

SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST

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First Sunday of
ADVENT



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

Telephone: 732-968-2621; **E-mail:** stjev@verizon.net; **Web:** www.stjohnsdunellen.org

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 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.

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, and 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, December 4

8:00 a.m. Jeanne Slater by Betty Lockway

Tuesday, December 5

8:00 a.m. Jeanne Slater by Betty Lockway

7:00 p.m. Parishioners of St. John's

Wednesday, December 6

8:00 a.m. Perpetual Blessing for Israel, Jews,
St. John by anonymous petitioner

Thursday, December 7

8:00 a.m. Carmen Morales by Carmen Mortara

Friday, December 8

8:00 a.m. Aileen C. Tennant by Ms. Cortese, Ms.
DeNapoli, Ms. Mundy, Ms. Shahin,
Ms. Tedesco, Ms. Cascio & Ms.
Guthreau

Noon Deceased members of Ruddy &
Glennon families by Kevin Glennon

7:00 p.m. Juan Santos Herrera
by Concepcion Santos

Saturday, December 9

5:00 p.m. Scott Patronick by the Patronick,
Woerner & Dowd families

Sunday, December 10

8:30 a.m. Pedro Mortara & Soledad Kohl
by Carmen Mortara

10:30 a.m. Ann Fitzgerald
by John & Jeanne Fitzgerald

Noon Jose Cruz Mejia by Martha Mejia and
Parroquianos de la Iglesia

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 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 732-968-2621, ex. 12.

Confesiones en Espanol:

El padre está dispuesto después de la misa dominical. Por favor, comuniqués 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, November 26**

Regular Collection: \$4,072.97
Online Giving: \$ 459.06

Bills Paid this Week: \$5,789.12

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.

Retirement Fund for Religious Collection

The second collection next week, **12/9 and 10**, will be for the Retirement Fund for Religious and the proceeds will help to support the retired religious Sisters and Brothers of the United States. Please be as generous as your means allow.



Monthly Reception

The monthly reception will take place this **Sunday, 12/3, after the 8:30, 10:30 and noon**

Masses in the Church Auditorium. All are welcome to join us! Anyone interested in helping out before or after Mass or with donations, please contact Kate Guzzi (732) 977-2233. Also, the High School Youth Group will be selling handmade Christmas cards during the monthly reception.



Christmas Memorials

You are invited to make a memorial donation for the Christmas season. Your donation will help provide flowers and decorations for the church. To participate you may pick up a form at the exits of the Church or simply write down your name, phone number, and the name of the person or persons you wish to memorialize and send it to the Parish Center by **Sunday, 12/17.**

Christmas Giving Tree Program

Our Angel Giving Tree is in place in the Church vestibule. Please select your angel and return your gift, which should include wrapping paper and tape so it can be wrapped. Attach your angel card to the gift. A gift of a gift card with the angel tag attached may be placed in the box by the giving tree. Gifts may be brought to the Parish Center or placed under the Giving Tree in church by **Sunday, December 10.** Blessings are extended as we prepare for our Savior's birth.



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

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

Ushers: Mike Sciametta (732)968-2621



**Eucharistic
Revival**

**National Eucharistic Congress
– Tickets/Travel Packages**

Available (Coming Soon)!

I apologize for the delay, but we recently found out that the NEC will not be provided shuttle service or transportation for general attendees. The good news is that various travel agencies are offering this service. We are currently working through this issue and hope to begin selling tickets/travel packages to anyone interested in attending the National Eucharistic Congress in the next few weeks. Participants will be able to choose a “Land Only” option, which will include shuttle service, for about \$1,424.00. We are also pleased to announce that we are in the process of securing round trip tickets to and from Indianapolis (including shuttle service). We hope to publicize these options in the next few weeks. In the meantime, I would encourage anyone interested in attending the Congress to please fill out the NEC Interest Form on our website (<https://diometuchen.org/nec2024>), as we will be offering these tickets/travel packages on a first come, first serve basis.

**National Eucharistic Pilgrimage -
Important Update**

The Diocese of Metuchen was recently notified that the perpetual pilgrims will be traveling through the diocese this **May 27-28, 2024**. The pilgrims will be arriving on the early evening of May 27 and departing on the early evening of May 28. More information will be forthcoming, but the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage is hoping that the perpetual pilgrims, young adult Catholics (19 to 29 years old), will be able to rely on the biblical hospitality of local hosts, including lay families, parishes, religious orders, schools, and shrines along the way. There will be twelve young adults (including two seminarians) and one or two ordained chaplain(s) on every route. 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: acarlisle@diometuchen.org.



**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.

Advent Reflection Series

Join Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology for our annual daily Advent reflection series on "***The Hospitality of Advent***" as we prepare for the coming of our Lord at Christmas. Meditations are sent by email from December 3 through December 24. Consider with us how Mary, Joseph, Elizabeth and other great figures of the Gospels and Church tradition welcomed Jesus into their hearts. How might Jesus be beckoning us this Advent to a greater understanding and appreciation of God's desire to come to us, dwell within us, and be welcomed into our homes and hearts? How might this year's Advent be a journey of an ever-deepening hospitality of the heart?

Please register at
<https://www.shu.edu/theology/immaculate-conception-seminary-advent-series.cfm>.



**Christmas
Decoration Schedule**

Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday this year, which makes our decoration schedule tighter than usual. We can use help on the following dates to get the church decorated:

Saturday: 12/16, 8 a.m.-12 p.m. we will get out Christmas Decorations & set up the trees in the basement

Sunday: 12/24 - after the Spanish Mass from about **1 p.m.-3 p.m.** we will decorate the church

All are welcome- we will need many hands to get the church decorated quickly!



**Catholic Daughters
Fundraiser
An Elvis Christmas with
Jim Barone**

Start celebrating the holiday season with "An Elvis Christmas with Jim Barone"! Jim will be performing Christmas songs and Elvis' songs from the 50's through the 70's. The event will take place on **Friday, 12/8** at **Zupko's Dunellen Theater Café, 450 North Avenue, Dunellen. Doors open at 7:00 p.m. Showtime is 7:30 p.m.** Open seating. Handicap accessible. Ticket price is \$40/per person. Registration sales and info: contact Jayne Lendach at 908-313-5248 or Eventbrite.com (Jim Barone) or pay at the door, cash or check. First come, first serve.

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.



2023 – 2024 FAITH FORMATION

Family of Faith

Sunday December 3, 2023:

Confirmation class

10:30 a.m. Mass, Class starts at 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Bring Decision Point, notebook, folder, pen, Mass journal

Homework: Review Session 4, page

Saint Name form and Report Due, Sponsor form due

Confirmation dates to Know:

Confirmation rehearsal is Monday, April 22, 7 p.m.

Confirmation is Thursday, April 25, at 5:00 p.m.

Place: St Mary's Stony Hill

Parent Meeting-- December 4th and 5th 6:30 pm to 8 pm

Bring Parent book

2nd Year First Holy Communion class -- December 4th and 5th 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Review Chapter 5 and 6 in Blessed Reconciliation, Try videos on YouTube: search Blessed Reconciliation

First Holy Communion Retreat: Monday January 22nd, 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., children and parents

1st Year Confirmation Class --

December 4th and 5th 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Bring Decision Point book, notebook

NEXT COMMUNITY meeting, Sunday, December 19th from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.,

TOPICS: Lesson 7

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

Familia de fe:

Domingo 3 de diciembre de 2023:

Clase de confirmación

Misa de las 10:30 a.m., la clase comienza de 11:30 a.m. a 1 p.m.

Traiga el punto de decisión, el cuaderno, la carpeta, el bolígrafo, el diario de masas

Tarea: Revisión de la Sesión 4, página Formulario de Nombre Santo y Reporte Entregado, Formulario de Patrocinador Vencido

Fechas de confirmación que debes conocer:

El ensayo de confirmación es el lunes 22 de abril a las 7 p.m.

La confirmación es el jueves 25 de abril a las 5:00 p.m.

Lugar: St Mary's Stony Hill

Reunión de padres: 4 y 5 de diciembre de 6:30 p.m. a 8 p.m.

Traer el libro de los padres

Clase de Primera Comunión de 2º año - 4 y 5 de diciembre de 6:30 p.m. a 8 p.m.

Revisa los capítulos 5 y 6 de Bendita Reconciliación, Prueba videos en YouTube: busca Bendita Reconciliación
Retiro de Primera Comunión: Lunes 22 de enero, 6:30 pm a 8 pm, Niños y padres

Clase de Confirmación de 1er Año - 4 y 5 de diciembre 6:30 p.m. a 8 p.m.

Traiga el libro y el cuaderno de Decision Point

PRÓXIMA REUNIÓN COMUNITARIA, domingo 19 de diciembre de 9 a.m. a 10 a.m.,

TEMAS: Lección 5

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.

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