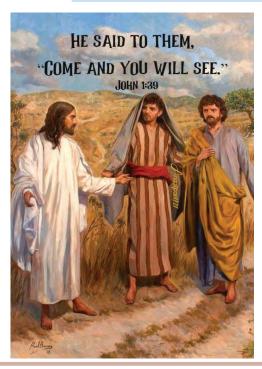
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Deacon Glenn Robitaille
Alice Fogarty, Parish Catechetical Leader
Mary Lou Chingery, Coordinator of Social Ministry
Cecilia Macalalad, Music Ministry

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

| Saturday Vigil | 5:00 pm |
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| Sunday 8:30 | am, 10:30 am, Noon (Spanish) |
| Monday - Friday | 8:00 am <i>(Chapel)</i> |
| Tuesday | 7:00 pm (Spanish) |
| Second Sunday of each month3:30 pm (Kiswahili) | |
| Holydays8:00 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

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 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, January 15 8:00 a.m. Andrew Au by Josephine Kuok

Tuesday, January 16 8:00 a.m. Irene Kuok by Josephine Kuok

Wednesday, January 17 8:00 a.m. Andrew Au by Josephine Kuok

Thursday, January 18 8:00 a.m. Christina Kuok by Josephine Kuok

Friday, January 19 8:00 a.m. Andrew Au by Josephine Kuok

Saturday, January 20

5:00 p.m. Deceased members of Domaracki family by Szulczewski family

Sunday, January 21

8:30 a.m. Tom & Phil Ventriglia by by Bill, Pat & Will Hughes

10:30 a.m. Dorothy Feola by Ann Hill

Noon Misa de Salud para Hilda Chung by Hijos y Nietos & Parroquianos de la Iglesia



This week our Sanctuary lamp in the Church is lit in memory of Joseph Gilson by the Keil family.

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 732-968-2621, ex. 12.

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.

Sacrificial Offerings 2024 Sunday, January 7

Regular Collection: \$3,045.80 Online Giving: \$421.45

Bills Paid this Week: \$3,109.99

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.



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 Sgt. 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.



January 14, 2024 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, 'What are you looking for?" - John 1:38

When we recognize who we are, it's easier to find what we are looking for. Once we see ourselves, and others, as children of God, we spend less time looking for the material comforts of the world. Instead, our hearts long for something deeper that can only be filled by God. Ask God daily how He wants you to live the life He intended for you.

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

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(732) 968-2621

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

Music Ministry: Cecilia Macalalad, (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; <u>stjev@verizon.net</u>

Ushers: Mike Sciametta (732)968-2621



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.

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.

Are You Being Called to the Diaconate?

The Diocese is looking for Spanish-speaking or bilingual men who are interested in becoming Deacons. A new diaconate formation class is about to begin. Applications for that class will be accepted this Spring; prior to applying, interested men must attend an Information Meeting. Information Meetings will be held at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center in Piscataway on Wednesday, January 31, 2024 at 7:00 PM and again on Saturday, February 3, 2024 at 10:00 **AM**. If you are between the ages of 35 and 60, and you believe you are being called to this ministry, you, your wife and your pastor are cordially invited to attend one of these meetings. If you have any questions, or wish to advise that you will attend, please contact the Diocesan Diaconate Office at (732) 562-2457 or diaconate@diometuchen.org.



Rosary for Life

Come Pray a Rosary for Life (in solidarity with those at the March for Life in

Washington, DC and across the country). Bishop Checchio is scheduled to attend! **Friday, January 19** at **1:00 pm** on **Main Street in Woodbridge**. Park and meet in the St. James Parish parking lot at 12:45 pm (369 Amboy Ave, Woodbridge, NJ) There is a 12:10 pm daily Mass at St. James for those who wish to attend. For more information, contact **amarshall@diometuchen.org** or call 732-562-1543.



October 27-November 11, 2024 Journey to South Africa and Namibia

Tour highlights include a tour of the Cape of Good Hope, (the southern tip of Africa), boat rides in Sandwich Harbor with fresh oyster lunch, a visit to a penguin colony, desert dunes on quads (optional), wine tasting in the most beautiful wineries, open vehicle safaris, dinner in the open Savannah. See the tallest dunes in the world in Desdvlei, (Dune 45 degrees) and the photo stop at Deadvlei with the forest of petrified trees (that was once submerged in water.) You will never see anything like this anywhere!!! Call now for a brochure 732-634-4355. Space is limited. Price: \$6,000. per person

Annual Diocesan Respect Life Mass

Bishop Checchio will celebrate the Annual Respect Life Mass on Sunday, January 21, 2024 at 12 noon at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi in Metuchen. All are welcome! Pro-life honorees will be recognized at the Mass and there will be a small reception immediately following downstairs in the Community Room.

Stress In Your Marriage?

- · Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage?
- · Are you frustrated, hurt or angry with your spouse?
- · Have you thought about separation or divorce?
- · Does talking about it only make it worse?

RETROUVAILLE is a Lifeline to Help Couples Heal and Renew their Marriages sponsored by the Office of Family Life, Diocese of Metuchen, NJ.

RETROUVAILLE consists of a weekend experience for married couples (no group discussions) with four follow-up sessions. The upcoming weekend is **February 2 – 4, 2024**. All inquiries are confidential. For further information, please contact Rich Colasuonno 732-236-0671 or Annette Colasuonno 732-672-0748 or email 3024@helpourmarriage.org.



2023 - 2024 FAITH FORMATION

Family of Faith

1/21 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Confirmation class

1/22 6:30 1st Holy Communion Retreat—Parent and children attend

1/28 Community Meeting – 9 a.m. to 10 a.m., lesson 6 and 7

Confirmation Sponsor Eligibility

letter: Due January 2024

It is up to the Sponsor to get the eligibility letter from the Parish office where the sponsor is Registered.

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

2nd Year First Holy Communion class

-- January 8th and 9th , 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. First Holy Communion Retreat for Children and parents.

1st Year Confirmation Class -- January 8th and 9th, 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Bring Decision Point book, notebook

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

Familia de Fe

1/21 11:30 a.m. a 1 p.m. Clase de confirmación

1/22 6:30 1ª Comunión Retiro – Asisten padres e hijos

1/28 Reunión Comunitaria – 9am a 10 am, lección 6 y 7

Carta de elegibilidad del patrocinador de confirmación:

Vencimiento en enero de 2024 Depende del patrocinador obtener la carta de elegibilidad de la oficina parroquial donde está registrado el patrocinador.

Fechas de confirmación para 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

Clase de Primera Comunión de 2º año

- 8 y 9 de enero, 6:30 p.m. a 8 p.m. Retiro de Primera Comunión para niños y padres.

Clase de Confirmación de 1er Año - 8 y 9 de enero, 6:30 p.m. a 8 p.m. Traiga el libro de Decision Point, el

cuaderno

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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