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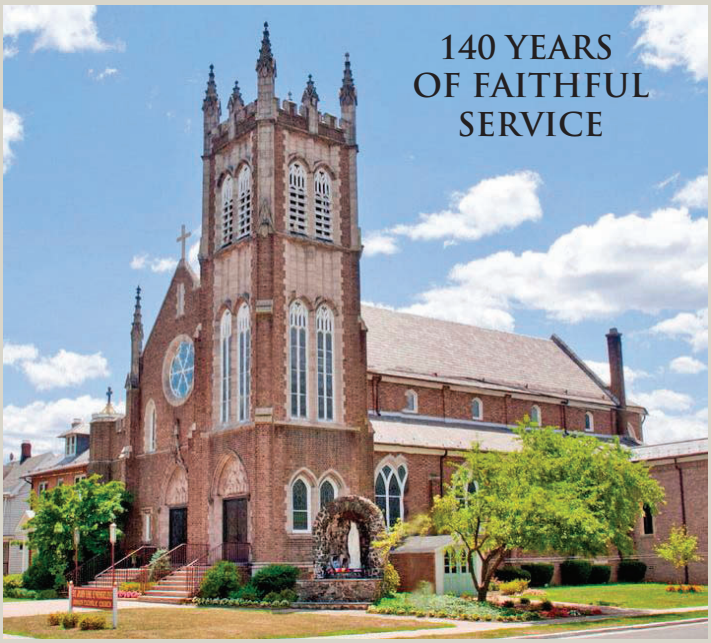


Pastoral Staff

Reverend Alphonsus Kariuki, *Pastor*
Deacon Glenn Robitaille
Alice Fogarty, *Parish Catechetical Leader*
Mary Lou Chingery, *Coordinator of Social Ministry*
Cecilia Macalalad, *Music Ministry*

Weekly Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil..... 5:00 pm
Sunday.....8:30 am, 10:30 am, Noon *(Spanish)*
Monday - Friday..... 8:00 am *(Chapel)*
Tuesday..... 7:00 pm *(Spanish)*
Second Sunday of each month.....3:30 pm *(Kiswahili)*
Holydays..... 8:00 am, Noon & 7:00 pm *(Church)*

Parish Center Hours

Monday-Thursday: 9:00 am - 2:00 pm; closed on Friday.

Evenings by appointment only.

Telephone: 732-968-2621

E-Mail: stjev@verizon.net

Web: www.stjohnsdunellen.org

Office of Faith Formation:
732-968-2621 ext: 3
stjohnpcl@gmail.com

For Pastoral Emergencies, please call: 732-968-2621, ext. 2

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 Chapel and on the first Friday of each month from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm in the Chapel. You are invited to visit as your schedule permits. If you wish to be a regularly scheduled adorer, please contact the Parish Office. During Lent, Adoration takes place on Friday from 8:30 am to 7:00 pm in the Chapel.

Sacrament of Baptism: The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on the first and third Sunday of the month at 1:30 pm. Baptisms will not be performed during Lent. An instructional Infant Baptism Class is required for parents having their 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 form 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.

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 Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist and, if married, are in a marriage recognized by the Church.

Faith Formation

Faith Formation is available for registered parish families with children in Grades 1-8. As the Primary Catechists of their children, parents are prepared and supported to lead their children in faith at home. Meetings are twice a month, one for parents only to prepare for monthly activity lessons and one for parents and children to grow in community. Sacramental reception years (2nd and 8th grade) have additional Sunday meetings to prepare for receiving First Reconciliation/Holy Communion and Confirmation. To register, or for more information please call the Office of Faith Formation.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, July 20
8:00 a.m. Joseph Malinowski
by Joshua Szulczewski

Tuesday, July 21
8:00 a.m. Barry Gittens by Szulczewski family
7:00 p.m. Magali Valarezo by familia

Wednesday, July 22
8:00 a.m. Agustin Antonio Garcia (1 year anniversary of death)
by Evelyn Garcia

Thursday, July 23
8:00 a.m. Gayle Campanella
by Chesler & Horowitz families

Friday, July 24
8:00 a.m. Sandra Pompilo
by Natalie & Joe Farry

Saturday, July 25
5:00 p.m. Jose Maria Anderson by Pilar Orozco

Sunday, July 26
8:30 a.m. Ona Petraviciene & family
by Amuras
10:30 a.m. Mimma Salvatore Genova
by Rosina Rovito
Noon Marta Jimenez Alfaro
by Eugenio & Theresa Porras

Please pray for the sick members of our parish: Louis Capozzi, Cathy Slootmaker, MaryAnn Briones, Joan Rabouin

Padrinos de Bautismo Y Confirmacion:
La ley eclesiástica manda que los padrinos para el bautismo y confirmación, deben ser católicos confirmados y activos en la parroquia, o sea que asistan a la misa dominical, ayudan al mantenimiento de la Iglesia, este casado/y por la Iglesia; si es soltero/a no debe estar en unión libre. Debe vivir una vida de acuerdo con las enseñanzas de la Iglesia. Solo Podemos entregar cartas a parroquianos que viven de acuerdo con estas normas.

Bautismos:
Los Bautismos en español son celebrados en el segundo domingo del mes a la 1:15 PM. No se celebran bautismos durante la Cuaresma. Para hacer arreglos para los bautismos en español, comuníquese con la oficina parroquial. Si la secretaria no puede contestar en ese momento, le puede dejar un mensaje con su número de teléfono para llamarle luego.

Formacion Religiosa–Catecismo:
Si usted es nuevo en la parroquia y quiere inscribir a su niño/a en las clases de catecismo, por favor comuníquese con la oficina parroquial.

RICA:
Adultos que deseen convertirse a la religión católica o que necesiten recibir Primera Comunión y o Confirmación, deben ponerse en contacto con la oficina de la parroquia para el Rito de Iniciación Cristiana de adultos

Matrimonios:
Los arreglos para la fecha de casamiento se deben hacer un ano por anticipado, antes de hacer los arreglos sociales. Comuníquese con la oficina parroquial.

Ministerio de Visitar a Los Enfermos:
Comuníquese con la oficina parroquial. Si es una emergencia (en peligro de muerte) después de horas de oficina, llamar al número 732-968-2621, ex. 2.

Confesiones en Español:
El padre está dispuesto después de la misa dominical. Por favor, communiqués con él.

Círculo de Oración: todos los jueves se comensara a las 6:45 pm con el Santo Rosario en la Capilla. El último jueves del mes hay una Hora Santa a las 7:00pm.

Sacrificial Offerings 2026
Sunday, July 12

Regular Collection: $4,119.50
Online Giving: $ 628.64

Bills Paid this Week: $3,553.47

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.

Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA)

Seeking to become Catholic or complete your Sacraments of Initiation? If you are an adult interested in receiving **Baptism, Confirmation, and/or Eucharist**, please reach out to **Deacon Glenn** at **deaconrobitaille@gmail.com** for more information on how to begin your journey.

Mission Statement

We the Roman Catholic Community of St. John the Evangelist in Dunellen are dedicated to nurturing all who gather in faith. We offer inclusive opportunities for worship, prayer, lifelong learning, spiritual growth and fellowship, embracing people from every background as we journey together in devotion to God.

Vision Statement

We envision a vibrant, outward-facing parish that radiates our Catholic faith through visible presence in the wider community. Anchored in fellowship and service, we aim to reflect God's love in all we do.

Seeking Parishioner with Telecommunications Experience

Our parish is preparing to evaluate new telecommunications vendors to improve the reliability of our phone system. We are looking for someone with **professional experience in telecommunications or phone system infrastructure** who can help us understand our current needs and gather accurate information for vendor quotes.

The project includes:

- Internet Service
- Three office phone lines
- One elevator emergency phone line
- One fire system phone connection

If you have relevant experience and are willing to advise the parish as we explore updated telecom options, please contact the Parish Office. Your guidance will help us move toward a more dependable and cost-effective phone system.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Share Your Faith!

Are you looking for a meaningful way to serve your community? Catechists and Assistants are needed for our **2026–2027 Academic Year (September – April)**. Please consider donating your time and talent to guide the children of our parish on their beautiful journey of faith.

We are specifically looking for volunteers for our Fall sessions:

- **Catechist Needed**: First Communion Year 1 class (Monday evenings, 1x a month)
- **Aides/Assistants Needed**: Monday evenings, 2x a month

Note for Student Volunteers: High school and college students are incredibly welcome to join this ministry!

Safety First: In accordance with Diocese of Metuchen guidelines, all volunteers over 18 years of age MUST complete a background check and attend a one-time *Protecting God's Children* workshop.

Ready to help? Please reach out to Alice Fogarty at **stjohnpcl@gmail.com** or call the Parish Office today. Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generosity!

Adopt a Priest Program

Have you prayed for your Priest today?
To adopt a Priest or for more information, please call Maureen Shea 732-968-0136 or 732-770-0502 cell.

Programa Adopta a un Sacerdote

¿Has orado por tu sacerdote hoy?
Para adoptar un sacerdote o para obtener más información, llame a Maureen Shea al 732-968-0136 o al celular 732-770-0502.

VOLUNTARIOS NECESARIOS: ¡Comparte tu fe!

¿Buscas una forma significativa de servir a tu comunidad? Se necesitan catequistas y asistentes para nuestro **curso académico 2026–2027 (septiembre – abril).** Por favor, considera donar tu tiempo y talento para guiar a los niños de nuestra parroquia en su hermoso camino de fe.

Estamos buscando específicamente voluntarios para nuestras sesiones de otoño:

1. **Catequista necesario**: Primera Comunión clase de 1º curso (lunes por la tarde, una vez al mes)
2. **Se necesitan asistentes**/auxiliares: lunes por la tarde, dos veces al mes

Nota para los voluntarios estudiantiles: ¡Los estudiantes de secundaria y universidad son muy bienvenidos a unirse a este ministerio!

La seguridad primero: De acuerdo con las directrices de la Diócesis de Metuchen, todos los voluntarios mayores de 18 años DEBEN completar una verificación de antecedentes y asistir a un *taller único dedicado a Proteger a los Hijos de Dios.*

¿Listo para ayudar? Por favor, contacta con Alice Fogarty en **stjohnpcl@gmail.com** o llama hoy mismo a la Oficina Parroquial. ¡Gracias por vuestra consideración y generosidad en la oración!

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. Coast Guard Lt. Cmdr. Ed Sella
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 Sgt. Stephen Wright
U.S. Navy IT2 Kenneth Millman III
U.S. Navy HM3 Rosemary Plunkett
U.S. Marine LCpl. Dylan Kolakowski
U.S. Air Force, Capt. Michael Nielsen
U.S. Marine LCpl. Daniel Hernandez
U.S. Air Force A1C Francis Reilly
U.S. Navy HSm3 Gael Luna Saavedra

If there are any other military members you would like to be included in our prayers, please contact the Parish Office.

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (July 19, 2026)

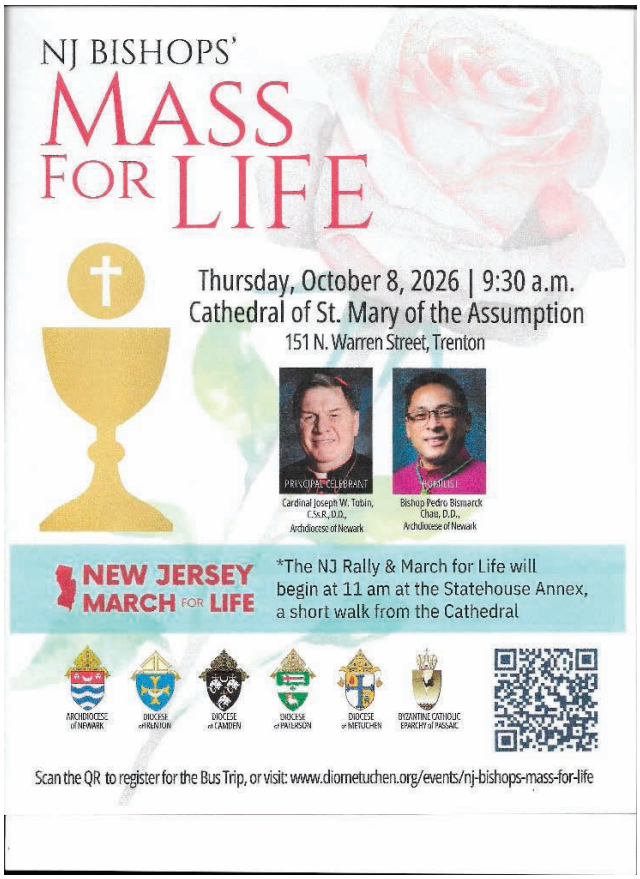
"The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that a person took and sowed in a field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, yet when fully grown it is the largest of plants."

Matthew 13:31-32

You should never be discouraged by a seeming lack of resources. Your smallest gifts and acts of kindness joined with God can have a great impact.

The Catholic Parent

Parents are invited to a new group which will meet 2 Fridays a month at 6:30 p.m. on Zoom beginning on September 26th. Meetings will include watching a brief video on a topic particular to Catholic parenting and discussing as a group. Topics will include desiring holiness for your child, child temperaments, family culture, strong marriage, and being an effective witness, among others. The group is intended for those with children in the home and new parents are particularly welcome as developmental stages will be discussed! If interested, please contact Cristina at cdaverso@diometuchen.org.



No Throwaway People – Faith, Race, and the Call to Justice (Zoom Series) - Oct. 11- Nov. 15, 2026

Join six Zoom sessions to discuss Sacred Scripture and Catholic Social Teaching around the issues of immigration, policing and racial equity. The series will conclude with an in-person gathering of prayer, fellowship, and lunch at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, Piscataway, NJ. More information: https://diometuchen.org/black-catholic-history-month-event

Feminine Genius Brunch October 24, 2026

Inspired by the teachings of St. John Paul II, this event welcomes women of all ages to come reflect and share in the joy of the unique feminine genius that God has given women. Enjoy live harp music, a hot brunch, fellowship with other women, a guided meditation, and a presentation by Danielle Bean on "*Discovering God's Purpose in the Different Seasons of a Woman's Life*." Registration is $35 per individual. More information: https://diometuchen.org/events/feminine-genius-brunch

2026 – 2027
FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Hello Families

Faith Formation is looking for 1 teacher and 2 aides on Monday night 2x a month. Previous experience is not required. A background check must be completed.

Like so many who volunteer, you will get more than you give!

Enrollment for our parish Family Faith program is open.
There will be no late fee until September 1th.
Office is open Monday through Friday 9 to 2 pm
Mondays will also have extended hour 3pm to 6pm

Our Classes will begin :

Confirmation Year 2 Orientation -- Sunday, September 13 -- 11:30AM to 1PM for Candidates and parents in Parish Center , 2nd floor

1st Holy Communion Year 2 Orientation -- Monday, September 14 -- 6:30PM to 8PM for Parents and students

Parent meeting Family of Faith -- Monday, September 21 -- 6:30PM to 8PM

Our Religious Education program could not perform its important work without the help of our many invaluable volunteers.

Email: stjohnpcl@gmail.com

Thank you and God Bless,
Alice Fogarty, Parish Catechetical Leader

FORMACIÓN en la FE FAMILIAR
2026-2027

Hola Familias

Faith Formation busca 1 maestro y 2 asistentes los lunes por la noche dos veces al mes. No se requiere experiencia previa. Debe realizarse una verificación de antecedentes.

Como muchos que hacen voluntariado, ¡recibirás más de lo que das!

La inscripción para nuestro programa de Fe Familiar parroquial está abierta.
No habrá multa por retraso hasta el 1 de septiembre.
La oficina está abierta de lunes a viernes de 9 a 2:00
Los lunes también habrá horario ampliado de 3:00 a 6:00

Nuestras clases comenzarán:

Orientación de Confirmación de segundo año -- domingo, 13 de septiembre -- 11:30 a 1:00 para candidatos y padres en el Centro Parroquial, 2ª planta

Orientación de la 1ª Comunión Año 2 -- Lunes, 14 de septiembre -- 6:30 a 8:00 para padres y estudiantes

Reunión de padres Familia de la Fe -- Lunes, 21 de septiembre -- 6:30 a 8:00

Nuestro programa de Educación Religiosa no podría realizar su importante trabajo sin la ayuda de nuestros numerosos voluntarios invaluables.

Correo electrónico: stjohnpcl@gmail.com

Gracias y que Dios los bendiga,
Alice Fogarty, Líder Catequética Parroquial

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