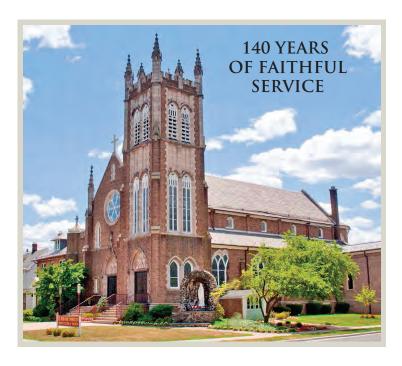
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WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

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 5

8:00 am Elizabeth Weiss by family

Tuesday, October 6

8:00 am William Morris by the Reidlinger family

Wednesday, October 7

8:00 am Alicia Glennon by Theo & Jeanette

Thursday, October 8

8:00 am Loretta Pasko by Ida Cihanowyz

Friday, October 9

8:00 am Adolph Giacomarra by his family

Saturday, October 10

5:00 pm William Drumgould by Barbara Carlisle

Sunday, October 11

8:30 am Parishioners of St. John's and Jane & Joseph Kotz by Matt & Terry Kurzius

10:30 am Julie Morris Meyers by Pat & Bill Morris

This week our Chapel candle is lit in memory of **Yolanda Giacomarra** by **her family**.

Sacrificial Offerings 2020 Sunday, September 27

Regular Collection: \$2,841.00 Online Giving: \$560.00

Bills Paid This Week: \$8,125.04

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 stiphnpcl@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.

Notice For Ushers

Ushers for all Masses, Father Alphonsus would like to have a meeting with you and asks that you please give your contact information (e-mail and phone) to him. You can send it to the parish e-mail at: stjev@verizon.net or give it to Father at the end of mass.



Feast of St. Francis of Assisi/
Blessing of Animals
Blessing of animals will take place on
Sunday, 10/4 at 3:00 pm in the Parish
Center parking lot. Father Alphonsus
requests no snakes!

St. John's Rectory roof work in progress on September 28, 2020.

Thank you again for your generosity!







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 4, 2020 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"The stone the builders rejected has become the corner stone..." - Matthew 21:42

Jesus was rejected by the religious and political leaders of his day, as well as ordinary citizens. Living a stewardship lifestyle may cause you to be "rejected" by others in today's society. For example, saying grace before a meal in a restaurant may attract some strange looks from some. But to others it is sign that God is alive and well!

Our Lady of Fatima Celebration On Tuesday, October 13th, the World Apostolate of Fatima will celebrate the fulfilled promise of Our Lady of Fatima. The celebration will take place at **Our** Lady's Blue Army Shrine, 674 Mt. View Rd. East, Asbury, NJ. 10:30 am: Confessions; 12:00 N: Rosary Procession; 12:30 pm: Guest Speaker-Rev. Luke M. Fletcher, CFR; 1:15 pm: Holy Mass-Celebrant: Most Rev. Nicholas A. DiMarzio; followed Exposition, Eucharistic Procession, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Blessing of Religious Articles, Fatima Farewell, Enrollment in the Brown Scapular. The Blue Army Staff is following all directions per NJ state health officials. It is suggested to bring your own lawn chair/blanket. More info: 908-689-1700 x 210.

Thousand Strong – Rosary for Life Conference Call

LIFENET is organizing a "Thousand Strong – Rosary for Life Conference Call" on **Tuesday, October 13**th at **7:00 PM**. Our goal is to have 1,000 on the call praying for the Protection of Babies in the Womb and in reparation for the sin of abortion. Cardinal Tobin, along with priests and deacons from throughout New Jersey will be leading the prayer. Note: October 13th is the 103rd anniversary of the 'Miracle of the Sun' at Fatima. Our Lady wants us to pray the rosary! Please sign up at www.lifeneteducation.org/1000strong.

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.



Whole Community Catechesis

Family Catechesis Materials can be picked up this Sunday, October 4th, after all Masses.

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



For Catechesis this year our families will be learning through discussing each

Sunday's Gospel. All parishioners are welcome to bring this discussion into their own homes using the questions found here each week.

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time The Parable of the Renters (Matthew 21:33-43) Weekly Discussion Questions

Life Question: What is your experience as a tenant or owner?

Gospel Question: What does being a fruitful steward ask of you in your faith community? What does being fruitful stewards ask of us as inhabitants of earth?



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