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WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil.....5:00 pm

Sunday8:30 & 10:30 am

Monday - Friday8:00 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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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 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, November 16

8:00 am Jeanne Dunne by Fran Maurer

Tuesday, November 17

8:00 am Ned Cain by Maureen Shea

Wednesday, November 18

8:00 am Rosalie DiRino by
Anthony & Joan Spadaro

Thursday, November 19

8:00 am Mary Lezzano by Joshua Szulczewski

Friday, November 20

8:00 am Jane Mills by the McDowell family

Saturday, November 21

5:00 pm Thomas Russo by family

Sunday, November 22

8:30 am Parishioners of St. John's &
Angelo Nicosia by Staff of St. John's
10:30 am Marge Kugelman by
Lynn & Gary Guthreau

Sacrificial Offerings 2020

Sunday, November 8

Regular Collection: \$ 3,619.00

Online Giving: \$ 602.00

Bills Paid This Week: \$13,712.07

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 white cord. Ushers and Greeters will guide you where to sit to maintain safe social distancing. There is a limit of no more than 150 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 8:30 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



Social Concerns Ministry Thanksgiving Food Collection

We welcome donations of food for Thanksgiving Dinners for those in need –

Small Turkeys
Turkey breasts
Stuffing
Cranberry Sauce
Canned Fruit & Vegetables
Juices
Cookies/Crackers

"For I was hungry and you gave me to eat..."
– Matthew 35

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.

Boiler Update

Father Alphonsus is embarrassed to stand in front of you again to speak about financial needs. Over the past week we received 3 estimates for the replacement of the boiler, which as you know is a big expense, approximately \$30,000. We have about \$10,000 left from the roof replacement money which will be used to offset the cost. Some parishioners have been asking how they can help, so if you are able to make a contribution it would be greatly appreciated.



Thanksgiving Basket Raffle

The Music Ministry is selling tickets for their Thanksgiving Basket Raffle after all Masses. The winner will be drawn on the weekend before Thanksgiving. Proceeds will benefit music ministry. Thank you for your support.

Spanish Mass coming to our Parish

As we are all aware, New Jersey has seen a large influx of immigrants from Spanish speaking countries over the past years and Dunellen has experienced this as well. As a result, Bishop Checchio supports the addition of a Spanish language mass here at St. John's. On the first Sunday of Advent, **November 29th at noon**, we are going to launch a Spanish mass. Please spread the word to your neighbors who speak Spanish and pray for the success of this wonderful addition to our parish family.



Knights of Columbus "New Eyes for the Needy"

The Knights of Columbus Council 2544 of Dunellen is expanding its "New Eyes for the Needy" program to St. John's. We have been conducting this program for several years now with two drop off locations: our Club House at 647 Grove Street and Our Lady of Fatima Church in Piscataway. Now you will see a recycling container in the vestibule of the church so that you may also contribute to this charitable cause. If you are not aware of "New Eyes," it is a charitable organization that takes old glasses, cleans them and sorts them by prescription. Once that is completed, they are then distributed to other charities that handle the actual distribution of the glasses to the needy. This is a great and charitable way to give a second life to your old glasses!



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.



November 15, 2020 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you have been faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities." - Matthew 25:21

God calls us to nurture and develop the gifts He has given us and then generously return a portion with increase. He doesn't want us to waste or hoard the gifts He has given us. He expects us to grow our gifts, use them wisely and be generous with them. Unfortunately, many of us are not generous in proportion to all that God has given us.

Whole Community Catechesis



Gospel Weekly Discussion Questions: Talents Matthew 25:14–30

Life Question: What is one of the most valuable ways you have invested your life energies?

Gospel Question: What gifts have you multiplied?

EXPLORING THE GOSPEL BY AGE *Exploring the Sunday Readings* (Adults)

Gospel Question: Who are your favorite people in Scripture? How can befriending them bring you closer to wisdom?

Visions (Grades 7–9)

Life Question: What is a talent people encourage you to use?

Gospel Question: What talent do you have that you are afraid or hesitant to use? What is a way you can use it this week?

Venture (Grades 4–6)

Life Question: What talents do you use in your school classes?

Gospel Question: What servant in the Gospel story is most like you? Why?

Good News (Grades 2–3)

Life Question: How do you use your talents at school? At home?

Gospel Question: What does Jesus want us to do with our gifts and talents?

Promise (Grades K–1)

Life Question: What gifts do I have that I use every day?

Gospel Question: What does Jesus want us to do with the talents we have?

Seeds (Preschool)

Life Question: What can I be?

Gospel Question: What special talents does God give me?

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

Thank you to our Champions!

The need is great, especially this year. For many, employment has been lost; food security has been lost; financial stability has been lost; and access to safe shelter has been lost. One thing that has not been lost is our passion for our mission. We are working more than ever to provide quality services with dignity and respect to the poor, vulnerable, and all people in need.

Did you miss our premiere? We invite you to visit diometuchen.org/champions, to walk with us in our mission and to hear the inspiring stories of courage, creativity, and compassion shown by our Catholic Charities 'heroes' in continuing to provide uninterrupted service to those hit hardest by the COVID-19 pandemic. Through your prayerful and financial support, you are a Champion for the poor, the hungry, and the marginalized. Our mission could not be carried out and our people could not be served without your support.

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