

FIRST SUNDAY *of Advent*



ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
DUNELLEN, NEW JERSEY

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil.....5:00 p.m.; **Sunday**.....8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., Noon (Spanish)

Monday-Friday...8:00 a.m. (*Chapel*)

Tuesday....7:00 p.m. (Spanish); Second **Sunday of each month**...3:30 (Kiswahili)

Holydays.....8:00 a.m., Noon & 7:00 p.m. (*Church*)

PARISH CENTER HOURS

Monday-Thursday: 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.; closed on Friday. Evenings by appointment only

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Office of Faith Formation: 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 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Chapel and on the first Friday of each month from 7:00 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the Church. You are invited to visit as your schedule permits. If you wish to be a regularly scheduled adorer, please contact the Parish Office. During Lent, Adoration takes place on Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the Church.

Sacrament of Baptism: The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on the First and Third Sunday of the month at 1:30 p.m. 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 p.m. 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 Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist and, if married, are in a marriage recognized by the Church.

FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation 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 Faith Formation.

MASS INTENTIONS



Monday, November 28

8:00 a.m. Jim Coughlin by Jim & Kathy Angiuli

Tuesday, November 29

8:00 a.m. Eugene Rabouin
by Nancy & Rick Chesler & family
7:00 p.m. Juan Santos by Concepcion Santos

Wednesday, November 30

8:00 a.m. St. John always bring us, our Mass offerings and our prayers to JMS's hearts, Amen by John

Thursday, December 1

8:00 a.m. Patricia Urenovich
by Bill, Pat & Will Hughes

Friday, December 2

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Saturday, December 3

5:00 p.m. Richard Cummings
by Joan Rabouin & family

Sunday, December 4

8:30 a.m. Joe Mondoro
by Robert & Nancy Dombroski
10:30 a.m. James McDougall by Mack family
Noon Familia Monge by friend Nina and Parishioners of St. John's

Please pray for the sick members of our parish:



*Louis Capozzi
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.

Círculo de Oración: todos los jueves a las 7:00 pm en la Iglesia. El último jueves del mes hay una Hora Santa a las 7:00pm.

**Sacrificial Offerings 2022
Sunday, November 20**

**Collection and expense amounts for this week were not available at time of publication.*

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

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.

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.



Christmas Memorials

You are invited to make a memorial donation for the Christmas season. Your donation will help provide flowers and decorations for the church. To participate you may pick up a form at the exits of the Church or simply write down your name, phone number, and the name of the person or persons you wish to memorialize and send it along with your payment to the Parish Center by **Sunday, 12/11**.

Christmas Giving Tree Program

Our Angel Giving Tree is in place in the Church vestibule. Please select your angel and return your gift to the Parish Center or Church under the Giving Tree by **Sunday, December 11**. Blessings and thanks as we prepare for our Savior's birth.



**Thank You for
Your Thanksgiving Donations!**

Individual families received all the Thanksgiving fixings and leftovers will remain in our parish pantry for future giving. Thanks to our generous parish families!

Parish Ministry & Contacts

Activities & Fund Raising Committee:

Parish Office (732) 968-2621; stjev@verizon.net

Altar Rosary Society: Fran Furino

(732) 968-0846

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

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Art & Environment Committee: Kate Guzzi,

(732) 977-2233; kguzzi@optimum.net

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Faith Formation & Catechists: Patricia Hummel,

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Finance Committee: John Fitzgerald

Golf Outing Committee: Parish Office

(732) 968-2621; stjev@verizon.net

Homebound Ministry: Jon Fourre, (908) 392-

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Hospitality Committee: Kate Guzzi

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Keith Venturella; kventurella@optonline.net

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(908) 930-1663

Money Counters: Jeff Marren,

jm601@optonline.net

Music Ministry: Gerard Chiusano, (732) 968-2621

Readers: Gary Guthreau; gguthreau@optonline.net

Social Concerns Ministry: Mary Lou Chingery

(732) 968-2621

Spanish Charismatic Prayer Group:

Gloria Labanda (732) 343-0680

Guadalupe Group: Ana Alpizar (732) 979-4663

Tricky Tray Committee: Parish Office

(732) 968-2621; stjev@verizon.net

Ushers: Mike Sciametta (908) 347-7902;

mjsciametta@optonline.net



Monthly Reception

The monthly reception will take place next **Sunday, 12/4, after the 8:30 and 10:30 Masses in the Church Auditorium.** All are welcome to join us! Anyone interested in helping out before or after Mass or with donations, please contact Kate Guzzi (732) 977-2233.



Altar Prayer Group

St. John's Altar Prayer Group will have a Christmas lunch on **Tuesday, 12/13 from 12 noon to 3 o'clock at Carpaccio's Ristorante in Middlesex.** Cost is \$25.00. Please bring in a little gift for a person living at the Green Brook Disabled Facility. Remit to Fran Furino or Natalie Farry @732-968-0846 if interested. All are Welcome.

Handmade Christmas Tree

Consider buying a raffle ticket at the church exit in order to win a handmade Christmas tree with ornaments. The drawing will be on **Sunday, 12/11.**



Altar Server Training

Anyone Fourth grade and older who has received their First Holy Communion and is interested in how to be an altar server please contact the Parish Office so we can include you in our next training session.



**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 2nd Lt. Casey Wenzel**
- U.S. Army Spec. 4 Timothy Francisco**
- U.S. Marine LCpl. Stephen Wright**
- U.S. Navy IT2 Kenneth Millman III**
- U.S. Navy HM3 Rosemary Plunkett**
- U.S. Marine RCT Dylan Kolakowski**
- U.S. Air Force, 2nd Lt. Michael Nielsen**

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



**November 27, 2022
1st Sunday of Advent**

"Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come." Matthew 24:42

People who have had health issues or near-death experiences generally have a greater appreciation for each day being a gift from God. The rest of us usually take for granted that we will be around tomorrow. But when you start to look at each day as a gift, you realize all the little miracles that happen daily and you begin to see God's active presence in your life. You grow in gratitude, each day, for all that we have been given.



Expanded Payment Assistance Available

If you are struggling to pay your energy bills, help is available. The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) and Universal Service Fund (USF) have expanded to include more people at higher income levels. For example, a family of four with a monthly income of \$9,250 may be eligible and should apply for the USF. (Only the last month of income counts.) If you are not eligible for LIHEAP or USF, there are moderate-income programs, such as the PAGE Grant and/or NJ SHARES, which may provide the help you need. For more information, or to find out how to apply, call 1-800-510-3102 or "211" (7 days a week). Visit pseg.com/help or pseg.com/ayuda (Spanish) for online application links.

**Ya Disponible Ayuda
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Si está luchando por pagar sus facturas de energía, hay ayuda disponible. el Programa de Asistencia de Energía para Hogares de Bajos Ingresos (LIHEAP) y el Fondo de Servicio Universal (USF) se han ampliado para incluir a más personas con niveles de ingresos más altos. Por ejemplo, una familia de cuatro con unos ingresos mensuales de \$9,250 puede ser elegible y debe solicitar el USF. (Sólo cuenta el último mes de ingresos.) Si no califica para LIHEAP o USF, hay programas de ingresos moderados, como la subvención PAGE o NJ SHARES, los cuales pueden proveer la ayuda que necesita. Para más información, o para saber cómo solicitar, llame al 1-800-510-3102 o "211" (7 días a la semana). Visite pseg.com/help o pseg.com/ayuda para los enlaces a una solicitud por internet.

Faith Formation



A Family of Faith: December

Adult/Parent Meeting - Monday 12/5, Tuesday 12/6, 6:30-8:00 p.m., Church Auditorium

Topic: #5 Confirmation

Community/Family Meeting - Sunday 12/18 9:00 a.m., Church Auditorium and attend 10:30 Mass together.

Topic/Activity: Advent Retreat

Monthly Youth Mass

The next Youth Mass will be **10:30** on **Sunday, 12/4**. All high school teens are welcome to serve. If you are interested in being a Lector, Usher, Altar Server or singing in the Youth Choir please email stjohnpcl@gmail.com for the link to sign up.

Youth Choir

All 6th, 7th and 8th graders and high school teens interested in singing in the Youth Choir please email stjohnpcl@gmail.com. Practice will be on the day of each Youth Mass in the church beginning at **9:30 a.m.**



High School Youth Group

Christmas Card Sale, **Sunday 12/4** after all Masses during the monthly reception. Our new High School Youth Group members have been crafting Christmas Cards to sell to support future activities. Stop by and say HI during our December 4th monthly reception. Meet our High School Youth Group members and check out their creations. All High School teens are welcome to join. Find out what Youth Group is all about and some activities they are looking forward to this year.

Advent is Here!

What will your family be doing to prepare for the coming of Jesus this Advent?



Rejoice! Advent

Pilgrimage into the Heart of Scripture
Let Us journey together as Parish through Scripture. Contact to the Parish office if you are interested
<https://ascensionpress.com/collections/rejoice-an-advent-pilgrimage-into-the-heart-of-scripture-year-a>

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