



ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST PARISH

February 2, 2020

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD



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ST JOHN

WEEKDAYS

MONDAY through FRIDAY 8:30 a.m.

WEEKENDS

SATURDAY EVENING 5:00 p.m.
SUNDAY 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

ST AGNES

SUNDAY 9:30 a.m.
MISA EN ESPANOL 11:00 a.m.

HOLY DAYS

HOLY DAYS 7:00am & 7:00pm.

CONFESSIONS

SATURDAY 3:30-4:30 p.m.

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST PARISH ~ LAMBERTVILLE AND STOCKTON, NJ



*February 2, 2020
Altar Flowers
In Memory of
Harry Berenbach
Req. by Chris & Nancy Nagy*



*February 2, 2020
Sanctuary Light
In Memory of
Dale Errico
Req. by Barbara Errico & Family*

SPECIAL COLLECTION:

Heating & Air Conditioning—\$1,699

January 25th & 26th Offertory:

Collection:	\$ 9,772
Online Giving:	\$ 2,886
Less Average Expenses:	(\$12,500)
Balance:	\$ 158

Thank you for your generosity!



***Commemorative Candle for
St. John Paul II***

This is a beautiful way to honor your loved one. If you are interested, please contact the Parish Office.

Let us remember all those who have asked for our prayers especially the sick and suffering of our parish.

Juan P. Lopez, Nancy Guitierrez, Edwina Gill, Rose Korney, Grace Emma, Michael Hughes, Beverly Fresco, Peggy Bishop, Gregory Maloney, Diane Worthington, Alfonso Smullen, Mary Holcombe, Elaine Joiner, Efigenia Avalos, Gary Davila, Walter Rzeszutek, Kerry Bush, Ruth Yolanda, Nelly Lozano, Yuri Gil, James Malagrino, Chihon Jayoloo, Janice Carty, Michele Studley, Joseph M. Waters, Lawrence Miele, Jim Oehlers, Clayton Wells, Maria, Jonathan Perez, Peggy Hart, Richard Molnar, Harry, Carol Furlow

“Jesus, look upon me with eyes of mercy, may your healing hand rest upon me.”



**Knights of Columbus
Louis Failla: Grand Knight
609-397-4550**

Next Meeting will be held on:
February 6th at 8:00PM

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land: March 6—14, 2020
Fliers can be found in the back of Church
and on our Website.

***The Rosary Altar Society
Upcoming Events:***

- ◆ Praying the Rosary: February 1, 2020 @ 4:30PM
- ◆ Altar Rosary Society Meeting: Monday, February 10, 2020, 7:00PM

If you are interested in joining, please contact Vicki Casey—President 609-397-9265



This Ministry is designed to help all those who are grieving with a supportive environment to express their emotions, learn ways of coping with grief, and moving through the journey towards peace and acceptance. The next session will be begin on Monday, March 2nd. Please contact the Parish Office to register.



Please join us at St. John's every Monday morning at 8:00am for the Perpetual Novena in honor of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal.

FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTION PRAYERS

Please join us every First Friday following the 8:30AM Mass for meditation prayers in devotion to our Blessed Mother and the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

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St. John's ~ Saturday: 3:30- 4:30 P.M. or call the Parish Office for an appointment.

BAPTISMS

Celebrated the first Sunday of the month beginning with the 11:00 Mass, please call the Parish Office for additional information: 609-397-3350.

All paperwork must be completed prior to scheduling a baptism.

MARRIAGES

The bride or groom must be an **active-registered member** of St. John the Evangelist Parish with weekly Mass attendance and involvement in the life of the Parish for one year before the marriage preparation process. Please call the Parish Office for more information. According to the Common Policy of the five Latin-rite (Roman Catholic) dioceses of New Jersey, there must be twelve months of marriage preparation for each couple who desires to be married in the Church. **Please do not make any wedding arrangements** (including reception hall) **until** you have met with the pastor and he has approved the wedding date with you.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

When necessary, contact the Parish Office 609-397-3350 ext. 2.

HOSPITALIZED FAMILY

If you have a hospitalized family member, let the parish know so that we can visit and take the Eucharist. Please call the parish office.

Readings for the week of February 2, 2020

Sunday: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3; Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Ps 32:1-2, 5-6, 7; Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12bcd; Mk 6:7-13

Friday: Sir 47:2-11; Ps 18:31, 47, 50, 51; Mk 6:14-29

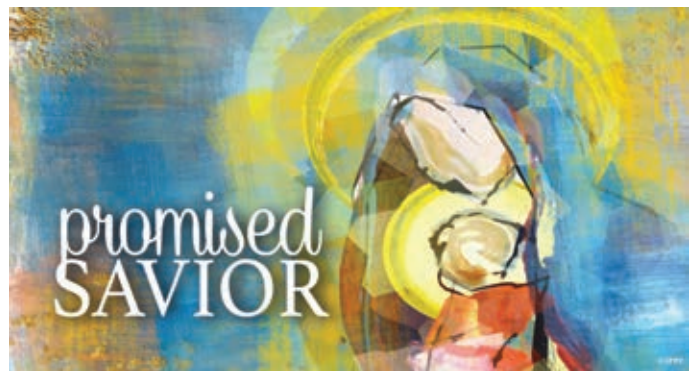
Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13; Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14; Mk 6:30-34

Sunday: Is 58:7-10; Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16

MERCY CORNER

Today, before our eyes is a simple, humble and great event: Mary and Joseph take Jesus to the Temple of Jerusalem. He is a baby as so many others, as all, but He is unique: He is the Only-Begotten come for all. This Child has brought us the mercy and tenderness of God: Jesus is the face of the Father's Mercy.

"And the Child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon Him" (v. 40). May the Lord Jesus, through the maternal intercession of Mary, be able to grow in us, and increase in each the desire of encounter, the custody of wonder and the joy of gratitude; then others will be attracted by His light, and will be able to encounter the Father's mercy.



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Theme: Jesus, our Redeemer, came to live among us and light the path to Salvation.

Breaking Open the Word

Suggested text for faith sharing: Today's Gospel from Luke

Step One: Listen to the Word

As you listen to this Scripture story today, what is one word or thought that really struck you? What image do you take away from this reading?

Step Two: Look into Your Life

Question for Children: What do you want to tell others about Jesus?

Question for Youth: Simeon said that Jesus would be a "light to all nations." When, where or how do you see the light of Jesus?

Question for Adults: Mary and Joseph took their faith seriously enough to make a return to the Lord of the most precious thing in their lives, their son, whom they presented to God in the Temple. How do you return to God that which is most precious to you?

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Next Family Religious Education Class
The week of February 2, 2020

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**Sacrament Sunday:**  
**February 9, 2020 1:00PM**  
Other inquires, please see website

### February 2, 2020—The Presentation of the Lord

*"...they took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord..." LUKE 2:22*

How seriously do you take being a Catholic? Is "being Catholic" something I just do when I attend Sunday Mass or attend one of my parish functions? It's easy to be Catholic then, it's harder to be Catholic when I am out in the world. Would someone recognize you as a Catholic by the way you act, dress and talk? How do you present yourself to the Lord and to others?

**"Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother"** began on January 22nd and will be held on Wednesdays listed below at 7:00pm in the Jesus School. This will be an eight week program.

NOTE: There will be THREE (3) Wednesdays that we will NOT MEET - two due to Religious Education Sessions meeting and one for Ash Wednesday.

**Meetings at 7:00PM on the following Wednesdays:**  
February 12th and 19th  
March 11th, 18th and 25th  
April 1st

### 2019 TAX STATEMENTS

If you would like a contribution statement for 2019, please fill out the form below (Please PRINT) and return it to St. John's Parish Office or place it in the offering basket.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Envelope Number: \_\_\_\_\_

## St. John's Ministry Group News

### Book Club:

Book to Discuss: The Best Kind of People by Zoe Whitall. We will be meeting on **Wednesday, February 5th** at 2:00pm in The Jesus School, Second Floor. All are welcome! Any questions, please call: Beth Lange 908-672-1731

### Clothing Ministry:

Please join us at the next clothing ministry meeting to be held on **Thursday, February 20th, 7pm** in the Jesus School. We will talk about the recent coat drive and looking forward to next year. We will also look at ongoing ways the ministry can help families throughout the year, including helping families with children who will be receiving sacraments.

Any questions, please contact Barbara Durning-McHenry: [barbara\\_durning@yahoo.com](mailto:barbara_durning@yahoo.com)

### Evening Prayer:

On **February 13th**, and repeating every **second** Thursday of the month, we will have an Evening Prayer Service at St. John's.

### Funeral Mass Assistance Ministry:

St. John's has established a new ministry called Funeral Mass Assistance. Our objective is to help you through your time of loss to design an appropriate and meaningful remembrance of the deceased's life on earth. The ministry is also available to make Funeral Mass arrangements in advance so the loved one's wishes for their Funeral Mass are honored. Members of the ministry will help in selecting scripture readings and music. To make advance arrangements or in your time of need, the ministry can be contacted through the church office at: 609-397-3350, ext. 3.

### Senior Social Ministry:

If you have an interest in helping the senior citizens in our area, please bring your ideas and join us in the Jesus School building. We will meet in a second floor classroom on the first Wednesday of each month. Next meeting is **February 5th at 7:00pm**.

### Tutoring Ministry:

We are beginning to form a tutoring ministry at St. John's. Many parishioners have expressed an interest in helping both adults and children in languages, including ESL, general schoolwork, and financial counseling. If you or someone you know needs assistance, or would like to join this effort as a volunteer, please contact us. Judy Rudderow email: [jmr23@comcast.net](mailto:jmr23@comcast.net) Or call: 215-499-3725

### Welcome Committee:

Welcome Sunday will be held for all new parishioners on March 22nd following the 11:00AM Mass. We will be having a history tour of the church for anyone interested. **All are invited!**

### Women's Retreat Group:

The next retreat will be held at San Alfonso Retreat House, a Redemptorist Community, in Long Branch, NJ on March 6-8, 2020. The retreat house sits on 8 acres overlooking the Atlantic Ocean with outdoor shrines, gardens and prayer chapels. The theme is "Choosing to Live in Peace". The cost is \$240/person. Please call 732-222-2731 to register. This retreat will reach capacity quickly so don't delay if you plan on attending. Any questions, please contact Kathy Ronning at 215-776-0544 or [kathleenronning4@gmail.com](mailto:kathleenronning4@gmail.com)

# FEBRUARY, 2020



| Sun                                                                              | Mon                                                                       | Tue                                          | Wed                                                                                                                               | Thu                                                    | Fri                                      | Sat                                                |
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| 2<br><i>The Presentation of the Lord</i>                                         | 3<br>8:00AM<br>Perpetual<br>Novena                                        | 4<br>4:15—6:15PM<br><i>RE Family Session</i> | 5<br>2:00pm Book Club<br><i>6:00-8:00PM<br/>RE Family Session</i><br>9:15-11:15AM<br>7:00-8:30PM<br>Adult Faith<br>Formation      | 6<br>8:00PM Knights of<br>Columbus                     | 7<br>First Friday<br>Devotion Prayers    | 8                                                  |
| Food Drive<br>1:00 & 4:00PM<br><i>RE Family Session</i>                          |                                                                           |                                              |                                                                                                                                   |                                                        |                                          |                                                    |
| 9<br><i>Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i><br>1:00—3:00PM<br>Sacrament Sunday     | 10<br>8:00AM<br>Perpetual<br>Novena<br><br>7:00PM Rosary<br>Altar Meeting | 11                                           | 12<br>9:15-11:15AM<br>7:00-8:30PM<br>Adult Faith<br>Formation<br><br>7:00PM "Mary: A Biblical<br>Walk with the<br>Blessed Mother" | 13<br><b>7:00PM<br/>Evening Prayer</b>                 | 14<br>Valentine's Day<br>                | 15                                                 |
| 16<br><i>Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i><br>1:00PM Forever Young<br>Senior Tea | 17<br>8:00AM<br>Perpetual<br>Novena<br><br><b>President's<br/>Day</b>     | 18                                           | 19<br>9:15-11:15AM<br>7:00-8:30PM<br>Adult Faith<br>Formation<br><br>7:00PM "Mary: A Biblical<br>Walk with the<br>Blessed Mother" | 20<br><b>7:00 PM<br/>Clothing Ministry<br/>Meeting</b> | 21                                       | 22<br><b>6:00-9:00PM<br/>SJE "Carnevale"</b>       |
| 23<br><i>Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</i><br>1:00—3:00PM<br>Sacrament Sunday  | 24<br>8:00AM<br>Perpetual<br>Novena                                       | 25                                           | 26<br><b>ASH WEDNESDAY<br/>MASSES: 7AM, 4PM,<br/>7PM</b><br><br>9:15-11:15AM<br>7:00-8:30PM<br>Adult Faith<br>Formation           | 27                                                     | 28<br>7:00PM<br>Stations of the<br>Cross | 29<br>10:00AM<br>First Reconcilia-<br>tion Service |

## Weekly Reflection

February 2, 2020

*The Presentation of the Lord*

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

Presentations are nothing new to us. They come with the calendar.

Today, however, we come together to celebrate a presentation unique in world history: that coming of the Christ Child into the earthly house of His Father. Yet, as Luke describes it, there are echoes of the humility that we first observed at His birth. Mary and Joseph walk into the great spaces of the grand Temple in Jerusalem, dwarfed by its columns and surrounded by whispered voices. There are no trumpets sounding, no applause heard, and certainly no choirs of angels proclaiming the news. Instead, just two elderly people, humble themselves and holy as well, who come close to the saintly family with powerful witness of their own. Simeon is relieved and happy to have reached the time when he could see in Mary's arms the Messiah he had prayed to see before his death. Following that, he gave "permission" to the Lord as Promise Keeper, by his beautiful prayer which is now prayed nightly in the Liturgy of the Hours.

Beside him is Anna, smiling eyes behind the wrinkles of her eighty plus years and the wisdom gained from prayer and fasting, who also thanks God for this Child. Evidently, a group of onlookers had gathered, as Anna speaks to them of the Child as the one who would end their wait for the redemption of the city and nation.

The Holy Spirit, working through St. Luke, wanted us to know about this momentous but quiet Presentation largely lost to the wide world. What could be His reasons? I can think of four. First, to see the humble obedience of Mary and Joseph to the demands of their religion's laws. It seems logical to ask: Do you all know the six precepts of our Church? Do you respond with humble obedience? Secondly, the Holy Spirit wants us to notice that God does indeed keep His promises. We may doubt Him at times, often because He has a different timetable from ours. Thirdly, there is an unspoken plea here to respect our elders. There are jokes about aging all over the place, a lot of them cute, but they become harmful when they lead to disregard for the wisdom and fidelity of age. Who better to reach out to youth and make a presentation of the value of hope?

Fourth and finally, there is that subtle reminder in this feast that prayer and fasting are just the right combination to help us attain that ever elusive holiness that lets us present ourselves to Christ our Lord. We have come this Sunday to a place of Christian worship because it has replaced the Temple of Jerusalem that is no more. Here in our parish church Jesus presents Himself to us in the miraculously transformed bread and wine. What do we present to Him? Think it over. Here's a follow up question for the week: If God now seems far away, who made the first move?

## Saint of the Week

**Blaise, Bishop and Martyr, c. early 4th Century**

Bishop Blaise (sometimes spelled Blase) was martyred around 316 by order of Governor Agricolaus in Sebastea, Armenia, during Licinius' persecution of Christians. That is the only certain knowledge that we have about this saint.

According to legend, Blaise was born in Armenia to wealthy Christian parents and was made a bishop in his youth. He was known as a good bishop who encouraged the spiritual and physical health of his people. When the persecution of Christians began in Armenia, Blaise was forced to flee. He went to live as a hermit in the back country, where he cured wild animals that were sick or wounded.

One day, while seeking animals for the amphitheater, a group of hunters, came across Blaise kneeling in prayer in a cave surrounded by patiently waiting wolves, lions, and bears. Recognizing him as a Christian, the hunters hauled Blaise off to prison. On the way there, a mother came to him with her young son who was choking to death on a fish bone caught in his throat. Blaise cured the boy; thus, he later became the patron and protector of throats. Many Catholics in this country still have their throats blessed on St. Blaise's feast day, February 3.

**Blaise's message today:** All of God's creatures, great and small, are entitled to our care and compassion. There are many people, young and old, who may not be able to look after their own needs. It is up to us to help them in whatever way we can.

*Are you aware of the needs in your own community? What can you do to alleviate the suffering of others?*



**Mass Schedule  
Week of February 2, 2020**

**Saturday, February 1, 2020**  
 5:00pm Loved Ones Remembered in the Memorial Stars

**Sunday, February 2, 2020**  
 8:00am Annabelle Lanza  
 Req. by Carol & Jim Harding  
 9:30am Ann Ledva  
 Req. by Francesca & Rick Beye  
 11:00am Barbara Luca  
 Req. by Ammann Family

**St. Agnes**  
 9:30am Margo Sciarrotta  
 Req. by Nicklen Family  
 11:00am For the People

**Monday, February 3, 2020**  
 8:30am Richard Guarnieri  
 Req. by Henry & Josephine Marzullo

**Tuesday, February 4, 2020**  
 8:30am Channing Vioal—Living Intention  
 Req. by Nicola Paerg

**Wednesday, February 5, 2020**  
 8:30am David Heath  
 Req. by Diane & Kevin Washburn

**Thursday, February 6, 2020**  
 8:30am Joan Horvath  
 Req. by Carol, David & Lilia Sanzalone

**Friday, February 7, 2020**  
 8:30am Marion DeHaven  
 Req. by Peggy Parente

**Saturday, February 8, 2020**  
 5:00pm Margaret Reynolds  
 Req. by Stan & Susan Polomski

**Sunday, February 9, 2020**  
 8:00am Adriano Cozzarin  
 Req. by Marybeth Sullivan-Rose & Family  
 9:30am Barry Catanzareti  
 Req. by Alice Gangemi  
 11:00am Barbara & Ken Kramli  
 Req. by Kramli Family

**St. Agnes**  
 9:30am Emma Roethel  
 Req. by Bill & Kathy  
 11:00am For the People

**Ministry Schedule  
February 8th & 9th, 2020**

Extraordinary Ministers:

**February 8th**

**5:00pm** \* Barbara Ashton, Rick Carmosino, Debbie Closson

**February 9th**

**8:00am** \* Laura Darby, Tana Dimino, Linda Lanza, David Sanzalone, Mary Zetterstrom

**9:30am** \* Barbara Cecchini, Sharon Ippolito, Jake Phillips

**11:00am** \* Michael Biase, Amy Danese, Paige Meade, Grace Sconzo, Anita Verga

**St. Agnes**  
**9:30am** Cindy Cozart  
**11:00am** Maria Miguel, Jose Mejias

Lectors:

**February 8th & 9th**

**5:00pm** Kathy Ferry, Jonathan Yarnall  
**8:00am** John Lanza, Bob Zetterstrom  
**9:30am** Carl Ippolito, Aureo Pena  
**11:00am** Elise Rehn, Jennifer Ste. Marie

**St. Agnes**  
**9:30am** Roger Locandro  
**11:00am** Maribel Castro, Clara Ortiz

Altar Servers:

**February 8th & 9th**

**5:00pm** John & Anthony Whelan  
**8:00am** Larry, Matthew & Lucy Thiel  
**9:30am** Sarah & Carla Ippolito  
**11:00am** Elijah Enochson, Carolan Falk, Kendal Plumstead

**St. Agnes**  
**9:30am** Audrey & Lydia Hammill  
**11:00am** Marielena & Erica Alvarez



## February 2, 2020 Presentation of the Lord

### PARISH INFORMATION

**St. John the Evangelist**

***Carnivale!***  
*(Italy's version of Mardi Gras,  
with better wine!)*



"Carnevale" comes from Latin, *carne levare*, "to remove meat," as in preparation for Lent.

Our celebration will include Delectable food and drinks from local vendors, festive live music, and dancing!

Saturday, February 22nd  
6:00-9:00 pm in the Parish Hall  
Tickets \$50 per person  
Online at [www.parishofstjohn.org](http://www.parishofstjohn.org)  
or after weekend masses

*Una festa bellissima!*

**Saint John the Evangelist Parish  
Adult Faith Formation  
Winter/Spring 2020 Series**

#### **"Universal Christ" Group Formation**

Based on the current best selling book *The Universal Christ - How a Forgotten Reality can Change Everything We See, Hope for, and Believe* by Franciscan Fr. Richard Rohr O.F.M. **Held on Wednesday mornings, at 9:15 to 11:30 AM - Room 102 at the SJE Jesus School.** Books and Fr. Rohr's "Companion Guide for Groups" will be provided.

#### **"Spirituality For the Rest of Us" Group Formation**

Based on a new book by Franciscan Fr. Albert Haase, a preacher, teacher, and spiritual director, and award winning author of 10 books on spirituality, and 5 best selling DVDs. His PhD in historic theology is from Fordham and his MDiv is from Catholic Theological Union. **The Group meets Wednesday Evenings, at 7:00 to 8:30 PM - Room 102 at the SJE Jesus School.** Books provided free of charge. Join us whenever you can. Enjoy spending time exploring spirituality through open discussion with others on their spiritual journeys.



**St. John the Evangelist Parish  
Cordially invites you to  
The Forever Young Senior Tea!**

Come join your friends (or make some new ones)  
For complimentary Tea, Soup, Sandwiches and  
Entertainment!

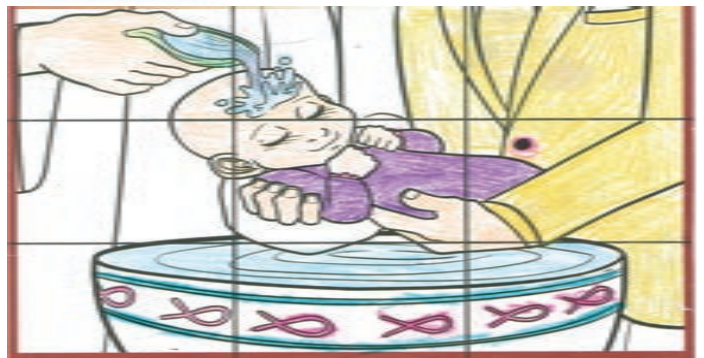
St. John the Evangelist Parish Hall  
Bridge Street, Lambertville, NJ  
Sunday, February 16th, 1:00PM

RSVP to Debbie @ 610-220-0783  
By Wednesday, February 12th



Please welcome the  
newly baptized into our  
parish family:

Payton Michele Hart  
Daughter of  
Stephanie & Kyle Hart



*Coloring by Addison Vallejo*



**The Next St. John's Food Drive for the  
Delaware Valley Food Pantry is on  
February 1st & 2nd after all Masses**

All monetary donations will be given to the  
**St. John's Outreach Ministry** of our Parish.  
**Please be generous in your giving**

*"None of us can think we are exempt from concerns for  
the poor and for social justice."  
Pope Francis, The Joy of the Gospel, 2013, Ch.4, #201*



## **INFORMACION EN ESPAÑOL**

### **OFICINA PARROQUIAL**

609-397-3350 ext. 2

NUMERO DE FAX DE OFICINA

609-397-8713

### **EN CASO DE EMERGENCIA**

609-460-4762

### **HORAS DE OFICINA**

Lunes a Juaves ~ 9:30 AM – 3:00 P.M.

### **HORARIO DE MISA**

Misa en Español ~ Domingos, 11:00 A.M.

St. Agnes en Stockton

### **EDUCACION**

Educación Religiosa para Niños: Por favor llamar a la oficina de Estudios Religiosos (en Inglés). Se requiere que los niños asistan regularmente a estas clases para poder recibir sus sacramentos. Se requiere también que todas las familias participen regularmente en la Misa. Por favor llamar a la directora de Estudios Religiosos para más información, al 609-397-3350 ext. 3.

Educación Religiosa para Adultos: Por favor comuníquese con el Padre si le faltan algunos de los sacramentos.

### **CONFESIONES**

St John's ~ Sábados: 3:30 – 4:30 P.M.

### **BAUTISMOS**

Español: Durante la Misa en español o cuando sea necesario. (Los padres deben estar registrados en la Parroquia y se requiere que asistan a una clase de preparación antes del bautismo. Por favor llame a la oficina parroquial para hacer los arreglos necesarios.)

### **MATRIMONIOS**

Contactar la oficina parroquial 1 año antes de la boda. El novio o la novia debe estar registrado (a) como miembro de la Parroquia por lo menos por 1 año antes que el día de la boda sea confirmado. Se requiere que los novios participen en Pre-Cana o Encuentro de Comprometidos. Para más información, por favor llamar la oficina parroquial.

### **SACRAMENTO DE UNCIÓN DE LOS ENFERMOS**

Cuando sea necesario, contacte la oficina parroquial.

### **FAMILIARES HOSPITALIZADOS**

Si tiene algún familiar hospitalizado, hágalo saber a la parroquia para que lo podamos visitar y llevarle la Eucaristía. Pueden llamar al Padre al 609-397-3350, ext. 2 o 609-460-4762.

### **PARTICIPE EN EL CORO**

El coro está buscando más voces e instrumentos musicales. Toda persona a quien le guste cantar o sepa tocar instrumentos musicales, pueden participar en el coro. Ofrezca su talento.

## **Fiesta de la Presentación del Señor**

### **Primera Lectura : Malaquías 3:1-4**

Pronto entrará en su santuario el Señor que ustedes piden.

- Malaquías era fiel a su fe judía; sin embargo, criticaba al clero de su época.
- Dios visita el templo.
- La visita de Dios resulta en la purificación tanto de los sacrificios como de los ministros.

### **Segunda Lectura : Hebreos 2:14-18**

Él se hizo semejante en todo a sus hermanos.

- Jesús comparte con el cuerpo y la sangre de la humanidad.
- Jesús es el sumo sacerdote compasivo.
- El sufrimiento de Jesús le permite ayudar a los que sufren.

### **Evangelio : Lucas 2:22-40**

Mis ojos han visto a tu salvador.

- Jesús creció en una familia y una sociedad devotas al judaísmo.
- Simeón predice que Jesús causará conflicto y división entre los israelitas.
- Simeón y Ana sabían que Jesús era el Redentor prometido de Dios.

## **LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA**

**Domingo:** Mal 3:1-4; Sal 23:7, 8, 9, 10; Heb 2:14-18; Lc 2:22-40 o 2:22-32

**Lunes:** 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Sal 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mc 5:1-20

**Martes:** 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14, 24-25, 30-19:3; Sal 85:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mc 5:21-43

**Miércoles:** 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Sal 31:1-2, 5, 6, 7; Mc 6:1-6

**Jueves:** 1 Reyes 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chr 29:10, 11abc, 11d-12a, 12bcd; Mc 6:7-13

**Viernes:** Sir 47:2-13; Sal 17:31, 47, 50, 51; Mc 6:14-29

**Sábado:** 1 Reyes 3:4-13; Sal 118:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14; Mc 6:30-34

**Domingo:** Is 58:7-10; Sal 111:4-5, 6-7, 8a, 9; 1 Co 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16

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Calling all youth! You're invited to spend the day, celebrating God's love for you with your peers at the Diocesan Youth Day. The Diocese of Metuchen's Office of Youth Ministry will host a Youth Day on Saturday, February 8, 2020 from 1:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m. at St. Joseph High School, 145 Plainfield Avenue, Metuchen, NJ 08840. Bishop James F. Checchio will preside at the Mass. Join us for this fun-filled day of food, music, prayer and reflection. All 7th – 12th graders are invited to come with other Parish youth.

The deadline to register is February 1, 2020.  
The cost to attend is \$20.  
For more information, please visit <https://diometuchen.org/yyam>

#### Catholic Spirit

The annual drive to support our diocesan newspaper, *The Catholic Spirit*, is taking place during the month of February, National Catholic Press Month. Please support their good work by using the envelope in your packet. Any amount you contribute will show your support for the ministry of *The Catholic Spirit* and will be greatly appreciated. And please remember to take home a copy of the paper—it has a special role to play in your life as a practicing Catholic.

#### New deadline established for NJ Independent Victim Compensation Program

The Diocese of Metuchen is among the five Roman Catholic dioceses in New Jersey to announce a six-week extension for those, who as children or young adults, were sexually abused by a priest or deacon of the Diocese, who may still want to file a claim through the Independent Victims Compensation Program (IVCP).

The deadline for the registration of new allegations has been extended until Jan. 31, while the deadline for the submission of all claims has been extended until Feb. 15. Those survivors, who as minors were the victim of clergy sexual abuse and who now wish to pursue a claim through the IVCP, can begin the claims process by going to [www.NJdiocesesIVCP.com](http://www.NJdiocesesIVCP.com).

The IVCP operates independently of the Diocese or any church-affiliated institution and the administrators of the IVCP have complete autonomy to determine the eligibility of a claim with the guidelines of the established Protocol. The amount of compensation for those who make a claim will be independently determined by the IVCP administrators. All victims – no matter when the abuse occurred – are eligible to participate, and all matters will be handled confidentially. Victims of clergy sexual abuse of a minor can begin the process of utilizing the program by going to [www.njdiocesesivcp.com](http://www.njdiocesesivcp.com) and reviewing the protocol for submitting a claim.

Anyone who is a survivor of sexual abuse by a priest or deacon of the Diocese is encouraged to participate in the IVCP.

#### Diocesan Eucharistic Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration is now being held in the chapel at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, 146 Meltars Lane, Piscataway. Adorers and intercessors are needed Monday through Friday, 9 to 11:45 a.m. Daily Mass is held at 11:45 a.m.

For information or to become an adorer, call Laura Riccardi, (609) 578-0841. To submit a prayer request, call (732) 765-6445 or email [Adoration@diometuchen.org](mailto:Adoration@diometuchen.org).

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