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### WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

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

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

**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  
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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 23

8:00 am John Confalone by wife Sue

### Tuesday, November 24

8:00 am Adolph Giacomarra by his family

### Wednesday, November 25

8:00 am Rev. Msgr. Richard A. Behl by  
the Hummel family

### Thursday, November 26

8:00 am Tim Mack by Mary Ellen Mack

### Friday, November 27

8:00 am Diane Del Nero by  
the McDowell family

### Saturday, November 28

5:00 pm Stanley Meyers by Kenneth Meyers,  
his son and Andrea Meyers, his  
daughter

### Sunday, November 29

8:30 am Marie Piesche by Sue Sofranko  
10:30 am Parishioners of St. John's &  
Ron Thayer by St. John's  
Music Ministry

*This week our Sanctuary lamp is lit in memory  
of **Edward W. Marren** by **Jeff & Karen  
Marren**.*

## Sacrificial Offerings 2020

### Sunday, November 15

Regular Collection: \$2,706.00  
Online Giving: \$ 793.00

*\*Expenses for this week were not available  
at time of publication.*

## 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](mailto: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

As of this writing (11/16/2020), the boiler installation work is in progress (see photos below). We are hoping it will be working for the weekend masses. I want to thank you for giving so generously to the new boiler payment so far. We have received \$11,400 from 11 parishioners already! Any donation one can give is greatly appreciated as we near our goal of \$30,000.





### Thanksgiving Basket Raffle

The Music Ministry is selling tickets for their Thanksgiving Basket Raffle after all Masses. The winner will be

drawn this weekend, so it's your last chance get in on the fun! 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 29<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Scrip orders

The next and last Scrip order of this year is **due December 6<sup>th</sup> with a pick-up date of December 20<sup>th</sup>**, just in time for Christmas! Please consider supporting our parish by purchasing gift cards for the holidays, for your groceries, to give to the mailman, your beautician and all those you gift at this time of year! You can place your orders in the collection basket or drop them off at the parish office by Monday afternoon the 7th. Forms are available in the back of the Church and on the parish website.

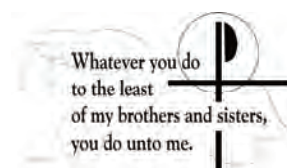


### Prayers for Our Service Members

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.



### November 22, 2020 Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

*"...whatever you did for one of the least of my brothers, you did for me." – Matthew 25:40*

Most of us are generous when it's convenient for us. We are generous when we have the time or the money. But, generosity is the opposite of that. It means giving of one's time, money, compassion, forgiveness or mercy when it's not convenient; when it's not on our schedule, but on the other person's schedule.



## Whole Community Catechesis



### Gospel Weekly Discussion Questions: Talents Matthew 25:31–46

**Life Question:** What experiences have opened your eyes to poverty?

**Gospel Question:** Who is the least in your area? What do they need?

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

**Gospel Question:** How have you fed Jesus in the last year? How will you do it in the Church year ahead?

### Visions (Grades 7–9)

**Life Question:** What are the ways you serve people who are poor?

**Gospel Question:** Why does Jesus identify with the least among us?

### Venture (Grades 4–6)

**Life Question:** How can you do the Works of Mercy in your neighborhood?

**Gospel Question:** Why don't people recognize they have helped Jesus when they help the hungry, the homeless, the sick, or immigrants?

### Good News (Grades 2–3)

**Life Question:** Who do you visit that is sick? With whom do you share clothes? How do you help hungry people?

**Gospel Question:** What is mercy?

### Promise (Grades K–1)

**Life Question:** Who does loving actions in your family?

**Gospel Question:** What loving actions does Jesus ask us to do?

### Seeds (Preschool)

**Life Question:** How do we help others?

**Gospel Question:** How does Jesus help people?



### 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. "New Eyes," is a charitable organization that takes old glasses, cleans them and sorts them by prescription before handing them off to other charities to be distributed to the needy. This is a great and charitable way to give a second life to your old glasses!

### Catholic Charities, Diocese of Metuchen Immigration Services Program Citizenship Day

Have you been a lawful permanent resident for at least 5 years?

OR

Have you been a lawful permanent resident for at least 3 years and obtained residency through a U.S. citizen spouse?

Call **732-324-8200** to schedule an appointment for an initial consultation on how you can become a U.S. citizen.

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**Nov. 17, Nov. 20, & Dec. 15**

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