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### 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.

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### Office of Religious Education:

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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 from 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.

## MASS INTENTIONS



### Monday, February 21

8:00 a.m. John Maier  
by his daughter, Ruth Gruber

### Tuesday, February 22

8:00 a.m. Marcelle Gorman by Daniel Gorman  
7:00 p.m. Parishioners of St. John's

### Wednesday, February 23

8:00 a.m. Julia DiQuollo  
by John, Carl, Carmen and Nina

### Thursday, February 24

8:00 a.m. Robert Dilley by his co-workers at the  
Dunellen Post Office

### Friday, February 25

8:00 a.m. Dawn Siegel  
by St. John's Finance Council

### Saturday, February 26

5:00 p.m. Parishioners of St. John's &  
Tony DellaVentura by  
his wife & family

### Sunday, February 27

8:30 a.m. Jerry & Mary Ann St. John  
by Thomas Sheenan  
10:30 a.m. Joaquim Cunha by Lou Hornlein  
Noon Parishioners of St. John's

*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, comuniqués 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, February 13

Regular Collection: \$4,019.49

Online Giving: \$ 551.08

Bills Paid this Week: \$8,564.05

### Online Giving

Have you tried our new Parish online giving system? There are three ways to give through Tithe.ly:

\*Through our website

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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.



### Holiday Office Closing

The Parish Office will be closed on **Monday, 2/21**

in observation of President's Day. It will re-open on Tuesday, 2/22.

### 2022 Bishop's Annual Appeal Celebrating 40 Years—Continuing to Fan the Flame of Faith into Service

Our diocese has been blessed in recent years with an increased number of vocations and, thanks be to God, we presently have 21 seminarians studying for the priesthood. A large portion of our seminarians' education is being funded by the Bishop's Annual Appeal, for which they are extremely grateful. Your gift also supports a wide array of diocesan programs that foster vocations and provide ongoing formation for those called to both ordained and lay leadership roles within the Church. Your generosity also ensures that our retired priests who have served so faithfully receive the care they deserve in their later years. Please be as generous as your mean allow.

### Gertrude Hawk Candy Sale

The Office of Catechesis is running our annual Gertrude Hawk Easter Candy Sale. Sales run from **now to Sunday 2/27** with candy pick up on the weekend of April 2nd.



Everyone is welcome to participate. Fundraising packets can be found in the entrances of the church as well as at the Parish Center. Orders can also be placed at <https://fundraising.gertrudehawkchocolates.com/>. Thank you for your support. For more information contact the Office of Catechesis.

**Parish Ministry & Contacts**

**Activities & Fund Raising Committee:**

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**Altar Rosary Society:** Fran Furino

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**Art & Environment Committee:** Kate Guzzi,

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**Spanish Charismatic Prayer Group:**

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

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**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 RCT Dylan Kolakowski**

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



**February 20, 2022  
7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time**

*"But rather, love your enemies and do good to them, and lend without expecting anything back..." (LUKE 6:35)*

Easier said than done, right? But, if we are to imitate Christ, most of us need to practice mercy and compassion more frequently. Start with the little daily annoyances that we experience, the unkind word or hateful glance we receive. Instead of plotting revenge on that person, try saying a quick prayer for that person. Praying for our enemies doesn't change them, it changes us. Mercy and compassion will keep us on the path to holiness.

## Whole Community Catechesis



### Learning About the Mass continued...

#### The Liturgy of the Eucharist

#### The Eucharistic Prayer Cont...

##### Consecration

The Consecration is the point in Mass when the greatest miracle takes place. **The Bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ when the priest says these words: "Take this all of you and eat of it, for this is my body, which will be given up for you. Take this all of you and drink from it, for this is the Chalice of my blood, the blood of the new and eternal covenant, which will be poured out of you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in Memory of Me."**

These are the words Jesus spoke at the Last Supper (Matthew 2:26)

Very often at this moment we will hear the bells on the altar ring to signify the great miracle that is taking place. We are also kneeling at this time of Mass to show Jesus great reverence to Him as He becomes fully present to us.

The Catechism teaches that the Mass not only recalls the events of Christ's suffering, death and resurrection but actually makes them present (CCC 1104, 1111, 1363-86). In other words, we are all spiritually present before Christ's crucifixion at the Mass. We do not see with our eyes but we know by faith that this is so. There have been saints and mystics of the Church who have been given the privilege from God of actually seeing what happens spiritually at the Mass. St. John Chrysostom said. "When the Mass is being celebrated the sanctuary is filled with countless angels, who adore Christ crucified on the Altar".

Let us each pray to your Guardian angels to help us enter more spiritually into this moment of Mass and to be given a greater appreciation for this amazing and awesome reality that takes place.

*Taken from Mass Lessons created 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, [stjohnpcl@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnpcl@gmail.com), 732-968-2621 ext 13.

#### The Bible In A Year

Are you interested in reading the Bible? Read **The Bible in a Year with Fr. Mike Schmitz** podcast: <https://media.ascensionpress.com/podcast/all-bible-in-a-year-episodes/> He is using the Great Adventure Timeline as he guides listeners through the Bible in a year. It is not too late to join in.

#### Action Needed: Ask Governor Murphy to Increase Funding for Transportation

Nonpublic school transportation continues to be problematic for many students with the result being that parents receive aid-in-lieu payments instead of transportation. Aid-in-lieu for parents at the current rate does not help in getting their children to and from a nonpublic school. Please contact Governor Murphy and ask that he increase the per-pupil ceiling for nonpublic school transportation from \$1,000 to \$1,150. Visit [njcatholic.org/faith-in-action](http://njcatholic.org/faith-in-action) to take action.

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