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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
stjohnpcl@gmail.com

**For Pastoral Emergencies, please
call:** 732-968-2621, ext. 12

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.

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 28

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

Tuesday, August 29

8:00 a.m. Barbara Genna
by Michael, Dawn & Jessica
7:00 p.m. Parishioners of St. John's

Wednesday, August 30

8:00 a.m. Vera & Ray Sheenan
by the Shea family

Thursday, August 31

8:00 a.m. Guillermina Bravo (1st año fallecida)
by familia

Friday, September 1

8:00 a.m. Rosa T. Chavez (2 years deceased)
by Esposo y familia

Saturday, September 2

5:00 p.m. Mary Claire Yesalavich
by husband John & family

Sunday, September 3

8:30 a.m. Catherine McLaughlin
by Sue Ellen Bibby & Karen Marble
10:30 a.m. Parishioners of St. John's
Noon Jesus Torres & Madeline Berdecia
by Gloria



This week our Sanctuary lamp in the Church is lit for Rosa T. Chavez by her husband and family.

Please pray for the sick members of our parish:

Louis Capozzi
Cathy Sloomaker
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 732-685-1098

Confesiones en Espanol:

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

Círculo de Oración: todos los jueves 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 2023 Sunday, August 20

**Collection amounts for this week were not available at time of publication.*

Bills Paid this Week: \$7,367.55

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.

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.

Diocese of Metuchen

The Diocese of Metuchen is working on Historical Records for all its parishes. We are looking for someone who has an interest in our parish's history. If you feel you can represent our parish in that diocesan commission, please contact Fr. Alphonsus through the parish office as soon as possible.

Thank you.

National Eucharistic Pilgrimage

The National Eucharistic Pilgrimage (NEP) has publicly launched! The NEP (<https://www.eucharisticpilgrimage.org/>) will consist of four cross-country Eucharistic processions, collectively traversing the entire continental United States over a two-month period, beginning during the feast of Pentecost, May 17-19, 2024. The pilgrimage is being organized by the National Eucharistic Revival campaign in conjunction with Modern Catholic Pilgrim, a Catholic nonprofit dedicated to deepening the faith across the country through pilgrimages. Along the way, the pilgrims will make stops in major U.S. cities, churches, Catholic colleges, and holy sites. Parishes along the routes will host Mass, adoration, devotions, praise and worship, lectures on the Eucharist, and more. The Seton Route, which will begin in New Haven, Connecticut, will be passing through the Diocese of Metuchen on **May 27-29, 2024**. The four pilgrimage processions will ultimately converge in Indianapolis on July 16, 2024, to participate in the National Eucharistic Congress. Adam Carlisle, Secretary for Evangelization and Communication, will be helping to organize our diocese's involvement. If anyone is interested in assisting with this important event, please feel free to contact him at acarlisle@diometuchen.org.



Parish Ministry & Contacts

Activities & Fund Raising Committee:

Parish Office (732) 968-2621; stjev@verizon.net

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

Altar Servers: (732) 968-2621; stjev@verizon.net

Art & Environment Committee: Kate Guzzi,
(732) 968-2621;

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

Finance Committee: John Fitzgerald

Golf Outing Committee: Parish Office
(732) 968-2621; stjev@verizon.net

Homebound Ministry: Jon Foure, (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
(732) 968-2621

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

Ushers: Mike Sciametta (732)968-2621

2024 Mass Book

The 2024 Mass Book will open on **September 5th**. Please come by the Parish Center office between 9-2pm Monday – Thursday.



Parish Ministry Fair

The Parish Ministry Fair will take place on **Saturday, September 9th** and **Sunday, September 10th** in the auditorium after all Masses. Please come down and meet with representatives of the various Parish Ministries and discover the many ways that you can contribute to our Parish community. On Saturday after the 5 o'clock Mass there will be pizza served and on Sunday after each Mass will be our regular Monthly Reception with refreshments. We look forward to seeing you!



**Register now for the
St. John Fall Classic
Golf Outing!!**

The St. John Fall Classic Golf Outing is now registering players and sponsors. You can call the office (732) 968-2621, email stjacct@gmail.com or visit EventBrite at this link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/st-johns-golf-fall-classic-tickets-698464675647?aff=oddtcreator>.

Our outing is set for **October 1st** at Fox Hollow Golf Course in Branchburg. This is a major fundraiser for the church and its success depends on our loyal parishioners.



**Catholic Daughters
Paint & Sip**

Like to paint? Or Sip?
Why not do both! Join
the Catholic Daughters
of Court Regina Coeli
#940 for painting,

sipping and fun led by artist Hal Vandermark on **Friday, October 13** from **7-9 p.m.** in the **church auditorium**. Doors open at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$40, which you can purchase on eventbrite using the link ([tinyurl.com/cdapaintnsip](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/catholic-daughters-of-court-regina-coeli-paint-and-sip-tickets-704844444444)). Coffee, tea, water and chips will be provided. A 50/50 raffle will also be held before the event and during the break. We hope to see you there!

**Dominican Rosary Pilgrimage
Parish Bus Trip**

The Dominican Friars will host a full-day Rosary Pilgrimage at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. on **Saturday, 9/30**. Our Lady of Fatima will sponsor a bus trip on the day of the pilgrimage. The bus will depart from Our Lady of Fatima parking lot at 6 a.m. and return at approximately 10 p.m. Discounted price is \$50 per person and includes round trip transportation and a dinner stop. A free will offering on the bus will cover the driver's tip. Pilgrims should bring their own lunch. Space is limited so please reserve your spot as soon as possible. For further information and/or to register, please contact Sue Ellen Bibby at (732) 649-9304 or sbibby5@icloud.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. 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 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, 2nd Lt. Michael Nielsen**

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

2nd Annual Gift Auction/Tricky Tray

Our 2nd annual Gift Auction/Tricky Tray parish fund raiser is set for Friday, 11/3. This is a fun event where you can buy tickets and put them in for different prizes and hopefully win one of the gifts.

We can use help with the following:

- **Volunteers** to help before (soliciting and wrapping gifts) and during the auction on 11/3.
- **Old baskets-** to be used for making themed gift baskets
- **New unopened items-** to be auctioned alone or combined into a themed gift basket
- **Financial donation-** Please include your name & address in an envelope marked "gift auction".

Please contact Kate Guzzi @ 732 977-2233 if you are interested in helping

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.

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¿Has orado por tu sacerdote hoy?
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732-968-0136 o al celular 732-770-0502.



August 27, 2023
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

*"Or who has given the Lord anything that
he may be repaid?"-Romans 11:35*

St. Paul reminds us of a central fact of stewardship. We cannot give God anything - He already owns it all. God made everything, including us. Since we are made in His image, we too, are called to be generous. How we use our God-given gifts becomes our gift back to Him. Gratitude for all we have been given opens our hearts to joyful generosity! And, through our generosity, we just may be the answer to someone else's prayer.

Hispanic Heritage Mass

Please join Bishop Checchio in celebrating the Hispanic Heritage Mass in Spanish, on Friday September 15, 2023 at 7 p.m. at the Cathedral of Saint Francis of Assisi, Metuchen NJ (32 Elm Ave, Metuchen NJ 08840). Come share with the Hispanic community and together we will thank God for our diocese and for the opportunity to live our faith through our traditions.

Information: Lescobar@diometuchen.org or call (732) 243 4573.

Misa de la Herencia Hispana

Acompaña al Obispo Checchio en la celebración de la Misa de la Herencia Hispana en español, el viernes 15 de septiembre de 2023 a las 7 p.m. en la Catedral de San Francisco de Asís, Metuchen NJ (32 Elm Ave, Metuchen NJ 08840). Ven a compartir con la comunidad Hispana, y juntos daremos gracias a Dios por nuestra diócesis y por la oportunidad de vivir nuestra fe a través de nuestras tradiciones. Información:

Lescobar@diometuchen.org o llame al (732) 243 4573.Mass



Silver & Gold Wedding Anniversary Celebration

Save the Date! You are cordially invited to celebrate your 25th or 50th Wedding Anniversary with the Church of Metuchen and renew your marriage vows with Bishop James F. Checchio at a special Evening Prayer Service at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi in Metuchen on Sunday, October 22, 2023 at 3:30 PM. Registration is required. Please register online

at: <https://www.diometuchen.org/silver-and-gold-anniversary-celebration>. If you are unable to access, please contact the Family Life Office at 732-562-1543 or amarshall@diometuchen.org. Registration will close on October 6, 2023. Although no fee is required, in the past many Jubilarian couples have given a donation of gratitude to the Church in memory of this special occasion. Donations of Gratitude may be made online at <https://www.diometuchen.org/silver-and-gold-anniversary-celebration> or calling 732-562-1543.



2023 – 2024 FAITH FORMATION

Hello Families

Enrollment for our parish Family Faith program is open. There will be no late fee until September 5th. Office is open Monday through Friday 9 to 2 pm. I will also have extended hour Monday and Tuesday from 3pm to 6pm

Our Classes will begin :

Sunday, September 17

11:30AM Confirmation Meeting with Candidates and parents in Parish Center , 2nd floor

Monday, September 18

6:30PM to 8PM Parent meeting and Monday 1st Holy Communion Class in Auditorium

Tuesday, September 19

6:30PM to 8PM Parent meeting and Tuesday 1st Holy Communion Class in Auditorium

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

Currently, I need an aide 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

Hola Familias

La inscripción para nuestro programa parroquial de Fe Familiar está abierta. No habrá cargos por pago atrasado hasta el 5 de septiembre. La oficina está abierta de lunes a viernes de 9 a 2 pm. También tendré horario extendido lunes y martes de 3pm a 6pm;

Nuestras clases comenzarán:

Domingo 17 de septiembre

11:30AM Reunión de confirmación con candidatos y padres en el Centro Parroquial, 2do piso

Lunes, 18 de septiembre

6:30PM a 8PM Reunión de padres y lunes 1ª Clase de Sagrada Comunión en Auditorio

Martes, 19 de septiembre

6:30PM a 8PM Reunión de padres y martes 1ra Clase de Sagrada Comunión en Auditorio

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

Actualmente, necesito un asistente el lunes por la noche. No se requiere experiencia previa. Se debe completar una verificación de antecedentes. Como tantos que se ofrecen como voluntarios, ¡obtendrás más de lo que das!

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

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