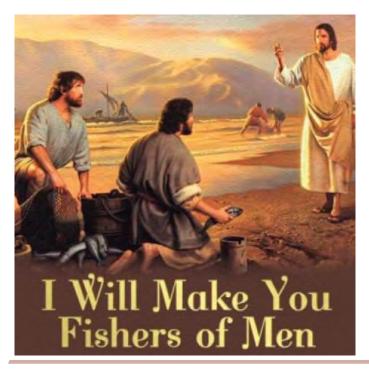
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WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

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 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.

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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 22

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

Tuesday, January 23

8:00 a.m. Andrew Au by Josephine Kuok

Wednesday, January 24

8:00 a.m. Gerardo & Margie Flynn by Cosimo & Lina Giordano

Thursday, January 25

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

Friday, January 26

8:00 a.m. Andrew Au by Josephine Kuok

Saturday, January 27

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

Sunday, January 28

8:30 a.m. Adolph & Yolanda Giacomarra

by their family

10:30 a.m. Rose & Anthony Marsjanik

by Marsjanik family

Noon Angelo Otero by Hija Maribel &

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 732-968-2621, 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 14

Regular Collection: \$4,657.16 Online Giving: \$404.42

*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 stiphnpcl@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.



Chick-fil-A Fund Raiser Chick-fil-A nugget trays - freeze them and serve when watching the big game on 2/11!

Sales: now through 1/28

Pick up: Fri 2/2 from 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. and Sat 2/3 from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. in St. John's basement.

Trays are: \$47.00 and include heating directions, + 1 bottle of Chick-fil-A sauce. Extra bottles of sauce are \$2.50 per bottle **Order Forms:** available at the church or call or text Kate Guzzi @ 732 977 2233



2024 Gertrude Hawk Fundraiser

The Annual Faith Formation Gertrude
Hawk Fundraiser has begun. Brochures and
order forms are available in the church
vestibule and at the parish office.
Parishioners may also order using the
link <u>SHOP Gertrude Hawk NOW!</u> on our
website home page. All order forms are due
by **2/12**. Order pick-up will be after Masses
on 3/17. If you have any questions, email
Sarah Ben Younes-Millot
at mcelroy sarah@hotmail.com

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

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(732) 968-2621;

Catholic Daughters of the Americas:

Nina DiQuollo (732) 968-2621

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(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; stjev@verizon.net

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.



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 21, 2024 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Follow me and I will make you fishers of men."- Mark 1:17

Jesus' call to "follow me" is a call to all Christians! The call is in the here and now, in our present circumstances, not when we think we are "ready" or have everything in order. Good stewardship of our God-given gifts means that things aren't always going to go according to our schedule, but that God has a much better plan in store for each of us.

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.



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.

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.

Mount Saint Mary House of Prayer Upcoming Programs

Registration for all offerings is required 10 days in advance to avoid the program being cancelled. To register call 908-753-2091, email:msmhope@msmhope.org or visit our

website: www.msmhope.org.

We are pleased to offer an ongoing program this year: **Nonviolent Spirituality and Living**. This will enable participants to explore their language, prayer, and actions and offer opportunities for reflection and a new way of living. While the theme will be carried through many of our offerings this year, these are the specific programs in this series:

THREE WEEK-SERIES ON NONVIOLENCE: Wednesdays from 7-9 p.m.—Hybrid

January 24 - Dr. Ken Butigan

(\$50 for the series or \$20-\$30 per individual session)

Friday, February 2-4 SILENT DIRECTED RETREAT WEEKEND

Tuesday, February 6, 7-8:30 pm Hybrid THE GIFT OF LECTIO AND VISIO DIVINA

Growing in relationship with God is a process like any other relationship. Lectio and Visio Divina are two traditional ways that help us to cultivate deep intimacy and friendship with God. These forms of prayer will be explored as means to encounter God and lead us into contemplative rest in & with God. (\$20-\$30 as you are able); Presenter: Sr. Eileen Smith, RSM



2023 – 2024 FAITH FORMATION

Family of Faith

1/22 6:30 p.m.- 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

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

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

1/28 Reunión Comunitaria – 9 a.m. a 10 a.m., 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

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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