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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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Office of Religious Education:

732-968-2621 ext: 13
stjohnpcl@gmail.com

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.

MASS INTENTIONS



Monday, October 19

8:00 am Dorothy Russo by the Russo family

Tuesday, October 20

8:00 am Catherine Alapatt by Vincent Babu

Wednesday, October 21

8:00 am Ronald Shea by Dave, Trisha & kids

Thursday, October 22

8:00 am Vincent Fitzgerald by
John & Jeanne Fitzgerald

Friday, October 23

8:00 am Rose Marsjanik by
the Marsjanik family

Saturday, October 24

5:00 pm Ruth, Andrew & Bertha Yambor by
husband & son

Sunday, October 25

8:30 am Parishioners of St. John's & Walter
Guthreau by Lynn & Gary Guthreau
10:30 am Ramon Aldarondo by Loving family

Sacrificial Offerings 2020

Sunday, October 11

Regular Collection: \$3,643.00

Online Giving: \$ 729.00

Bills Paid This Week: \$12,446.92

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 - 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 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



October 18, 2020 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's." - Matthew 22:21

Everything we are and everything we have belongs to God. We aren't "owners" of anything; we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has given each of us. All God is asking is that we give back a portion of what He gave us. This is the essence of Stewardship. God should be our first priority in everything. All else comes second, especially our money.

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.



FISH Volunteers Needed

In order to resume regular service to our clients at the clothing room at 456 New Market Rd., Piscataway, volunteers are needed Monday 9-12 noon and/or Wednesday 9-12 noon. In addition a Wednesday volunteer will need experience with Excel-Spreadsheet to assist with record keeping. Please call FISH Hotline 732-356-0081 and leave a message for Lisa. Thank you!



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.

Champions for Catholic Charities Virtual Gala

Mark your calendar for **Thursday, October 22nd at 7:00 p.m.** and be sure to join us for the **2020 Champions for Catholic Charities Virtual Gala**. Meet some of the people whose lives have been transformed by the services of Catholic Charities. Hear inspiring stories of the courage, creativity and compassion of our Catholic Charities 'heroes' as they continue to provide uninterrupted service to those hit hardest by the COVID-19 pandemic. Please prayerfully consider becoming a *Champion for Catholic Charities* by making a gift of any amount in support of the services and programs for the most vulnerable. Links for the Virtual Gala and donations can be found at www.diometuchen.org/champions. Questions, call 732-562-2432.

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 or you may call Sharon at 732-752-4979.

Here I Am, Send Me!

On this World Mission Sunday, we respond, "Here I Am, Send Me," to our baptismal call to mission. At the Eucharistic celebration, we offer our prayers and our generous financial support, through the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, to continue the mission of Jesus. Today we are "sent" out to witness to mission in the world through our prayers and sacrifices for our brothers and sisters around the world. As always, your prayers are your most treasured gift to the Missions. Your prayers and financial help, offered today, World Mission Sunday, support mission priests, religious Sisters and Brothers, and lay catechists who are Christ's witnesses to a world so in need of His healing, love, and peace.

2020 Bishop's Annual Appeal Stepping Forward in Faith: Grace in Action

Thank you to all who have so generously given to the 2020 Bishop's Annual Appeal! Your gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal helps support initiatives, services and the spiritual needs of all, among them, the work of Catholic Charities and the needs of those impacted by COVID-19. Through prayer and reflection, please consider a sacrificial gift to this year's appeal and give to the best of your means. With many people impacted by COVID-19, it is important to bring people the opportunity to grow closer to Christ and see the work of God in their midst. All funds raised through the Bishop's Annual Appeal are used to support the ministries and programs of the Diocese of Metuchen. There is still an opportunity to participate by responding to the most recent mailing or by making an online pledge at <https://diometuchen.org/ways-to-give>.

Whole Community Catechesis



Gospel Weekly Discussion Questions:

Gospel Weekly Discussion Questions: Give to Caesar and God Matthew 22:15–21

Life Question: How do you affect the values and commitments of your workplace?

Gospel Question: How do you honor the image of God in yourself? In others?

EXPLORING THE GOSPEL BY AGE

Visions (Grades 7–9)

Life Question: To whom do we pledge allegiance? Whose symbols do we wear on our clothes?

Gospel Question: What allegiance do we owe to God? What allegiance to Caesar?

Venture (Grades 4–6)

Life Question: How do you keep Sunday holy?

Gospel Question: What is a way you honor God?

Good News (Grades 2–3)

Life Question: What choices do you make that show you are a good friend?

Gospel Question: What is a choice you make that shows you belong to God?

Promise (Grades K–1)

Life Question: What shows that I belong to my family or school?

Gospel Question: What shows that I belong to God?

Seeds (Preschool)

Life Question: What is your favorite plant or animal in creation?

Gospel Question: Who do you praise God for?

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



Bus Drivers Wanted

St. Thomas Aquinas High School is looking for qualified bus drivers. Must have a CDL License along with an S and P Endorsement. We are located at One Tingley Lane, Edison. For more information, please call Ilona Kuntar at (732) 549-1108 X641.

Resources for Persons with Disabilities

Our Diocesan Office for Persons with Disabilities has a Facebook page that provides daily updates with short inspirational reflections for people with disabilities, family members and care givers. The site also provides endless resources for those with physical, emotional, cognitive, visual, auditory and other special challenges. To access our Facebook page (even if you are not a member of Facebook), type the following into your search engine: Diocese of Metuchen Office for Persons with Disabilities

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