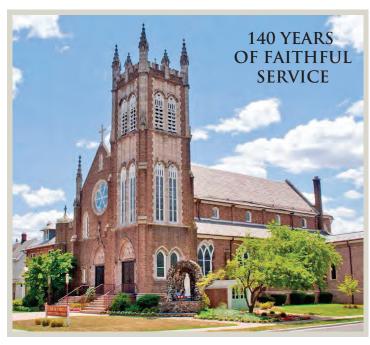
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Patricia Hummel, Coordinator of Religious Education

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WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil.....5:00 pm

Sunday......8:30 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)

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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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. During Lent, Adoration takes place on Friday from 8:30 AM to 7:00 PM in the Church.

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 28

8:00 a.m. Magdalena Wangari by the Altar Rosary Prayer Group

Tuesday, March 29

8:00 a.m. Rosemary Rutkiewicz by John & Anita Maier 7:00 p.m. Parishioners of St. John's

Wednesday, March 30

8:00 a.m. Rosemary Rutkiewicz by Ruth Gruber

Thursday, March 31

8:00 a.m. Rosemary Rutkiewicz by Ann Hill

Friday, April 1

8:00 a.m. Robert Turkowiski by Jodie D'angiolillo

Saturday, April 2

5:00 p.m. Lillian & William T. Morin & Penny Weed by Bill Morin

Sunday, April 3

8:30 a.m. Angela Livera

by daughter Angela Livera

10:30 a.m. William, Josephine & Andrew Au

by the Au 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 20

Regular Collection: \$3,914.05 Online Giving: \$1,253.20 Maintenance: \$459.00

Bills Paid this Week: \$4,495.57

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

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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**.

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.

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.



Gertrude Hawk Candy Sale

Thank you to all those who supported the Gertrude Hawk Easter Candy Sale! It was a great success. Candy will be available for pick up after Mass on **Sunday April 3rd**, as well as from the Parent Meetings on **April 4th and 5th**.



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!



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

Bishop's Appeal status as of 03/14/22

To date, the Development Office has received pledges totaling **\$14,870.00** and payments totaling **\$12,562.50** from 65 parishioners. This represents 46.5% of your \$ 32,000.00 goal. Thank you for your efforts.

Hasta la fecha, la Oficina de Desarrollo ha recibido compromisos por un total de \$14,870.00 y pagos por un total de \$12,562.50 de 65 feligreses. Esto representa el 46.5% de su meta de \$32,000.00. Gracias por tus esfuerzos.

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

This weekend, parishes throughout the Diocese of Metuchen are celebrating *Bishop's Annual Appeal In-Pew Weekend*. Our goal is for every family to participate. Every gift, no matter the size, is important and greatly appreciated. Together, we are working to become kindling that is set aflame by the Holy Spirit, allowing God's love and power to burn more brightly here in the Diocese of Metuchen. Thank you for actively participating in this mission by your financial support. *You can find the link to the Bishop's Annual Appeal Video by going to https://diometuchen.org/BAA.*

Este fin de semana, todas las parroquias de la Diócesis de Metuchen están celebrando el *Fin de Semana de la Campaña Anual del Obispo en las Bancas*. Nuestro objetivo es que todas las familias participen. Cada aporte, sin importar el monto, es importante y muy apreciado. Juntos, estamos trabajando para ser leña encendida por el Espíritu Santo, permitiendo que el amor y el poder de Dios ardan más intensamente aquí en la Diócesis de Metuchen. Gracias por participar activamente con su apoyo financiero en esta misión. *Podrá encontrar el enlace al Video de la Campaña Anual del Obispo visitando https://diometuchen.org/BAA.*



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.



March 27, 2022 4th Sunday of Lent

"No longer was there manna for the Israelites, who that year ate of the yield of the land of Canaan." (JOSHUA 5:12)

Over the forty years that the Israelites journeyed through the desert, God provided them with manna to eat. As soon as they were able to enjoy the fruits of the Promised Land the manna ceased. Likewise, God's blessings to us may change over the years but it is important to trust that God will always provide us with all that we need.

A celebration of the 40th Anniversary of our Diocese

In celebration of the 40th Anniversary of the establishment of the Diocese of Metuchen, Bishop James F. Checchio is inviting us all to make a commitment to doing 40 works of mercy. This same commitment will help us to serve one another with the same love and mercy bestowed on us by the Father and to witness to His great love in the four beautiful counties of the Diocese of Metuchen. Visit diometuchen.org/worksofmercy to learn how your everyday acts can make an impact and to sign the commitment form.

Marriage Encounter

Special families begin with special husband – wife relationships. Please join us for a special weekend experience. A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend gives you the time and tools to revitalize romance, deepen communication, and nourish the spirituality in your marriage. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will be held April 29 – May 1. Please apply ASAP as space is limited. Phone 1-732-904-9636 for application and information (Tom & Ruth DeFalco). Visit us at: www.wwme.org for more information.



Free Pocket Rosaries for Law Enforcement

Pocket rosaries made by The Blue Rosary Guild are available for law

enforcement officers and their families who desire them. Rosaries have been sent to individuals and to departments. Please contact cdaverso@diometuchen.org to make a request.

Whole Community Catechesis



Learning About the Mass continued...

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

After the Our Father, we have the Rite of Peace:

The priest says: "Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you, look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign forever and ever."

We seek the peace and unity that only comes from God. Christ offers us a deeper, longer lasting peace that this world cannot give. When we allow Jesus to be the foundation of our lives and live according to His plan for us, He gives us an internal spiritual peace that can withstand life's many struggles. This is the kind of peace that brings unity in our homes, our church and in the world. The priest then turns toward the people and addresses them with the words of St. Paul "The peace of the Lord be with you always."

Next we share a sign of peace. Whatever the gesture, whether a kiss, shaking hands or other loving gesture, we physically show our unity in Christ as expressed in the Our Father and in anticipation of receiving the Holy Eucharist. We call on God not individualistically, separated from each other, but together as brothers and sisters in God's covenant family saying "OUR Father..." Now the sign of peace expresses this unity in ritual and symbolically anticipates the profound unity the people will share with each other when we receive Christ in Holy Communion.

Taken from A Biblical Walk through the Mass (Sri)



Ideas for Lent

Bible in a Year with Fr. Mike Shmitz:

https://media.ascensionpress.com/allbible-in-a-year-episodes/

Holy Heroes Lenten Adventure:

https://holyheroes.com/pages/lentenadventure

Daily Prayer Apps:

https://amenapp.org/

https://hallow.com/

Statewide Youth Rally at Six Flags Great Adventure

The Diocese of Metuchen's Office of Youth and Young

Adult Ministry is excited to share that the 2022 New Jersey Youth Rally at Six Flags Great Adventure in Jackson, NJ, is scheduled for Sunday, May 15, 2022! The cost for the day is \$55 per person (\$25 for season ticket holders) and includes advance entry into the park, a FREE return ticket to Park, a 3-hour all-you-can-eat buffet, Mass, the Opening Ceremony, and a Free Parking Pass. Open to all Jr. High, High School & Young Adult Ministry, Scouting, Parish/School Athletic Programs, families, and all. To purchase your tickets please visit the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry page on the Diocesan Website and register before the May 6th deadline. Questions? Please email mvantslot@diometuchen.org.

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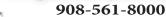
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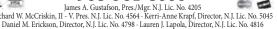
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