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**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.

**Telephone:** 732-968-2621

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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 Initiation 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 7

8:00 a.m. Michael James Florez  
by Edward Kinkela

### Tuesday, March 8

8:00 a.m. Les Huber by Mary Lou Chingery  
7:00 p.m. Parishioners of St. John's

### Wednesday, March 9

8:00 a.m. George Nagel by Betty Lockwood

### Thursday, March 10

8:00 a.m. George Nagel by the Hummel family

### Friday, March 11

8:00 a.m. Giovanni & Chiara by Lina & family

### Saturday, March 12

5:00 p.m. Marijean K. Cunningham  
by Gerard & Suzanne Cunningham

### Sunday, March 13

8:30 a.m. Brendan Glennon by Kevin Glennon  
10:30 a.m. Giuseppa Armertta  
by Salvatore & Santa DiMaggio  
Noon Jorge Corraera by Maria Rosa Corraera

*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, February 27

Regular Collection: \$3,939.00

Online Giving: \$ 635.19

Bills Paid this Week: \$6,649.92

#### 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](mailto: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](mailto:stjev@verizon.net)

### **Altar Rosary Society:** Fran Furino

(732) 968-0846

### **Altar Servers:** Parish Office (732) 968-2621;

[stjev@verizon.net](mailto:stjev@verizon.net)

### **Art & Environment Committee:** Kate Guzzi,

(732) 977-2233; [kguzzi@optimum.net](mailto:kguzzi@optimum.net)

### **Casino Night Committee:** Parish Office

(732) 968-2621; [stjev@verizon.net](mailto: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**

**Communion:** Gary & Lynne Guthreau;

[gguthreau@optonline.net](mailto:gguthreau@optonline.net)

### **Faith Formation & Catechists:** Patricia Hummel,

PCL (732) 968-2621, x13; [stjohnpcl@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnpcl@gmail.com)

### **Finance Committee:** John Fitzgerald

### **Golf Outing Committee:** Parish Office

(732) 968-2621; [stjev@verizon.net](mailto:stjev@verizon.net)

### **Homebound Ministry:** Mary Lou Chingery; Parish

Office (732) 968-2621; [stjev@verizon.net](mailto:stjev@verizon.net)

### **Hospitality Committee:** Kate Guzzi

(732) 977-2233; [kguzzi@optimum.net](mailto:kguzzi@optimum.net)

### **Knights of Columbus Council 2544:**

Keith Venturella; [kventurella@optonline.net](mailto:kventurella@optonline.net)

### **Marriage Encounter:** Eugene & Theresa Porras

(908) 930-1663

### **Money Counters:** Jeff Marren,

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### **Music Ministry:** Edwin Lopez, Director of Sacred

Music, (732) 968-2621

### **Readers:** Gary Guthreau; [gguthreau@optonline.net](mailto:gguthreau@optonline.net)

### **Social Concerns Ministry:** Mary Lou Chingery

(732) 968-2621

### **Spanish Charismatic Prayer Group:**

Gloria Labanda (732) 343-0680

### **Guadalupe Group:** Ana Alpizar (732) 979-4663

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

[mjsciametta@optonline.net](mailto: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.

## **Envelope Mistakes**

Please note: there are two clarifications regarding the envelopes. First, ignore the envelope dated February 20th for the Catholic Free Press. This error was made by the envelope company and is not part of your collection requests. The second concerns the monthly blue envelope marked H.E.L.P. It was supposed to read: Parish Maintenance but was also erroneously labeled as HELP. The purpose of this monthly collection is to assist with ongoing maintenance needs. Any monetary help you are able to afford for this need is greatly appreciated.



## Whole Community Catechesis



### Learning About the Mass continued...

#### The Liturgy of the Eucharist

#### Eucharistic Prayer Continued...

The Second half of the Eucharistic Prayer includes the Anamnesis or Memorial, the Doxology, and the Great Amen.

**Anamnesis** is a Greek word that means memorial. At the Last Supper Jesus said, "Do this in memory of me." We fulfill our Lord's command by remembering his death, resurrection, and ascension during the Liturgy of the Eucharist. However, we are not simply thinking about the past, we are mysteriously made present at the Crucifixion itself, when Jesus offered himself to the Father. The entire Church joins Jesus in making this offering – the Church on earth, the saints in heaven and everyone who has died and now waits to enter heaven.

The Eucharistic Prayer ends with the **Doxology**. Together with the priest we give honor and glory to God, through Jesus Christ, and in the Holy Spirit. With both the Host and Chalice raised together the Priest says: *Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, forever and ever.*

We respond with the **Great Amen**. Amen is a Hebrew word that means "so be it" or "I agree." We say "Amen" at the end of many prayers, but when we sing or say the Great Amen, we join ourselves with the whole Eucharistic Prayer that the priest has just prayed.

*Taken from The Mass Explained for Kids*

## Deacon Candidates

Are you called to serve as a permanent deacon in the Church? If yes, these are the requirements:

- You are a baptized Catholic for at least five years
- You are between the ages of 35 and 60
- You are a U.S. citizen or a permanent resident
- You have completed high school (although a college degree is preferred)
- If married you are in a stable marriage for at least five years. (if there was a prior marriage, there must be proof of annulment).
- If you are single, you must be willing to take the vow of celibacy
- You must be a resident of our diocese of Metuchen, have some degree of financial security and have good repute and moral character
- If you meet the requirements, talk to Father Alphonsus before or by **March 15th** and he will advise you of the next step.

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

The impact and success of the *Catholic Center at Rutgers* is relational outreach to students, a distinct approach for college campus ministry. The staff includes religious from the Sisters of Jesus Our Hope and the Brotherhood of Hope, as well as, the Associate Director of Vocations for the Diocese of Metuchen and several interns. They are out on campus meeting and interacting with students where they live their lives and also reach them using the tools of technology. Thanks to your gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal, the Catholic Center offers a safe haven where students are able to grow in their knowledge and practice of the faith, experience a meaningful sense of service to the community, and come to a deeper understanding of their call to discipleship. Thank you for your support.

## 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

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