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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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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, March 15

8:00 am Mary Lynch by her children and grandchildren

Tuesday, March 16

8:00 am The souls of the deceased throughout the pandemic by
Louis & Eileen Capozzi

Wednesday, March 17

8:00 am William Hill by Ann Hill

Thursday, March 18

8:00 am Barbara Hellrigel
by the Switzer family

Friday, March 19

8:00 am Ralph Spagnolo by the Criscuolo & Switzer families

Saturday, March 20

5:00 pm Henry Janssen by Madeline Janssen

Sunday, March 21

8:30 am Ann & John Cashin
by Eileen & Lou Capozzi

10:30 am Joseph & Josephine Menino
by their daughter

Noon Parishioners of St. John's

Sacrificial Offerings 2021

Sunday, March 7

Regular Collection: \$5,688.00

Online Giving: \$ 849.00

Bills Paid This Week: \$8,719.06

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.

Daily Mass:

- Daily Masses during Lent are at 8:00 am in the Church.

Fridays during Lent:

- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 8:30 am-7:00 pm
- 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, comuníquese 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

Scrip orders can be picked up on **3/21**.

The next orders will be due on **4/4**.



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
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 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.



Knights of Columbus Take-Out Only

Lenten Fish and Chips Dinner

Join us on **Friday, March 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 3/26 or email your order to koc2544_dunellen@yahoo.com. Be sure to include a preferred pickup time.



Easter Memorials

You are invited to make a memorial donation for the Easter season. Your donation will help provide flowers and decorations for the church. To participate you may pick up a form at the exits of the Church or simply write down your name, phone number, and the name of the person or persons you wish to memorialize and send it along with your payment to the Parish Center by **noon on Monday, 3/29**.

2021 Bishop's Annual Appeal

Transformed by Christ Body and Blood – Sent on Mission to Light a Fire in the Heart of the Church

The global pandemic has challenged us to evolve in how we share and communicate the Gospel message, but the message remains the same and it is worth sharing. So, we must continue to journey with others, even if we are physically apart, to make the Good News and His love known to all because that is what will see us through. While our discipleship is to always find new ways to bring His love and the Good News of Jesus Christ we are now called to do more for the Lord and each other. This year, we have seen a large increase in the use of virtual means to connect and engage with one another. Your gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal supports essential role of the ***Vicariate for Evangelization and Communication*** as we expand our efforts to share the Gospel message and make His love known to all.

For further information, the Bishop's Annual Appeal video can be viewed at <https://diometuchen.org/BAA>.

Whole Community Catechesis



Gospel Weekly Discussion Questions: Jesus Gives Us Light John 3:14-21

Life Question: What are you in the dark about?

Gospel Question: What light does Jesus give our world?

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

When have you heard something that changed your way of seeing?

Visions (Grades 7–9)

Life Question: What makes a terrific kid in Father G's estimation?

Gospel Question: What does God want for the world?

Venture (Grades 4–6)

Life Question: Have you ever been caught in a lie?

Gospel Question: How is Jesus like light?

Good News (Grades 2–3)

Life Question: Is it harder to forgive someone or ask someone to forgive you?

Gospel Question: What does Jesus say about light?

Promise (Grades K–1)

Life Question: Has there been a time in your life when you needed to ask someone to forgive you?

Gospel Question: Why does Jesus forgive us?

Gertrude Hawk Pick Up

Thank you to all who supported the Gertrude Hawk Easter Candy Sale. It was a great success! Candy will be available for pick up in the auditorium Tuesday 3/30 and Wednesday 3/31 between the hours of 2pm - 4pm and 6pm - 8pm. If you are unable to come by during these times please call or email the Office of Catechesis. If you missed your opportunity to place a candy order, you can shop in a Gertrude Hawk store from 3/17-3/19 and mention St. John the Evangelist Church and a percentage of your purchase will be donated back to the church.

The Chosen Watch Party!

Every Friday during Lent at **8PM**; each episode is roughly 30 to 40 minutes long. Please register with Patricia Hummel stjohnpcl@gmail.com for auditorium seating or the online link.

<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.

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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