

Hosanna

**Blessed
is He
who
comes
in the
name
of the
Lord!**

Matthew 21:9b

St. John the Evangelist Roman Catholic Church
Dunellen, New Jersey

MASS INTENTIONS



Monday, April 11

8:00 a.m. Ted Ciba by the Geigel family

Tuesday, April 12

8:00 a.m. Parishioners of St. John's

7:00 p.m. Jesus & Juan Santos
by Concepcion Santos

Wednesday, April 13

8:00 a.m. Roberto Loo Hernandez
by Lynne & Manny Jacalan

Thursday, April 14

8:00 a.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper for living & deceased priests of the parish

Friday, April 15

3:00 p.m. Solemn Passion of the Lord

7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Saturday, April 16

8:00 p.m. Roberto Loo Hernandez
by Lynne & Manny Jacalan

Sunday, April 17

8:30 a.m. Roberto Loo Hernandez
by Lynne & Manny Jacalan

10:30 a.m. Fred Herzog by Glenda Herzog
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, ayuden 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, comuniqués 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, April 3

Regular Collection: \$4,104.31

Online Giving: \$ 689.89

Bills Paid this Week: \$2,787.46

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.



Dear Parishioners,

The Holy Week invites us to prepare for our greatest Christian Festivity in the liturgical year. It is not Christmas or Palm Sunday or Pentecost but EASTER. Easter is the feast that gives meaning to all the others.

I hope to see many of you in Church on Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday and during the Easter Masses.

Happy Easter to all of you,
Fr. Alphonsus Kariuki

PALM SUNDAY VIGIL
SATURDAY APRIL 9, 2022
5:00PM

PALM SUNDAY
SUNDAY APRIL 10, 2022
Masses 8:30AM, 10:30AM, 12:00PM
(SPANISH)

MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
THURSDAY APRIL 14, 2022
7:00PM
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION
FRIDAY, APRIL 15, 2022
3:00PM
STATIONS OF THE CROSS
7:00PM

VIGIL OF EASTER
SATURDAY, APRIL 16, 2022
8:00PM

EASTER
SUNDAY, APRIL 17, 2021
Masses 8:30AM, 10:30AM, 12PM (Spanish)

Parish Ministry & Contacts

Activities & Fund Raising Committee:

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**Art & Environment Committee
Upcoming Events**

The Art & Environment Committee will be setting up for the upcoming holy days on the following dates:

Thursday 4/14 – covering the statues after Holy Thursday Mass.

Saturday 4/16, 8 a.m.-12 p.m. - setting up for Easter Vigil, removing cloths from statues, setting up flowers & candles in the windows, cleaning the church

Anyone interested in helping out is welcome. If you have any questions or need more information please call or text Kate Guzzi at (732) 977-2233.



Holiday Office Closing

The Parish Office will be closed on **Holy Thursday, 4/14** and **Easter Monday, 4/18**. It will re-open on Tuesday, 4/19.



Blessing of the Food

The traditional Blessing of the Food will take place on **Saturday, 4/16 at noon** in the **church**. All are welcome to participate.

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





Basket Donations for Tricky Tray

St. Johns is planning its first Tricky Tray in Fall 2022 as a fundraiser for the parish. We are currently looking for donations of new or gently used baskets and ribbon to help package gifts.

Donations can be left in the vestibule under the choir loft steps.

What is a Tricky Tray?

It is a fund raising event where guests buy tickets and place them in a container next to the item they would like to win. Prizes can be a single item or a group of items based on a theme (grill, TV, baking basket, child's bedroom basket, etc). Once everyone has had the opportunity to place their tickets in containers by the prizes, the drawing for the prizes begins. If your ticket number matches the winning number drawn for the prize, you win that prize. If anyone is interested in joining the committee planning the event, please contact Kate Guzzi via text: (732) 977-2233.



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.



**April 10, 2022
Palm Sunday**

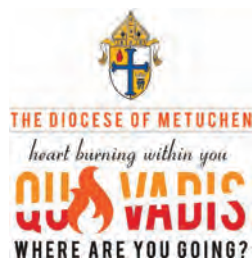
"...I tell you, Peter, before the cock crows this day, you will deny three times that you know me. " (LUKE 22:34)

How many times have you heard someone make a disparaging comment about God or our Catholic faith? How did you react? Do you remain quiet not to cause a disturbance? Or, because you don't want people to think negatively about you? Or, because you don't think you know enough about the Catholic faith? Pray for the courage to speak up and enter into a respectful dialogue when the opportunity arises. Joyfully share your faith with others.

Bishop's Appeal status as of 04/04/22

To date, the Development Office has received pledges totaling **\$24,361.00** and payments totaling **\$21,459.75** from **94** parishioners. This represents **76.1%** 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 **\$24,361.00** y pagos por un total de **\$21,459.75** de **94** feligreses. Esto representa el **76.1%** de su meta de \$32,000.00. Gracias por tus esfuerzos!



Quo Vadis Days
July 19-22, 2022

Young men ages 14-17!

You're invited to spend a few days living, praying and interacting with priests, seminarians and faith-filled teens your own age. The days will include dynamic talks, a visit from Bishop Checchio, sports and activities, prayer, small group discussion and so much more. For more information, please email: quovadis@diometuchen.org

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.



Girl Scout Gathering Day

Due to the continued concern about potential exposure to COVID during group meetings, we have again delayed our annual Gathering Day. However, we do plan to begin working on the various medal programs in virtual meetings and will finish up the requirements at a Gathering Day to be held later in the spring when there is less concern about group meetings. We will be offering the opportunity for scouts to work on the following programs:

- Juniors.....I Live My Faith
- Cadettes..... Marian Medal
- Seniors and ambassadors.....Spirit Alive

Please let us know of your interest in working on an award by contacting domgirlscouts@gmail.com and providing the following information:

- Name
- Girl scout level
- Religious award of interest
- Have you started to work on this award?



**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

Holy Communion:

During Holy Communion, we reach the culmination of the Mass. The Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ is united with our body and soul. This is the closest we can be to Jesus in this life. Do we fully appreciate what is happening at this moment? After listening to God's word and adoring Him on the Altar, now God Himself enters our very being!

This is a time when Jesus wants to pour out Himself and His gifts of Grace to us. After receiving Jesus, we should go back to our pew, kneel, and silently speak to Him from our hearts. We thank Him, tell Him we love Him, and ask Him for help for ourselves and those we love. In no other faith on earth can we receive Jesus, the Eucharist, into our very being as we can at the Catholic Mass.

Jesus, in speaking to Saint Faustina, is saddened by those who ignore Him when He comes to them in Holy Communion. The following is a quote from the diary of St. Faustina reflecting the words Jesus spoke to her,

"I desire to unite myself with human souls; My great delight is to unite myself with souls. Know, My daughter, that when I come to the human heart in Holy Communion, My hands are full of all sorts of graces which I want to give the soul. But souls do not even pay attention to Me; they leave Me to Myself and busy themselves with other things. Oh, how sad I am that souls do not recognize Love! They treat Me as a dead object."

St. John Vianney said *"When we receive Holy Communion, we experience something extraordinary – a joy, a fragrance, a well-being that thrills the whole body and causes it to exalt. When we have been to Holy Communion the balm of love envelops the soul as the flower envelops the bee."*

Open yourself up to Our Lord when you receive Holy Communion. Let Him pour all of His Graces into your soul.

Taken from Mass Lesson Created 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/lenten-adventure>

Daily Prayer Apps:

<https://amenapp.org/>

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