

# SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST

## ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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### PASTORAL STAFF

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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 (*Kiswabili*)  
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](mailto: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, February 12

8:00 a.m. Garret Ciba by the Geigel family

### Tuesday, February 13

8:00 a.m. Anna Martone  
by Cosimo & Lina Giordano

7:00 p.m. Las Almas del Pulgatorio  
by Veronica Jara

### Wednesday, February 14

8:00 a.m. Rachael Ann Mininni  
by Candace Nagy

Noon Parishioners of St. John's

7:00 p.m. Gustavo Barnuevo 1er Año fallecido  
by Juan Gustavo Jaramillo

### Thursday, February 15

8:00 a.m. Thomas Jankunas  
by Michael, Dawn & Jessica Maurigi

### Friday, February 16

8:00 a.m. Salvatore Coppola  
by Cosimo & Lina Giordano

### Saturday, February 17

5:00 p.m. Stephen Cascio  
by Nancy & Chesler family

### Sunday, February 18

8:30 a.m. Tony Dela Ventura by Edie & family

10:30 a.m. Thomas Kodankandath by Vincent &  
Brigit Babu & Parishioners of St. John's

Noon Ines Porras Arias  
by Eugenio & Theresa Porra

*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 2024 Sunday, February 4

Regular Collection: \$4,282.50

Online Giving: \$ 314.60

Bills Paid this Week: \$4,961.25

#### 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](mailto: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.



#### Ash Wednesday Schedule

- Masses in English with the distribution of ashes: **8:00 a.m., Noon & 7:00 p.m.**



#### Casino Night Committee Meeting

If you would like to be a member of the Casino Night Committee, please plan on attending our next meeting on **Thursday, 2/15** at **7 p.m.** in the **Parish Center**. If you are interested in helping out, but not available for the meeting, please contact Mike Stabile ([MSS1804@YAHOO.COM](mailto:MSS1804@YAHOO.COM)) or Sue Lester ([SJKLESTER@GMAIL.COM](mailto:SJKLESTER@GMAIL.COM)). Casino Night will be held on Saturday, April 20 in the Church Auditorium. So mark your calendars!

#### 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](mailto:stjev@verizon.net)

**Altar Rosary Society:** Fran Furino

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**Art & Environment Committee:** Kate Guzzi,

(732) 968-2621;

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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,

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**Finance Committee:** John Fitzgerald

**Golf Outing Committee:** Parish Office

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**Homebound Ministry:** Jon Fourre, (732) 968-

2621

**Hospitality Committee:** Kate Guzzi

(732) 968-2621

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(732) 968-2621

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**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](mailto: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](mailto:acarlisle@diometuchen.org).



**2024 Gertrude Hawk Fundraiser**

The Gertrude Hawk Fundraiser is coming to an end. **All order forms must be turned in to the Parish Office by this Monday, 2/12.** Parishioners may also order using the link **SHOP Gertrude Hawk NOW!** on our website home page. 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](mailto:mcelroy_sarah@hotmail.com). Thank you for supporting our Faith Formation program.

**2024 Bishop’s Annual Appeal**  
**STAY WITH US, LORD: Renew our Hearts and Send Us on Mission**

One of the key ministries supported by the Annual Appeal is **Seminarian Formation**. We are blessed to have 21 men currently studying for the priesthood in the Diocese of Metuchen. It is a blessing that brings with it the responsibility of providing for their education. Quality formation is essential for our future priests who will be the sacramental presence of the Lord in the midst of our parishes, nourishing and healing with Word and sacraments the people they are called to serve. Your gift to the Bishop’s Annual Appeal helps to defray the costs of forming the future shepherds of our Church.

**Campaña Anual del Obispo 2024**  
**QUÉDATE CON NOSOTROS, SEÑOR:**  
**Renueva nuestros Corazones y Envíanos en Misión**

Uno de los ministerios clave apoyados por la Campaña Anual es la **Formación de Seminaristas**. Somos bendecidos por tener actualmente en la Diócesis de Metuchen 21 hombres estudiando para el sacerdocio. Es una bendición que trae consigo la responsabilidad de proveer para su educación. Una formación de calidad es esencial para nuestros futuros sacerdotes, quienes serán la presencia sacramental del Señor en medio de nuestras parroquias, alimentando y sanando con la Palabra y los sacramentos a las personas a las que están llamados a servir. Su donación a la Campaña Anual del Obispo ayuda a sufragar los costos de formar a los futuros párrocos de nuestra Iglesia.



**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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Michael Nielsen**

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



**February 11, 2024**  
**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*“Brothers and sisters, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God.”*  
- 1 Corinthians 10:31

Do a quick check of your priorities. Where does God rank in that list? If He’s not first, you have some work to do. Putting God first in everything helps us from putting other “gods” (like our pride, ego, money and possessions) before God. Before making a decision, ask yourself, “Am I doing this for the glory of God or for the glory of me?”



All are welcome to join for a special three-part lecture series hosted by the Cathedral:

**The Way of Beauty in Eucharistic Revival**

February 17: **The Beauty of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Mass and other Liturgies**

Very Rev. Jeffrey M. Calia, C.O., Provost, The Oratory of Saint Phillip Neri, Raritan, NJ

Each Saturday morning session will begin with breakfast following the 8AM Mass. The sessions will run until 11:30AM, with a coffee break halfway through. For more information, please contact the Cathedral Office at 732-548-0100. There is no cost to attend these workshops.

**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](mailto:msmhope@msmhope.org) or visit our website: [www.msmhope.org](http://www.msmhope.org).

**Wednesday, February 14, 1:30-3pm**  
**DRUMMING ECSTASY CIRCL**

Music is one of the most glorious gifts of God. God uses drumming to enhance His powers to improve our health, lives—the essence of our being. Learn how to connect deeply with God through Rhythm. 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month (\$20-\$30 as you are able)  
Presenter: Barbara Woodzell

**Saturday, February 17, 10-3 pm In Person**  
**PEACE ON EARTH BEGINS WITH INTERNAL PEACE: FACE THE WAR WITHIN**

This Lenten Day of Recollection centers on the need for conversion with our own disordered passions. We will reflect and pray for internal and world peace. Lunch is included. (\$50-\$60 as you are able) Presenter: James Choma

**Thursday, February 21, 9:30 am-3 pm**  
**SACRED TIME, SACRED SPACE**

A personal, quiet day to enjoy God’s presence. Day begins with communal prayer. Bring a bag lunch. (\$20-\$30 as you are able)

**Tuesday, February 27 from 7-8:30 pm**  
**Hybrid**  
**MEN’S DISCUSSION GROUP**

Men have unique roles in life...husbands, fathers, grandfathers, the single life and religious life... We’re pushed and pulled in a thousand directions by responsibilities, stress, loss and by joys. Where can we find time to reflect on the loss and gain of our lives? For all men—young, old and in between. Join our group over coffee or tea for life affirming discussions and prayer to find God in our lives and to make a difference in our own worlds.

**4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the Month**

(Freewill Offering)

For information call Jerry McKenna at 908-472-3969



## 2023 – 2024 FAITH FORMATION

### Family of Faith

#### February 2024

- 14 ASH WEDNESDAY
- 18 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Confirmation class
- 25 9 a.m. Community Meeting

#### DATES TO KNOW

Confirmation rehearsal -- Monday, 4/22, 7 p.m.

Confirmation -- Thursday, 4/25, at 5:00 p.m.

Place: St Mary's Stony Hill 7 p.m.

First Penance Practice , April 6, 7 p.m.

First Penance, April 8 , 10 a.m.

First Communion Practice -- TBD

First Communion April 27, 2024, 10 a.m.

**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

#### Febrero 2024

- 14 MIÉRCOLES DE CENIZA
- 18 11:30 a.m. a 1 p.m. Clase de confirmación
- 25 9 a.m. Confirmación de la reunión comunitaria

#### FECHAS A CONOCER

Ensayo de confirmación - Lunes, 4/22 , 7pm

Confirmación - Jueves, 4/25, a las 5:00 p.m.

Lugar: St Mary's Stony Hill 7 p.m.

Primera Práctica de Penitencia, 6 de abril, 7 p.m.

Primera Penitencia, 8 de abril, 10 a.m.

Práctica de la Primera Comunión – TBD

Primera Comunión 27 de abril de 2024, 10 a.m.

**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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 bseif@erarealty.com  
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