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WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil.....5:00 pm

Sunday8:30 & 10:30 am

Monday - Friday8:00 am (*Church*)

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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Office of Religious Education:

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 main church. 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 11:45 am. An instructional Infant Baptism Class is required for
parents having their first 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, September 28

8:00 am Sue Fosbre by Maryellen Toolan

Tuesday, September 29

8:00 am William Morris by Peggy Ulmes

Wednesday, September 30

8:00 am Alicia Glennon by the Hlavaty family

Thursday, October 1

8:00 am Norma Bennett by
Kelly & Tom Kolakowski

Friday, October 2

8:00 am William Morris by
St. John's Rosary Prayer Group

Saturday, October 3

5:00 pm Mary St. Laurent by family

Sunday, October 4

8:30 am Adrienne Isabella by
Kim Rabouin Wood
10:30 am Parishioners of St. John's and
Pat & Betty Papa by Bob & Pat Guidi

Sacrificial Offerings 2020

Sunday, September 20

Regular Collection: \$3,067.00

Online Giving: \$ 643.00

Bills Paid This Week: \$3,970.30

Restoration of Masses with a Congregation

WELCOME HOME! We are so excited to once again celebrate Holy Mass as a parish family.

Some restrictions and noticeable differences to ensure everyone's safety:

All parishioners must follow social distancing guidelines, wear masks, and use hand sanitizer.

Seating - in order to enable safe social distancing during Mass every other pew has been closed off with blue tape. Ushers and Greeters will guide you where to sit to maintain safe social distancing. There is a limit of no more than 100 people within a building.

Offertory Procession - there will not be an Offertory Procession during Mass. The gifts of bread and wine will be kept up on the altar.

Distribution of Holy Communion - Though the Consecration itself will remain in its proper place during Mass, we were instructed by the diocese to move the distribution of Holy Communion to the end of Mass to minimize movement throughout the church. After the Closing prayer we will have a single file Communion line to the altar, much like at a daily Mass. Please maintain two pews distance between yourself and the person in front of you.

Mass will still be available on our website at 10:30 for those of you who do not feel comfortable attending public Mass.

Thank you for your patience as we adjust to these guidelines. If you are interested in joining the "Back to Mass" volunteer team please call the parish office, 732-968-2621.

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.

Notice For Ushers

Ushers for all Masses, Father Alphonsus would like to have a meeting with you and asks that you please give your contact information (e-mail and phone) to him. You can send it to the parish e-mail at: stjev@verizon.net or give it to Father at the end of mass.

Update on St. John's Rectory Roof Fund

Thank you again for giving generously to the St. John's Rectory Roof Fund. We hit our goal and the work will be done on Monday, September 28th, weather permitting.

Email/Text Scam Warning

An old email and text scam has reappeared. The email or texts appear to be from Father Alphonsus and are asking for donations of money or gift cards. If you receive this email or text, do not respond or send anything. Father Alphonsus will never email or text requests for donations. If in doubt, contact the Parish Office.



Gluten Free Food Collection

The FISH food pantry has need for gluten free food items. In response to this call, our parishioner Maria Stein, Girl Scout Troop 65117, will have a Gluten-Free Food collection table at our church's main entrance the weekend of October 3-4. For her thoughtfulness, not only will she be serving others she will also attain the Girl Scout Silver Award. Proud of Maria – thanks and blessings to all!

Union Catholic High School Fall Open House

Union Catholic High School, 1600 Martine Avenue, Scotch Plains, NJ, will be holding their Fall Open House on **Wednesday, October 7th - 7:00 p.m.** Prospective students and their families have two options to attend our Fall Open House: In-Person, Drive-In Format or Virtual Open House Via Zoom. For additional information, or to reserve your spot, visit our website at www.unioncatholic.org or call 908-889-1600, ext. 302



**September 27, 2020 –
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

"Do nothing out of selfishness; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves..." (Philippians 2: 3)

Pride and ego are hard things to control. We see how others act or dress and think we are superior to them. We idolize our own self-image. But, if we truly believe everything is a gift from God, we recognize all the people that God has put into our lives as gifts! We are grateful for how they enrich our lives. Pray every day for the people in your life: your family, your friends, and those who make you angry.

**Champions for Catholic Charities
Virtual Gala**

In place of the traditional dinner, our **2020 Champions for Catholic Charities** will be celebrated through a **Virtual Gala**—a pre-recorded video scheduled to premiere on **Thursday, October 22nd at 7:00 p.m.** There is no fee to join the celebration and viewers will have the opportunity to submit supportive messages via live-chat during the event which will feature testimonials from a few of the people whose lives have been transformed by Catholic Charities. We rely upon the generosity of our faithful supporters so that we can together fulfill the mission of Catholic Charities. *For donations, sponsorship opportunities and links to the October 22nd Virtual Gala premiere, go to www.diometuchen.org/champions. Questions may be directed by email to champions@diometuchen.org or by phone to 732-562-2432.*



**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

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

**Volunteer to Make
Pocket Rosaries for Law Enforcement**

The Office of Family Life is pleased to announce the creation of the Blue Rosary Guild. The purpose of the Guild is for community members of all ages to make pocket Rosaries for law enforcement officers, providing them with support and spiritual strength and promoting devotion to the Rosary among all the faithful. All materials and instructions will be provided and a Zoom virtual tutorial will also be scheduled. Anyone interested should contact Cristina D'Averso-Collins, Director of the Office of Family Life at cdaverso@diometuchen.org.

**Choices Matter –
A Virtual Critical Life Issues
Conference Series**

During October, which is Respect Life month, the diocesan Office of Human Life and Dignity will present its annual Choices Matter - A Virtual Critical Life Issues Conference Series. The theme this year is "Living the Gospel of Life!".

Please join us virtually on the following dates to hear these dynamic speakers:

10/10 - 10:00 am - Pam Stenzel - Parents Matter: Raising Kids with Integrity

10/15 - 7:00 pm - Evan Lemoine - Amor sin Barreras (in Spanish only)

10/24 - 10:00 am - Christina Bennett - Defending Life in the Black Community

10/29 - 7:00 pm - Kristen Hanson - Warriors of Hope: Fighting Assisted Suicide in America

10/31 - 10:00 am - Stephanie Connors, formerly Gray - Abortion: The Great Debate

There is no fee, however registration is required for this Virtual Conference Series. Donations are appreciated. To register please visit:

<https://www.diometuchen.org/choicesmatter>. You can attend one or all of the sessions.

Thank you!

24 Hour Prayer Line

Our Diocesan Office for Persons with Disabilities has a 24 hour prayer line for those who desire prayer for special needs. If you, a family member or friend would like to be remembered in prayer for a temporary or permanent illness, please call us and leave a detailed message at (732) 765-6431 or send an email to our office: catholicswithdisabilities@gmail.com



Whole Community Catechesis

The New Family Catechesis year will begin October 5th and 6th. More information will be emailed to registered families shortly.

Catechist and Aide Volunteers

"Were our hearts not burning within us..." Luke 24:32. Once we have experienced the true love and joy of the Gospels we are called to joyfully share it with others. A catechist is someone who walks with another to help them grow in faith. Are you being called to share your faith with the youth of our parish? Please prayerfully consider this volunteer opportunity. If you'd like to learn more about being a catechist or aide please contact the Office of Catechesis.

RCIA for Teens and Adults

Have you been baptized Catholic but never received the rest of the Sacraments of Initiation (Communion, Confirmation)? Have you never been baptized but would like to learn more about the Catholic Faith? We are organizing a program for Teens and Adults who would like to receive their Sacraments or learn more about becoming Catholic. Classes will begin in the Fall. Please fill out the form on our website or Call/email our Office of Catechesis - 732-968-2621 ext 13, stjohnpcl@gmail.com

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