# Saint John the Evangelist

# ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

317 FIRST STREET, DUNELLEN, NEW JERSEY 08812



#### 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 (Kiswahili)

#### 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

For Pastoral Emergencies, please call: 732-685-1098

#### 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 9:00 p.m. in the Church. 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 Church.

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. In the event of an emergency, please call 732-685-1098, day or night.

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 13

8:00 a.m. Special Intention by John

# Tuesday, February 14

8:00 a.m. Special Intention by John 7:00 p.m. Parishioners of St. John's

# Wednesday, February 15

8:00 a.m. Special Intention by John

# Thursday, February 16

8:00 a.m. Mary Kasar Murray by Amy Murray Sohmalen

# Friday, February 17

8:00 a.m. Thomas Kodankandath by Vincent & Brigit Babu

## Saturday, February 18

5:00 p.m. Susan Hill Fosbre by Ann Hill

## Sunday, February 19

8:30 a.m. Anthony Della Ventura

by wife and family

10:30 a.m. Victor Peleggi by Santa DiMaggioNoon Juan Santos by Concepcion Santos



Please pray for the sick members of our parish:

Louis Capozzi Cathy Slootmaker MaryAnn Briones

#### 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 a las 7:00 pm en la Iglesia. El último jueves del mes hay una Hora Santa a las 7:00pm.

### Sacrificial Offerings 2023 Sunday, February 5

Regular Collection: \$2,894.75 Online Giving: \$ 621.88

Bills Paid this Week: \$2,679.00

#### **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 <a href="mailto:stjohnpcl@gmail.com">stjohnpcl@gmail.com</a>

#### 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.

#### 2023 Bishop's Annual Appeal

#### Renewed and Sent on Mission by the Eucharist

Our diocese has been blessed in recent years with an increased number of vocations and, thanks be to God, we presently have 21 seminarians studying for the priesthood. A large portion of our seminarians' education is being funded by the Bishop's Annual Appeal, for which they are extremely grateful. Your gift also supports a wide array of diocesan programs that foster vocations and provide ongoing formation for those called to both ordained and lay leadership roles within the Church. Your generosity also ensures that our retired priests who have served so faithfully receive the care they deserve in their later years. Please be as generous as your mean allow.



# Volunteers Needed for Monthly Receptions

We are looking for volunteers to help with the Sunday receptions, which are held on the first Sunday of the month after all Sunday Masses. We can use food/drink donations (fruit, breakfast items, baked goods, and juice pouches/water) and we can always use help with set up or "refresh" between Masses. Just 15 minutes of your time is a big help. Please call or text Kate Guzzi @ 732 977-2233 if you want to assist with food donation or volunteer some time. It's helpful to know any items which are being donated to reduce items that have to be purchased for each reception.

#### Parish Ministry & Contacts

Activities & Fund Raising Committee:

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

Altar Rosary Society: Fran Furino

(732) 968-0846

Altar Servers: Parish Office (732) 968-2621;

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Art & Environment Committee: Kate Guzzi,

(732) 977-2233; kguzzi@optimum.net

Catholic Daughters of the Americas:

Nina DiQuollo (908) 581-9450

Eucharistic Adoration: Maureen Shea

(732) 968-0136

Extra ordinary Ministers of Holy

Communion: Gary & Lynne Guthreau;

gguthreau@optonline.net

Faith Formation & Catechists: Patricia Hummel,

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, (908) 392-

2084; voxsacra@outlook.com

Hospitality Committee: Kate Guzzi

(732) 977-2233; kguzzi@optimum.net

Knights of Columbus Council 2544:

Keith Venturella; <u>kventurella@optonline.net</u>

*Marriage Encounter*: Eugene & Theresa Porras

(908) 930-1663

Money Counters: Jeff Marren,

jm601@optonline.net

Music Ministry: Gerard Chiusano, (732) 968-2621

**Readers**: Gary Guthreau; <a href="mailto:gguthreau@optonline.net">gguthreau@optonline.net</a>

**Social Concerns Ministry**: Mary Lou Chingery

(732) 968-2621

Spanish Charismatic Prayer Group:

Gloria Labanda (732) 343-0680

Guadalupe Group: Ana Alpizar (732) 979-4663

Tricky Tray Committee: Parish Office

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

Ushers: Mike Sciametta (908) 347-7902;

misciametta@optonline.net



### 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. 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 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**, **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.



#### **Gertrude Hawk Fundraiser**

All orders for the Gertrude Hawk Easter Candy Sale are due by **next Sunday 2/19** with candy pick up on the weekend of March 26th. Everyone is welcome to

participate. Fundraising packets can be found in the entrances of the church as well as at the Parish Center. Orders can also be placed at

https://fundraising.gertrudehawkchocolate s.com/ (The organization ID is: ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST CHURCH - no period after ST). Thank you for your support. For more information contact the Office of Catechesis.

#### **Faith Formation**



A Family of Faith: February

Adult/Parent Meeting - Monday 2/6, Tuesday 2/7, 6:30-8:00 p.m., Church Auditorium

Topic: #8 The Sacraments of Healing #9 Penance and Reconciliation

# Community/Family Meeting - Saturday 2/25, 3:45 in the Church

Topic/Activity:
Parish Family Reconciliation Service

#### **Monthly Youth Mass**

The next Youth Mass will be 10:30 on Sunday, 3/5. It will be served by our Confirmation class.

#### Youth Choir

All 6th, 7th and 8th graders and high school teens interested in singing in the Youth Choir please email <a href="mailto:stjohnpcl@gmail.com">stjohnpcl@gmail.com</a>. Practice will be on the day of each Youth Mass in the church beginning at 9:30 a.m.

### **High School Youth Group**

The next High School Youth Group Meeting is scheduled for **Sunday March 5**th following the 10:30 Mass. All High School Teens are welcomed to join. Stop by the Parish Center to see what we are all about. For more information email <a href="mailto:stjohnshsyg@gmail.com">stjohnshsyg@gmail.com</a>



# Make Holy Moments A Part of Your Lenten Journey

You may not have had a name for it at the time, but any moment in your life where you chose to be kind, generous, selfless, patient, or express any other form of goodness...that was a Holy Moment. With Lent approaching, now is the time to focus on creating those Holy Moments in your life. Dynamic Catholic is offering an email reflection program for Lent that ties in with "The Holy Moments" by Matthew Kelly, the book that was given out at Christmas. Simply sign up with your email address at this link:

https://www.dynamiccatholic.com/lent.html and you'll receive short, inspirational videos each day during Lent to help you slow down, find clarity, and connect with God. If you haven't already picked up a copy of the book, they are still available at all entrances to the church and in the chapel.



### February 12, 2023 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

"For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the

kingdom of heaven." MATTHEW 5:20

The Pharisees lived according to the letter of the law and they used this to elevate themselves above the other people. Jesus is clear — it's the love that you have in your heart, for God and others, that will get you to heaven. Simply following church rules to the letter and not out of love, does not necessarily put you on the path to heaven. Attending Sunday Mass and then gossiping about a fellow parishioner on the parking lot is an example of being a modern day Pharisee.



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