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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 7

8:00 am Mary Clare Yesalavich by Berta Espineira and John & Barbara Briar

Tuesday, September 8

8:00 am Anne Vaskis by Mary Ellen Mack & family

Wednesday, September 9

8:00 am Sue Fosbre by Jayne & Roger Lendach

Thursday, September 10

8:00 am Victor Gialanella by the Szulczewski family

Friday, September 11

8:00 am Anne & Ed Sheenan by Dianne Applegate

Saturday, September 12

5:00 pm Edward Christilles by the Neunert family

Sunday, September 13

8:30 am Roberto Loo Hernandez by Lynne & Manny Jacalan
10:30 am Parishioners of St. John's & Anatilde Vargas by Patty & Joseph

Sacrificial Offerings 2020 Sunday, August 23

Regular Collection: \$3,206.00
Online Giving: \$ 757.00

Bills Paid This Week: \$9,270.15

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.



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 6, 2020 – 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

*"You, son of man, I have appointed
watchman for the house of Israel..."
(Ezekiel 33: 7)*

Many of us are generous with our gifts. However, many of us are not generous in proportion to the gifts we have been given. How often do we give at the minimum level required? Remember, the Lord calls us to nurture and develop our gifts. He calls us to be generous with all the gifts He has given us, especially the one that means the most to us.

Save The Date!

As of now we are still on!!! So please join Life Choices Resource Center for our annual Walk for Life on **Saturday, October 17th, 2020 9 am-12 pm** Rain or Shine. Mark it on your calendars! **Registration opens on August 20th**. Your love matters! Let life shine through you! Take a Walk...Save a Life! Life Choices Resource Center, 503 Main Street, Metuchen, NJ. Call (732) 516-0911 or visit our site <http://www.LifeChoicesRC.com>.



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.

Holy Savior Academy

Are you looking for a school that will be open for 5 full days per week with 100% flexibility and safety? Holy Savior Academy is offering a quality Catholic PreK-8th grade education in a safe, caring environment for your child. We will be open in September for 5 full days per week, and your child can attend 1-5 days per week (before care or after care is available) or learn 100% virtually via livestream - it's your choice! Please call (908) 822-5890 or email info@holysavioracademy.com for more information. We look forward to meeting you! (Holy Savior Academy is located at 149 South Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.)



Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

The St. Thomas Aquinas HS "Aquinas Star" spaghetti dinner fundraiser for Rocco Dimaggio (3 year old with advanced stage 4 high risk neuroblastoma) will be held **Thursday, 10/8 from 4:30 pm – 7 pm** (serving begins at 4:30 and continues until 6:30). Following the directives regarding COVID 19 the dinner will be TAKE OUT ONLY! St. Thomas Aquinas High School Cafeteria, One Tingley Lane, Edison. Adults \$10.00, Students \$7.00, Children (under 12) \$4.00. For tickets or info, please call (732) 321-8815.

Retreat for Adult Children of Divorce

Life-Giving Wounds, a Catholic apostolate dedicated to the spiritual healing of adult children of divorce or separation, will host an online retreat this Fall. Taking place over seven Thursday evenings, from **10/1 to 11/12**, the retreat will include six live presentations, guided small group discussions, and an evening of live-streamed Eucharistic Adoration with live music. Retreatants will also receive a Retreat Guide and Retreat Journal. \$75 early-bird, \$100 after Sept. 20, \$50 college students. More information/registration: <https://www.lifegivingwounds.org/online retreat>

Donate Your Vehicle to Catholic Charities, Diocese of Metuchen!

Funds from the sale of donated vehicles support our programs for the poor in need across Middlesex, Somerset, Hunterdon, and Warren counties.

*Donated vehicles are tax deductible.

*Free pick-up is available

*Vehicles do not need to be running.

Visit www.ccdom.org/cars or call 1-877-999-8322 to get started.

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/>



Whole Community Catechesis

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.

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

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840 Cranbury-South River Rd., Jamesburg
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