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### 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.

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### Office of Faith Formation:

732-968-2621 ext: 13  
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**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 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 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 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, May 15

8:00 a.m. Mother's Day Triduum

### Tuesday, May 16

8:00 a.m. Mother's Day Triduum  
7:00 p.m. Juan Santos by Concepcion Santos

### Wednesday, May 17

8:00 a.m. Mother's Day Triduum

### Thursday, May 18

8:00 a.m. Thanksgiving for the intercession of St. Joseph by Luisa Rios

### Friday, May 19

8:00 a.m. Matthew Mahlau  
by Concepcion Santos

### Saturday, May 20

5:00 p.m. Jackelyn & John McCann  
by Katie & Mark Olsommer

### Sunday, May 21

8:30 a.m. Angela Livera by Angela Livera  
10:30 a.m. Kevin Semone  
by Michael, Dawn & Jessica Maurigi  
Noon Amparo Pocasangre  
by Martha Mejia



*This week our Sanctuary lamp in the Church 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, May 7**

Regular Collection: \$3,105.83  
 Online Giving: \$ 658.27  
 Easter: \$ 3.00

Bills Paid this Week: \$15,586.92

**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](mailto: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.

**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.

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

*Louis Capozzi  
 Cathy Sloomaker  
 MaryAnn Briones*



**Mother's Day Intentions**

Mother's Day Spiritual Bouquet envelopes are available at all church entrances. Also, a triduum of Masses will be celebrated Monday May 15<sup>th</sup> through Wednesday May 17<sup>th</sup> in honor of all the mothers of the parish, living and deceased.

**Collection for the**

**Catholic Communication Campaign**

The second collection next week, **May 20/21**, will be designated exclusively to benefit the Catholic Communications Campaign (national and local levels) and the Catholic University of America. Please be as generous as your means allow.

**Come Join the Catholic Daughters**

Interested in a girls night out? Why don't you join Catholic Daughters of Court Regina Coeli, #940 at one of our upcoming events on 5/17 or 6/21? We are members of Catholic Daughters of the Americas and meet on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at St. John the Evangelist in Dunellen NJ. Our motto is **Unity and Charity** and we give back to our community through charitable works like: Habitat for Humanity, Scholarships, Great Expectations, Bottles for Babies, Seminarian support, and Catholic Outreach Box of Joy to name a few. Please consider attending our May 17 @ 7PM "Pound Auction" or our June 21 @ 6:30PM "Pot Luck & Costume Jewelry Exchange". If you would like more information please email [reginacoeli940@gmail.com](mailto:reginacoeli940@gmail.com) or check out our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/reginacoeli940CDA>. We look forward to hearing from you!

### Parish Ministry & Contacts

**Activities & Fund Raising Committee:**

Parish Office (732) 968-2621; [stjev@verizon.net](mailto:stjev@verizon.net)

**Altar Rosary Society:** Fran Furino  
(732) 968-2621

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

**Faith Formation & Catechists:** Alice Fogarty,  
PCL (732) 968-2621, x13; [stjohnpcl@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnpcl@gmail.com)

**Finance Committee:** John Fitzgerald

**Golf Outing Committee:** Parish Office  
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**Homebound Ministry:** Jon Fourre, (732) 968-  
2621

**Hospitality Committee:** Kate Guzzi  
(732) 968-2621

**Knights of Columbus Council 2544:**  
Keith Venturella, (732) 968-2621

**Marriage Encounter:** Eugene & Theresa Porras  
(732) 968-2621

**Money Counters:** Jeff Marren, (732) 968-2621

**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

**Tricky Tray Committee:** Parish Office  
(732) 968-2621; [stjev@verizon.net](mailto:stjev@verizon.net)

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

### 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.

### Faith Formation



### A Family of Faith

Seventh graders - There will be a Family meeting for all students wanting to prepare for Confirmation in 2024. A Parent and the Candidate must attend. Date to come.

Registration 2023 to 2024 year:  
Registration forms for next year will be emailed to current families. Also, registration forms will be in the back of the church. Forms may be mailed, dropped in the office mailbox.

We will have in-person registration days on **5/15, 11am to 3pm & 5/22, 11am to 3pm.**

Confirmation 2023:  
Practice for Confirmation will be **Thursday 6/1** at **7 pm** in the church. It is Very important that all candidates are present. The Sponsor is not needed.

Confirmation: **June 5th**

The Monthly Youth Group meeting scheduled for Sunday, 5/7 has been cancelled. It has been rescheduled for Sunday, **5/21.**

### Monthly Youth Mass

The next Youth Mass will be **10:30** on **Sunday, 5/7.**

### 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

All High School Teens are welcomed to join the High School Youth Group. Stop by the Parish Center to see what we are all about. For more information email [stjohnshsyg@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnshsyg@gmail.com)

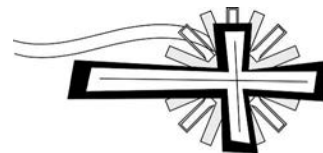


### Prayers for Our Service Members

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.



**May 14, 2023**  
**6th Sunday of Easter**

*"For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that be God's will, than for doing evil." (1 Peter 3:17)*

The old line says "if you want to make God laugh, tell him your plans." Many of us are diligent in our planning and making sure things are progressing smoothly. Then disaster strikes, we don't get the result that was intended or an unforeseen problem arises. Many times we may respond negatively and ask, "Why me? I did everything right!" Here's the thing – adversity humbles us and reminds us of our dependence on God and not on our own self-reliance. Rest assured, God has a better plan in store for you.

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