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WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil.....5:00 pm

Sunday8:30 am, 10:30 am, 12:00 noon (Spanish)

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 1:30 pm. Baptisms will not be performed during Lent. 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 30

8:00 am John Confalone by his children and grandchildren

Tuesday, December 1

8:00 am In loving memory of Daniel & Kathleen Nunzello by Ramon, Valerie & Charlie

Wednesday, December 2

8:00 am In loving memory of Ramon Aldarondo & Lou Aldarondo by Ramon

Thursday, December 3

8:00 am In loving memory of Frankie Filo & Rita Verracino by the Aldarondo/Nunzello families

Friday, December 4

8:00 am In loving memory of Rita J. Crauley by Ramon

Saturday, December 5

5:00 pm Scott Patronick by the Patronick, Woerner & Dowd families

Sunday, December 6

8:30 am Parishioners of St. John's & Jerry Biro by Elizabeth Biro
10:30 am Diamond Risoli by Rose Perone

Sacrificial Offerings 2020 Sunday, November 22

**Financial information for this week was 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

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.



Christmas Basket Raffle

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

Boiler Update

The new boiler has just been installed and as you can feel our church is warm and comfortable. Thank you for continuing to send in donations to offset the cost, which in the end turned out to be \$27,000 instead of the original estimate of \$30,000. I am confident we will be able to pay for it in full since we have already received \$12,000 in donations. I thank you for your ongoing, wonderful, heartfelt generosity, especially in these difficult times for all.



Christmas Angel Tree Program

Due to the pandemic we will adjust our annual angel tree program. We request gift cards from Target or Walmart be donated rather than gifts, which will be distributed to the children's parents for gift buying. Please place them in an envelope marked "Christmas Program" by **Dec. 13th** and drop them off at the parish office.



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. This Sunday, **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.

Scrip orders

The next and last Scrip order of this year is **due December 6th** with a **pick-up date of December 20th**, 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. 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 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 29, 2020
First Sunday of Advent

"Take heed, watch and pray; for you do not know when the time will come." - Mark 13:33

We all take things for granted. In particular, we take time for granted. We make our lives too busy. We plan our time, our days, weeks, months, even years in advance. Remember, our time on earth is a gift. None of us knows how long we will be here. Start today and begin thanking God for each and every day. Take time in silence, every day, and listen to how God is calling you right now to help build His kingdom on earth.

Whole Community Catechesis



Gospel Weekly Discussion Questions: Talents Mark 13:33–37

Life Question: What are you doing to help give birth to peace?

Gospel Question: At what doorways are you watching for God to come?

EXPLORING THE GOSPEL BY AGE

Exploring the Sunday Readings (Adults)

Gospel Question: Consider keeping an Advent journal. Write down what you see, feel, and think with a renewed attention to the gift of life.

Visions (Grades 7–9)

Life Question: What is a danger that could threaten your life or well-being?

Gospel Question: How do you stay alert to Jesus' coming in your life?

Venture (Grades 4–6)

Life Question: What are three things your family does to make Advent special?

Gospel Question: How can we be ready for Jesus to come?

Good News (Grades 2–3)

Life Question: What do you wait for?

Gospel Question: How does Advent help us wait for Christmas?

Promise (Grades K–1)

Life Question: What do you wait and look forward to?

Gospel Question: How are you getting ready for Christmas at home?

Seeds (Preschool)

Life Question: How are we getting ready at home to celebrate Advent?

Gospel Question: How are we getting ready at Church for Jesus to come?

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.

Appointments are available in Perth Amboy & New Brunswick on **Nov. 17, Nov. 20, & Dec. 15**

SPACE IS LIMITED



Community House Accessible Housing

Community House at St. Thomas, in Old Bridge NJ, is a program managed by Catholic Charities and provides affordable, accessible housing for adults of very low income who have physical disabilities. Up to 8 physically challenged adults live together as a group, functioning to their individual level of independence, and with professional case management services provided.

If you or someone you know is in need of this type of housing, please call Susan at (732) 251-0022 or go to www.communityhouse-saintthomas.org for further information. We look forward to hearing from you.

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