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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 14

8:00 am Marijean K. Cunningham by
her children

Tuesday, September 15

8:00 am Sue Fosbre by Catholic Daughters of
America Court Regina Coeli #940

Wednesday, September 16

8:00 am Mrs. Arlene F. Dembowski by
Carmela Salerno

Thursday, September 17

8:00 am Al Frankowski by John &
Jeanne Fitzgerald

Friday, September 18

8:00 am Raymond Applegate by
Dianne Applegate

Saturday, September 19

5:00 pm Howard Hartfelder by Barbara Carlisle

Sunday, September 20

8:30 am Parishioners of St. John's & Dorothy
Maritz by Karen Marble
10:30 am Donna Kugelman by
Lynn & Gary Guthreau

*This week our Sanctuary lamp is lit in memory
of **Kurt Demmerle** by **John & Jeanne
Fitzgerald**.*

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 6

Due to the holiday printing schedule, collection and expense figures for this week were not available at the time of publication.

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 13, 2020 –
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*"For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's."
(Romans 14:8)*

This is the essence of stewardship – everything we have and everything we are is a gift from God. We aren't "owners" of anything; we are merely "stewards" of the gifts that God has given us, especially our very own lives. Pray to God daily and ask Him how He is calling you to live the life that He intended for you.



**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 Silver & Gold
Wedding Anniversaries**

You are cordially invited to celebrate your 25th or 50th Wedding Anniversary by receiving a congratulatory message from Bishop James F. Checchio. Registration is required to receive your message by mail. Please register online at: <https://www.diometuchen.org/silver-and-gold-anniversary-celebration>. If you are unable to access, please contact your parish secretary or amarshall@diometuchen.org. Registration will close on October 15, 2020. Although no fee is required, in the past many Jubilarian couples have given a donation of gratitude to the Church in memory of this special occasion. Donations of Gratitude may be made online or emailing amarshall@diometuchen.org.

**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>.

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.)

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/>

Pray for vocations!

Bishop James F. Checchio recently ordained five men to the priesthood during a Mass of the Rite of Ordination. Please pray for our new priests Rev. David Edward Keyes, Rev. Thomas William Lanza, Rev. Gustavo Andres Rodriguez-Perez, Rev. Gilbert Zachariah Starcher and Rev. John Fredy Triana-Beltran, C.O. as they begin their priestly ministry and please pray for a continual increase of vocations in our Church.



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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