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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we continue to celebrate this season of Christmas, it is a special joy to announce over and over the wonderful truth that God has made His home among us in His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ. While the world quickly moves on in a never ending chase for the next exciting thing, we are called to reflect again on the truth that God is with His people. Because we celebrate Christmas...what does that mean for the rest of the year?

This year we are more challenged than usual with emergency needs that arise from people coming to our parishes for additional help. This fund as you know is used solely for those who show up in need of emergency assistance. Every year we have a special opportunity to participate in an annual local collection: *Together in Charity*. The collection funds our Catholic Charities' Emergency Assistance Program, which aids parishes when individuals and families are faced with urgent financial, housing, or medical needs beyond a parish's capacity to meet.

In this year recently announced by Our Holy Father to be a year dedicated to St. Joseph the Universal patron of the Church, we may take inspiration from his protective role for the whole family of God's people; especially the most vulnerable. Jesus may be found in the face of a senior citizen who cannot afford a prescription or single mother in need of a car repair. The Faith is alive when we reach out in love to meet the needs of all who come to us. Your monetary donation, as your means allow, will be a great expression of our local Church of Metuchen responding to Jesus' words: "What you do the least, you do unto me."

As we move forward in hope into a new year, may we do so with an eye to not leaving anyone without our help and love.

With renewed best wishes, I remain,

Yours in Christ,

Most Reverend James F. Checchio, JCD, MBA
Bishop of Metuchen

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays of Advent:

December 12 – 4:00 to 4:45 pm

December 19 - 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, December 27, 2020

HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

Regular Mass Schedule

Friday, January 1, 2021

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

8:00 AM

Sunday, January 3, 2021

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Regular Mass Schedule

Sunday, January 10, 2021

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Regular Mass Schedule

MASS INTENTIONS



Monday, December 21

8:00 am Ramon & Valerie Aldarondo
wedding anniversary
by Ramon Aldarondo

Tuesday, December 22

8:00 am Appreciation for our pastor
Fr. Alphonsus Kariuki by Ramon &
Valerie Aldarondo

Wednesday, December 23

8:00 am Appreciation for Deacons Mike &
Glenn by Ramon & Valerie Aldarondo

Thursday, December 24

4:00 pm Thomas & Dorothy Russo by family
6:00 pm Anna Nowicki by Ed & Joan Nowicki
Midnight Raymond Applegate by
Dianne Applegate

Friday, December 25

8:00 am Roberto Loo Hernandez , Artemis &
Josefina Jacalan by Manny &
Lynne Jacalan
10:30 am Antonino DiMaggio by the
DiMaggio family

Saturday, December 26

5:00 pm Marion Maier by Ruth Gruber

Sunday, December 27

8:30 am Parishioners of St. John's & Dorothy
Maritz by John & Jeanne Fitzgerald
10:30 am Family & Friends by
Ramon Aldarondo

*This week our Sanctuary lamp is lit in memory
of **Ron Thayer** by **St. John's Music
Ministry**.*

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.

Sacrificial Offerings 2020 Sunday, December 13

Regular Collection: \$3,977.00
Online Giving: \$ 693.00

Bills Paid This Week: \$5,702.31



Christmas Basket Raffle

The Music Ministry is selling tickets for their Christmas Basket Raffle after the 8:30 and 10:30 Masses. The winner will be drawn this weekend so it's your last chance to participate! Proceeds will benefit the Music Ministry. Thank you for your support.

Decorating for Christmas

The Art & Environment Committee will be decorating the church for Christmas at **1:30 pm on Sunday, 12/20**. Anyone who is interested in helping is welcome to join us at this time.

Together In Charity Collection

On the weekend of **January 2nd/3rd** the annual "Together in Charity" collection will be taken up at all Masses. The proceeds of this collection helps to fund Catholic Charities' Parish Assistance Program, which provides 24 hour / seven-day-a-week assistance to parishes faced with individuals and families with serious and urgent financial, housing or medical needs. Please give generously to this collection and contribute to making this a blessed new year for a family or individual in crisis.



**December 20, 2020
4th Sunday of Advent**

"Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you!" – Luke 1:28

After Jesus, we look to Mary as an ideal steward. Her entire life was lived in obedience to God's call. Mary teaches us to live with joy for all we have been given. Just as the moon reflects the light of the sun, Mary reflects the light of Christ. Like Mary, we are called to reflect Christ's light to the world through our gratitude and generosity.

Eyes for The Needy Program

The Knights of Columbus wish to thank those that have donated their old glasses to the New Eyes for the Needy program. Unfortunately, the organization shut down their operation. Through the generosity of many, The Knight's have donated thousands of pairs of glasses to this program over the past 20 years. Thank you all for your participation!

Whole Community Catechesis

Gospel Weekly Discussion Questions:

Mary's Yes to God

Luke 1:26-38

Life Question: What are you too old for God to do in you? What are you too young for God to make happen through you?

Gospel Question: How is Mary's call to be the Mother of God like the call of every Christian?

EXPLORING THE GOSPEL BY AGE

Exploring the Sunday Readings (Adults)

Gospel Question: Have a Merry Christmas! Close the gap between intention and action in your dealings with family and friends this season.

Visions (Grades 7–9)

Life Question: What impossible things does God make possible for you?

Gospel Question: What impossible things does God do in Mary?

Venture (Grades 4–6)

Life Question: What is hardest and best about waiting for Christmas in your family?

Gospel Question: What is a way you want to be like Mary?

Good News (Grades 2–3)

Life Question: Who have you waited for a long time?

Gospel Question: How does God bless Mary?

Promise (Grades K–1)

Life Question: When do I say yes to people?

Gospel Question: What is a way you would like to be like Mary, Jesus' mother?

Seeds (Preschool)

Life Question: Can you pray the Hail Mary prayer?

Gospel Question: Who is Jesus' mother?

Christmas Book Program

Many thanks to Thomas E. Sheenan and The Sheenan Funeral Home and an anonymous donor for their generous donations to fund the upcoming Christmas Book Program. This Christmas we will be giving out Do Something Beautiful For God by Mother Teresa and I Heard God Laugh by Matthew Kelly.

Christmas Gift

Looking for the perfect Christmas gift for your spouse? Why not give yourselves a Marriage Encounter Experience. A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience gives you the time and tools to revitalize romance, deepen communication, and nourish the spirituality in your marriage. Join us from the comfort of your home via Zoom for eight evening sessions presented on **Sunday & Wednesday evenings** from **January 20 to February 14**. Phone Tony & Linda Massimo **1-302-220-9833** for application and information. Visit us at: **www.wwme-delmar.org** for more information.



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 Pvt. 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

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

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