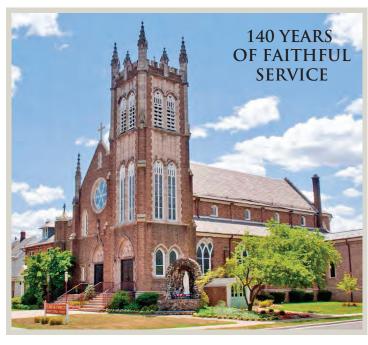
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Deacon Glenn Robitaille

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Patricia Hummel, Coordinator of Religious Education

Mary Lou Chingery, Coordinator of Social Ministry

#### **WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE**

Saturday Vigil.....5:00 pm

**Sunday**......8:30 am, 10:30 am, Noon (Spanish)

Monday - Friday ......8:00 am (Chapel);

Tuesday......7:00 pm (Spanish)

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

Holydays.....8:00 am, Noon & 7:00 pm (Church)

#### PARISH CENTER HOURS

Monday-Thursday: 9:00 am - 2:00 pm; closed on Friday. Evenings by appointment only.

Telephone: 732-968-2621

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Office of Religious Education:

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 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 form 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.

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays of Advent:
4:00 to 4:45 pm or by appointment
December 18 - 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

HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH Saturday, December 25 at 5:00 pm - Vigil Mass Sunday, December 26 - Regular Mass Schedule

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD Saturday, January 1, 2022 at 8:00 am

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD Saturday, January 1, 2022 at 5:00 pm – Vigil Mass Sunday, January 2, 2022 - Regular Mass Schedule

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD Sunday, January 9, 2022 - Regular Mass Schedule

### **MASS INTENTIONS**



# Monday, December 20

8:00 a.m. James McDoughall by the Mack family

# Tuesday, December 21

8:00 a.m. George Craig
by Rosemary Ng & Bill Vierling

# Wednesday, December 22

8:00 a.m. Clotilda D'Souza by the Almeida family

# Thursday, December 23

8:00 a.m. Brian Flynn by Cosimo & Lina Giordano

## Friday, December 24

4:00 p.m. Ramon & Luz Aldarondo & Anna, Kathy, Daniel & Charlie Nunzello by Ramon & Valerie Aldarondo

6:00 p.m. Parishioners of St. John's

Midnight George Craig

by Don & Chiquita Laturell

# Saturday, December 25

8:30 a.m. Roberto Loo Hernandez , Artemio & Josefina Jacalan by Manny & Lynne

Jacalan 10:30 a.m. George Craig by Don & Chiquita

Laturell

Noon Ramon Aldarondo by Valerie &

Ramon Aldarondo

# Sunday, December 26

8:30 a.m. Parishioners of St. John's & Cunningham, Kleinhans & Petto families by Gerard and Suzanne

Cunningham

10:30 a.m. Marion Maier by Ruth GruberNoon William, Josephine & Andrew Au by the Au family

#### 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 2021 Sunday, December 12

Regular Collection: \$4,809.00
Online Giving: \$623.21
Immaculate Conception: \$994.00
Retirement Fund for Religious: \$597.00

Bills Paid This Week: \$8,210.10

### **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.



Please pray for the sick members of our parish:

Cathy Slootmaker MaryAnn Briones



December 19, 2021 4th Sunday of Advent

"For behold, when the voice of your greeting came to my ears, the babe in my womb leaped for joy." (Luke 1:44)

When you hear the scripture readings and Gospel reading at Mass, do you "leap for joy?" If not, don't blame the lecturer or priest, rather look inside yourself. What are you doing to grow in friendship with Jesus? How do you prepare for Mass each week? Or, do you just show up and expect to be entertained? As the Body of Christ, we are called to be active participants, not just passive observers.

### 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;

stjev@verizon.net

Art & Environment Committee: Kate Guzzi,

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

Casino Night Committee: Parish Office

(732) 968-2621; <u>stjev@verizon.net</u>

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; <u>stjohnpcl@gmail.com</u>

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; <u>kventurella@optonline.net</u>

*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.

Marriage Encounter Weekend

In this season of Thanksgiving, why not celebrate your marriage and its many blessings by attending a Marriage Encounter Weekend? A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend gives you the time and tools to revitalize romance, deepen communication, and nourish the spirituality in your marriage.

The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will be held **February 4 – 6**, **2022** in person.

Please apply ASAP as space is limited. Call Tom & Ruth DeFalco at 732-904-9636 for application and information. Visit us at: <a href="https://www.wwme.org">www.wwme.org</a> to learn more.



### Mass for Engaged Couples

A Mass for Engaged Couples will be held on Sunday, February 13, 2022 at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi at 4 p.m. Fr. Timothy Christy will be the celebrant. Light refreshments will be served after the Mass. To register, please visit: diometuchen.org/engaged-couples-mass. If you have any questions, please email amarshall@diometuchen.org.

### December 19, 2021 **Fourth Sunday of Advent**

Each of us knows, in a way perhaps unique to ourselves, what it is to feel alone. Luke tells us this week that Mary "went with haste" to visit her cousin Elizabeth. Did Mary feel alone with the burden of the Annunciation? Did she have a need to confide in someone? Did she ask herself who will believe what the angel had told her and what she had consented to do? For many people, the atmosphere of Christmas preparations intensifies feelings of Ioneliness. That sense of Mary's Ioneliness makes us echo the Magnificat. God did wonderful things for her and for Elizabeth...and for us too. Do you know someone who seeks the companionship of a faith family, as Mary sought the companionship of Elizabeth? Do you know someone who needs the comfort of the Magnificat... that in our need, God also cares for us? Are you uncomfortable inviting them to the Catholic Faith? Then invite them to ask questions at an RCIA inquiry session where they will learn more about the Catholic Faith. No commitments are required - just inquiries. For more information, contact the Parish Office.

#### Retrouvaille Weekend

Stress In Your Marriage?

- · Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage?
- Are you frustrated, hurt or angry with your spouse?
- Have you thought about separation or divorce?
- Does talking about it only make it worse?

RETROUVAILLE is a Lifeline to Help Couples Heal and Renew their Marriages sponsored by the Office of Family Life, Diocese of Metuchen, NJ.

RETROUVAILLE consists of a weekend experience for married couples (no group discussions) with six follow-up sessions. The upcoming weekend is February 25 -27, 2022. All inquiries are confidential. For further information, please contact Rich Colasuonno 732-236-0671 or Annette Colasuonno 732-672-0748 or email 3024@helpourmarriage.org.

### Lectio Divina Scripture Sharing

You are invited to share scripture with a small group of people on Monday mornings 11 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. We reflect and share on the Gospel of that day. It is an investment of only one-half hour of your time, and we can assure you that the fruits of that one-half hour will be abundant. Make a commitment for just one Monday, and if you like it, come back the next Monday. Start your week with prayer, community, and hope. We look forward to sharing this time with you! Bring your bible with you! Learn more about how to join this meeting by visiting:

diometuchen.org/onechurchtogether

### Whole Community Catechesis



### Learning About the Mass continued...

### The Gospel

After the 2nd reading, we stand to listen to the Gospel. There is special reverence given during the reading of the Gospel.

**Standing** - shows reverence as we are welcoming the Lord Jesus who is about to be proclaimed in the Gospel. While the entire Bible is inspired by God, the Gospels (the books of Matthew, Mark, Luke & John) have a special place because they are our main source for the life and teaching of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

**Alleluia** - Even before we hear the Gospel, we stand and sing the "Alleluia." It is found in the beginning and ending of many Psalms and the Angels sing "Alleluia" in heaven to praise God (Rev. 19:1-9). "Alleluia" is a Hebrew expression of joy meaning "Praise the Lord".

**Procession** - During the Alleluia, the priest or deacon begin to process in the sanctuary, taking the Book of the Gospels from the altar to the lectern. To prepare himself for the sacred task of reading the Gospel, the priest quietly prays at the altar "Cleanse my heart and my lips, almighty God, that I may worthily proclaim your holy Gospel." If the deacon is reading the Gospel the priest says a similar prayer for him at the beginning of the procession.

Sign of the Cross - After the priest says "A reading from the Holy Gospel according to.... (Matthew, Mark, Luke or John)" We respond, "Glory to you, O Lord." And we make the sign of the cross 3 times, once on our forehead, once on our lips, and once on our heart. In doing this we are asking that his Word in the Gospel always stay on our minds, our lips and in our hearts.

The Church teaches "when the Sacred Scriptures are read in the Church, God himself speaks to his people, and Christ, present in his own word proclaims the Gospel." Jesus Christ speaks personally to each one of us through the divinely inspired words in the Gospel.

Taken From A Biblical Walk Through (Sri) 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, <a href="mailto:stjohnpcl@gmail.com">stjohnpcl@gmail.com</a>, 732-968-2621 ext 13.



### Year of The Family – Family Album

As we celebrate the Year "Amoris Laetitia Family," the diocesan Office of Communications and Public Relations is compiling a digital family photo album. We invite you to share a photo of your family – a photo of your domestic church by which our local Church of Metuchen is constantly enriched. Please consider sharing your family's photo with us by sending your photo to:

communications@diometuchen.org so we can together bear witness to the love of God through our "family of families."



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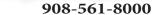
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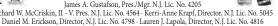
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