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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 9

8:00 am Jeanne Dunne by Audrey Spenard

Tuesday, November 10

8:00 am Lynda Jean Aymar by
the Szulczewski family

Wednesday, November 11

8:00 am Janine Lockwood Slater
by Cathleen Caneveri

Thursday, November 12

8:00 am Christopher Mondoro
by Cathleen Caneveri

Friday, November 13

8:00 am In loving memory of
Ramon Aldarondo by son Ramon

Saturday, November 14

5:00 pm Teresa Marren by the Glennon family

Sunday, November 15

8:30 am Parishioners of St. John's &
John Jaworski by Ed & Joan Nowicki
10:30 am Dolores Mulvan by
Mastrian Paltjon family

Sacrificial Offerings 2020

Sunday, November 1

Regular Collection: \$3,725.00

Online Giving: \$ 686.00

Bills Paid This Week: \$8,721.31

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.

Scrip Fundraiser

Scrip orders are due this weekend. Please consider supporting our Parish by purchasing gift cards. Place your orders in the collection basket or drop off at the Parish office by Monday afternoon. Orders will be available for pick up the weekend of November 22nd. The next order is due on December 6th.

Phone System Issues Resolved

We apologize for the recent issues that many parishioners experienced with our phone system. The issues have since been resolved, but unfortunately at a rather significant expense.

Update on Church Boiler

As we announced last weekend, our aging boiler has unfortunately died and we are in the process of working to find a replacement and resolve this emergency issue. We anticipate having the heat restored in the church either this weekend or next weekend and we appreciate your patience in the meantime.



**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!

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.



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 8, 2020
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

"Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour." - Matthew 25:13

Many of us have put off doing something because we think we are too busy. We've all said, "I'll do it later when I have time." Unfortunately, too many of us apply this attitude to our Faith. Jesus' call is urgent, in the here and now, in your current circumstances. Don't delay. How is God calling you to use your gifts today? None of us is guaranteed tomorrow.

Whole Community Catechesis



Gospel Weekly Discussion Questions:

Foolish Choices Matthew 25:1–13

Life Question: What is something foolish you have done that forced you to learn the hard way?

Gospel Question: What do you find is necessary to fuel your spiritual life as oil is to ancient lamps or gas to cars? What keeps your spirit alive?

EXPLORING THE GOSPEL BY AGE

Exploring the Sunday Readings (Adults)

Gospel Question: How do you fuel the lamp of your enthusiasm for life in Christ?

Visions (Grades 7–9)

Life Question: What peer pressure do you experience to do things you think are foolish?

Gospel Question: What is a wise way to keep your lamp burning in your friendship with God?

Venture (Grades 4–6)

Life Question: What is a consequence?

Gospel Question: What are wise ways you can be ready every day for Jesus' coming?

Good News (Grades 2–3)

Life Question: When do you pray?

Gospel Question: What is wise about praying?

Promise (Grades K–1)

Life Question: What are choices I make every day?

Gospel Question: What choices are wise?

Seeds (Preschool)

Life Question: What makes a good day?

Gospel Question: What is something you don't want to miss?

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



St. Cecilia 2020

Honoring Pastoral Musicians

Each year, musicians from around the Diocese of Metuchen come together near the feast of St. Cecilia – patron saint of musicians – in praise, thanksgiving, and in celebration of the gift of making liturgical music with one another at the annual St. Cecilia Sing. While unable to gather in person this year due to COVID-19 restrictions, the Diocese of Metuchen's Office of Worship in collaboration with the Metuchen Chapter of the National Association of Pastoral Musicians wishes to recognize and thank all musicians in the diocese who through their music continue to give glory to God and inspire charity, justice, and evangelization. Please keep all pastoral musicians in your prayers: that in these times they may grow in prayer, patience and hope. For more information about the pastoral musicians in our diocese, please visit: diometuchen.org/NPM.

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