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WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil.....5:00 pm

Sunday8:30 am, 10:30 am, Noon (Spanish)

Monday - Friday8:00 am (*Chapel*)

Tuesday..... 7:00 pm (Spanish)

Second Sunday of each month.....3:30 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.

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732-968-2621 ext: 13
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**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.

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.

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 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. 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.

MASS INTENTIONS



Monday, February 20

8:00 a.m. Frank Lockwood, Sr.
by Amy Schmalen

Tuesday, February 21

8:00 a.m. John Maier by Ruth Maier Gruber
7:00 p.m. Parishioners of St. John's

Wednesday, February 22

8:00 a.m. Christopher Quinn
by Arthur & Rita Purvis
Noon Parishioners of St. John's
3:00 p.m. Communion Service/Ash Distribution
7:00 p.m. Parishioners of St. John's

Thursday, February 23

8:00 a.m. Julia DiQuollo
by your loving children

Friday, February 24

8:00 a.m. Kevin Semone
by Michael, Dawn & Jessica Maurigi

Saturday, February 25

5:00 p.m. Joshua Cesar Monge (birthday –
living) by the Monge family

Sunday, February 26

8:30 a.m. Brendan Glennon by Kevin Glennon
10:30 a.m. All the Souls in Purgatory
by Santa DiMaggio
Noon Ines Porras Arias
by Eugenio & Theresa Porras



*Please pray for the sick members
of our parish:*

*Louis Capozzi
Cathy Sloomaker
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 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 732-685-1098

Confesiones en Espanol:

El padre está dispuesto después de la misa dominical. Por favor, comuniqués 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 12

Regular Collection: \$4,918.49
Online Giving: \$ 507.19



**Expense amount for this week was not available at the 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 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.**
- Communion Service with the distribution of ashes: **3:00 p.m.**



Holiday Office Closing

The Parish Office will be closed on **Monday, 2/20** in observation of President's Day. It will re-open on Tuesday, 2/21.

2023 Bishop's Annual Appeal

Renewed and Sent on Mission by the Eucharist

By now you have received a letter from Bishop Checchio inviting your participation in the 2023 Bishop's Annual Appeal. The diocesan ministries supported by the Appeal directly impact many of the parishioners here in St. John's. Your gift provides formation opportunities for our catechists, youth and young adults. In the coming days, you will be receiving a letter from our pastor Father Alphonsus encouraging your participation. If you have yet to make your gift, please prayerfully consider doing so today by either returning your pledge card in the mail or going to the secure website: <https://diometuchen.org/BAA>.

Parish Ministry & Contacts

Activities & Fund Raising Committee:

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

Altar Rosary Society: Fran Furino

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Faith Formation & Catechists: Patricia Hummel,

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Finance Committee: John Fitzgerald

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Homebound Ministry: Jon Fourre, (908) 392-

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Knights of Columbus Council 2544:

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jm601@optonline.net

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

Readers: Gary Guthreau; gguthreau@optonline.net

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;

mjsciametta@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 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.



Gertrude Hawk Fundraiser

All orders for the Gertrude Hawk Easter Candy Sale are due **today, 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.gertrudehawkchocolates.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

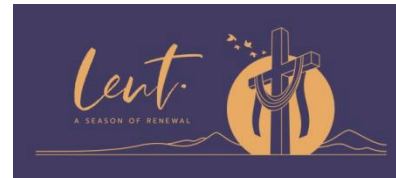
The next Youth Mass will be **10:30** on
Sunday, 3/5. It will be served by our
Confirmation class.

Youth Choir

All 6th, 7th and 8th graders and high school
teens interested in singing in the Youth
Choir please email stjohnpcl@gmail.com.
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 5th**
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
stjohnshsyg@gmail.com



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.ht>

[ml](https://www.dynamiccatholic.com/lent.ht) 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.



Knights of Columbus

Lenten Fish and Chips Dinners

The Knights of Columbus will be holding
their annual Lenten Fish and Chips Dinners
at the **Knights Hall, 647 Grove St.,
Dunellen**. The dates are **February 24,
March 3, March 10, March 24, and
March 31**. Patrons can dine in with us or
call ahead after 4pm on the day of the
dinner (732-968-2544) for take-out dinners.
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