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Deacon Glenn Robitaille

Edwin Lopez, Director of Sacred Music

Patricia Hummel, Coordinator of Religious Education

Mary Lou Chingery, Coordinator of Social Ministry

#### 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 stjohnpcl@gmail.com

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 form 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 21

8:00 a.m. George Nagel by Audrey Spenard

## Tuesday, March 22

8:00 a.m. George Weiss by the Weiss family 7:00 p.m. Parishioners of St. John's

## Wednesday, March 23

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

## Thursday, March 24

8:00 a.m. Chiara Martone by Lina & Cosimo Giordano

## Friday, March 25

8:00 a.m. George Nagel by Peg Ulmes

## Saturday, March 26

5:00 p.m. Rev. Roch Ciandella & family by cousin Fran

### Sunday, March 27

8:30 a.m. Mr. Tomaski by John Kreiss

10:30 a.m. Richard Turkowsky

by the Hummel family

Noon Parishioners of St. John's

Please pray for the sick members of our parish:



Louis Capozzi Cathy Slootmaker 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 ano 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, communiqués 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 13

\* Collection amounts for this week were unavailable at time of publication.

Bills Paid this Week: \$6,960.69

#### **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.



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 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

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Art & Environment Committee: Kate Guzzi,

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Catholic Daughters of the Americas:

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Eucharistic Adoration: Maureen Shea

(732) 968-0136

Extra ordinary Ministers of Holy

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Faith Formation & Catechists: Patricia Hummel,

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Finance Committee: John Fitzgerald

Golf Outing Committee: Parish Office

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Homebound Ministry: John Fourre; Parish Office

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Hospitality Committee: Kate Guzzi

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Keith Venturella; kventurella@optonline.net

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(908) 930-1663

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Spanish Charismatic Prayer Group:

Gloria Labanda (732) 343-0680

Guadalupe Group: Ana Alpizar (732) 979-4663

**Ushers:** Mike Sciametta (908) 347-7902;

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#### **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**, **4/11**.



#### **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.

#### **Lenten Penance Service**

There w will be a Parish
Penance Service, **Wednesday March 30th** at **7:00pm**.

There will be at least 3 priests present to hear confessions.





#### 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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, 908-9226037/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

If you have yet to make your pledge to this year's Bishop's Annual Appeal, you will have the opportunity to do so next weekend, March 26/27, which has been designated as Bishop's Annual Appeal In-Pew Weekend. Please prayerfully consider a gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal to help our parish reach its goal. If we can exceed our goal, 50% of the amount collected over goal will be returned to us in the form of a parish rebate. Just as important as our financial goal is our goal of reaching 100% participation. Every gift, no matter the size, is important and greatly appreciated. Thank you.



#### March 20, 2022 3rd Sunday of Lent

"...He said to the gardener, 'For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none.'" (LUKE 13:7)

We can all be like the barren fig tree at times. Do you cling to what you have or do you generously share with others? How will you respond when God asks you what you have done with all the gifts He has given you? Remember, not only are we called to be generous, we are called to develop and nurture our gifts, and return them with increase. Remember, we are called to be generous with all of gifts; especially the one that means the most to you.

## Catholic Charities, Diocese of Metuchen is hiring!

Looking for meaningful employment? Catholic Charities, Diocese of Metuchen is hiring for various positions, among them: clinicians; psychiatrists; peer counselors; substance abuse counselors; case managers; crisis intervention specialists; childcare workers/supervisors; and clinical supervisors. Consider serving your neighbors in need — carrying out the words and deeds of Christ — professionally. Employees have the benefit of medical, dental, vision and prescription plans, as well as a retirement plan, pension, employee discounts and a generous vacation and sick time package. For more information and to apply, visit: ccdom.org/careers.

# Catholic School 2022-2023 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**, 2022. 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.

#### ESCUELA CATÓLICA 2022 -2023 ASISTENCIA DE MATRÍCULA PROCESO DE APLICACIÓN EN LÍNEA ABIERTO

Las familias interesadas en solicitar asistencia con la matrícula para acudir a una escuela primaria o secundaria elegible de la Diócesis de Metuchen, pueden presentar su solicitud en línea ahora a través FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment en la dirección electronica https://online.factsmgt.com/aid . Las solicitudes en línea deben completarse (incluida toda la documentación requerida) antes del 31 de Marzo de 2022. Las solicitudes están disponibles en inglés y en español. Las familias que necesiten ayuda para completar la solicitud en línea o necesiten acceso a una computadora para postularse deben comunicarse directamente con su escuela.

#### Whole Community Catechesis



#### Learning About the Mass continued...

## The Liturgy of the Eucharist The Lord's Prayer continued:

Last week we learned there are seven petitions in the Our Father and how the first three petitions are focused on God. The last four petitions of the Our Father are focused on our needs: Give us this day our daily bread, forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us, lead us not into temptation and deliver us from evil.

#### 4 - Give us this day our daily bread:

- Daily Bread in this petition is referring to two things.
  - \* In the Bible, bread is the most basic kind of food and was considered necessary to sustain life. In the Old Testament the Israelites were give exactly enough *manna* or 'bread from heaven' to sustain them each day.
  - \* This petition also has Eucharistic overtones as the prayer for daily bread point to the Bread of Life we are about to receive in Holy Communion.

## 5 – Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.

- \* Before we receive Holy Communion, we are asking God to forgive us our sins, to purify us so that we may be holy tabernacles for Jesus to dwell within us. We are forgiven our venial sins at Mass.
- \* Jesus taught us that we will receive God's mercy to the extent that we show mercy to others.

#### 6 – Lead us not into temptation:

• This is a prayer that God will strengthen us to overcome the temptations that we face.

#### 7 - Deliver us from evil:

· In Scripture, the word for "evil" can be translated "the Evil One". This reminds us that evil is not something abstract. It is not random bad things that happen in the world. This petition, evil refers to a being - Satan, the fallen angel who opposes God's will and leads others to join him in his rebellion. In this concluding petition, we are asking that the father protect us from Satan and all his lies and tricks.

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://holyheroes.com/pages/lentenadventure

Daily Prayer Apps:

https://amenapp.org/

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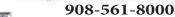
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