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WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil.....5:00 pm

Sunday8:30 am, 10:30 am, 12:00 noon (Spanish)

Monday - Friday8:00 am (*Chapel*)

Holydays.....8:00 am, 12:00 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
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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.

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 the children of registered families of the Parish. **Grades 1-7 (families only):** Monday or Tuesday from 6:00 - 8:00 pm once monthly. **Grade 8/Confirmation (children only):** Two Sundays a month from 11:30 am-12:30 pm. To register, or for more information please call the Office of Religious Education.

MASS INTENTIONS



Monday, May 17

8:00 a.m. Tim J. Mack by Mary Ellen Mack

Tuesday, May 18

8:00 a.m. Ester Cuevas by Donna Navarro

Wednesday, May 19

8:00 a.m. Rev. Fr. Domingo Velasco, Jr.,
OFM Cap. by Manny & Lynne Jacalan

Thursday, May 20

8:00 a.m. Rev. Fr. Domingo Velasco, Jr.,
OFM Cap. by Manny & Lynne Jacalan

Friday, May 21

8:00 a.m. Tim J. Mack by Mary Ellen Mack

Saturday, May 22

5:00 p.m. Robert Joseph Flynn III
by Loretta Harmon

Sunday, May 23

8:30 a.m. Felice Meiswinkle by Deacon Glenn
10:30 a.m. Chiara Martone
by the Confalone family
Noon Parishioners of St. John's



*Please pray for the sick
members of our parish:*

*Cathy Sloodmaker
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.

Sacrificial Offerings 2021

Sunday, May 9

Regular Collection: \$4,464.00

Online Giving: \$ 575.18

**The amount of weekly expenses was not available at the time of publication.*

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.



Collection Envelopes

Collection envelopes will no longer be mailed to the homes, but will be made available for pick-up in church. As you exit, please stop by the tables to the left, by the holy water dispenser, to retrieve yours. For anyone who is unable to pick them up, please contact the office.

Scrip Orders

Scrip orders can be picked up on **5/16**.

Next orders due **6/6**.

Covid Restrictions Lifting

Effective **May 19th** the Governor is lifting the restrictions on indoor gatherings, including churches, and restoring it to 100%. There will no longer be a cap for the amount of people permitted in the Church. However, a section of the pews will be designated for those who would prefer to keep a greater distance. The faithful are still required to wear masks within the Church until further notice. Cleaning will continue.



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. Army Pvt. Raymond C. Pizzigoni
 U.S. Coast Guard Lt. Ed Sella
 U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Paul Frabizzio
 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. Marine Pvt. José Citron
 U.S. Navy IT2 Kenneth Millman III
 U.S. Navy HM3 Rosemary Plunkett

If there are any other military members you would like to be included in our prayers, please contact the Parish Office.



**May 16, 2021
Ascension of Our Lord**

"Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God." – 1 JOHN 4:15

How strong is your faith? When you have an opportunity to either defend or clarify a question about our Catholic faith, do you do it? Or, do you remain silent so that others don't think you are weird? Pray for the courage to be strong in all circumstances and to joyfully share your witness with others.



FISH Needs Volunteers

We are in need of caring persons to answer calls that come each day from individuals seeking help from

FISH-Dunellen Area. The volunteer would commit to one or two days a month working from their home. Training and support provided. Your help is vital to our work caring for those in need in our service area. Interested persons can call the Hotline at (732) 356-0081 and leave a message for Lisa.

**Holy Savior Academy
Art Teacher Needed**

Part Time Art Teacher need for Holy Savior Academy School for grades PreK through Grade 8. Two days per week to instruct the students in seasonal art and arts/crafts. Please call 908-822-5890.

**St. Thomas Aquinas H.S.
Summer Camps**

Summer Aquinas Academy for 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th grade students has classes in STEM, Theater Extravaganza, Forensics and Religion. Monday, 6/28-Friday, 7/2; Religion classes Tuesday 6/22-Thursday 6/24. 8 a.m.-2:30 p.m., \$300 Registration fee. For information, please call Joan Fetzer (732) 549-1108, ex. 620 or Jfetzer@stahs.net. Visit our website at www.stahs.net for information on the Summer Aquinas Academy and also our Sports Camps.

Rental Assistance Available

The COVID-19 Emergency Rental Assistance Program Phase II application period remains open to help New Jerseyans pay their rent arrears or future rent to the extent funds are available. The program devotes approximately \$353 million to rental assistance for low- and moderate-income households that have had a substantial reduction in income or incurred significant costs as a result of the pandemic, including those who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. In addition to the tenants themselves, landlords or advocates may apply on behalf of tenants, with the tenant's permission. Households will be selected on a rolling basis from the overall pool of applicants through a randomized process based on lottery criteria. Those who are selected then submit some additional information and paperwork to ensure they are eligible for assistance. Visit <https://www.nj.gov/dca/cverap2.shtml> and click on "Eligibility Criteria" and "Emergency Rental Assistance Program Phase II Maximum Income Limits" to see if you or people you care about might qualify. You will need an email address to apply – it's an online application, available in English, Spanish, and multiple other languages. Apply for Rental Assistance: <https://njdca.onlinepha.com/>

Whole Community Catechesis



The Ascension of Our Lord Mark 16:15-20

About the Gospel

Before Jesus ascended into Heaven, he asked us to do something. He wants us to share the Good News—he was born, lived, died, and rose again to save us from our sins. We call this the Paschal Mystery. Jesus wants us to tell and show others how much he loves them.

In Church

Notice when the priest or deacon lifts the Book of the Gospels before he proclaims the Gospel. Remember, God is present to us through the inspired words of the Gospel.

Question of the Week

How can you proclaim the Gospel to others?

Family Prayer

Lord, help us to spend time reading your Word in the Bible. Strengthen us to share it with others. Amen.

Read the Bible in a Year with Fr. Mike Schmitz podcast

<https://media.ascensionpress.com/podcast/all-bible-in-a-year-episodes/>. He is using the Great Adventure Timeline as he guides listeners through the Bible in a year. It is not too late to join in.

Catechesis Registration for the 2021-2022 School Year

Is your child entering First Grade? Don't forget that registration for the new Catechesis year has begun. Paperwork can be found on the website, at the Church Entrances, and in the Parish Office. Returning families may drop off paperwork in the collection basket or at the Parish Office. New families or families adding a new child to the program, please contact the PCL, Patricia Hummel to make an appointment to register, stjohnpcl@gmail.com.

Registro de catequesis para el año escolar 2021-2022

¿Su hijo está ingresando al primer grado? No olvide que ha comenzado la inscripción para el nuevo año de catequesis. El papeleo se puede encontrar en el sitio web de la parroquia, en las entradas de la iglesia y en la oficina parroquial. Las familias que han participado en el programa antes pueden dejar el papeleo en la cesta de cobro durante la misa, o en la oficina parroquial. Las nuevas familias o familias que están agregando un nuevo hijo al programa, comuníquese con la encargada de catequesis, Patricia Hummel para hacer una cita para registrarse, stjohnpcl@gmail.com

Spiritual Adoption Program

The Office of Catechesis would like to connect our Parishioners and Catechesis families through the gift of prayer. Raising children in faith takes a lot of spiritual support. If you do not currently have a child in the Catechesis program but feel that you could pray daily for a family that does, would you consider spiritually adopting a catechesis family to keep in daily prayer? If this sounds like something you might be interested in please contact the Office of Catechesis, stjohnpcl@gmail.com, 732-968-2621 ext 13.

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