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Roman Catholic Church

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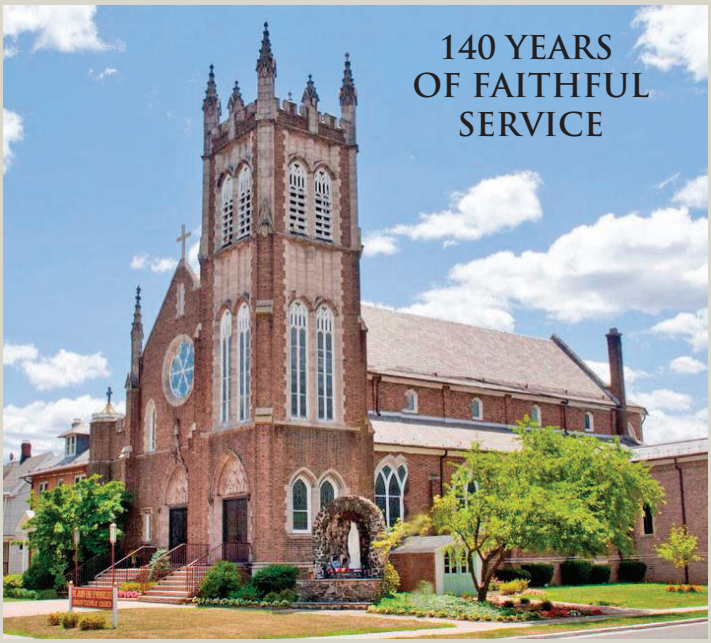


Pastoral Staff

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, September 21
8:00 a.m. Thanksgiving – Manny & Lynne Jacalan by Manny & Lynne Jacalan

Tuesday, September 22
8:00 a.m. Dolores Argentina Fernandez by Maria Lopez
7:00 p.m. Magali Valarezo & Clarita Blacio by familia Valarezo

Wednesday, September 23
8:00 a.m. Brian Flynn by Cosimo & Lina Giordano

Thursday, September 24
8:00 a.m. Helen Stolzenberger Erven by Mary Jo Tyson

Friday, September 25
8:00 a.m. Dr. George & Mrs. Frances Turner by daughter Mary Jo Tyson by Mary Jo Tyson

Saturday, September 26
5:00 p.m. Michael Wieczorek by the Chapleski family

Sunday, September 27
8:30 a.m. Gerard & Margaret Flynn by Cosimo & Lina Giordano
10:30 a.m. Giovanna DiMaggio by Fran Furino
Noon Segundo Yque by Hermanos y Sobrinos

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, September 13

Regular Collection: $3,850.16
Online Giving: $ 880.35

**The expense amount for this week was not available at the time of publication.*

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.

Traveling Eucharistic Rosary Congress

The Diocese of Metuchen will be hosting a Traveling Eucharistic Rosary Congress for the second consecutive year from **October 3-9, 2026**. This event is seven days and nights of continuous Eucharistic Adoration in which the Holy Rosary is prayed aloud at the top of every hour, day and night, without interruption. Hosted in a parish or diocese, it is a sustained act of communal prayer before Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, offered for the conversion of sinners, the consecration of our nation, and the triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. **As part of the Eucharistic Rosary Congress, Mass will be celebrated here at St. John the Evangelist Church on Thursday, October 8 at 9 a.m. followed by adoration.** For the full schedule of locations in our Diocese, please visit: https://diometuchen.org/traveling-eucharistic-rosary-congress. Learn more about the Congress at https://rosarycongressusa.org/.

Parish Unity Day Picnic
September 27

All are invited! Volunteer to set up Sunday morning, break down, be a food server, help with games, contribute tasty homemade food or donate. Bring flags from your country to display! There will be entertainment from each of our three communitees! Potluck food donations can be dropped on Saturday evening or brought to the picnic on Sunday. Sign-up sheets are available at the doors. Gathering starts at 1:30 pm, with a blessing by Father at 2 pm. Then we picnic!! Let's make this a day for all to enjoy!! For additional information call Nina DiQuollo, 908-581-9450. In the event of rain the picnic will move to the auditorium.

Picnic del Día de la Unidad Parroquial, 27 de septiembre

¡Todos están invitados! Ofrecíos para montar el domingo por la mañana, ser camareros, ayudar con los juegos, contribuir con comida casera sabrosa o donar. ¡Traed banderas de vuestro país para ponerlas! ¡Habrá entretenimiento de cada una de nuestras tres comunidades! Las donaciones de comida compartida pueden dejarse el sábado por la tarde o llevarlas al picnic del domingo. Las hojas de inscripción están disponibles en las puertas. La reunión comienza a la 1:30 pm, con la bendición del padre a las 2:00 pm. ¡Hagamos de este un día para que todos disfruten! Para más información llama a Nina DiQuollo, 908-581-9450. En caso de lluvia el picnic se trasladará al auditorio.

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

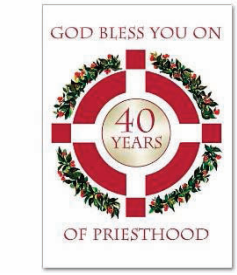
If there are any other military members you would like to be included in our prayers, please contact the Parish Office.

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.



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 in the church auditorium will follow Mass.** Tickets are on sale now. **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

The event is limited to 150 tickets. Tickets are going fast. Please get your tickets today!

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

Photos Needed for Father Alphonsus' Ruby Jubilee

As we prepare to celebrate **Father Alphonsus Kariuki's 40th Anniversary** we want to create a special collection of memories to display during the events on **October 17–18, 2026**.

If you have **photos of Father Alphonsus** from parish events, sacraments, ministries, or special moments over the years please send digital copies to:

Kate Guzzi – Kate.guzzi@gmail.com

Subject Line: 40th Photos

Thank you for helping us honor Father Alphonsus with a beautiful tribute filled with the joy and history of his ministry.

40th Anniversary Program Ads Now Available

As we joyfully celebrate **Father Alphonsus Kariuki's 40th Anniversary** parishioners and friends are invited to place congratulatory ads in the Ruby Jubilee Program Book. **Deadline for ads**: **Sept 28, 2026**

The commemorative booklet will be printed at **8.5" x 5.5"** and ad spaces are available as follows:

- **Full Page – $100**
- **Half Page – $50**
- **Quarter Page – $25**

Ad forms & Payment:
Place the completed form and payment in an envelope marked "40th Anniversary Congratulations." Drop it at the Parish Center or place it in the collection basket.

DEADLINE: September 28, 2026
Want to include an image, business card, logo, or other artwork?

Contact: Kate Guzzi at 732-977-2233 or kate.guzzi@gmail.com **Subject Line**: 40th Anniversary Message.

Kate will contact you to arrange payments for anything received over email.

Twenty-Fifth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
(September 20, 2026)

"So when the first came they thought they would receive more, but each of them also got the usual wage. And on receiving it they grumbled against the landowner…. 'My friend,' he said, 'I am doing you no wrong…. Are you envious because I am generous?'" Matthew 20:9-15

As God's servants, the gifts we receive from God are not a result of the work we do, but a result of God's generosity. Our stewardship should mirror the generosity of the estate owner. Stewards give without questioning what they will get in return.

Our Lady of Fatima
Candlelight Procession

All are invited to attend this annual event on **Sunday, October 11**, gathering at the **Our Lady of Fatima Church**, located at **501 New Market Road**, **Piscataway** at **6:30 pm**. There will be a program following the procession in the church. The procession begins at 7:00 pm. The Rosary will be recited in the church for those unable to walk in the procession. Rosaries, candles and handkerchiefs are available for a small donation. Please join us.

For information call Roberta at 732-245-9124.

The Adopt a Priest Program

The "Adopt a Priest Program" is strictly a spiritual commitment to pray and offer the sacrifices required by one's daily duty, to draw down graces for a particular Priest, for the rest of one's life. It is a lifelong commitment. This can be done by simply praying the "Morning Offering" in this way: **O My God, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary and the Sacred Heart of Jesus, I offer Thee all my prayers, works joys and sufferings of this day, in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world, in reparation for my sins, the sins of the whole world and especially for my adopted Priest, Father_____(mention your adopted Priest's Name). Amen.** If your priest dies, continue to pray for him. If you should die, certainly you will not cease to pray for him until you both meet in heaven. Saint Therese, the Little Flower, adopted two Missionary Priests in this way. This is very powerful. It makes the littlest thing we do infinitely worthwhile. To adopt a Priest or for more information, please call Maureen Shea 732-968-0136 or 732-770-0502 cell.

El "Programa Adopta a un Sacerdote" es estrictamente un compromiso espiritual para orar y ofrecer los sacrificios requeridos por el deber diario de uno, para atraer gracias para un sacerdote en particular, por el resto de su vida. Es un compromiso de por vida. Esto se puede hacer simplemente rezando la "Ofrenda de la Mañana" de esta manera: Oh **Dios mío, a través del Inmaculado Corazón de María y del Sagrado Corazón de Jesús, te ofrezco todas mis oraciones, obras, alegrías y sufrimientos de este día, en unión con el Santo Sacrificio de la Misa en todo el mundo, en reparación por mis pecados, los pecados de todo el mundo y especialmente por mi Sacerdote adoptivo, Padre_____(mencione el nombre de su sacerdote adoptivo). Amén.** Si su sacerdote muere, continúe orando por él. Si uno muere primero, ciertamente no dejarás de orar por él hasta que ambos se encuentren en el cielo. Santa Teresita, la Pequeña Flor, adoptó dos sacerdotes misioneros de esta manera. Esto es muy poderoso. Hace que las pequeñas cosas que hacemos valgan infinitamente la pena. Para adoptar un sacerdote o para obtener más información, llame a Maureen Shea al 732-968-0136 o al celular 732-770-0502.

2026 – 2027
FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Hello Families

Enrollment for our parish Family Faith program is open.

Late fee will apply after September 1st.
Office is open Monday through Friday 9 am to 2 pm

Registration CLOSES ON SEPTEMBER 28TH

Our Classes will begin:

Monday, September 28 - 6:30 pm to 8 pm
Parent meeting Family of Faith Parents

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

FORMACIÓN en la FE FAMILIAR
2026-2027

Hola Familias

Ya están abiertas las inscripciones para nuestro programa parroquial de Fe Familiar.

Se aplicará un recargo por inscripción tardía después del 1 de septiembre.

La oficina está abierta de lunes a viernes de 9 am a 2 pm.

Las inscripciones CIERRAN EL 28 DE SEPTIEMBRE.

Nuestras clases comenzarán el:

Lunes, 28 de septiembre - 6:30 pm a 8:00 pm
Reunión de padres de Familias de Fe

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

Life-Giving Wounds Support Group - Oct. 10 – Feb. 6

This small group will provide support for adult children of separation or divorce, exploring themes of grieving, identity, faith, love, forgiveness, and more. Two in-person sessions and the rest are virtual. For more information, please visit: https://diometuchen.org/adult-children-of-divorce

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