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WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil.....5:00 pm

Sunday8:30 am, 10:30 am, 12:00
noon (Spanish)

Monday - Friday8:00 am (*Chapel*)

Holydays8:00 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
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 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.

MASS INTENTIONS



Monday, February 22

8:00 am John Miller, Sr. by Diane & Tim Eaton

Tuesday, February 23

8:00 am Catherine (Kit) Shoppe
by Diane & Tim Eaton

Wednesday, February 24

8:00 am John Alati by the Szulczewski family

Thursday, February 25

8:00 am Stany D'Souza by the Almeida family

Friday, February 26

8:00 am Brendan Glennon by Kevin Glennon

Saturday, February 27

5:00 pm James Ritter by the Ritter family

Sunday, February 28

8:30 am Parishioners of St. John's & Robert
Gannon by Pat & Dan Seader
10:30 am Jean Hill by Matt & Terry Kurzius

Sacrificial Offerings 2021

Sunday, February 14

Regular Collection: \$4,158.00

Online Giving: \$ 845.00

Bills Paid This Week: \$10,447.29

The penitential season of Lent is upon us, and we Catholics, like Christians everywhere, begin preparing to commemorate the passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Lent is the forty-day liturgical season of fasting, special prayer and almsgiving in preparation for Easter. The name "Lent" is from the Middle English "Lencten," meaning spring; its more primitive name was the "forty days," "quadragesima" in Latin or "tessaracoste" in Greek. Lent begins this year on **Ash Wednesday, February 17th**.

Lenten Fast and Abstinence Observance:

- Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics.
- In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence.
- The norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal.
- The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding from age 14 onwards.
- If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily his Resurrection.

Ash Wednesday Schedule:

- Masses with the distribution of ashes: 8:00am & 12:00 pm
- Prayer Service with the distribution of ashes: 3:00 pm,
- Mass in Spanish with the distribution of ashes: 7:00 pm

Fridays during Lent:

- Stations of the Cross in English- 7:00pm
- Stations of the Cross in Spanish- 7:45pm
- *The Chosen* video series in the auditorium at 8:00 pm (includes Spanish subtitles)

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

- Every Saturday from 4:00-4:45 pm
- Or by appointment

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.

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 the 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.

Scrip Orders

Current Scrip orders can be picked up on **2/21**.

The next Scrip orders are due by **3/7** with pickup on **3/21**.




**Knights of Columbus
Take-Out Only
Lenten Fish and Chips Dinner
Friday, February 26th
5:30 pm-7:00 pm**

Choice of: Fried Fish and Chips Dinner, Fried Shrimp Dinner or Seafood Combo Dinner. Dinners include seafood entre, French fries, coleslaw. All dinners \$12.00 each, credit cards accepted. Due to indoor restrictions this is a take-out only event. Pre-ordering dinners is strongly recommended. Call 732-968-2544 after 3pm on 2/26 or email your order to koc2544_dunellen@yahoo.com



**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 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. Marine Pvt. José Citron**
- U.S. Navy IT2 Kenneth Millman III**
- U.S. Navy HM3 Rosemary Plunkett**

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



Gertrude Hawk Candy Sale
All orders for the Gertrude Hawk Easter Candy Sale are due by **Monday, 2/22**. If you haven't placed and order and are still interested, packets are available in the back of the church or you can order online at <https://fundraising.gertrudehawkchocolate.com/>. Candy pick up will be the weekend of March 28th.



**February 21, 2021
1st Sunday of Lent**

"After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God..."
- Mark 1:14

Do you ever think about how difficult it must have been for Jesus to come into Galilee, knowing that John had just been arrested for teaching the same message that Jesus was proclaiming. It must have taken great love and trust for Jesus to do what the Father had sent Him here on earth to do. In the same way, following a life of stewardship takes great love and trust from us. We must be willing to surrender completely to God, trusting that God will always give us all that we need to fulfill His plan for us.

Whole Community Catechesis



Gospel Weekly Discussion Questions: We Follow Jesus In Lent Mark 1:12-15

Life Question: What is testing your spirit this Lent?

Gospel Question: What is Jesus asking when he says to repent and believe in the Good News?

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

What is testing your spirit this Lent?

Visions (Grades 7–9)

Life Question: Why do so many young people worry about what others think of them?

Gospel Question: Could you be convicted of being a Christian?

Venture (Grades 4–6)

Life Question: What difficulties do brothers and sisters have with each other?

Gospel Question: What Good News does Jesus bring to the people of Galilee and to us?

Good News (Grades 2–3)

Life Question: What practices will you do during Lent?

Gospel Question: What are all the things Jesus does in the desert?

Promise (Grades K–1)

Life Question: How do we celebrate Lent?

Gospel Question: What are ways to pray during Lent?

The Chosen Watch Party!

Beginning **Friday 2/5, 8PM**; each episode is roughly 40 to 50 minutes long. Please register with Patricia Hummel stjohnpcl@gmail.com for auditorium seating or the online link. The Chosen is the first-ever-multi-season TV show about the life of Jesus. See Jesus through the eyes of those who knew him.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X-AJdKty74M>

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.

SoulCore

<https://soulcore.com/>. Strengthen your body, mind and Soul. SoulCore is a Marian prayer apostolate integrating core strengthening, stretching and functional movement with the prayers of the rosary.

Make it the Best Lent Ever!

One of the Books we gave as a Parish Christmas Gift was *"I Heard God Laugh: A Practical Guide to Life's Essential Habit"* by Matthew Kelly. Sign up for Dynamic Catholic's Best Lent Ever and join in as they use this book to draw closer to God.

<https://www.dynamiccatholic.com/lent/best-lent-ever.html>. This is a free program where you will receive a daily email to guide you throughout Lent.

Parousia: The Bible and the Mass

Looking for Bible study this Lent? Journey through Scripture with Scott Hahn learning about the Bible and the Mass. <https://stpaulcenter.com/studies-tools/journey-through-scripture/parousia-the-bible-and-the-mass/>

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