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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, July 27

8:00 am Yolanda Giacomarra by her family

Tuesday, July 28

8:00 am Sue Fosbre by Sylvia & Ricky Switzer

Wednesday, July 29

8:00 am Angelo Criscuolo by
Roberto Criscuolo

Thursday, July 30

8:00 am Susan Fosbre by Karen Marble

Friday, July 31

8:00 am Ronald Shea by Dave, Trisha & kids

Saturday, August 1

5:00 pm Irene Rivera by
Jayne & Roger Lendach

Sunday, August 2

8:30 am Adrienne Isabella by Nancy &
Rick Chesler & family
10:30 am Parishioners of St. John's & Ryan T.
Terraccino by Muha-Fowler family

Sacrificial Offerings 2020

Sunday, July 19

Regular Collection: \$3,942.00
Online Giving: \$ 537.53

Bills Paid This Week: \$5,435.70

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.

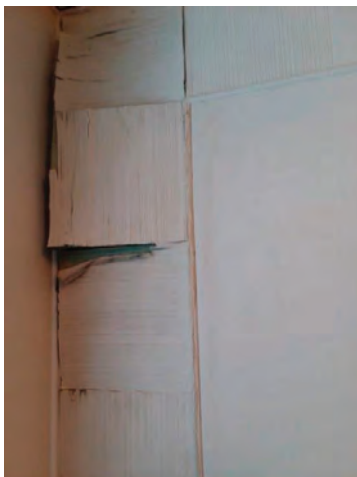
Seating - in order to enable safe social distancing during Mass every other pew has been closed off with blue tape. Ushers and Greeters will guide you where to sit to maintain safe social distancing. There is a limit of no more than 100 people within a building.

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.



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

Thank you for Giving!

The rectory roof fund campaign is coming along well. As of Monday July 20, we have received \$11,950 from 23 parishioners. Thank you so much for giving so generously. We shall start the work as soon as we reach the required down payment deposit. If you have not donated yet, please prayerfully consider doing so. Thank you!

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



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

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.

Social Concerns Ministry

We'll be accepting non-perishable food items for local families in need. In addition to having donations here in our Parish Center pantry, we'll be sharing with the FISH outreach in Piscataway for distribution. God's blessings for your continued support.

We cannot do GREAT THINGS, but we can do SMALL THINGS with GREAT LOVE.

Clothing donations may be placed in the Catholic Charities bin in our Parish Center parking lot.



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.

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.

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

Teen and Adult Faith Formation

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



July 26, 2020 – 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose." (Romans 8:28)

Do you really trust God? Do you really believe that God will provide all that you need? Faith is a challenge for everyone at times. Putting our trust in God, in everything we do, in good times and in bad, means that God's plan for our lives may be quite different than what we planned. When one door closes, another one opens. Trust in God, His plan is always better.

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