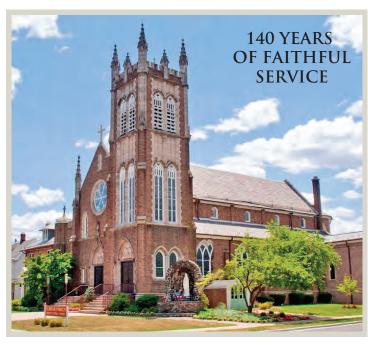
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WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

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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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, May 2

8:00 a.m. Andrew Au by Josephine Kwok

Tuesday, May 3

 $8:00\ a.m.\ Poor\ Souls\ in\ Purgatory$

by Josephine Kwok 7:00 p.m. Cresenciana Osorio

by Concepcion Santos

Wednesday, May 4

8:00 a.m. Manny Jacalan Thanksgiving by Lynne Jacalan

Thursday, May 5

8:00 a.m. Andrew Au by Josephine Kwok

Friday, May 6

8:00 a.m. Poor Souls in Purgatory by Josephine Kwok

Saturday, May 7

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

Sunday, May 8

8:30 a.m. Mother's Day Intentions 10:30 a.m. Mother's Day Intentions Noon Mother's Day Intentions

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, April 24

Regular Collection: \$ 3,303.97 Easter: \$ 983.05 Maintenance: \$ 736.00 Online Giving: \$ 536.25

Bills Paid this Week: \$10,951.4346

Online Giving

Have you tried our new Parish online giving system? There are three ways to give through Tithe.ly:

- *Through our website
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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.



Rosary Altar Group Living Rosary
The St. John's Altar Rosary Prayer Group is
having a living rosary on Monday, May
9th at 6:30pm in the Church. The rosary
will be followed by Mass at 7:00pm. All are
welcome to attend.

El Grupo de Oración del Rosario del Altar les invita a rezar un rosario viviente el **9 de mayo a las 6:30 pm** en la iglesia. El rosario le seguirá la misa a las **7:00 pm**. Todos son bienvenidos para asistir.



Mother's Day Intentions Mother's Day Spiritual Bouquet envelopes are available at all church entrances. Also, a

triduum of Masses will be celebrated Monday May 9th through

Wednesday May 11th in honor of all the mothers of the parish, living and deceased.



Military:

Prayers for Our Service Members

Please pray for the following parishioners who are currently serving in the

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

U.S. Air Force, 2nd Lt. Michael Nielsen If there are any other military members you would like to be included in our prayers, please

contact the Parish Office.

Parish Ministry & Contacts

Activities & Fund Raising Committee:

Parish Office (732) 968-2621; stjev@verizon.net

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Sacrament Preparation

Please pray for all of our First Communicants who received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion this weekend. Also, please continue to pray for our Confirmation Candidates who are preparing to be Confirmed in a few weeks.



May 1, 2022 3rd Sunday of Easter

"...Peter was distressed that Jesus had said to him a third time, 'Do you love me?' and he said to him, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep.'" (JOHN 21:17)

How often do you actually say the words "I love you" to Jesus, to family members, or to friends? We are made to be in relationship with God and each other. Sincerely telling someone that you love them is the best gift you can give them because it comes from your heart. You are giving them the gift of yourself. We all crave love. Tell someone you love them every day.

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



Mass Lesson

Reflection on Christ's True Presence in the Eucharist

In 1917 Our Lady appeared to three children in Fatima, Portugal. An Angel who also appeared to them gave the children a message for all of us about the importance of showing reverence and respect to Jesus in the Eucharist. The angel appeared three times to the children the year before our heavenly Mother did. In his third appearance, the angel held a chalice with a host above it from which drops of blood fell into the cup. Leaving these suspended in mid-air, he prostrated himself on the ground before them and repeated the following prayer of reparation three times... "Most Holy trinity, Father Son and Holy Spirit, I adore Thee profoundly. I offer Thee the most Precious Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, really and truly present in every tabernacle of the world in reparation for the countless outrages, sacrileges and differences by which He is offended. And through the infinite merits of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I beg Thee to convert poor sinners." The children then received the Eucharist (Lucia the Host and Francisco and Jaciniaa drank from the chalice). Upon receiving, the children prostrated themselves and later explained they experienced the supernatural presence of God within them and felt a detachment from their earthly surroundings. They couldn't speak but remained prostrate on the ground until dusk praying.

While we are not all given this supernatural understanding of what it means to receive Jesus in the Eucharist, we are taught the

Eucharist is Jesus, our God, who suffered and died for love of us. We should understand the importance of showing reverence and respect to Jesus in the Eucharist. Think for a moment about what happens when we first enter a Catholic church. We bless ourselves with Holy water as we first enter the church and quiet ourselves at the same time. This is because we are now in the presence of our Almighty God. Blessing ourselves is important as it brings us God's blessing and protection from evil which helps us prepare for Mass. It also reminds us of our baptism which is when we became members of the Church. We also genuflect before we enter the pew and kneel for a few minutes to acknowledge God's presence and prepare our souls for Mass. Let us contemplate more fully the profound respect we should show when we are in the presence of Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist.

Taken from: Fatima by Francis Johnson and Mass Lessons created by Deirdre Nemeth

Catechesis Registration for the 2022-2023 School Year

Registration for the new Catechesis year has begun. Paperwork is available on the website, at the Church Entrances, and in the Parish Office. Please return registration paperwork by **May 15th**. Please contact the office of Catechesis with any questions or additional information.

Registro de Catequesis para el Año escolar 2022-2023

Ha comenzado la inscripción para el nuevo año de Catequesis. El papeleo está disponible en el sitio web, en las Entradas de la Iglesia y en la Oficina Parroquial. Por favor devuelva la documentación de registro antes del **15 de mayo**. Comuníquese con la oficina de Catequesis con cualquier pregunta o información adicional.

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