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FOURTH WEEK OF ADVENT Emmanuel: God Is With Us



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.

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 19

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

Tuesday, December 20

8:00 a.m. Charles NunzellO

by the Aldarondo family

7:00 p.m. Christina Kuok by Josephine Kuok

Wednesday, December 21

8:00 a.m. Julie Meyers by Pat Morris & family

Thursday, December 22

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

Friday, December 23

8:00 a.m. Connie McDougall by the Mack family

Saturday, December 24

4:00 p.m. Aldarondo & Nunzello families by the Aldarondo family

6:00 p.m. Stella & Blaise DiGiampaolo

by the Chapleski family

Midnight Ray Applegate by Dianne & family

Sunday, December 25

8:30 a.m. Roberto Loo Hernandez

by Lynne & Manny Jacalan

10:30 a.m. Artemio & Josefina Jacalan

by Lynne & Manny Jacalan

Noon Andrew Au by Josephine Kuok and

Parishioners of St. John's



Please pray for the sick members of our parish:

Louis Capozzi Cathy Slootmaker 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 ano 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, communiqués 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 11

Regular Collection: \$5,905.99 Online Giving: \$ 693.27

Bills Paid this Week: \$9,637.96

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.



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.

Christmas Tree Raffle

Congratulations to the winner of the raffle for the small Christmas tree with handmade ornaments: **Denise Metta!**

Knights of Columbus Communion Luncheon

The Knights of Columbus Commodore John Barry Assembly 1775 is holding a

Communion Luncheon on Sunday, 2/5 at Our Lady of Fatima Church. The event will begin with a 1 p.m. Mass and the luncheon will follow in the school cafeteria at 2:30 p.m. Tickets may be purchased for \$35 each. We will be honoring Rev. Fr. Sean Winters, head of the Office of Hospital Chaplaincy and head of the Office of Prison Ministry for the Diocese of Metuchen, and showing our appreciation for all that he contributes to our parishes and the Diocese. In addition to supporting our charitable works, a portion of the proceeds of this event will be used to establish a scholarship fund for seminarians of the Diocese in the name of Peter Tran, a seminarian who was tragically killed when struck by a car. We ask that you support our effort with the purchase of an ad in our Souvenir Journal. For information contact Jim Whelan (973) 632-2387 or email:

kofc4thdegree1775@yahoo.com.

Parish Ministry & Contacts

Activities & Fund Raising Committee:

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Extra ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Gary & Lynne Guthreau;

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Faith Formation & Catechists: Patricia Hummel,

PCL (732) 968-2621, x13; 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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Music Ministry: Gerard Chiusano, (732) 968-2621

Readers: Gary Guthreau; gguthreau@optonline.net

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(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;

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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.

Girl Scouting in Faith

This year's Girl Scout GATHERING Day for Catholic Junior, Cadette, Senior and Ambassador Girl Scouts who would like to work on a religious medal program, will be held on Saturday 1/14 from 9:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. at St. Bernard of Clairvaux, 500 Route 22 East, Bridgewater. Breakfast and lunch will be provided along with scouting activities and fellowship. The cost for the program is \$15.00. For further information on any of the Catholic Girl Scout programs or to request a registration form contact domgirlscouts@gmail.com

December 18, 2022 4th Sunday of Advent



"When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home." MATTHEW 1:24

Putting our complete trust in the Lord without expecting anything in return. Striving to put God first in all things and follow Him wherever He may lead us. Joseph was a model of these pillars of our faith. As we prepare for the birth of our Lord, pray for the strength and courage to be a model of discipleship, just as Joseph was.

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 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**.



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 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 LCpl. 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.

Respect Life Mass

Please consider joining us for the Annual Diocesan Respect Life Mass on Sunday, 1/22 at 12:00 noon at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi, Metuchen. Bishop James F. Checchio will be the celebrant. Youth who have been active in pro-life volunteering will be recognized. There will be a light reception immediately following the Mass. All are welcome to attend. For more information, contact amarshall@diometuchen.org or 732-562-1543.

Holy Savior Academy Calendar Raffle

Drawings for Holy Savior Academy's Calendar Raffle will take place from **Friday**, **1/6** through Friday, **6/16**. Tickets are \$20.00 for 23 chances to win a great cash prize. These are great stocking stuffers or Christmas gifts. You may purchase tickets at Holy Savior Academy Main Office, 149 South Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, 908-822-5890 or 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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