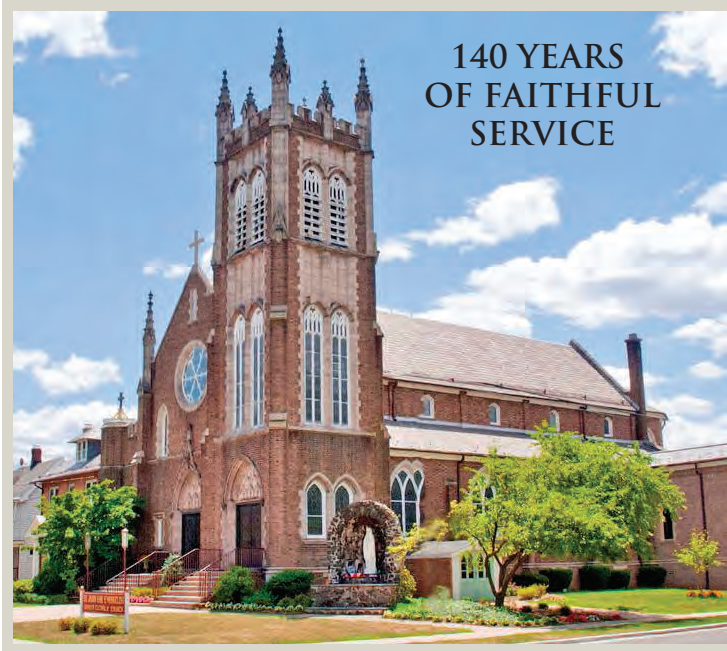


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WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

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
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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.

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, March 8

8:00 am Josefina Díaz by Maria Lopez

Tuesday, March 9

8:00 am Tony D'Ovidio by Matt & Terry Kurzius

Wednesday, March 10

8:00 am Barbara Hellrigel
by Bill, Pat & Will Hughes

Thursday, March 11

8:00 am Ralph Spagnolo
by Bill, Pat & Will Hughes

Friday, March 12

8:00 am Marijean K. Cunningham
by Gerard & Suzanne Cunningham

Saturday, March 13

5:00 pm Winifred Whalen by Patronick,
Woerner & Dowd families

Sunday, March 14

8:30 am Larry Wheat by Matt & Terry Kurzius
10:30 am Angela & Vincent Pileggi by their
Daughter
Noon Parishioners of St. John's

*This week our Sanctuary lamp is lit in loving memory of **Eddie Marren** by **Karen and Jeff**.*

****correction:** last week's Sanctuary lamp was lit in loving memory of **Joan Marren**. We apologize for the spelling error.*

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 begins this year on **Ash Wednesday, February 17th**.

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.

Daily Mass:

- Daily Masses during Lent are at 8:00 am in the Church.

Fridays during Lent:

- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 8:30 am-7:00 pm
- Stations of the Cross in English- 7:00pm
- Stations of the Cross in Spanish- 7:45pm
- *The Chosen* video series in the auditorium at 8:00 pm (includes Spanish subtitles)

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

- Every Saturday from 4:00-4:45 pm
- Or by appointment

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, comuniqués con él.

Sacrificial Offerings 2021

Sunday, February 28

Regular Collection:	\$2,713.00
Snow Removal:	\$ 655.00
Online Giving:	\$ 836.87

Bills Paid This Week: \$8,577.85

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

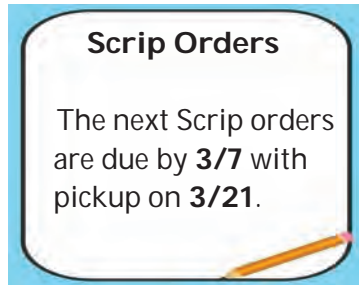
Give the Gift of Faith

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

At the time of publication of this bulletin, the next set of Collection envelopes has not yet arrived. There will be an update in the announcements and a notice will appear here again when the new envelopes are ready for pickup.



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.

March 7, 2021 - 3rd Sunday of Lent

"You shall not carve idols for yourselves in the shape of anything..." - Exodus 20:4

How many "gods" do you put before God? "Idols" do not always take the shape of physical things, things we can touch and feel. Those are easy to recognize. Many times they take the form of things we cannot touch and are much harder to spot like pride, power, ego, time, comfort or health. Pray for God's help to prune our vices and to grow in virtue.



Easter Memorials

You are invited to make a memorial donation for the Easter season. Your donation will help provide flowers and decorations for the church. To participate you may pick up a form at the exits of the Church or simply write down your name, phone number, and the name of the person or persons you wish to memorialize and send it along with your payment to the Parish Center by **noon on Monday, 3/29.**

2021 Bishop's Annual Appeal *Transformed by Christ Body and Blood – Sent on Mission to Light a Fire in the Heart of the Church*

The devastating global pandemic of 2020 caused the loss of countless lives, widespread critical illness and has impacted every family around the world in so many ways. The important work of Catholic Charities could not and did not stop during this time. Requests for basic services such as food, shelter and clothing increased and the staff at Catholic Charities truly lived out the Corporal Works of Mercy. Rental assistance and housing support continued. The Catholic Charities food pantry, one of the largest in Warren County, provided curbside delivery and made home deliveries to protect those most at risk of coronavirus. Critical counseling services were made available through tele-health and safe, socially distant visits.

Twenty-four percent – \$1.7 million dollars – of the funds raised by the 2021 Bishop's Annual Appeal is earmarked for Catholic Charities, Diocese of Metuchen. Your generosity and sacrifice helps to ensure that no one is left homeless, hungry, or without emotional support in these extremely difficult times.

Whole Community Catechesis



Gospel Weekly Discussion Questions: Jesus Cleanses The Temple John 2:13-25

Life Question: What housecleaning do you need to do in your life?

Gospel Question: Why did Jesus drive out the money changers from the Temple?

EXPLORING THE GOSPEL BY AGE *Exploring the Sunday Readings* (Adults)

We dip our buckets in many wells. How do you prepare for the day most of these will run dry?

Visions (Grades 7–9)

Life Question: What angers young people your age the most?

Gospel Question: Why does Jesus chase the merchants and moneychangers out of the Temple courtyard?

Venture (Grades 4–6)

Life Question: What does God ask of you?

Gospel Question: What changes does Jesus' anger prompt him to make?

Good News (Grades 2–3)

Life Question: What groups do you belong to?

Gospel Question: How do you show you belong to Jesus?

Promise (Grades K–1)

Life Question: What should you do when you hurt someone's feelings?

Gospel Question: Why did Jesus go to the Temple?

The Chosen Watch Party!

Every Friday during Lent at **8PM**; each episode is roughly 30 to 40 minutes long. Please register with Patricia Hummel stjohnpcl@gmail.com for auditorium seating or the online link. The Chosen is the first-ever-multi-season TV show about the life of Jesus. See Jesus through the eyes of those who knew him.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X-AJdKty74M>

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.

SoulCore

<https://soulcore.com/>. Strengthen your body, mind and Soul. SoulCore is a Marian prayer apostolate integrating core strengthening, stretching and functional movement with the prayers of the rosary.

Make it the Best Lent Ever!

One of the Books we gave as a Parish Christmas Gift was *"I Heard God Laugh: A Practical Guide to Life's Essential Habit"* by Matthew Kelly. Sign up for Dynamic Catholic's Best Lent Ever and join in as they use this book to draw closer to God.

<https://www.dynamiccatholic.com/lent/best-lent-ever.html>. This is a free program where you will receive a daily email to guide you throughout Lent.

Parousia: The Bible and the Mass

Looking for Bible study this Lent? Journey through Scripture with Scott Hahn learning about the Bible and the Mass. <https://stpaulcenter.com/studies-tools/journey-through-scripture/parousia-the-bible-and-the-mass/>

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