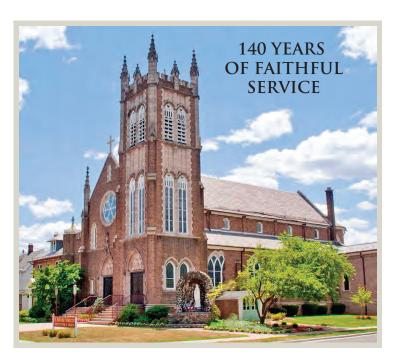
# SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST

## ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

## 317 FIRST STREET, DUNELLEN, NEW JERSEY 08812



#### PASTORAL STAFF

Reverend Alphonsus Kariuki, Pastor

Reverend Joseph L. Desmond, Weekend Assistant

Deacon Glenn Robitaille

Deacon Michael P. Gleason, Retired

Edwin Lopez, Director of Sacred Music

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, 12:00

noon (Spanish)

Monday - Friday ......8:00 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 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 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.

#### 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 28

8:00 am Gerard E. Cunningham by his children

## Tuesday, December 29

8:00 am Mary Lou Cornet by Jayne & Roger Lendach

## Wednesday, December 30

8:00 am Appreciation for St. John's Music Ministry by Ramon & Valerie Aldarondo

## Thursday, December 31

8:00 am Mary Magdalene Engel by Michael,

Dawn & Jessica Maurigi

5:00 pm Ann & John Cashin by Eileen &

Lou Capozzi

### Friday, January 1

8:00 am Cyrus Hyde by the Szulczewski family

### Saturday, January 2

5:00 pm Anthony Della Ventura by the Mastrian & Paltjon families

## Sunday, January 3

8:30 am Parishioners of St. John's & Gordon Harmon by Janet & Ed Webber 10:30 am Margaret Caubet by St. John's Choir

This week our Sanctuary lamp is lit in memory of **Edward W. Marren** by **Jeff & Karen Marren**.

## 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.

#### Together In Charity Collection

On the weekend of **January 2<sup>nd</sup>/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.

#### Sacrificial Offerings 2020 Sunday, December 20

\* Financial information for this week was not available at time of publication.



#### December 27, 2020 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

"...as the Lord has forgiven you, so you must forgive." - Colossians 3:13

Forgiving is one of the hardest things for people to do. We can't give what we don't have. We need to receive God's mercy and forgiveness first before we can give it to others. Go to the sacrament of Reconciliation and receive God's mercy and forgiveness. Then, share the gift of forgiveness with someone — a family member, a friend or a co-worker. Pick up the phone or text someone right now.



## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

#### Whole Community Catechesis

#### **Gospel Weekly Discussion Questions:**

Nativity of the Lord—Christmas • December 25 The Epiphany of the Lord • January 3, 2021 Christmas Readings: Isaiah 9:1-6; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-20

Epiphany Readings: Isaiah 60:1–6; Ephesians

3:2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12

**Life Question:** What do you do each Christmas that celebrates the meaning of the feast for you?

Gospel Question: How is Jesus a gift to

humankind?

#### **EXPLORING THE GOSPEL BY AGE** Exploring the Sunday Readings (Adults)

How do you do homage to God in the presence of the lowly and disadvantaged?

#### Visions (Grades 7–9)

**Life Question:** To whom is Jesus' birth

important when it happens?

Gospel Question: To whom will Jesus be

important when he grows up?

#### **Venture (Grades 4–6)**

Life Question: What is a gift you are giving to others to celebrate Jesus' birthday? Gospel Question: How is Jesus a gift to

humankind?

#### Good News (Grades 2-3)

Life Question: What am I thankful for this

Christmas?

**Gospel Question:** What is the Good News

you want to spread about Jesus?

#### Promise (Grades K-1)

**Life Question:** What is my favorite

Christmas activity?

Gospel Question: How do you celebrate

Jesus' birthday?

#### Seeds (Preschool)

**Life Question:** What is your favorite thing

to do on your birthday?

Gospel Question: Whose birthday do we

celebrate at Christmas?

#### 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.



#### Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi **Choir Christmas Concert**

Because of pandemic restrictions, this year the Cathedral Christmas Concert will be available virtually throughout the season beginning on Christmas day. Gather your loved ones and tune in to watch as the handbell choir, trumpet, horn and cello, as well as several vocal soloists, bring their musical gifts and the joy of Christmas to you right in the comfort of your own home. To view the concert, visit www.diometuchen.org or www.stfranciscathedral.org. The concert will also be made available on the Diocese of Metuchen's social media pages: @diocesemetuchen and on the St. Francis Cathedral Concerts Facebook page.