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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
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 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, September 21

8:00 am Mass of Thanksgiving by
Manny & Lynne Jacalan

Tuesday, September 22

8:00 am Sue Fosbre by Lynn & Gary Guthreau

Wednesday, September 23

8:00 am Lillian Frank by Mary Lou Chingery

Thursday, September 24

8:00 am Jules Rydarowski by
Mary Lou Chingery

Friday, September 25

8:00 am William Morris by Natalie & Joe Farry

Saturday, September 26

5:00 pm Isabel & Jack Sandifer by brother Fran

Sunday, September 27

8:30 am Parishioners of St. John's & Catherine
Parr by the Parr family

10:30 am John Confalone by Sue Confalone

*This week our Sanctuary lamp is lit in memory of **Howard Hartfelder** by **Barbara Carlisle**.*

*This week our Chapel candle is lit in memory of **Jim McLoughlin** by **Mom, Dad, Jill & Mike**.*

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.

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.

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.

Sacrificial Offerings 2020

Sunday, September 13

Regular Collection: \$3,278.00

Online Giving: \$ 619.00

Bills Paid This Week: \$15,700.58

Notice For Ushers

Ushers for all Masses, please give your contact information (e-mail and phone) to Fr. Alphonsus. You can send it to the parish e-mail at: stjev@verizon.net or give it to Father at the end of mass.

Email/Text Scam Warning

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



Knights of Columbus Fish & Chips Dinner

The Knights of Columbus
Commodore John Barry
Council of Dunellen, NJ will

be holding a Fish & Chips Dinner on **Saturday, 9/26** from **4 pm to 7 pm** at the **Council Hall, 647 Grove Street, Dunellen**. Get your choice of fried fish & chips dinner, fried shrimp dinner or seafood combo dinner, all dinners \$12 each. Credit cards accepted. Outdoor seating or take out. Outside cash bar open. Pre-ordering dinners is recommended. Call 732-968-2544 or email koc2544_dunellen@yahoo.com



**September 20, 2020 –
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*"So the last will be first and the first last."
(Matthew 20:16)*

You've heard the saying "It's not where you start, but how you finish." This certainly applies to this Bible passage. We have a responsibility not only for our own lives, but for the lives of others as well. We are called to generously share our gifts with others, not hoard them for our own use. Our sincere gratitude and cheerful generosity will help us live "God-centered" lives and not "self-centered" lives.



**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.

Celebrating Catechetical Sunday

This Sunday, the Catholic Church in the United States will celebrate "Catechetical Sunday" — a day on which to celebrate and pray for the Church's mission to teach the Gospel to all people. This year's theme is "I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you." Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith.

**2020 Bishop's Annual Appeal
Stepping Forward in Faith:
Grace in Action**

Thank you to all who have so generously given to the 2020 Bishop's Annual Appeal! Your gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal helps support initiatives, services and the spiritual needs of all, among them, the work of Catholic Charities and the needs of those impacted by COVID-19. Through prayer and reflection, please consider a sacrificial gift to this year's appeal and give to the best of your means. With many people impacted by COVID-19, it is important to bring people the opportunity to grow closer to Christ and see the work of God in their midst. All funds raised through the Bishop's Annual Appeal are used to support the ministries and programs of the Diocese of Metuchen. There is still an opportunity to participate by responding to the most recent mailing or by making an online pledge at <https://diometuchen.org/ways-to-give>.



Whole Community Catechesis

Congratulations to all of our First Communicants and Confirmation Candidates from the 2019-2020 school year who have all received their Sacraments:

First Communicants

Onyedikachi Anuolu, Osinachi Anuolu, Jude Byelick, Adam Castagna, Anthony Casrovinci, Allyson Chalecki, Seryna Chen, Rylie Dela Cruz, Charlotte Dubrow, Damian Forbes, Elianny Gil, Amani Henry, Monica Hernandez, Charlie Kenny, Giuliana Kenny, Miles Kupiec, Cristiano Lerias, Brandon Lieu, Cadence Lodato, Jaydejon Malabanan, Brianna Marroquin, Zedarn Mathurin, Brynlee Paltjon, Daniel Paredes, Eddie Rivera, Sofia Scarano, Jasper Schroeder, Gianna Tolomeo, Brian Videla, Walter Vonder Heyde

Confirmandi

Katelyn Almeida, John Cefola, Emily Chalecki, Emily Da Cruz, Gavin DeLeon, Lara Denges, Lauren Dowd, Molly Duggan, Alyssa Eder, Aruthur Eder, Anabela Geada, Ava Gomez, Anaya Henry, Samantha Hummel, Mark Ianiero, Kacey Keneally, Tyler Mayer, Tyler Pettersen, Michelle Pimpiniella, Vianna Randazzo, Grace Walker

The New Family Catechesis year will

begin in early October. More information will be emailed to registered families shortly.

Catechist and Aide Volunteers

"Were our hearts not burning within us..." Luke 24:32. Once we have experienced the true love and joy of the Gospels we are called to joyfully share it with others. A catechist is someone who walks with another to help them grow in faith. Are you being called to share your faith with the youth of our parish? Please prayerfully consider this volunteer opportunity. If you'd like to learn more about being a catechist or aide please contact the Office of Catechesis.

RCIA for Teens and Adults

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

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