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## ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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# Christmas 2022



*Dear St. John the Evangelist Parish Family,*

*May the joy and peace that come with this Season be with you. It's already the third week of Advent and Christmas is almost here.*

*As Christians, Advent is a wonderful time to celebrate the reconciling love and the healing graces our Lord offers us. Please check the schedule of Masses and Sacraments between now through the Christmas Season. Invite your family members and close friends to come and celebrate with us.*

*Please note the Sacrament of reconciliation on Saturday December 17 at 11:00 am to 12:00 Noon and from 4:00 until 4:45 pm. Needless to mention, you know that I am also available any other time by appointment, and you know my number at which to reach me directly.*

*I also welcome those who seek some peace and spiritual renewal to Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament which takes place in the Chapel on Thursday from 8:30 am until Benediction at 4:00 pm.*

*Thank you again for all that you do for St. John's. We all look forward to a happy celebration of the anniversary of the birth of Our Lord and Savior. I wish you God's blessings and Merry Christmas.*

*Yours in Christ,*

*Fr. Alphonsus Kariuki*

## 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](mailto: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 (2<sup>nd</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays of Advent:

December 10 - 4:00 to 4:45 pm

December 17 - 11:00 am to Noon and 4:00 to 4:45 pm

VIGIL OF THE NATIVITY ~ CHRISTMAS EVE

4:00 PM

6:00 PM

12 Midnight

NATIVITY OF THE LORD ~ CHRISTMAS DAY

8:30 AM

10:30 AM

12 NOON – SPANISH MASS

MASSES DURING THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

Sunday, January 1, 2023

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

Regular Mass Schedule

Sunday, January 8, 2023

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Regular Mass Schedule

Monday, January 9, 2023

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

After this feast we start the ordinary time of the year

## MASS INTENTIONS



### Monday, December 12

8:00 a.m. George Weiss by the Weiss family

### Tuesday, December 13

8:00 a.m. Christina Kuok by Josephine Kuok  
7:00 p.m. Andrew Au by Josephine Kuok

### Wednesday, December 14

8:00 a.m. Kevin Quinn by his family

### Thursday, December 15

8:00 a.m. Andrew Au by Josephine Kuok

### Friday, December 16

8:00 a.m. Andrew Au by Josephine Kuok

### Saturday, December 17

5:00 p.m. Karan Bauer by Darrel & Nancy

### Sunday, December 18

8:30 a.m. Louis Steven Pizzigoni  
by Martha & John Pizzigoni  
10:30 a.m. Carroll Mills by Kim Wood and  
Parishioners of St. John's  
Noon Laura Arbelaez cumpleaños  
by familia



*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, December 4

Regular Collection: \$3,712.61

Online Giving: \$ 634.50

*\*The expense amount for this week was 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](mailto: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.

### Second Collection for Retirement Fund for Religious

The second collection this weekend, **December 10/11**, is for the Retirement Fund for Religious to support retired religious Sisters and Brothers of the United States.



### 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

Gifts purchased for the Christmas Giving Tree program or donations of gift cards may be brought to the Parish Center or placed under the Giving Tree in Church by **Sunday, 12/11**. Blessings and thanks as we prepare for our Savior's birth!



### Church Decorating for Christmas

The Arts and Environment committee will be decorating for Christmas as follows: **Saturday 12/17, 8AM-10:30AM** - arranging and testing the lights on the tree out front; **Saturday 12/24, 8AM-11:30PM** - cleaning and decorating the church. Please consider volunteering an hour or two of your time. Please text Kate Guzzi @ 732 977 2233 if you are interested in helping.



### **Parish Ministry & Contacts**

**Activities & Fund Raising Committee:**

Parish Office (732) 968-2621; [stjev@verizon.net](mailto: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](mailto:kguzzi@optimum.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](mailto:gguthreau@optonline.net)

**Faith Formation & Catechists:** Patricia Hummel,

PCL (732) 968-2621, x13; [stjohnpcl@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnpcl@gmail.com)

**Finance Committee:** John Fitzgerald

**Golf Outing Committee:** Parish Office

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**Homebound Ministry:** Jon Fourre, (908) 392-

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**Hospitality Committee:** Kate Guzzi

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**Marriage Encounter:** Eugene & Theresa Porras

(908) 930-1663

**Money Counters:** Jeff Marren,

[jm601@optonline.net](mailto:jm601@optonline.net)

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

**Readers:** Gary Guthreau; [gguthreau@optonline.net](mailto: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](mailto:stjev@verizon.net)

**Ushers:** Mike Sciametta (908) 347-7902;

[mjsciametta@optonline.net](mailto:mjsciametta@optonline.net)



### **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.



**December 11, 2022**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

*"You too must be patient. Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand." JAMES 5:8*

Patience is another one of those things many of us struggle with. We want things to go according to our plan and our schedule; we like things to be convenient. Any change brings anxiety and fear. Through daily prayer God reveals to us what He wants us to do with the gifts He has given us. We are able to better align ourselves with God's will and His plan, which is far better than anything we can come up with on our own.



### **Free Zumba Classes** **for all St. John's Parishioners**

Thanks to Lana Mack, a St. John's parishioner and Zumba instructor at the Team Champion gym, located at **586 Bound Brook Rd, in Middlesex** and the generosity of the gym's owners, David and Martha Mercado, for the month of December all Zumba classes are free to any St. John's parishioner. Zumba is offered 4 times a week, Tues and Thurs at 7 pm, Wed at 8 pm and Sat at 10 am.

### 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, 1/1**. 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](mailto:stjohnpcl@gmail.com) for the link to sign up.

### Youth Choir

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



### Rejoice! Advent Pilgrimage into the Heart of Scripture

Let Us journey together as Parish through Scripture. Join us in the Auditorium for coffee and a brief Advent reflection following the 8:30 and 10:30 Mass each Sunday of Advent.



### 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 LCpl. Dylan Kolakowski  
U.S. Air Force, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Michael Nielsen

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

### Holy Savior Academy Calendar Raffle

Holy Savior Academy's Calendar Raffle starts now till **Thursday, January 5, 2023!** Our first drawing will be on **Friday, January 6** and drawing through Friday, June 16. Tickets are \$20.00 for 23 chances to win a great cash prize. These are great stocking stuffers for Christmas and gifts for the holidays. You may purchase tickets at Holy Savior Academy Main Office, 149 South Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080, 908-822-5890. You can also purchase from one of our HSA Families or tabling after Mass at some of our Deanery Parishes. Let's support our Deanery School!



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