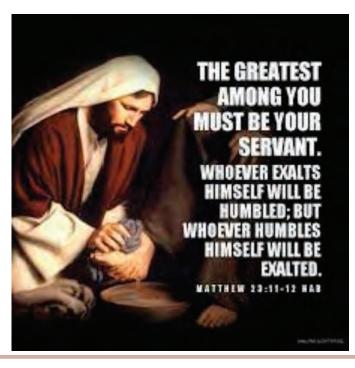
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Deacon Glenn Robitaille
Alice Fogarty, Parish Catechetical Leader
Mary Lou Chingery, Coordinator of Social Ministry
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WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil	5:00 pm
Sunday	8:30 am, 10:30 am, Noon (Spanish)
Monday - Friday	
Tuesday	7:00 pm (Spanish)
Second Sunday of each month3:30 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

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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 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, November 6

8:00 a.m. John Maier by Ruth Maier Gruber

Tuesday, November 7

8:00 a.m. Sylvia Craig by her children 7:00 p.m. Juan Santos by Concepcion Santos

Wednesday, November 8

8:00 a.m. Christopher Quinn by his wife

Thursday, November 9

8:00 a.m. Michael Cedro by Betty Lockwood

Friday, November 10

8:00 a.m. Ed & Debbie Decker (father & daughter) by Maureen Shea

Saturday, November 11

5:00 p.m. Mildred Garabo by Fran Furino

Sunday, November 12

8:30 a.m. Nicholas Livera by Angela Livera
10:30 a.m. Angelo DiStefano by family
Noon Maria Esneda Montoya (2nd
Anniversario de fallecida)
by familia Montoya and

by familia Montoya and Parroquianos de la Iglesia

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 732-685-1098

Confesiones en Espanol:

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.



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October 26, 2023

Rev. Alphonsus Kariuki, Pastor St. John the Evangelist Parish 317 First Street Dunellen, NJ 08812-1111

Dear Father Kariuki,

Please extend my sincere thanks to the parishioners of St. John the Evangelist Parish for their generous response to the 2023 Bishop's Annual Appeal with gifts totaling \$31,819. While your parish did not reach goal and earn a rebate, I truly appreciate your efforts on behalf of the appeal especially during these challenging times.

I am particularly grateful to you, your staff and your parish coordinators for the appeal who worked so hard to ensure the overall success of the campaign. Thanks to your parish's generosity, we are able to continue to fulfill our mission and live the Gospel message through our pastoral ministries and charitable outreach to those in need.

God bless you and be assured you have my heartfelt gratitude and prayers.

With renewed best wishes, I remain

Yours in Christ.

Most Reverend James F. Checchio, JCD, MBA Bishop of Metuchen

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Renewed and Sent on Mission by the Eucharist

Sacrificial Offerings 2023 Sunday, October 29

Regular Collection: \$4,050.95 Online Giving: \$437.13

*Expense amount for this week was not available at 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.



Thanksgiving Basket Drive

Please help us fill our Thanksgiving Baskets with donations of turkeys or

hams, stuffing, yams, instant potatoes, gravy, canned vegetables, juices, and other goodies. You can drop donations off at the parish center or bring them to Church by **November 19**th.



Thank You! Thank you to Clint, Glen, Samuel, Becky, Sam, Kyle, Michael, Eusebio,

Domingo, Christian and Eugenio, who came out on Saturday 10/28 and helped with grounds clean up! Amazing job clearing the weeds, branches and leaves from our church grounds and for spreading five yards of mulch. Thank you very much for your hard work and dedication!



November 5, 2023 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted." - Matthew 23:12

The world celebrates people in the spotlight and those who have the most of everything. We think celebrity, money and possessions is the key to happiness. Yet, our world is filled with more loneliness, anxiety and depression than ever before. The key to a happy life is relationship. Relationship with God and each other. Trust is the foundation of any good relationship and humility is the seed of trust.

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.

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 Fourre, (732) 968-2621

Hospitality Committee: Kate Guzzi

(732) 968-2621

Knights of Columbus Council 2544: Tom Bafutto (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: Martha Sanabria (732) 968-2621

Guadalupe Group: Ana Alpizar (732) 968-2621

Tricky Tray Committee: Parish Office

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Ushers: Mike Sciametta (732)968-2621



National Eucharistic Congress

- Tickets/Travel Packages

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Registration is now open for the

Registration is now open for the National Eucharistic Congress! At

the National Eucharistic Congress (https://www.eucharisticcongress.org/), the Church will draw into a deeper intimacy with our Eucharistic Lord, allowing our eyes to be opened and our hearts to be set on fire with his love. This historic five-day gathering (July 17-21, 2024) will be an experience of prayer: a liturgical act offering the Catholic Church—those in attendance in Indianapolis as well as across the country—to the Father, through the Son, and in the Holy Spirit. This reconsecration will result in a massive outpouring of grace and renewed missionary sending as participants are moved to share the Eucharistic love of the Lord "for the life of the world" (John 6:51). This is a pivotal moment in both American history and the legacy of the Catholic Church. (It is the first National Eucharistic Congress in 83 years!) Tens of thousands of pilgrims are expected to attend but space is limited. To ensure that the Diocese of Metuchen is well-represented, we are pleased to announce that we have purchased 100 tickets to next summer's Congress. These packages include transportation to and from Indianapolis, as well as hotel accommodations. A number of you have reached out recently, asking about the tickets/travel packages. We are hoping to offer client support, reservation assistance, and payment collection beginning this September, but are still working out the last minute details. When I wrote to you last month, I indicated that we were hoping to offer NEC passes for the entire conference, four (4) nights' accommodations in Indianapolis, including free continental breakfast, and airfare for about \$1,500.00. Unfortunately, ticket prices continue to rise. I will do what I can to keep these packages affordable, but I fear they may come in around \$1,750.00-\$2,000.00. I am also trying to secure as many direct flights (into Indianapolis) as possible, but this has been a challenge, as well. You should also know that we have updated our website

(https://diometuchen.org/nec2024), so that people interested in purchases tickets/travel packages from us can submit their requests online. As these tickets/travel packages will be sold on a first come, first serve basis, it is imperative that people fill out the interest form as soon as possible.



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.

UNION CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL **SCHOLARSHIP EXAM**

Current 8th grade students are invited to participate in Union Catholic High School's Annual Scholarship Testing Program. The Scholarship Exam for the Class of 2028 will be held on Saturday, 12/2 at 9:00 a.m. and Sunday, 12/3 at 12 noon. There is a \$35 fee to take the exam; there is no makeup date. Over \$120,000 in scholarship monies will be awarded based on the results of this exam. To register for the Scholarship Exam, click on this QR Code:



For more info or questions, contact the Admissions Office at 908-889-1600, ext. 302 or email <u>ibowman@unioncatholic.org</u>. Union Catholic High School, 1600 Martine Avenue, Scotch Plains, NJ 07076



Catholic Girl Scouts, Come Join Us! Girl Scouting in Faith

A Gathering Day is normally held each year for Catholic

Junior, Cadette, Senior and Ambassador Girl Scouts who would like to work on a Catholic Scouting program. During that day, scouts accomplish several requirements towards their respective medals. This year's Girl Scout Gathering Day will be held on Saturday, 11/11 from 10:00 a.m. until 4 p.m. at St. Bernard of Clairvaux, 500 Route 22 East, Bridgewater. Breakfast and lunch will be provided along with scouting activities and fellowship. The cost for the program is \$15.00. Catholic Girl Scout Medals are offered at each scout level with activities and requirements, just like with regular Girl Scout badge work. Daisy and Brownie programs are completed within in the family. Junior, Cadette and Senior medal programs are completed largely in a group environment with adult advisors.

Daisy....God is Love Brownie....God and Family Juniors....I Live My Faith Cadettes....Marian Medal Seniors and ambassadors...Spirit Alive Contact domgirlscouts@gmail.com for further information on any of the Catholic Girl Scout programs or to request a registration form for the Gathering Day.

Eucharistic Adorers Wanted

Now that the pandemic is over, Bishop Checchio would like to offer Eucharistic adoration at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, Monday through Friday, from 9:00-11:45 a.m. Anyone who is interested in signing up should contact Angela Marshall at amarshall@diometuchen.org



2023 - 2024 FAITH FORMATION

Family of Faith:

****NEXT parent meetings: Monday, November 6, Tuesday, November 7, 6:30 PM to 8PM

TOPICS: Lesson 5: Conscience: God's Law in

Our Heart (Essay: page 266)

Lesson 6: We must avoid Sin and Grow in

Holiness (Essay: page 268)

****Sunday Confirmation class: November 5, 2023 10:30 AM mass, Class at 11:30 AM

Bring Decision Point, notebook, folder, pen,

Mass journal

Homework: Review Session 2, page Read prayers in purple book, decide who will be your sponsor? What will be your Confirmation name?

CORRECTION DATES:

Confirmation rehearsal is **Monday**, **April 22**, **5pm**

Confirmation is **Thursday**, **April 25**, **at 6:00** pm.

Place: St. Mary's Stony Hill

Box of Joy: Confirmation Candidates will be packing Boxes of Joy at the next class, Nov. 5th, See email sent Oct 24th for more information.

DATES TO come: Charity Boxes, Chik-fil-a Fundraiser, Retreat

****First Holy Communion, year 2

Review Chapter 1 and 2 in Blessed Reconciliation, Try videos on YouTube: search Blessed Reconciliation

MASS SIGN-IN—Please sign in during weekend mass. Sign-in sheet in in rear of church. If your name does not appear please write it on lines provided.

Familia de fe:

****próximas reuniones de padres: Lunes, 6 de noviembre, martes, 7 de noviembre, 6:30 p.m. a 8 p.m.

TEMAS: Lección 5: La Conciencia: La Ley de Dios en Nuestro Corazón (Ensayo: página 266) Lección 6: Debemos evitar el pecado y crecer en santidad (Ensayo: página 268)

****Clase de confirmación del domingo: 5 de noviembre de 2023 misa a las 10:30 a.m., clase a las 11:30 a.m.

Traer punto de decisión, cuaderno, carpeta, bolígrafo, diario de misa Tarea: Repase la Sesión 2, página Lea las oraciones en el libro morado, decida quién será su padrino. ¿Cuál será su nombre de confirmación?

FECHAS:

El ensayo de confirmación **es el lunes 22 de abril a las 5 p.m.**

La confirmación es **el jueves 25 de abril a las 6:00 p.m**.

Lugar: St. Mary's Stony Hill

FECHAS POR VENIR: Cajas de caridad, Recaudación de fondos de Chik-fil-a, Retiro

****Primera Comunión, año 2

Repaso Capítulo 1 y 2 en la Beata Reconciliación, Videos en YouTube: buscar Bendita Reconciliación

REGISTRO MASIVO: REGÍSTRESE DURANTE LA MISA DEL FIN DE SEMANA. Hoja de registro en la parte trasera de la iglesia. Si su nombre no aparece, por favor escríbalo en las líneas proporcionadas. GREENBROOK **MEMORIALS**

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