

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Sunday, February 23**

8:30 am Ted Kotz by Matt & Terry Kurzius  
10:30 am Parishioners of St. John's &  
Julia DiQuollo by loving children

**Monday, February 24**

7:00 am Rose A. Basile by Michael, Dawn &  
Jessica Maurigi

**Tuesday, February 25**

7:00 am Charlie Batcha by Sue Ellen Bibby

**Wednesday, February 26**

7:00 am Charlie Batcha by St. John's Choir  
Noon Ronald Shea y Gale & David Zensky  
7:00 pm Emil Kowalchik by the Mack family

**Thursday, February 27**

7:00 am Helen Zukowski-Tamalonis by  
Sue Ellen Bibby

**Friday, February 28**

7:00 am Steven Suznovich, Sr. by  
the Szulczewski family

**Saturday, February 29**

5:00 pm Richard Bartilotti by Barbara Carlisle

**Sunday, March 1**

8:30 am Parishioners of St. John's & Dottie  
Maritz by Matt & Terry Kurzius  
10:30 am Tomasa Colocho by Enza DiStefano

*This week our Sanctuary lamp is lit in memory  
of Joseph & Josephine Manneno by family.*

*This week our Chapel Candle is lit in memory of  
Sue Fosbre by Margaret Ulmes.*

**Sacrificial Offerings 2019  
Sunday, February 16**

Regular Collection: \$4,851.31



**Knights of Columbus Lenten Fish Fry**

The Knights of Columbus Friday Night Lenten Fish Frys are back! These are held each Friday night during Lent, **beginning Friday February 28th**. We serve from **5:30-7:30 pm**. For those who don't enjoy fish, we will be serving a meatless Italian dinner option. Also new this year, join us for 5 Friday dinners and get the 6th FREE! Proceeds from our events help us support St. John's & Our Lady of Fatima Parishes as well as local charities. Thank you for your support of Knights of Columbus Council #2544.

**Rosary Altar Group Meeting**

St. John's Rosary Altar Prayer Group will hold their next meeting on **Monday, March 9th at 12 noon** in the **Church Auditorium**. Please bring a sandwich. Coffee and dessert will be supplied. Please use the elevator.

**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.

### Stewardship: A Way of Life

*"But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you..."MATTHEW 5:44*

Love your enemies, easier said than done, no doubt. But, remember, the foundation of stewardship is prayer. When we are in close communication with God, it opens our heart and it turns our attention away from "me" and moves it towards God and others. It allows us to have a little more empathy for "our enemy". When we pray for others, even "our enemies", maybe it softens their hearts as well. We are thankful for the efforts of

Our Eucharistic Ministers



### 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.

### Monthly Youth Mass

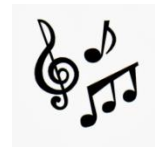
The next Youth Mass will be **Sunday, March 1 at 10:30 AM**. Any teen interested in serving or wanting to learn more please contact Patricia Hummel at [stjohnpcl@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnpcl@gmail.com). Service opportunities include lector, greeters, ushers, choir members, and altar servers.

### Youth Choir Practice

Anyone interested in singing in the Youth Choir at the next Youth Mass on March 1st, please stay for a few minutes after the 10:30 Mass on **Sunday, February 23rd** for a brief practice.

### Children's Liturgy of the Word

Children's Liturgy of the Word will be held during the 5:00 PM Mass on **Saturday 3/7 and 3/22** and every Sunday during the 10:30 AM Mass. Following the Opening Prayer at Masses, all children PreK to 4th grade are invited to join our catechists to hear the Liturgy of the Word proclaimed in a child friendly language.



### Music Ministry

St. John the Evangelist Music Ministry invites singers of all levels of experience to join the choir in preparation for our upcoming Easter Liturgies. Regular rehearsals are held in the church on **Tuesday evenings from 7:30 to 9:00 pm**. Please enter the church using the elevator door on First Street.

### **Lenten Obligations**

1. The days of fast and abstinence are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
2. All other Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence.
3. The obligation of fast applies only to Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59. Fasting in the Catholic tradition means to limit oneself to one full meal and two smaller meals which together are not equal to a full meal, so as to experience hunger.
4. The obligation of abstinence applies to all Catholics who have reached the age of 14. Abstinence in the Catholic tradition means to abstain from meat.

### **2020 Bishop's Annual Appeal *Stepping Forward in Faith: Grace in Action***

Please watch your mailbox for a letter from Bishop Checchio coming to you this week announcing the 2020 Bishop's Annual Appeal. The campaign will again be conducted during Lent and our parish can earn a rebate of 50% of the amount collected over goal.

Through your support of the Bishop's Annual Appeal you help those in our diocese whose needs are the greatest — the poor, the homeless, and those struggling with illness or grief. Among other needed pastoral ministries, your gift also supports the formation of seminarians and enhances the work of campus ministry through the Catholic Center at Rutgers University. The many pastoral, educational and charitable ministries of the Diocese of Metuchen would not be possible without a generous contribution from every household. Please be as generous as your means allow.

### **Catholic School 2020-2021 Tuition Assistance - Online Application Process Open**

Families interested in applying for tuition assistance to attend an eligible Diocese of Metuchen elementary or high school may apply online now through FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment at <https://online.factsmgt.com/aid>. Online applications must be completed (including all required documentation) by **no later than March 31, 2020**. Applications are available in English and Spanish. Families that need assistance completing the online application or need access to a computer to apply should contact their school.

### **Adult Enrichment Classes – Matthew's Sermon on the Mount**

The Diocesan Office of Adult Faith Formation will be offering a four-week course, which will meet each **Wednesday beginning March 11, 2020** at the **St. John Neumann Pastoral Center** from **10 to 11:15 a.m.** The classes will explore and examine Chapters 5-7 of Matthew's gospel in which the Beatitudes are couched. Through the use of PowerPoint slides, Q & A and the "New American Bible," students will have a better grasp of what God is communicating through the pen of the second evangelist. This Adult Enrichment class is free of charge and open to anyone who is interested. Registration is required. To register please visit <https://diometuchen.org/faith-formation> For additional information, please contact Angela Marshall at [amarshall@diometuchen.org](mailto:amarshall@diometuchen.org) or call (732) 562-1543.



**St. John the Evangelist, Dunellen**

**Ash Wednesday**

7:00 AM  
12:00 Noon  
7:00 PM

**Weekday Mass**

7:00 AM

**Confessions**

4:00 PM-4:45 PM on Saturdays

Adoration on Fridays 7:30 AM to 7:00 PM and then the Stations of the Cross will follow.

**St. Mary, Stony Hill**

**Ash Wednesday**

7:00 AM  
12:10 PM  
7:30 PM

4:00 PM Liturgy of the Word with the distribution of ashes

**Confessions:**

11:00 AM – 12:00 Noon on Saturdays  
3:00 PM – 3:45 PM on Saturdays

**Weekday Mass**

Monday – Thursday 7:00 AM  
Friday – 12:10 PM

**St. Luke, North Plainfield**

**Ash Wednesday**

7:00 AM  
7:00 PM

**Confessions**

4:00 PM – 4:45 PM on Saturdays  
9:00 AM – 9:45 AM on Sundays

**Stations of the Cross**

Fridays at 7:00 PM in the Chapel

**St. Joseph, North Plainfield**

**Ash Wednesday**

6:00 AM  
12:10 PM  
6:00 PM  
7:30 PM Spanish

4:30 PM Liturgy of the Word with the distribution of ashes – Bilingual

**Weekday Mass**

12:10 in the Chapel (99 Westervelt Ave)

**Confessions:**

11:00 AM – 11:45 AM on Saturdays

**Stations of the Cross**

Following Friday 12:10 Masses in English (Chapel)

Following Friday Holy Hours in Spanish (Chapel)

**Thursday Holy Hours**

7:00 Pm in the Church

3/5 Taize Prayer for Peace

3/12 – A Time of Prayer

3/19 – St. Joseph Day

3/26 – Holy Hour

**24 Hours for the Lord**

March 20-21

**Inter-parish Penance Service  
Thursday, April 2, 7:00 PM at  
St. Joseph Church. Several priests  
will be available for confession**