...he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit...' " (LUKE 3:16)

The Catholic Catechism states that *"Jesus' immersion in the water is a sign for all human beings of the need to die to themselves to do God's will."* In other words, as baptized Catholics there is only one gift that we need to give to Jesus – the gift of ourselves. Surrender yourself to God, place your trust in Him and allow the Holy Spirit to work through you for the greater glory of God.

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



Journeying Together

The entire Catholic Church is called to participate in the upcoming Synod of

Bishops! The upcoming Synod is entitled: "For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, and Mission." Synod is a Greek word (synodos) meaning a meeting or assembly. The two Greek words that make up Synod are *syn* meaning together and *hodos* meaning way or journey. Pope Francis has called the entire People of God to journey together! This Synod is not just another meeting with oral presentations and written reports. This Synod is a process of journeying together.

As the Church, we will listen to each other, dialogue with each other, pray together, discern together and make decisions together for the purpose of proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the world! Pope Francis is asking each local diocese to gather together- clergy, religious and laity- to first listen to each other's joys and hopes, and griefs and anxieties (c.f. Gaudium et Spes no. 1). After we listen to each other, we are called to dialogue together on ways we can accompany each other as we seek to grow in holiness. Listening and speaking within the Church always involves prayer.

We are listening, dialoguing and praying together so that we can hear the voice of the Holy Spirit. The "goal" of this journeying together is not to create a new vision or pastoral plan with objectives. Rather, the goal of our journeying together is to be present with one another, to listen and learn with each other, and to grow closer to the Lord and His Church.

Visit:

<https://www.diometuchen.org/synod2023>, for more information.

Whole Community Catechesis



Learning About the Mass continued...

The Creed

Following the Homily, but still included within the Liturgy of the Word, is the Creed. When the Homily is finished, we all stand and profess our faith as we pray the Creed together. The Creed professes what we believe as Catholics but is included in this part of the Mass because it summarizes the story of scripture, telling the entire story of our salvation history from Genesis to Revelation with a clear focus on the three divine Persons of one true God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Starting with creation, the creed moves to the incarnation of Christ, His death and resurrection, the sending of the Holy Spirit, the apostolic church and the anticipation of the second coming.

The Creed grounds us in reality and reminds us that our beliefs and choices do matter, that we were created with purpose. It tells us that Jesus came to save us from our sins so that we may live in relationship with God now and one day in Heaven.

Much like Ancient Israel, who professed their faith in the recitation of the Shema found in Deuteronomy 6:4-5: "Hear Oh Israel! The Lord our God is one Lord....", these words of the creed should be on our hearts and taught to our children (Deut. 6:6-10) that we may always know our faith and our purpose.

Taken from A biblical Walk through the Mass (Siri) pgs 71-73

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.



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

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