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### WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

**Saturday Vigil**.....5:00 pm

**Sunday** .....8:30 & 10:30 am

**Monday - Friday** .....8:00 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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### Office of Religious Education:

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 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  
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.

## Restoration of Masses with a Congregation

### 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**.*

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](mailto: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.

### 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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<sup>th</sup> 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.

### 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 addressed to Sharon Strack at [sastrack@aol.com](mailto:sastrack@aol.com) or you may call Sharon at 732-752-4979.



### October 11, 2020 28<sup>th</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 p.m.** Links can be found at [www.diometuchen.org/champions](http://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](mailto: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](http://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](http://www.ChildCareNJ.gov/ProviderSearch).

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