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Mary Lou Chingery, *Coordinator of Social Ministry*

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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For Pastoral Emergencies,
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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, December 7

8:00 am In loving memory of Diane Young &
Robert Wilverding by the
Aldarondo/Nunzello families

Tuesday, December 8

8:00 am Sue Fosbre by Mary Lou Chingery
12 noon Alicia Glennon by the Glittens family
7:00 pm John Cashin by Eileen & Lou Capozzi

Wednesday, December 9

8:00 am Rosalie DeRino by Anthony Spadaro

Thursday, December 10

8:00 am Deceased members of the McDowell &
Schreiber families by McDowell family

Friday, December 11

8:00 am Norma Bennett by Sue Ellen Bibby

Saturday, December 12

5:00 pm George Weiss by family

Sunday, December 13

8:30 am Edward W. Marren by
Jeff & Karen Marren
10:30 am Parishioners of St. John's & Herb
Maritz by John & Jeanne Fitzgerald

Sacrificial Offerings 2020 Sunday, November 29

Regular Collection: \$3,370.00
Online Giving: \$ 705.00

Bills Paid This Week: \$5,051.11

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 white cord. Ushers and
Greeters will guide you where to sit to
maintain safe social distancing. There is a
limit of no more than 150 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 - The
diocese has directed that at the discretion of
the pastor the distribution of Holy
Communion can now be restored to its
proper place within Mass. In keeping with
CDC health and safety guidelines, we will
still have a single file Communion line to the
altar and ask that you please maintain two
pews distance between yourself and the
person in front of you.

Mass will still be available on our website at
8:30 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.



Christmas Basket Raffle

The Music Ministry is selling tickets for their Christmas Basket Raffle after the 8:30 and 10:30

Masses. The winner will be drawn the weekend before Christmas. Proceeds will benefit the Music Ministry. Thank you for your support.



Thanksgiving Basket Raffle Winner

The winner of the Music Ministry Thanksgiving Basket Raffle was FISH. We would like to thank the generous person who anonymously donated their winning ticket to this charitable cause. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!



Christmas Memorials

You are invited to make a memorial donation for the Christmas 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, 12/14.**

Christmas Angel Tree Program

Due to the pandemic we will adjust our annual angel tree program. We request gift cards from Target or Walmart be donated rather than gifts, which will be distributed to the children's parents for gift buying. Please place them in an envelope marked "Christmas Program" by **12/13** and drop them off at the parish office.



Christmas Book Program

Many thanks to Thomas E. Sheenan and The Sheenan Funeral Home and an anonymous donor for their generous donations to fund the upcoming Christmas Book Program. This Christmas we will be giving out Do Something Beautiful For God by Mother Teresa and I Heard God Laugh by Matthew Kelly.

Scrip orders

The next and last Scrip order of this year is **due December 6th** with a **pick-up date of December 20th**, just in time for Christmas! Please consider supporting our parish by purchasing gift cards for the holidays, for your groceries, to give to the mailman, your beautician and all those you gift at this time of year! You can place your orders in the collection basket or drop them off at the parish office. Forms are available in the back of the Church and on the parish website.



Prayer for

The Second Week of Advent

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to prepare the path of your only begotten Son; that we may worthily serve you with hearts purified by His coming. Who lives and reigns with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end.

Amen

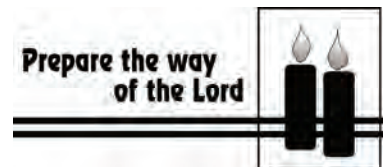


Prayers for Our Service Members

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.



December 6, 2020
2nd Sunday of Advent

"Prepare the way of the Lord..." - Mark 1:3

We are all called to live a holy life. We are all called to invite others to live holy lives. Living a stewardship lifestyle, being grateful and generous with our gifts, puts us on the path to holiness and is an example for others to be holy, too. We are responsible not only for our own lives, but for the lives of others as well.

Whole Community Catechesis



Gospel Weekly Discussion Questions: Jesus Is Good News Mark 1:1–8

Life Question: Who are the prophets among us?

Gospel Question: What paths have opened for you in your life where you could see none?

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

Gospel Question: Who have been forerunners to your faith: family members, teachers, friends, saints?

Visions (Grades 7–9)

Life Question: What roads run through your life?

Gospel Question: What is the work of a prophet?

Venture (Grades 4–6)

Life Question: Why is making the first move important in forgiving?

Gospel Question: How is straightening up a friendship like making a straight road for God?

Good News (Grades 2–3)

Life Question: How can you tell people are getting ready for Christmas?

Gospel Question: How can we share with people the way Saint Nicholas does?

Promise (Grades K–1)

Life Question: How am I growing and changing?

Gospel Question: How can I grow as a follower of Jesus?

Seeds (Preschool)

Life Question: How does Juan Diego honor Mary?

Gospel Question: What stories do you know about Jesus?



ADVENT RESOURCES

How are you preparing for the coming of Jesus this Advent?

Below is a list of Free Virtual Advent Resources and Events

PREPARE THE WAY! Free Virtual Event from the St. Paul Center
December 5th 9:00AM register with the following link

<https://stpaulcenter.com/prepare/>

Holy Heroes Advent Adventures
Sign up to receive free Advent activities for your children

<https://www.holyheroes.com/Holy-Heroes-Advent-Adventure-s/48.htm>

Word on Fire
Daily Advent Gospel Reflections with Bishop Barron

<https://www.adventreflections.com/>

Dynamic Catholic Best Advent Ever
Let Your Soul Shine with Matthew Kelly

<https://www.dynamiccatholic.com/best-advent-ever.html>

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