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**Edwin Lopez**, *Director of Sacred Music*

**Patricia Hummel**, *Coordinator of Religious Education*

**Mary Lou Chingery**, *Coordinator of Social Ministry*

### WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

**Saturday Vigil**.....5:00 pm

**Sunday** .....8:30 am, 10:30 am, Noon (Spanish)

**Monday - Friday** .....8:00 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.

**Telephone:** 732-968-2621

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### Office of Religious Education:

732-968-2621 ext: 13  
stjohnpcl@gmail.com

**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 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, January 17

8:00 a.m. Dawn Siegel  
by St. John's Finance Council

### Tuesday, January 18

8:00 a.m. Helen Chesler  
by Nancy, Rick & family  
7:00 p.m. Parishioners of St. John's

### Wednesday, January 19

8:00 a.m. Joseph R. Gilson  
by Gregory & Maricris Keil

### Thursday, January 20

8:00 a.m. William McIvor  
by the Johnson family

### Friday, January 21

8:00 a.m. Ronald Ambrosio by Linda Ambrosio

### Saturday, January 22

5:00 p.m. Parishioners of St. John's and Rose &  
Anthony Marsjanik by their children

### Sunday, January 23

8:30 a.m. Deacon Michael Gleason  
by Terry & Matt Kurzius  
10:30 a.m. Ray Applegate by Dianne & family  
Noon Parishioners of St. John's



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

*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, 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.

**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, January 2

Regular Collection: \$3,131.25  
Online Giving: \$ 629.32  
Solemnity of Mary: \$ 573.00  
Christmas: \$1,200.00

#### Sunday, January 9

Regular Collection: \$3,563.50  
Online Giving: \$ 845.73  
Together in Charity: \$ 461.00

#### 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](mailto: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.



#### Holiday Office Closing

The Parish Office will be closed on **Monday, 1/17** in recognition of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. It will re-open on Tuesday, 1/18.

#### Father Alphonsus Away

After three years without a vacation, Fr. Alphonsus has been able to go to visit his family members in Kenya and to pray with them after the loss of his sister recently. Fr. William Mahon will have confessions and Mass on Saturday evening, and Fr. Roy and Deacon Glenn will take care of all the other pastoral needs until Fr. Alphonsus comes back after 4 weeks. Thank you.

#### Foundation for Catholic Education Collection

The second collection next week, **January 22/23**, will be benefit the Foundation for Catholic Education. Please give generously.



#### Important Notice Regarding Collection Envelopes

Due to supply chain issues (paper not arriving, people out with Covid and limited truckers); we will not be receiving the collection envelopes or calendars for the foreseeable future. Until the new envelopes arrive, please place your collection offering in a regular envelope marking it with your name, address and envelope number so we can log it correctly.

### Parish Ministry & Contacts

**Activities & Fund Raising Committee:**

Parish Office (732) 968-2621; [stjev@verizon.net](mailto:stjev@verizon.net)

**Altar Rosary Society:** Fran Furino

(732) 968-0846

**Altar Servers:** Parish Office (732) 968-2621;

[stjev@verizon.net](mailto:stjev@verizon.net)

**Art & Environment Committee:** Kate Guzzi,

(732) 977-2233; [kguzzi@optimum.net](mailto:kguzzi@optimum.net)

**Casino Night Committee:** Parish Office

(732) 968-2621; [stjev@verizon.net](mailto:stjev@verizon.net)

**Catholic Daughters of the Americas:**

Nina DiQuollo (908) 581-9450

**Eucharistic Adoration:** Maureen Shea

(732) 968-0136

**Extra ordinary Ministers of Holy**

**Communion:** Gary & Lynne Guthreau;

[gguthreau@optonline.net](mailto:gguthreau@optonline.net)

**Faith Formation & Catechists:** Patricia Hummel,

PCL (732) 968-2621, x13; [stjohnpcl@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnpcl@gmail.com)

**Finance Committee:** John Fitzgerald

**Golf Outing Committee:** Parish Office

(732) 968-2621; [stjev@verizon.net](mailto:stjev@verizon.net)

**Homebound Ministry:** Mary Lou Chingery; Parish

Office (732) 968-2621; [stjev@verizon.net](mailto:stjev@verizon.net)

**Hospitality Committee:** Kate Guzzi

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**Knights of Columbus Council 2544:**

Keith Venturella; [kventurella@optonline.net](mailto:kventurella@optonline.net)

**Marriage Encounter:** Eugene & Theresa Porras

(908) 930-1663

**Money Counters:** Jeff Marren,

[jm601@optonline.net](mailto:jm601@optonline.net)

**Music Ministry:** Edwin Lopez, Director of Sacred

Music, (732) 968-2621

**Readers:** Gary Guthreau; [gguthreau@optonline.net](mailto:gguthreau@optonline.net)

**Social Concerns Ministry:** Mary Lou Chingery

(732) 968-2621

**Spanish Charismatic Prayer Group:**

Gloria Labanda (732) 343-0680

**Guadalupe Group:** Ana Alpizar (732) 979-4663

**Ushers:** Mike Sciametta (908) 347-7902;

[misciametta@optonline.net](mailto:misciametta@optonline.net)



### **The Purpose of a Synod**

The purpose of the synod is not to produce more documents. It is intended to inspire people to dream about the Church we are called to be, to make people's hope flourish, to stimulate trust, to bind up wounds, to weave new and deeper relationships, to learn from one another, to build bridges, to enlighten minds, warm hearts and restore strength to our hands for our common mission. Visit:

<https://www.diometuchen.org/synod2023>, for more information

"By walking together, and together reflecting on the journey made, the Church will be able to learn from what it will experience and which processes can help it to live in communion, to achieve participation, to open itself to mission." - Pope Francis

### **Synod 2023 Eucharistic Forty Hours and Listening Sessions**

In each of the eight deaneries in the Diocese of Metuchen, a Eucharistic Forty Hours will be held, beginning on **Sunday, January 23**, and ending on **Tuesday, January 25**, with a Synod Listening Session to follow from **7 p.m. to 9 p.m.** This opportunity for prayer, to listen to what the Lord is asking of us, will set the tone for our listening sessions. Registration is requested for the listening sessions. To view the list of hosting parishes and to register, visit: [diometuchen.org/synod2023](http://diometuchen.org/synod2023).

## Whole Community Catechesis



### Learning About the Mass continued...

#### Prayers of the Faithful

The Liturgy of the Word closes with the Prayers of the Faithful. This is when we bring our needs and the need of others to God. There is nothing too big or too small to pray for. Having just been formed by God's Word, we respond with the heart and mind of Jesus by praying for the needs of the Church and the World, for those in authority, for those experiencing various needs and sufferings, for those who have died and for the salvation of all. We learn to look not only for our own interests but also for the needs of others. *(Taken from A Biblical Walk through the Mass (Sri) pg 81 and The Mass explained for Kids pg 15)*

#### 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](mailto:stjohnpcl@gmail.com), 732-968-2621 ext 13.

#### The Bible In A Year

Are you interested in reading the Bible? 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.



January 16, 2022  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

*"To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit." (1 CORINTHIANS 12:7)*

St. Paul tells us that God has blessed each of us for a reason. How has God blessed you? Are you using your gifts according to God's plan? How are you helping to build God's kingdom here on earth? Remember that if you don't do the work God planned for you, no one else can do it. Live the life God has intended for you. Take time to discern your charisms (gifts from the Holy Spirit). Experience the supernatural Peace and Joy God desires for each of us.



#### 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

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