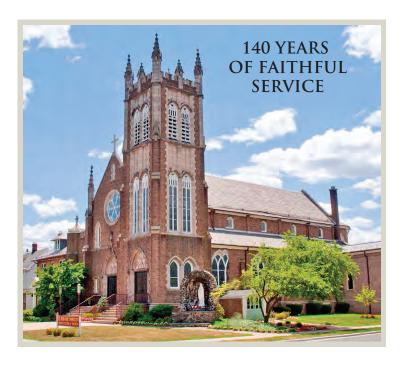
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WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil.....5:00 pm

Sunday8:30 & 10:30 am

Monday - Friday8:00 am (Church)

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 main church. 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 11:45 am. An instructional Infant Baptism Class is required for parents having their first 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 form 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, October 12

8:00 am Jeanne Dunne by Ann Hill & family

Tuesday, October 13

8:00 am Sheridan, Kleinhans & Petto families by family

Wednesday, October 14

8:00 am Sue Fosbre by Anne Haley

Thursday, October 15

8:00 am Jeanne Dunne by Peggy Ulmes

Friday, October 16

8:00 am Elizabeth Weiss by family

Saturday, October 17

5:00 pm Armando Spagnolo by wife Jackie

Sunday, October 18

8:30 am Helen Guthreau by Lynn & Gary Guthreau

10:30 am Parishioners of St. John's & Helen Zukowski Tamalonis by Mastrian & Paltjon families Pat & Bill Morris

This week our Sanctuary lamp is lit in memory of **William Drumgould** by **Barbara Carlisle**.

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 blue tape. Ushers and Greeters will guide you where to sit to maintain safe social distancing. There is a limit of no more than 100 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 -

Though the Consecration itself will remain in its proper place during Mass, we were instructed by the diocese to move the distribution of Holy Communion to the end of Mass to minimize movement throughout the church. After the Closing prayer we will have a single file Communion line to the altar, much like at a daily Mass. Please maintain two pews distance between yourself and the person in front of you.

Mass will still be available on our website at 10:30 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

Sacrificial Offerings 2020 Sunday, October 4

Regular Collection: \$4, 462.00 Online Giving: \$637.00

Bills Paid This Week: \$ 741.63

Ushers Meeting

There will be a meeting for all ushers on **Tuesday**, **October 13th** at **7 pm** in the **church**.

Altar Rosary Prayer Group Meeting

St. John's altar prayer group will pray the rosary on **Tuesday**, **October 13**th at **6:30pm** in the **auditorium**. Please use the elevator. We will conduct the meeting and discuss our business. Kindly bring your own drink and mask.

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.

Email/Text Scam Warning

An old email and text scam has reappeared. The email or texts appear to be from Father Alphonsus and are asking for donations of money or gift cards. If you receive this email or text, do not respond or send anything. Father Alphonsus will never email or text requests for donations. If in doubt, contact the Parish Office.



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.

Holy Savior Academy **Needs Volunteers**

Holy Savior Academy is in need of one volunteer from each parish in our Middlebrook Deanery to serve on the board of the school. The requirements are that they attend school board meetings (a minimum of 5 per year), the member serves on one of the school's committees (finance, advancement, marketing and enrollment, buildings and grounds and planning), and the member is not a parent with a student in the school. With a person from each parish, all of the deanery parishes would be represented on the board. THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT for the school at this time. Any questions regarding this request & qualifications can be addresses to Sharon Strack at sastrack@aol.com or you may call Sharon at 732-752-4979.



October 11, 2020 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"My God will supply whatever you need..." - Philippians 4:19

God really does provide for those who are grateful and generous. This is very difficult for people that don't live a stewardship lifestyle to believe. People are skeptical and say it's just coincidence. If you are skeptical, try living a stewardship lifestyle for just one month – be generous with your gifts of time in prayer, talent in charitable works and treasure and see how God provides for your needs.

Spirit of St. Francis Award Champions for Catholic Charities Virtual Gala

To recognize the efforts of our parishes, the 2020 Champions for Catholic Charities Virtual Gala will continue the tradition of honoring individuals with the **Spirit of** Saint Francis Award. The recipients of the award, who will be announced at the virtual gala, were chosen for having carried out the virtue of charity by encouraging a sense of community among the forces that shape society and for their proven ability to promote a sense of Catholic social teaching in the wider community. To learn the names of this year's honorees, tune in to our Champions for Catholic Charities Gala on Thursday, October 22nd at 7:00 p.m. Links can be found at www.diometuchen.org/champions. For

more information call 732-562-2432.

Whole Community Catechesis



Gospel Weekly Discussion Questions:

The Parable of the Wedding Feast Sunday Readings: Matthew 22:1–14

Life Question: What is your most common reason for refusing an invitation to a wedding or to other events?

Gospel Question: In what ways can you imagine the Kingdom of Heaven is like a

wedding feast?

EXPLORING THE GOSPEL BY AGE

Visions (Grades 7-9)

Life Question: With whom do you eat? Who belongs to the groups you eat with? **Gospel Question**: Who does Jesus include in the groups with whom he eats?

Venture (Grades 4–6)

Life Question: Who is hungry in our

world?

Gospel Question: Why does Jesus make a

party the image of God's Kingdom?

Good News (Grades 2-3)

Life Question: What is an invitation you

like to receive?

Gospel Question: What is the feast to

which Jesus invites us?

Promise (Grades K-1)

Life Question: Who invites you to

parties?

Gospel Question: When do we visit God's

house?

Seeds (Preschool)

Life Question: Who comes to Jesus'

party?

Gospel Question: When does Jesus invite

us to his party?

RCIA for Teens and Adults

Have you been baptized Catholic but never received the rest of the Sacraments of Initiation (Communion, Confirmation)? Have you never been baptized but would like to learn more about the Catholic Faith? We are organizing a program for Teens and Adults who would like to receive their Sacraments or learn more about becoming Catholic. Classes will begin in the Fall. Please fill out the form on our website or Call/email our Office of Catechesis - 732-968-2621 ext 13, stjohnpcl@gmail.com

COVID-19 School-Age Tuition Assistance for Working Families

Families can now apply for child care tuition assistance to help with care for children who have remote learning schedules due to the COVID-19 public health emergency. Go to www.ChildCareNJ.gov and complete the online application. You will need proof of income and a notice or announcement from your child's school of a remote learning schedule. You are eligible for assistance if you are a NJ resident with a school-age child 5-13 years old, your household income does not exceed \$75,000 and your child is attending school with either a part-time or full-time remote learning schedule. Assistance will be paid directly to the licensed child care center you select up to \$634 a month or a registered family child care provider you select up to \$526 a month for full-time care. If the assistance doesn't equal the child care provider's rate, the provider may charge you the difference. Applications will be considered until funds for this program are exhausted. This program ends on December 30, 2020. For help identifying a child care provider, go to www.ChildCareNJ.gov/ProviderSearch.



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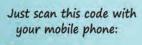


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