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### WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil.....5:00 pm

Sunday .....8:30 & 10:30 am

Monday - Friday .....8:00 am (*Church*)

Holydays .....7:00 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):** 2nd and 4th Sunday from 11:30 am-12:30 pm. To register, or for more information please call the Office of Religious Education.

## MASS INTENTIONS



### Monday, July 13

8:00 am Sue Fosbre by Margaret Ulmes

### Tuesday, July 14

8:00 am Joseph Ruiz by Donna & Ron Fojtlin

### Wednesday, July 15

8:00 am Raymond Applegate  
by Dianne Applegate

### Thursday, July 16

8:00 am Carmela Criscuolo  
by Roberto Criscuolo

### Friday, July 17

8:00 am Francis Alapatt by Vincent Rabu

### Saturday, July 18

5:00 pm John Petruska by the Mack family

### Sunday, July 19

8:30 am Parishioners of St. John's &  
James Mondoro by the Vargo family  
10:30 am Bruce Riley by Sue Ellen Bibby

*This week our Sanctuary lamp is lit in memory of **Ruth Yambor** by her husband, son and daughter.*

## 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 50 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. Furthermore, we need as much feedback as possible for a successful return to in-person masses. If you have not already done so please consider filling out the Return to Mass Survey:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe\\_gV5XvumfATyg1GUBny-CCSUySxBYcEXmo\\_V3bk-m9A2B59g/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe_gV5XvumfATyg1GUBny-CCSUySxBYcEXmo_V3bk-m9A2B59g/viewform).



**Can you help?**

As you may know, the roof on the St. John's Rectory is in great need of repair. Over the past few years, water has been seeping through holes in the roof and damaging the interior of the rectory (walls, floors, basement, see photos above) and is getting worse.

The Parish Finance Council has received estimates from several contractors, and we would like to hire a local builder to complete the job. The replacement of the roof is estimated to cost \$24,000.

At this time, we are creating a dedicated fund to pay for the rectory roof replacement and are hoping to raise \$24,000. If you are willing and able to contribute to this dedicated roof repair, it would be greatly appreciated. All donations should be made payable to "St. John Church" with "rectory roof fund" written clearly on the memo line of the check. (This is a very important notation).

If you have any questions or would like additional information about this upcoming project, please let me know. I will be happy to speak with you after Mass or make an appointment during the week in the Parish Center. We hope to schedule the work as soon as possible.

Thank you for your consideration and support. God bless you!

- Fr. Alphonsus

**Sacrificial Offerings 2020  
Sunday, July 5**

Regular Collection: \$3,389.00  
Online Giving: \$ 895.24

**Ushers Needed**

As we return to public masses, our ushers are more important than ever. In order to facilitate the many new adjustments to the mass procedures we need four ushers for each mass. If you are interested in serving as an usher, please contact the Parish Office at 732-968-2621 and provide your email and cell number. We'll also need one person to serve as the manager of the ushers, to handle scheduling, changes and communication. Please consider stepping up and providing this essential service.



**Technology Volunteers  
Needed**

While the church was closed we were very blessed as a parish to have two very generous volunteers sharing their time, talent and resources to help us livestream Mass weekly from the Chapel. As this pandemic continues and we move back into the church we are faced with challenges trying to sustain live streaming with both technology issues and the amount of time involved in doing it. It is extremely important to keep our community connected. We are looking for volunteers who enjoy technology especially in the area of live streaming as well as donations to help us overcome some of the challenges we are facing with streaming in the Church. If you feel you have the gifts and talents to get involved in this area please call or email the parish office. If you have specific questions please feel free to email Patricia Hummel [stjohnpcl@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnpcl@gmail.com)

### Email Scam Warning

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

### 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)

### Parish Mailing List

It is very important that we have up to date contact information for all parishioners so that we can better communicate all important parish news. If you have not received any emails during the pandemic period, please contact the Parish Office at 732-968-2621, Monday-Thursday from 9 am-2 pm, and give the Parish Secretary your current email address.



### July 12, 2020 - 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

*"The seed sown among thorns is the one who hears the word but then the cares of the world and the lure of riches choke the word and it bears no fruit." (Matthew 13:22)*

Does the lure of riches and material goods choke God out of your life? Are you so caught up in earthly activities that you have no time for God? Gratitude and generosity are virtues that we should strive to do on a daily basis. Every decision we make either takes us one step closer to God or one step further away. What we receive at Mass every Sunday should be shared with others all the other days of the week as well.



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

### **Faith Strengthening Resources While We Are Social Distancing**

#### ***The Quarantined Catholic Hub***

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

Regularly changing free offerings.  
Bible studies, books, talks and more  
<https://stpaulcenter.com/family-resources/>

Children's books read by authors with  
coloring pages

<https://stpaulcenter.com/emmaus-road-publishing/>

Summer reading ideas

#### ***Word on Fire Institute***

<https://www.wordonfire.org/resources/blog/the-family-bookshelf-secular-books-can-complement-catholic-catechesis/27639/>

The family Bookshelf: Secular books can  
complement Catholic Reads.

#### ***Ascension Presents***

<https://media.ascensionpress.com/>  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCVdGX3N-WIJ5nUvkIBTNhAw>

videos, podcasts, articles, answering  
questions on all different aspects of faith

#### ***The Augustine Institute***

<https://www.augustineinstitute.org/catholic/>

Deepen your faith and confidently proclaim  
the gospel

#### ***Teaching Catholic Kids from Our Sunday Visitor***

<https://teachingcatholickids.com/>

Helpful tools for parents, free downloadable  
activities and articles added weekly

#### ***One Church Together***

<https://diometuchen.org/onechurchtogether/>

Diocese of Metuchen resources during  
Covid 19

### **Whole Community Catechesis**

Religious Education Registration is  
underway. Forms and instructions can be  
found on the homepage of the website.  
Please return your completed forms by **July  
19, 2020**. Contact Patricia Hummel with  
any questions or if you need additional  
information [stjohnpcl@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnpcl@gmail.com) 732-  
968-2621 ext13

### **Thank You To All Those On The Front Lines**

Thank you to all of the Medical Personnel,  
First Responders and Essential Workers  
who continue to sacrifice for others on the  
front lines of the Coronavirus pandemic.  
Please continue to keep them all in your  
prayers.

### **Family Rosary**

The rosary is a very powerful prayer  
especially in times of stress and anxiety. The  
rosary draws us closer to Jesus as we focus  
on the different times in His life as the  
repetitive rhythm enables a spiritual peace  
and calm. Here are a few links on how to  
say the rosary including how to guide your  
children.

How to say the rosary:

<http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/rosaries/how-to-pray-the-rosary.cfm>

A scriptural rosary - rosary with scriptural  
meditations:

<https://www.ourcatholicprayers.com/scriptural-rosary.html>

Spiritual fruits of the rosary:

<http://www.how-to-pray-the-rosary-everyday.com/fruits-of-the-rosary.html>

Tips for teaching children to pray the  
rosary:

<https://teachingcatholickids.com/13-tips-for-praying-the-rosary-with-kids/>

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