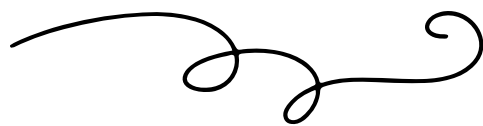




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## WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

**Saturday Vigil**.....5:00 p.m.; **Sunday**.....8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., Noon (Spanish)

**Monday-Friday**...8:00 a.m. (*Chapel*)

**Tuesday**....7:00 p.m. (Spanish); Second **Sunday of each month**...3:30 (Kiswahili)

**Holydays**.....8:00 a.m., Noon & 7:00 p.m. (*Church*)

## PARISH CENTER HOURS

Monday-Thursday: 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.; closed on Friday. Evenings by appointment only

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**Office of Faith Formation:** 732-968-2621, ext. 13; [stjohnpcl@gmail.com](mailto: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 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Chapel and on the first Friday of each month from 7:00 p.m. to 9 p.m. 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 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel.

***Sacrament of Baptism:*** The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on the First and Third Sunday of the month at 1:30 p.m. 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 from 4:00-4:45 p.m. 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 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 (2<sup>nd</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> 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, April 3

8:00 a.m. Christina Kuok by Josephine Kuok

### Tuesday, April 4

8:00 a.m. Alfred Urenovich

by Bill, Pat & Will Hughes

7:00 p.m. Crescenciana Osorio Morales

by Concepcion Santos

### Wednesday, April 5

8:00 a.m. Patrick Sheenan by the Shea family

### Thursday, April 6

7:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper – Living & Deceased Priests of the Parish

### Friday, April 7

3:00 p.m. Solemn Passion of the Lord

7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

### Saturday, April 8

8:00 p.m. Kevin Semone

by Michael, Dawn & Jessica Maurigi

### Sunday, April 9

8:30 a.m. Barbara Genna

by Michael, Dawn & Jessica

10:30 a.m. Gayle Trotta by the Hummel family

Noon Juan Santos by Concepcion Santos



*This week our Sanctuary lamp in the Chapel is lit in honor of Living and Deceased members of Catholic Daughters Court Regina Coeli #940 by the Catholic Daughters.*

#### **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 año 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 732-685-1098

#### **Confesiones en Espanol:**

El padre está dispuesto después de la misa dominical. Por favor, comuníquese con él.

**Círculo de Oración:** todos los jueves a las 7:00 pm en la Capilla. El último jueves del mes hay una Hora Santa a las 7:00pm.

**Sacrificial Offerings 2023  
Sunday, March 26**

Regular Collection: \$3,843.12  
Online Giving: \$ 441.60

*\*Expense amount for this week was not available at time of publication.*

**Online Giving**

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- \*Through our website
- \*through our Facebook page
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**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.

**St. John Food Pantry**

Our Food Pantry is in need of the following: dry pasta, rice, cereal, canned tuna and chicken, low/no sugar canned fruit, no/low sodium canned vegetables and soups, tomato sauce and fruit juice. *\*Please note: there is a particular need for gluten free products.\** Food donations support our parish food pantry, for our neighbors in need as well as FISH Food Pantry on New Market Road in Piscataway. Thank you for your continuous generosity.



Dear Parishioners,

The Holy Week invites us to prepare for our greatest Christian Festivity in the liturgical year. It is not Christmas or Palm Sunday or Pentecost but EASTER. Easter is the feast that gives meaning to all the others. I hope to see many of you in Church on Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday and during the Easter Masses.

Happy Easter to all of you,  
Fr. Alphonsus Kariuki

SATURDAY APRIL 1, 2023  
Confessions 11AM-12PM; 4PM-4:45PM  
PALM SUNDAY VIGIL MASS - 5:00PM

PALM SUNDAY  
SUNDAY APRIL 2, 2023  
Masses 8:30AM, 10:30AM, 12:00PM (SPANISH)

MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER  
THURSDAY APRIL 6, 2023 - 7:00PM  
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
in Church Auditorium  
**Rosarians** 8:30PM-9:00PM;  
**Adoration Group** 9PM-9:30PM;  
**Parish Youth** 9:30PM-10PM;  
**Parish Liturgical Ministers** (Ushers,  
Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors) 10PM-10:30PM;  
**Spanish Charismatic Group** 10:30PM-11PM  
All others are welcome to join any of these  
groups in Adoration

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION  
FRIDAY, APRIL 7, 2023 - 3:00PM  
STATIONS OF THE CROSS - 7:00PM

VIGIL OF EASTER  
SATURDAY, APRIL 8, 2023 - 8:00PM

EASTER  
SUNDAY, APRIL 9, 2023  
Masses 8:30AM, 10:30AM, 12PM (Spanish)

**Parish Ministry & Contacts**

**Activities & Fund Raising Committee:**

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**Art & Environment Committee:** Kate Guzzi,  
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**Catholic Daughters of the Americas:**  
Nina DiQuollo (732) 968-2621

**Eucharistic Adoration:** Maureen Shea  
(732) 968-2621

**Extra ordinary Ministers of Holy  
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**Faith Formation & Catechists:** Alice Fogarty,  
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**Finance Committee:** John Fitzgerald

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**Homebound Ministry:** Jon Fourre, (732) 968-2621

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**Music Ministry:** Gerard Chiusano, (732) 968-2621

**Readers:** Martha Pizzigoni; (732) 968-2621

**Social Concerns Ministry:** Mary Lou Chingery  
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**Spanish Charismatic Prayer Group:**  
Gloria Labanda (732) 968-2621

**Guadalupe Group:** Ana Alpizar (732) 968-2621

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**Ushers:** Mike Sciametta (732)968-2621

*Please pray for the sick members of our parish:*

*Louis Capozzi  
Cathy Sloomaker  
MaryAnn Briones*



**Holiday Office Closing**

The Parish Office will be closed on **Holy Thursday, 4/6** and **Easter Monday, 4/10**. It will re-open on Tuesday, 4/11.



**Blessing of the Food**

The traditional Blessing of the Food will take place on **Saturday, 4/8 at noon** in the **church**. All are welcome to participate.

**Decorating for Easter**

The Arts & Environment committee will be decorating the church on the following dates. Anyone interested in helping is welcome for as much time as your schedule allows:

**Saturday, 4/1, 9 a.m.-11 a.m.** - Palm Sunday & Holy Thursday prep

**Thursday, 4/6 (after mass)** - Good Friday prep; covering the statues and updating altar scarves & ambo/lectern banners

**Saturday, 4/8, 8 a.m. -12 p.m.** - Easter Prep; cleaning & decorating the church



### Easter Egg Hunt

Please join us for our annual Easter Egg Hunt **following the 10:30 Mass on Easter**

**Sunday, 4/9**, around the Parish Center. All children 9 and under are invited to participate. No registration is necessary. If you are interested in helping out or have any questions please contact Patricia Hummel, **908-922-6037** or **phum@optonline.net**. Candy donations can be dropped off to the parish center by Sunday, 4/2.

### 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.



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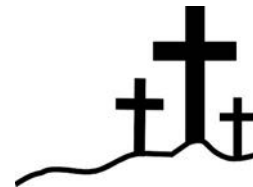
**Pray for the Military**

### 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. 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Casey Wenzel**  
**U.S. Army Spec. 4 Timothy Francisco**  
**U.S. Marine LCpl. 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Michael Nielsen**

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



**April 2, 2023**  
**Palm Sunday**

*"As they were marching out, they came upon a man of Cyrene, Simon by name; this man they pressed into service to carry his cross." (Matthew 27: 32)*

The Lord calls us to love God and to love our neighbor. Every day we are presented with opportunities to love our neighbor and help him "carry his cross." These opportunities aren't usually big events, they are usually ordinary occurrences like helping someone carry their groceries or holding the door open for them. The key is putting the other person's needs before our own and not expecting anything in return.

### Faith Formation



### A Family of Faith

**Sunday, 4/2** – 10:30 a.m. Youth Mass

**Sunday, 4/2** - Confirmation Class following 10:30 Mass. *This class will go past time due to the length of Palm Sunday Mass. Please plan accordingly.* Please bring Stewardship project Records (see email), General knowledge quiz and Decision Point Books. Also, Sponsor eligibility forms must be handed in as well. Saint reports are also due. If a candidate needs confession, please see bulletin for times. There will be no confession during Holy Week.

**Triduum** – Plan to be there! See bulletin for times for Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil.

**Monday, 4/3** – 6:30 p.m. Parent meeting and First Communion Class

**Tuesday, 4/4** - 6:30 p.m. Parent meeting and First Communion Class.

Prayers: please practice prayers with your child. 1<sup>st</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade must have a firm memory of the prayers: Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be, Act of Contrition, and Grace before meals.

**Thursday, 4/27, 6 p.m.** – First Holy Communion Practice

**Saturday, 4/29, 10 a.m.** – First Holy Communion

Confirmation Practice: to be determined  
Confirmation: **June 5th**

### Youth Choir

All 6th, 7th and 8th graders and high school teens interested in singing in the Youth Choir please email [stjohnpcl@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnpcl@gmail.com). Practice will be on the day of each Youth Mass in the church beginning at 9:30 a.m.

### High School Youth Group

The next High School Youth Group Meeting is scheduled for **Sunday, April 2nd** following the 10:30 Mass. All High School Teens are welcomed to join. Stop by the Parish Center to see what we are all about. For more information email [stjohnshsyg@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnshsyg@gmail.com)



### The National Black Catholic Congress Diocesan Day of Reflection for Black Catholics

On **Saturday, April 22** from **8:30 a.m.- 12:30 p.m.** at **Saint Matthias Parish, Somerset** the Diocese of Metuchen Office of Multicultural Ministry is holding a Reflection Day in preparation for the National Black Catholic Congress to be held July 20-23. To register please contact the Office of Multicultural Ministry at: [Mperez@diometuchen.org](mailto:Mperez@diometuchen.org) or 732-529-7933.

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