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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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732-968-2621 ext: 13
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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 7

8:00 a.m. Marcelle Gorman by Karen Marble

Tuesday, February 8

8:00 a.m. Daniel Nunzello
by the Aldarondo family
7:00 p.m. Parishioners of St. John's

Wednesday, February 9

8:00 a.m. Deacon Michael Gleason
by the Szulczewski family

Thursday, February 10

8:00 a.m. Alicia Glennon by Kevin Glennon

Friday, February 11

8:00 a.m. Marcelle Gorman
by the Szulczewski family

Saturday, February 12

5:00 p.m. Scott & Joseph Patronick by the
Patronick, Woerner & Dowd families

Sunday, February 13

8:30 a.m. Deacon Michael Gleason
by St. John's Rosary Prayer Group
10:30 a.m. Donna Zawatski Jones
by Stephen A. Zawatski & Kathleen
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, comuníquese 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, January 30

Regular Collection: \$2,466.55

Online Giving: \$ 545.96

Catholic Education: \$ 139.50

Bills Paid this Week: \$3,498.50

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.

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.

2022 Bishop's Annual Appeal

Celebrating 40 Years— Continuing to Fan the Flame of Faith into Service

Please watch your mailbox for a letter from Bishop Checchio coming to you this week announcing the 2022 Bishop's Annual Appeal. Our parish can share in a successful Appeal by earning 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 the Vicariate for Evangelization and Communication. 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.



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.gertrudehawkichocolates.com/>. Thank you for your support. For more information contact the Office of Catechesis.

Parish Ministry & Contacts

Activities & Fund Raising Committee:

Parish Office (732) 968-2621; stjev@verizon.net

Altar Rosary Society: Fran Furino

(732) 968-0846

Altar Servers: Parish Office (732) 968-2621;

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Art & Environment Committee: Kate Guzzi,

(732) 977-2233; kguzzi@optimum.net

Casino Night Committee: Parish Office

(732) 968-2621; stjev@verizon.net

Catholic Daughters of the Americas:

Nina DiQuollo (908) 581-9450

Eucharistic Adoration: Maureen Shea

(732) 968-0136

Extra ordinary Ministers of Holy

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Faith Formation & Catechists: Patricia Hummel,

PCL (732) 968-2621, x13; stjohnpcl@gmail.com

Finance Committee: John Fitzgerald

Golf Outing Committee: Parish Office

(732) 968-2621; stjev@verizon.net

Homebound Ministry: Mary Lou Chingery; Parish

Office (732) 968-2621; stjev@verizon.net

Hospitality Committee: Kate Guzzi

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Knights of Columbus Council 2544:

Keith Venturella; kventurella@optonline.net

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(908) 930-1663

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jm601@optonline.net

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Readers: Gary Guthreau; gguthreau@optonline.net

Social Concerns Ministry: Mary Lou Chingery

(732) 968-2621

Spanish Charismatic Prayer Group:

Gloria Labanda (732) 343-0680

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Ushers: Mike Sciametta (908) 347-7902;

mjsciametta@optonline.net



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 2nd 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 6, 2022
5th Sunday of Ordinary Time

*"Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying,
'Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?'
'Here I am,' I said, 'send me!'"*
(ISAIAH 6:8)

Every day, in little ways and in big ways, God asks, "Whom shall I send?" Whether it is someone to take on a new ministry, to give a friendly smile to a stranger or to say a word of encouragement to a friend, God constantly provides opportunities to help someone in need. God is always talking to us; we just need to pay more attention. When you hear God calling have the courage to walk through the door and say "Here I am, Lord."

Whole Community Catechesis



Learning About the Mass continued...

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

Holy, Holy, Holy

During much of the liturgy of the Eucharist, we will find ourselves kneeling. Pay careful attention at Mass when we kneel for the first time. It is after we sing or say "Holy, Holy, Holy."

As part of this sung prayer, we say "Hosanna in the Highest." Hosanna means "please save us" and became an expression of Praise. People shouted "Hosanna " and "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord" when Jesus entered Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. We use the same words as we prepare for Jesus to enter our sanctuary for he is about to become present in the Eucharist on the altar. We kneel at this time to show our reverence for our King and Lord who is about to be made present to us. St. Augustine tells us that "The angels surround and help the priest when he is celebrating the Mass." When we are singing "Holy, Holy, Holy Lord..." we are joining our voices with all of the angels and saints of Heaven. We sing with the angels this hymn of great praise to the Lord who is about to become present to us on the altar.

*Taken from A Biblical Walk through the Mass (Sri),
The Wonders of the Mass (O'Sullivan) and Mass
Lessons compiled by Deirdre Nemeth*



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.

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, 732-968-2621 ext 13.



Catholic School Transportation – Drivers Needed

A shortage of bus drivers and the pandemic have combined to create a limit on the number of students on buses, due to the distance required for student seating. The capacity for buses has been cut by almost 50%, thus creating a situation by which private contractors can no longer transport many nonpublic school students for the \$1,000 per-pupil amount because of the fewer number of students on a route. Please consider serving our Catholic school students by getting your CDL. Learn more by visiting: state.nj.us/mvc/drivertopics/gettingcdl.htm

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