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WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil5:00 pm

Sunday8:30 am, 10:30 am, Noon (Spanish)

Monday - Friday8:00 am (*Chapel*) ;

Tuesday 7:00 pm (Spanish)

Second Sunday of each month.....3:30 pm (Kiswahili)

Holydays8:00 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:

732-968-2621 ext: 13
stjohnp@comcast.net

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 Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist 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, March 14

8:00 a.m. George Nagel by Catholic Daughters
Court Regina Coeli #940

Tuesday, March 15

8:00 a.m. Mary Lynch by her children &
grandchildren
7:00 p.m. Parishioners of St. John's

Wednesday, March 16

8:00 a.m. Les Huber by Mary Lou Chingery

Thursday, March 17

8:00 a.m. Susan Fosbre & William Hill
by Ann Hill

Friday, March 18

8:00 a.m. John P. DiQuollo by his loving family

Saturday, March 19

5:00 p.m. Winifred Whalen by the Patronick,
Woerner & Dowd families

Sunday, March 20

8:30 a.m. Msgr. Corona by Jodie D'Anglolillo
10:30 a.m. Conrad Demboski
by Carmela Salerno
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, March 6

Regular Collection: \$5,193.85

Online Giving: \$ 658.32

Ash Wednesday: \$1,357.55

Maintenance: \$ 205.00

Bills Paid this Week: \$2,902.86

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

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.



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," "quadregesima" in Latin or "tessaracoste" in Greek. Lent began this year on Ash Wednesday, March 2.

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.

Fridays during Lent:

- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 8:30 am until 7:00 pm
- Stations of the Cross in English- 7:00pm
- Stations of the Cross in Spanish- 7:45pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

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

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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gguthreau@optonline.net

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: John Fourre; Parish Office

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Hospitality Committee: Kate Guzzi

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

Knights of Columbus Council 2544:

Keith Venturella; kventurella@optonline.net

Marriage Encounter: Eugene & Theresa Porras

(908) 930-1663

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jm601@optonline.net

Music Ministry: Edwin Lopez, Director of Sacred

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Readers: Gary Guthreau; gguthreau@optonline.net

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Spanish Charismatic Prayer Group:

Gloria Labanda (732) 343-0680

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mjsciametta@optonline.net



Christopher Schaefer
&
Alexandra Fodor

If anyone has anything to bring to the attention of the pastor regarding a wedding, please speak to Fr. Alphonsus.



Celebrating Edwin Lopez

All are invited to come together and celebrate Mr. Edwin Lopez and the 30 years of devoted service he has given to the St. John's parish community. A reception in his honor will be held in the church auditorium after all Masses on **Saturday, March 19** and **Sunday, March 20**. Edwin has been an integral part of our parish family, touching many of our lives in a special way, and this is the perfect opportunity to wish him all God's blessings as he moves on to the next chapter in his life.

Eucharistic Adoration

"Could you not watch one hour with Me?" Jesus suffered his Passion with us in mind. We have the opportunity now to console him then. Adoration takes place **every Friday** during Lent, **8:30 a.m.-7 p.m.** followed by Stations of the Cross. If you feel inspired to commit to an hour of Adoration, please call the Parish Office (732) 968-2621 and leave your name and phone number and the hour which is convenient for you.

Lenten Penance Service

There will be a Parish Penance Service, **Wednesday March 30th at 7:00pm.** There will be at least 3 priests present to hear confessions.



Job Opening for Music Director

St. John the Evangelist Church is looking for a Part Time Music Director. If you are interested send your request for consideration to Fr. Alphonsus at St. John the Evangelist Church 317 First St. Dunellen, NJ 08812



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.



Easter Egg Hunt

Please join us for our annual Easter Egg Hunt **following the 10:30 Mass on Easter Sunday, 4/17** around the Parish Center. All children 9 and under are invited to participate. No registration is necessary. If you are interested in donating, candy/prizes may be dropped off at the Parish Center. If you have any questions please contact Patricia Hummel, [908-922-6037](tel:908-922-6037)/phum@optonline.net



Grounds Clean Up

Please join us to clean up the parish grounds on **Saturday, 4/2** (rain date Saturday 4/23). We will be raking, weeding and doing general cleanup of our church grounds. Please bring your rakes, gloves & small garden tools. All are welcome!

Are You Being Called To The Diaconate?

The Diocese is looking for men who are interested in becoming Permanent Deacons. A new diaconate formation class is about to begin. Applications for that class will be accepted near the end of this summer; prior to applying, interested men must attend an Information Meeting. A General Information meeting will be held at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center in Piscataway on **Tuesday, 3/29 at 7:00 p.m.** and again on **Saturday, 4/9 at 10:00 a.m.** If you are between the ages of 35 and 60 and you believe you are being called to this ministry, you, your wife and your pastor are cordially invited to attend one of these meetings. If you have any questions, or wish to advise that you will attend, please contact the Diocesan Diaconate Office at (732) 562-2457 or diaconate@diometuchen.org.

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

Along with other related offices under the Secretariat for Family and Pastoral Life, the *Office of Discipleship Formation for Children* strives to make lifelong faith formation central in all parishes throughout the diocese by providing all children with opportunities to experience God's love and conversion of heart through a growing knowledge of Jesus and the Gospel. Your gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal is an investment in our future Church.



March 13, 2022
2nd Sunday of Lent

"I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land as a possession." (GENESIS 15:7)

Just as the Lord gave Abraham, Moses and the Israelites a land to possess, He has also given each of us a home. Whether your home is grand or humble, it is a gift from God. Abraham prepared a great sacrifice to the Lord in gratitude for the home God gave him. How do you show your gratitude to God for the home He has given you? Do you make a sacrifice of any kind? Do you return any of your finances to God, investing equally in your eternal home just as you invest in your earthly home?

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Immaculata High School
Admissions Event

Still thinking about which high school to attend this fall? Join us at **7:00 PM** on **Monday, March 28** for an hour of conversation, presentations, and a campus tour and learn how Immaculata High School can provide the high school experience you are looking for. We offer a small school environment, a challenging academic program, competitive athletics teams, opportunities to show off your creativity, and so much more! Open to students entering Grades 9 -11 in September. RSVP at www.immaculatahighschool.org/hourimmaculata.

Whole Community Catechesis



Learning About the Mass continued...

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

The Lord's Prayer:

After the Consecration and before we receive Holy Communion, we recite the prayer that Jesus taught us, the "Our Father."

The Lord's Prayer or Our Father was taught by Jesus in the gospels of Matthew and Luke and has been used in the Mass throughout the centuries. Just before we say this prayer, we hear the priest say, "At the Savior's command and informed by divine teaching, we dare to say,"

The most striking aspect of the Lord's Prayer is how it leads us to address God as "Father". It was not common for the ancient Jews to address God as "Father". However, Jesus not only was telling us to do this, but he used the word "Abba" which was an affectionate term meaning "Daddy". Jesus was showing all of us how comfortable and close we should feel to God and how much God loves each one of us intimately as His children.

The Our Father is divided into seven petitions. The first three are focused on God and the last four are focused on our needs.

1. Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
 - a. We pray that God and his name be recognized and treated as Holy.
2. Thy kingdom come,
 - a. This petition prays that God's reign will be accepted throughout the world in all people's hearts, beginning with our own.
 - b. The Kingdom of God has been coming since the Last Supper and in

the Eucharist it is in our midst. The kingdom will come in glory when Christ hands it over to his Father (CCC2816)

3. They will be done on earth as it is in heaven
 - a. We are telling God we want His will to be done in our lives. We are saying, just as His will is obeyed perfectly in heaven by all the angels and saints, we pray that all the earth be given the grace to worship Him and obey His will in this same way.

Look for the next four petitions next week!

Taken from A Biblical Walk Through the Mass (Sri) and Mass Lessons Compiled by Deirdre Nemeth.



Ideas for Lent

Bible in a Year with Fr. Mike Shmitz:

<https://media.ascensionpress.com/all-bible-in-a-year-episodes/>

Holy Heroes Lenten Adventure:

<https://holymen.com/pages/lenten-adventure>

Daily Prayer Apps:

<https://amenapp.org/>

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