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WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil5:00 pm

Sunday8:30 am, 10:30 am, Noon (Spanish)

Monday - Friday8:00 am (*Chapel*) ;

Tuesday 7:00 pm (Spanish)

Second Sunday of each month.....3:30 pm (Kiswahili)

Holydays8:00 am, 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 29

8:00 a.m. Jacob Le by Mr. & Mrs. Hung Lieu

Tuesday, November 30

8:00 a.m. Ron Shea by Sue Ellen Bibby

Wednesday, December 1

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

Thursday, December 2

8:00 a.m. Chiara Martone by Antonietta Troisi

Friday, December 3

8:00 a.m. Chiara Martone
by the Marinelli family

Saturday, December 4

5:00 p.m. Penny Weed by Bill Morin

Sunday, December 5

8:30 a.m. Daniel & Kathleen Nunzello by
Valerie Alclarondo &
Charlie Nunzello

10:30 a.m. Parishioners of St. John's &
Brian Flynn by Enza DiStefano

Noon William, Josephine & Andrew Au
by the Au family



*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, comuniqués 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 2021 Sunday, November 21

**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.



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.

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 Giving Tree Program



As we prepare to celebrate the "gift" of our Savior's birth let's also remember those in need. We're accepting gift cards from Target, Walmart, CVS and Shop Rite to be given to those families during this holy season. Your donation, with the amount noted on the card along with the receipt placed in an envelope marked "Gift Program" may be placed in the gift box in church or brought to the Parish Center no later than **Sunday, 12/12**. May peace and joy be with us all!



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 **noon on Sunday, 12/12**.

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

Casino Night Committee: Parish Office

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

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

Faith Formation & Catechists: Patricia Hummel,

PCL (732) 968-2621, x13; stjohnpcl@gmail.com

Finance Committee: John Fitzgerald

Golf Outing Committee: Parish Office

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

Homebound Ministry: Mary Lou Chingery; Parish

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

Hospitality Committee: Kate Guzzi

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

Knights of Columbus Council 2544:

Keith Venturella; kventurella@optonline.net

Marriage Encounter: Eugene & Theresa Porras

(908) 930-1663

Money Counters: Joanna Kelly (732) 968-4324

Music Ministry: Edwin Lopez, Director of Sacred

Music, (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

Ushers: Mike Sciametta (908) 347-7902;

misciametta@optonline.net



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

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



**November 28, 2021
1st Sunday of Advent**

"But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand." (Luke 21:28)

We celebrate Advent each year in preparation for the birth of Jesus, His first coming, as we await His second coming. What will you do differently this Advent season to grow in friendship and love with Jesus? How will you inspire others to do the same? Start by sharing your God story with others, especially those closest to you. Invite and accompany them on their faith journey this Advent.

Whole Community Catechesis



Learning About the Mass continued...

The Liturgy of the Word Continued – The Responsorial Psalm

In addition to the First Reading, the Liturgy of the Word also includes the Responsorial Psalm, the Second Reading, Gospel and Homily, Profession of Faith and concludes with the Prayers of the Faithful.

After we listen to the First Reading, we sing the “Responsorial Psalm” which is also from the Old Testament. There are 150 Psalms in the bible and many of the psalms were written by King David. King David was God’s chosen King of Israel.

Psalms were written as sacred hymns meant to be sung in public worship in the Temple Liturgy. Many of our church rituals in the Mass are based on synagogue customs that Jesus followed. The psalms give praise and thanksgiving to God as well as express grief or sorrow and a cry for help to God. The psalms are our hearts’ response to what we hear in the First reading. If we pay attention to the First Reading, we can see how it will correspond in some way to the Responsorial psalm and more joyfully and purposefully respond by signing out the psalm at Mass.

Taken from: The Mass Explained for Kids (Wolfe), A Biblical Walk through the Mass (Sri), The Mass Explained (Moroney), <http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/0>, and Mass Lessons compiled by Deirdre Nemeth

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, 732-968-2621 ext 13.

Help Wanted

The Diocese of Metuchen is seeking a Communications Specialist to join the diocesan Office of Communications and Public Relations.

The Communications Specialist is entrusted with telling the story of the mission of the Catholic Church and the works regularly being carried out in Her name in the four counties of the Diocese of Metuchen: Middlesex, Somerset, Hunterdon and Warren.

Reporting to the Director of Communications, the Communications Specialist is committed to: advancing the mission of the Church; making known the good works happening in the Diocese; and promoting the services and programs it provides in all areas throughout the Diocese.

To learn more or to apply, please visit: diometuchen.org/communications-specialist

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