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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 8

8:00 am Anthony & Josephine Szulczewski
by the Szulczewski family

Tuesday, February 9

8:00 am Timothy Mason by Sue Ellen Bibby

Wednesday, February 10

8:00 am Alicia Glennon by Kevin Glennon

Thursday, February 11

8:00 am Jim Duhamel
by Bill, Pat & Will Hughes

Friday, February 12

8:00 am Bill Anderson
by Bill, Pat & Will Hughes

Saturday, February 13

5:00 pm Penny Weed by Bill Morin

Sunday, February 14

8:30 am Parishioners of St. John's &
Susan Fosbre by Ann Hill
10:30 am Mary Clare Yesalavich
by husband John
12:00 pm Souls in Purgatory by Antonio

*This week our Sanctuary lamp is lit in loving
memory of **Daniel, Kathleen and Charles
Nunzello** by **Ramon & Valerie Aldarondo**.*

Sacrificial Offerings 2021

Sunday, January 31

*Collection amounts were not available at
time of publication.*

Bills Paid This Week: \$11,977.82

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.



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

The next Scrip orders are due by **2/7**.

Pickup is on **2/21**.



February 7, 2021
5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed...He told them, 'Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come.'"
- Mark 1:35, 38

In today's Gospel reading we see a perfect example of stewardship. Jesus gives His time to do all that God wishes - healing the sick and preaching. But before He begins, Jesus makes time to be alone with God in prayer. It is through prayer, spending time with God, that we find the strength to do what He wishes us to do. Be sure to find time every day to be with God.

Job Opening

Blessed Sacrament Church in Martinsville has an opening for a P/T Religious Education Office Assistant. Please visit <https://www.blessedsacramentnj.org/jobs> for a full job description and online application. No phone inquiries, please.



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.



Date Nights for a Joyful Marriage

Saint Ann Catholic Regional Marriage Ministry celebrates 2021 World Marriage Day with "Date Nights for a Joyful Marriage!" on **Saturday February 13, 7-9 PM.**

Invitation to adult couples who are dating, engaged, newlywed or couples married several years: *"Marriage is an Adventure"*

\$20.00 per couple - Delicious desserts, BYOB. St. Ann Classical Academy Cafeteria, 45 Anderson Street, Raritan, NJ. Covid-19 Protocols Observed.

INFO and RSVP – Thomas and Gina Santangelo: 631-816-3515

FISH Needs Phone Volunteers

We are in need of caring persons to answer calls that come each day from individuals seeking help from FISH-Dunellen Area. The volunteer would commit to one or two days a month working from their home. Training and support provided. Your help is vital to our work caring for those in need in our service area. Interested persons can call the Hotline, 732-968-0081, and leave a message for Lisa.



Gertrude Hawk Candy Sale

The Office of Catechesis is running our annual Gertrude Hawk Easter Candy Sale. Sales run from **2/1 to 2/22** with candy pick up on the weekend of March 28th. 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/>. For more information contact the Office of Catechesis.

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.



Whole Community Catechesis

Gospel Weekly Discussion Questions:

Jesus Heals

Mark 1:29-39

Life Question: How has the life-giving power of Jesus raised you up? How have you responded?

Gospel Question: Who models Jesus' kind of service and healing for you?

EXPLORING THE GOSPEL BY AGE

Exploring the Sunday Readings (Adults)

Who models a discipleship of service that you try to follow?

Visions (Grades 7–9)

Life Question: Who serves the Christian community in a way you can see yourself doing?

Gospel Question: How does Jesus make a difference to people in need?

Venture (Grades 4–6)

Life Question: When have you been sick? What is hard about being sick?

Gospel Question: When have you acted like Jesus?

Good News (Grades 2–3)

Life Question: What does it mean to serve others? Who do you know that serves others?

Gospel Question: How does Jesus serve and help people?

Promise (Grades K–1)

Life Question: How can you help at home and school?

Gospel Question: How does Jesus help people?

Seeds (Preschool)

Life Question: What do you like to do with your grandparents?

Gospel Question: Who does Jesus help? Who follows Jesus?



Please pray for our 2nd graders who have celebrated the sacrament of First Reconciliation this weekend and who are preparing to receive their First Holy Communion in May.

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.

The Word 2021, International Catholic Bible Conference will be virtual Feb 11-13

<https://www.cardinalstudios.org/catholic-bible-summit-home>

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