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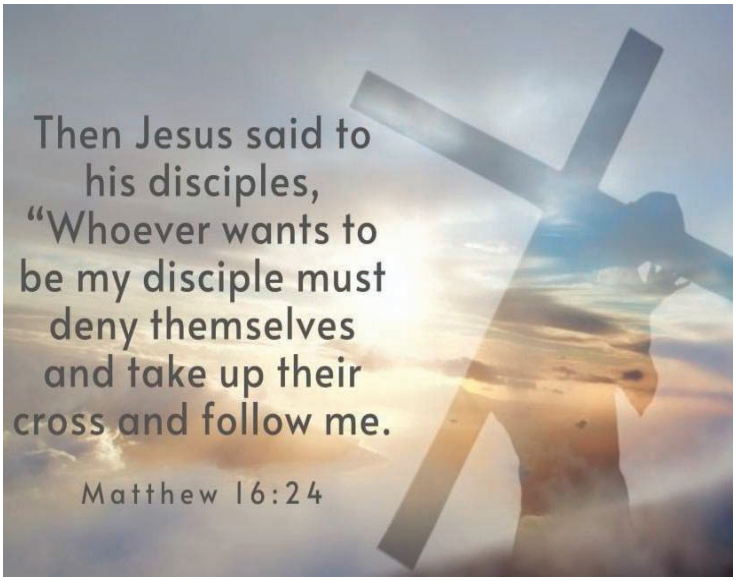


PASTORAL STAFF

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, August 31
8:00 a.m. Allen Cadavera by Mary Jo Tyson

Tuesday, September 1
8:00 a.m. Special Intention by Mary Jo Tyson
7:00 p.m. Rosa T. Chavez (Quinto Año de Aniversario de Fallecida) by Esposo y familia

Wednesday, September 2
8:00 a.m. Howard Briones (Spiritual growth) by Mary Ann Briones

Thursday, September 3
8:00 a.m. George Backus by Kevin Glennon

Friday, September 4
8:00 a.m. Anita Maier by John Maier & family

Saturday, September 5
5:00 p.m. Thomas Johnson by Pilar Orozco

Sunday, September 6
8:30 a.m. Yolanda Giacomarra by her family
10:30 a.m. Donna Kugelman by Lynn & Gary Guthreau
Noon Maria Jose Rincon (cumpliendo 15 años) by Padres y Familia

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, August 23

Regular Collection: $3,644.18
Online Giving: $ 512.80

Bills Paid this Week: $4,772.19

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.

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.

Tricky Tray

The countdown is on! Our **Tricky Tray** is **November 7** from **11:30 am–3:30 pm.**

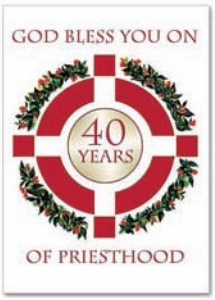
Help Us Build Amazing Tricky Tray Baskets! We're looking for **gently used baskets** and **new items** that can be transformed into exciting raffle prizes. Drop off donations at the **Parish Center, Monday–Friday, 9 am–2 pm or call Kate @ 732-977-2233.** Please remember to pick up a Thank You for taxes for any donations you drop off.

Great prize ideas: • Gift Cards • Cozy home goods • Electronics & gadgets • Perfume, bath & body sets • Tools • Wine or liquor

If it's new, we can make it shine! Thank you for helping us create a fun and joyful event for our parish family.

Monthly Reception

The monthly reception will take place next **Sunday, 9/6 after the 8:30, 10:30 and Noon Masses in the Church Auditorium.** All are welcome to join us! Anyone interested in helping out before or after Mass or with donations, please contact **Kate Guzzi (732) 977-2233.**



Celebrating Father Alphonsus' Ruby Jubilee

All are welcome to join us on **Saturday, October 17 for the 5 pm** Mass celebrating Father Alphonsus' 40th Anniversary (Ruby Jubilee)! A **dinner celebration will follow Mass.** Tickets will go on sale **8/31**. **Dinner Tickets: $50 per person.**

Tickets may be purchased:

- **Parish Center:** Monday–Thursday, 9:30 AM–2:00 PM
  Cash or check
  Checks payable to **Saint John the Evangelist**
  Memo: *Father Alphonsus Dinner*
- **At the Church Picnic on 9/27:**
  Cash or check
- **Zelle:** Nina DiQuollo — 908-581-9450
- **Venmo:** @Nina-Diquollo

Questions?
Please contact **Kate at 732-977-2233**.
Come celebrate this special milestone with us!

2026 – 2027
FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Hello Families

Enrollment for our parish Family Faith program is open. There will be no late fee until September 1st. Office is open Monday through Thursday 9 am to 2 pm. I will also have extended hours on Monday 3 pm to 6 pm

Registration Sunday in August: 9:30 to 12 noon in Auditorium

Our Classes will begin :

Sunday, September 13 -- 11:30 am
Confirmation Year 2 Orientation

Monday, September 14 -- 6:30 pm to 8 pm
1st Holy Communion Year 2

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

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

Currently, I need 2 aides on Monday night. Previous experience is not required. A background check must be completed. Like so many who volunteer, you will get more than you give!

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

FORMACIÓN en la FE FAMILIAR
2026-2027

Hola Familias

Ya está abierta la inscripción para el programa parroquial de Fe en Familia. No se cobrará recargo por inscripción tardía hasta el 1 de septiembre. La oficina está abierta de lunes a jueves, de 9:00 am a 2:00 pm. También tendré horarios ampliados los lunes de 3 pm a 6 pm.

Inscripciones los domingos de agosto: de 9:30 am a 12:00 pm en el auditorio.

Nuestras clases comenzarán:

Domingo 13 de septiembre--11:30 am
Orientación para el 2.º año de Confirmación.

Lunes 14 de septiembre--6:30 pm a 8:00 pm
2.º año de Primera Comunión.

Lunes 21 de septiembre--6:30 pm a 8:00 pm Reunión para padres del programa Fe en Familia.

Nuestro programa de educación religiosa no podría realizar su importante labor sin la ayuda de nuestros numerosos e inestimables voluntarios.

Actualmente, necesito dos ayudantes para los lunes por la noche. No se requiere experiencia previa. Es necesario completar una verificación de antecedentes. Al igual que tantos voluntarios, ¡recibirá más de lo que da!

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

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