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### WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

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

**Sunday** .....8:30 am, 10:30 am, 12:00 noon (Spanish)

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

732-968-2621 ext: 13  
stjohnp@comcast.net

**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, November 1

8:00 a.m. The deceased members of the Backus,  
Glennon & Ruddy families  
by Kevin Glennon

### Tuesday, November 2

8:00 a.m. All Souls Mass – deceased of the  
Parish  
7:00 p.m. Remembrance Mass – deceased of  
the Parish

### Wednesday, November 3

8:00 a.m. George Craig  
by Don & Chiquita Laturell

### Thursday, November 4

8:00 a.m. George Craig  
by Don & Chiquita Laturell

### Friday, November 5

8:00 a.m. George Craig  
by Don & Chiquita Laturell

### Saturday, November 6

5:00 p.m. John Maier by Ruth Gruber

### Sunday, November 7

8:30 a.m. Deceased members of the Catholic  
Daughters by Catholic Daughters  
Court Regina Coeli #940  
10:30 a.m. Parishioners of St. John's &  
Angelo DeStefano by his family  
Noon Mateo Malo by Concepcion Sartos



*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.

**The Year July 2020 to June 2021  
St. John the Evangelist Roman Catholic Church**

The year of July 2020 to June 2021 was an extraordinary one. This was the year when our Churches were closed for the most part due to Covid-19 restrictions and as a parish we could only operate in a limited way.

This was the year when our old Church boiler of many years stopped working and we had to replace it with a new one.

But on a positive note, thanks to technology we were able to post whatever we wanted to communicate to you in our parish website, our Facebook page and in our weekly bulletin.

We were also able to run our religious formation program virtually and live-stream our weekend Masses and other special celebrations like First Communion and Confirmation.

During that year, 84 families participated in the Family Catechesis Program and as a result 28 children made their First Holy Communion and 23 teenagers were Confirmed. Two adults also participated in the RCIA program and during the Easter Vigil Mass they celebrated the Christian Initiation Sacraments (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist).

During that year also, we baptized 16 infants and performed 8 anointings between homes, nursing homes and hospitals. We also celebrated 23 Masses of Christian Burial. All the weddings that were scheduled to be celebrated that year were postponed to a later date.

Because of our aging buildings, we have also repaired many small things that needed to be addressed in the Church, the Rectory and the Parish Center as listed in the bulletin of a few months ago.

One of our biggest achievements was the starting of a Spanish Mass in our parish on November 29, 2020. Right now, it is the largest attended Mass of our parish.

I thank the parish staff, the parish Finance Council, all the different parish ministries and each and every one of you for your continued support.

The parish Financial Report is presented on the following page. If you have any questions or would like additional information, please email me at [stjev@verizon.net](mailto:stjev@verizon.net).

## St. John Parish Financial Statement and Report

	2020/2021*	2019/2020	\$ change	% change
<u>Income Statement</u>				
<u>Revenues:</u>				
Weekend Collections	\$ 230,463	\$ 228,391	\$ 2,072	1%
Holy Day Collections	4,515	6,975	(2,460)	-54%
Christmas Collection	18,107	16,462	1,645	9%
Easter Collection	14,840	8,432	6,408	43%
Gifts & Other Offerings	80,070	10,277	69,793	87%
Fund Raising (Net)	2,007	24,586	(22,579)	-1125%
Interest & Dividends	4,507	4,442	65	1%
Religious Education	26,473	7,464	19,009	72%
Other Income	8,133	21,217	(13,084)	-161%
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 389,115</u>	<u>\$ 328,246</u>	<u>\$ 60,869</u>	<u>16%</u>
<u>Expenses:</u>				
Salaries & Employee Benefits	\$ 196,560	\$ 211,188	\$ (14,628)	-7%
Office Supplies/Administration	23,153	26,453	(3,300)	-14%
Repairs, Operations & Maintenance	76,792	89,554	(12,762)	-17%
Religious Education	4,972	4,343	629	13%
Liturgy & Worship	6,726	7,787	(1,061)	-16%
Diocesan Assessment	47,534	58,623	(11,089)	-23%
Depreciation Expense	0	37,203	(37,203)	n/a
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 355,737</u>	<u>\$ 435,151</u>	<u>\$ (79,414)</u>	<u>-22%</u>
Ordinary Income less Expenses	<u>\$ 33,378</u>	<u>\$ (106,905)</u>	<u>\$ 140,283</u>	<u>420%</u>
Bequests/Inheritances	0	\$ 16,436	\$ (16,436)	n/a
Total Net Income	<u>\$ 33,378</u>	<u>\$ (90,469)</u>	<u>\$ 123,847</u>	<u>371%</u>
<u>Balance Sheet</u>				
<u>Assets:</u>				
Cash	\$ 88,469	\$ 69,527	\$ 18,942	21%
Diocesan Investment Account	294,530	294,530	-	0%
Accounts Receivable	0	1,104	(1,104)	n/a
Buildings & Improvements				
Less Accumulated Depreciation	<u>184,185</u>	<u>168,669</u>	<u>15,516</u>	<u>8%</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 567,184</u>	<u>\$ 533,830</u>	<u>\$ 33,354</u>	<u>6%</u>
<u>Liabilities:</u>				
Accounts/Stipends Payable	\$ 2,121	\$ 1,633	\$ 488	23%
Deferred Revenue/Other	<u>44,748</u>	<u>47,437</u>	<u>(2,689)</u>	<u>-6%</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 46,869</u>	<u>\$ 49,070</u>	<u>\$ (2,201)</u>	<u>-5%</u>
Net Assets	<u>\$ 520,315</u>	<u>\$ 484,760</u>	<u>\$ 35,555</u>	<u>7%</u>

\*The fiscal year is July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.



### Sacrificial Offerings 2021 Sunday, October 24

Regular Collection: \$3,186.50  
Online Giving: \$ 701.60  
World Mission Sunday: \$988.00

Bills Paid This Week: \$6,080.73

### 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.



### Collection Envelopes

Collection envelopes will no longer be mailed to the homes, but will be made available for pick-up in 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.



### Congratulations to the winners of the 50/50 Golf Outing raffle:

1<sup>st</sup> place: **Eduvina Mazariegos** - \$591.25

2<sup>nd</sup> place: **Elizabeth Velez** - \$350.25

3<sup>rd</sup> place: **Nolan Hampton** - \$233.50

### 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.



**October 31, 2021**  
**31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*"And 'to love him with all your heart, with all your understanding, with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself' is worth more than all the burnt offerings and sacrifices." (Mark 12:33)*

Of all the gifts that God gives us, the one He wants the most is our heart. He wants us to share out of our love for Him, not out of obligation. Using our talent in parish ministry and contributing money to support our parish mission is important, but it's more important to spend time in prayer with God daily and discern how He is calling us to be generous with all of our gifts. Not just the visible ones, but the invisible ones like love, mercy and forgiveness.

### **Parish Ministry & Contacts**

**Activities & Fund Raising Committee:**

Parish Office (732) 968-2621; [stjev@verizon.net](mailto:stjev@verizon.net)

**Altar Rosary Society:** Fran Furino

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**Altar Servers:** Parish Office (732) 968-2621;

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**Art & Environment Committee:** Kate Guzzi,

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**Casino Night Committee:** Parish Office

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**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](mailto:gguthreau@optonline.net)

**Faith Formation & Catechists:** Patricia Hummel,

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**Finance Committee:** John Fitzgerald

**Golf Outing Committee:** Parish Office

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**Homebound Ministry:** Mary Lou Chingery; Parish

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**Hospitality Committee:** Kate Guzzi

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**Money Counters:** Joanna Kelly (732) 968-4324

**Music Ministry:** Edwin Lopez, Director of Sacred

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**Readers:** Gary Guthreau; [gguthreau@optonline.net](mailto:gguthreau@optonline.net)

**Social Concerns Ministry:** Mary Lou Chingery

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**Spanish Charismatic Prayer Group:**

Gloria Labanda (732) 343-0680

**Ushers:** Mike Sciametta (908) 347-7902;

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### **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 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  
U.S. Navy HM3 Rosemary Plunkett  
U.S. Marine RCT Dylan Kolakowski

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

### **Office of Hispanic Evangelization November Events**

#### **Virtual Course -Theological Reflection: Connecting Faith and Life**

Every Wednesday from November 3 to December 1, 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm. Fr. Juan Carlos Gaviria. \$ 15 (Book Included)

**Registration:** <https://hispanic-ministry.abilafundraisingonline.com/reflexionteologica>

**Information:** [Lescobar@diometuchen.org](mailto:Lescobar@diometuchen.org)

#### **Workshop for Ushers in Spanish**

Saturday, November 13, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm. \$ 10 (Book Included)

**Location:** Auditorium of St John The Evangelist Church. (317 1st St, Dunellen, NJ 08812)

**Registration at** <https://hispanic-ministry.abilafundraisingonline.com/hospitalidad2021>

**Information:** [Lescobar@diometuchen.org](mailto:Lescobar@diometuchen.org)

## Whole Community Catechesis



### Learning About the Mass continued...

#### The Penitential Act Continued...

The Penitential Act has three forms. The longest form includes the Confiteor, which Begins, "I confess to Almighty God and to you my brothers and sisters...". In this prayer, we confess that we are sinners, acknowledging that we are at fault for our sins when we pray, "Through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault." During these words we should seek to call to mind anything we have done that has offended God or hurt others. The Church not only asks us to admit our "most grievous fault" but also that we demonstrate our need for repentance by striking our chest three times as we say these words. We are showing ourselves and one another that repentance involves our entire person, soul and body. We are admitting that it is our fault and that we need God's Grace and the prayers of our community to avoid sinning again. (*Taken from Alterations: The Mystery of the Mass Revealed by Mark Hart & Mass Lessons by Deirdre Nemeth*)


#### Missionary Childhood Association Recognition

Congratulations to our Family Catechesis families for their generous efforts toward Mission Children throughout the World. Last Sunday, St. John's Family Catechesis program was among the Parishes and Catholic Schools acknowledged during the World Mission Sunday Celebration at St. Francis Cathedral for their participation in the Missionary Childhood Association. The Missionary Childhood Association is the Pope's Mission Organization for Children Helping Children throughout the world. Congratulations and keep up the good work!

#### 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](mailto:stjohnpcl@gmail.com), 732-968-2621 ext 13.

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#### Mt. St. Mary's House of Prayer Upcoming Events

#### 5th ANNUAL INTERFAITH PROGRAM: World Religions Creating Unity and Peace in a Post-Pandemic World

Join us for a discussion with panelists representing the Christian, Jewish, Muslim, Hindu and Buddhist Traditions. There will be time for audience questions.

**Wed., Nov. 10, 7--9 p.m. Academy  
Student Center** (\$20-\$30 as you are able)

Facilitator: Rev. Anthony Randazzo



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