



*As a Catholic community of faith,  
St. John the Apostle calls everyone to encounter  
Jesus Christ, through the Word of God, the  
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are sent out to announce the Good News to everyone.*

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**MASS SCHEDULE**

- Saturday**.....8:30 am  
**Saturday Evening**.....5:30pm  
**Sunday**.....8 am, 10:00 am, 12 pm  
**Daily Monday to Friday**.....7:00 am & 8:30 am  
**Wednesday & Friday Evening**.....7:00 pm  
**Holy Days**.....as announced

**DEVOTIONS**

- Miraculous Medal Novena**  
 Mondays.....8:30 am  
**Our Lady of Fatima Devotions**  
 First Saturdays.....8:30 am  
**Cenacle Rosary for Life**...Thursdays, 8 am & 9 am  
**Rosary for Priests**.....Saturdays, 8 am  
**Perpetual Adoration**.....24 hours a day

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**Parish Website** ..... www.sjanj.net  
**School Website** ..... www.sjanj.org

**= Parish Office Hours =**  
 Monday thru Friday 9 am - 5 pm  
 Saturday & Sunday 8:30 am - 1:30 pm

### TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME September 5, 2021

- CONFESSIONS:** Wednesday & Friday 7:30 pm, Saturday, 1:00-2:00 pm  
 and by appointment - call the Rectory 908-486-6363
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- BAPTISMS:** Parents are asked to contact the Religious Education Office  
 in the sixth month of pregnancy for Baptism Classes. (732-388-1253)
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- MARRIAGES:** Contact the rectory at least one year in advance & before  
 making other arrangements. Saturdays, 1:00 - 2:00 pm
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- SICK CALLS:** Any hour - Day or Night
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- HOSPITAL VISITATION:** Contact Rectory
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- RWJ HOSPITAL RAHWAY:** Chaplain Rev. Jozef Krajnak (732-877-6835)
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- RESPECT LIFE:** Holy Hour for life and liberty every Monday at 7:00 pm  
 Cenacle for Life Rosary, Thursdays at 8:00 & 9:00 am

**CRISIS PREGNANCY HELP:** Any woman who is pregnant and in need of assistance should never feel that abortion is her only option. Personal and confidential assistance is available at the following numbers:

- CCS - Pat Chiarello ..... 201-246-7379  
 Crisis Pregnancy Helpline..... 1-888-4-OPTIONS Birthright  
 1-800-550-4900  
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**IMPORTANT NUMBERS**

**School**.....732-388-1360  
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**St. John the Apostle Food Pantry** .....732-388-1216  
**Respect Life Office** .....973-497-4350

# Mass Intentions

## First Saturday, September 4

8:30 am Ernesto Jr., Rosalie & Romulo  
 5:30 pm James, Ellen, and Jimmy Walsh

## Sunday, September 5 **23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time** *St. Teresa of Calcutta*

8:00 am Joseph Valega  
 10:00 am Marge & Ed Martucci  
 12:00 pm Frank J. McGovern

## Monday, September 6 **Labor Day**

9:00 am Genevieve Malik

## Tuesday, September 7

7:00 am Jean LaVista  
 8:30 am Betty Citrano

## Wednesday, September 8 *The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

7:00 am Jean LaVista  
 8:30 am James & Helen York  
 7:00 pm Dolores & Stanley Sawicki

## Thursday, September 9 *St. Peter Claver, Priest*

7:00 am Fernando Cartaxo  
 8:30 am Renny Nunn

## Friday, September 10

7:00 am Frank J. McGovern  
 8:30 am Dr. Thomas Bejgrowicz  
 7:00 pm Brian Gooney

## Saturday, September 11 **Patriot Day – 9/11**

8:30 am Mullady Family  
 5:30 pm John McSharry

## Sunday, September 12 **24<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time**

8:00 am Dr. Thomas Bejgrowicz  
 and Frank J. McGovern  
 10:30 am Helen & Ernest Klein  
 12:00 pm Assunta Maloney *1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary*

### Memorials Week of September 5, 2021

**Altar Candles:** Owen D. Burke  
**Bread and Wine:** Margaret "Peg" Guenther  
**Special Intentions Week of September 5, 2021**  
**Sanctuary Lamp:** Julia Pereira  
**Tabernacle Candles:** Jaiden Lourenco Baptista

### Pray for the Deceased and their Families

Naomi Desiderio  
*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let Your perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.*

**For Memorials, please contact the Parish Office**  
**Mon.-Fri. 9 am-5 pm / Sat. & Sun. 8:30 am-1:30 pm**  
**at 908-486-6363 or email parish@sjanj.net.**  
 Altar or Tabernacle Candles: \$10 • Bread & Wine: \$20  
 Sanctuary Lamp: \$25 • Memorial Flowers: \$25  
 Adoration Candles: (1 set) \$25 • (2 sets) \$50

## The Word of the Lord

### First Reading: Isaiah 35:4-7a

Isaiah tells the people to be strong and unafraid. God will save his people, and the blind will see, the deaf will hear, and the lame will walk. Streams will come forth in the desert, the sandy ground will become springs of water.

### Second Reading: James 2:1-5

James encourages the people to never show favoritism. He discusses an usher who escorted a rich man to the best seat, while ignoring a poor man. God chose poor people to be rich in faith, so we should never judge people by their riches.

### Gospel: Mark 7:31-37

Some people brought a deaf man who could not speak to Jesus and begged him to lay his hand on the man. Jesus opened the man's ears and cured his speech impediment. He ordered the people not to tell anyone, but they were too amazed to keep this to themselves.

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### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**SUN** Is 35:4-7a; Jas 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37

**MON** Col 1:24-2:3; Lk 6:6-11

**TUE** Col 2:6-15; Lk 6:12-19

**WED** Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30;  
 Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

**THUR** Col 3:12-17; Lk 6:27-38

**FRI** 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Lk 6:39-42

**SAT** 1 Tm 1:15-17; Lk 6:43-49

For daily readings with audio visit: [bible.usccb.org](http://bible.usccb.org)

### THE STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE OFFERTORY COLLECTION Through Sunday, August 29, 2021

Weekly Budget Need – FY'22	\$13,808.00
Tithing	\$ 8,415.00
Weekly Online Giving	\$ 1,290.00
Received at Rectory	\$ 2,362.00
	<b>\$12,067.00</b>
Surplus (Deficit)	\$ (1,741.00)

### Mass Time Survey Response:

**48% Option 1: 5:30, 8, 10, 12**

**30% Option 2: 5:30, 7:30, 9, 10:30, 12**

**22% Option 3: Any of the above OK**

**Schedule of Events**  
**September 6 - September 11**  
**MON - CONCELEBRATED MASS LABOR DAY 9 am**  
**WED - BIBLE STUDY in the CHURCH at 7:30 pm**

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**9 AM - LABOR DAY CONCELEBRATED MASS**  
 Rosary Altar Society General Meeting  
 Monday, September 13 in the Teachers' Lounge  
*MilAve Devotion* 11 am-3pm, Saturday, Sept. 25  
**HEALING MASS - Friday, October 1<sup>st</sup> at 7 pm**

**BIBLE STUDY** FR. BILL BIBLE STUDIES  
 7:30 pm in the **CHURCH**  
 Fr. Bill's Bible studies are now held in the **Church**.  
 Bible studies are held virtually on ZOOM and are  
 available for listening at any time on YouTube  
 and at **sjanj.net**. For each nightly code visit  
*godswordalivetoday.org*.  
**Bible studies begin at 7:30 p.m., except on**  
**Thursday which has the following schedule:**  
**Thursday Men's group 7-8 pm;**  
**Bible study 8:00 pm.**

**ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY**

There will be a General Meeting  
 of the Rosary Altar Society  
**Monday, September 13 at 7:00 pm**  
**in the Teachers' Lounge.**  
 (Downstairs across from the Cafeteria)  
*New members welcome!*

**ATTENTION ALL ORGANIZATION HEADS:**  
 to list events in the bulletin, email meeting/event  
**Organization, Time & Place** to **patw@sjanj.net**  
 the Monday at least 2 weeks before the event so  
 space can be allotted in the bulletin in "Upcoming  
 Events" and "Schedule of Events." "**Bulletin**"  
**should be in the subject of the email.** Thank you.

**Bulletin articles** should be submitted in writing to  
 the parish office or by email to **patw@sjanj.net**  
 before **4:30 pm Monday before publication.**  
 All articles must be approved by Fr. Mauro.

**ADORATION CHAPEL IS OPEN 24/7!**  
**Share ANY hour with Jesus Christ in**  
**the Blessed Sacrament as an Adorer!**  
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 \* Sunday 4 pm \*  
 Monday 4 am  
 Thursday 5 pm  
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 parish office 908-486-6363, or visit online:  
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**PRAY FOR THE SICK AND THEIR CAREGIVERS**

Helen Angelo	Tom Hyslop	Genelyn Pijuan
Judith Bayou	Marilyn Imperial	Juan Perez
Joan Bernacki	Edward Koza Sr.	Janet Petrone
Helen Bieniaszewski	Candace Kucy	Rosa Ramos
Ricardo Bravo	William Stypa Lofgren	Theresa Rogoz
Deac. Ed Campanella	Manuel Lopez	Robert Rusnak
James Connolly	Emma Makowski	Joanne Russo
Joseph DeLorenzo	Mary Jo Makowski	Pat Smorol
Melissa DeSanto	Carol Martin	Maria Sroaka
James Desiderio	Ron Meslow	Denise Thorpe
Jannette Faulk	John Miller	Frank Tremmel
Harry Faulk	Stephen Mizejewski	Beverly Van Brant
Anthony Fiorillo, Jr	Albert Moore	Carmen Vega
Tony Fiorillo, Sr.	Helen Chan Oliver	Alicia Vitka
Julie Fontaine	Willie Opaluch	Nancy Whelan
Loren Gonczi	John Paffrath	Skip Whelan
Katherine Graba		Pat White

*If anyone listed has recovered, contact the office to update.*

**PRAY FOR THOSE WHO SERVE IN OUR MILITARY**

Protection and blessings upon the military personnel that serve our country.	CPL David L. Borowski, USMC RSSGT
Remember these service members and their loved ones in your prayers.	Andrew Caprio, USAF
	HM3 Lance Dearing, USN
	Lt. John DeLorenzo
	Pvt. Jason Kobylka, USA
	SPC Matthew Lambert
	PO3 Thomas Maes, USN
	MAJ SPC Dominic P. Mansour, USA
	Mercylinda V. Miro, USN LCPL
	Chris Niedziocha, USMC
	Joseph Orth, USMC
	Lt. Anthony Parenti, USMC
	USMC Justin Roskowski
	USN CPL Norbert Sieczkowski
	Capt. Frank J Walter, III, USN

**HYMNS:**

**Gathering: #589** O God, Beyond All Praising  
**Offertory: #850** This Day God Give Me  
**Communion: #742** Word of God  
**Sending: #603** Now Thank We All Our God

## SOCIAL CONCERNS PROGRAMS of St. John the Apostle *How YOU can help...*



**SANDWICH PROGRAM** - Dating back 40+ years there have been many groups of volunteers in the parish that met every week to make sandwiches and deliver them to Newark. Approximately 30 loaves of sandwiches were delivered each week. This program had continued until the pandemic. During the pandemic, a group of Social Concerns members made 60 loaves of P&J sandwiches which during that time were delivered to St. John's in Newark. The sandwich program is due to begin again in September. The funds for this program come from St. John's Social Concerns.

There is a parish-wide collection of sandwiches, fruit box drinks and cases of water collected on the 4th Friday of each month. Sandwiches are made by parishioners and individually wrapped. Sandwiches/fruit box drinks/water are brought to the rectory on the parking lot side by 9 a.m. on the 4th Friday. A member of Social Concerns picks up and delivers these items to St. John's in Newark for distribution.



**ST. JOSEPH'S SOUP KITCHEN** - When there are 5 Saturdays within the month, St. John's goes to St. Joseph's Social Services Center in Elizabeth and serves a hot meal. The hot lunch includes meatloaf, gravy, mashed potatoes, vegetables, butter bread and cookies. Our parishioners prepare and serve the meals. The funds for the preparation of these meals come from St. John's Social Concerns.



**FRUIT BASKETS FOR ELDERLY OF THE PARISH** - The week before Thanksgiving, Social Concerns assemble approximately 75-80 baskets of fruit for the elderly/shut-ins of our parish. Volunteers deliver the baskets the weekend before Thanksgiving. The funds for this program come from donations as well as from St. John's Social Concerns.



**GIVING TREE** - The Giving Tree is put up in the sanctuary in the mid-November. Gift tags are placed on the tree for the parishioners to take and purchase the gifts for those in need. The unwrapped gifts are sorted by St. Joseph's volunteers for distribution to individual families. St. Joseph's Social Service Center is the main recipient of these gifts for distribution to over 200 families.

**If you have questions, or would like to help, call Johanna after 6 pm: 732-499-9730.**

## THE ST. VINCENT DEPAUL SOCIETY of St. John the Apostle

needs food for their pantry supporting our parish. Any help you can provide is especially appreciated by the families we assist. Items needed are **pancake mix, syrup, hot & cold cereals**, tea, coffee, peanut butter & jelly, prepared rice, pasta dishes, boxes of pasta & pasta sauce, soups, canned fruit, canned vegetables, cookies, shampoos, soap, paper goods, and other non-perishable items. Please bring your **unexpired food donations to the bin in the school hallway outside the back of the church.** Hallway is **not accessible** during school & aftercare hours and during Monday night CCD.

**Thank you for your generous donations and continued support.**



### *Remember our Church in your will...*

What a wonderful way to give thanks for your Faith and support the future work of our Church!

To leave a gift to our parish, the wording in a will must include the corporate name of our parish, **St. John the Apostle Roman Catholic Church.**

A legacy gift to the parish will help with structural improvements to make buildings more accessible and welcoming, and facilitate programs for the spiritual education and growth of our parish community. **God bless you for your generosity.**

*To make a donation to our Church separate from tithing and assessments, specifically dedicated for*

*Repairs & Building Improvements,*

*please be sure to write*

***"Building & Maintenance"***

*in the memo line of your check or envelope.*

*Thank you for your generosity.*

**Stay connected with our Church for important up-to-the-minute communications**

**Sign up for Parish News via Email or Text!**

**stjohntheapostlechurch.flocknote.com**

**or text STJOHNSCHURCH to 8457**

To register in the parish visit [www.sjanj.net](http://www.sjanj.net) at the lower left **On-Line Registration Quick Link.**

For On-Line Giving click on at [www.sjanj.net](http://www.sjanj.net). Thank you!



# MASS SCHEDULE

effective Tuesday, September 7, 2021



Saturday.....8:30 am

Saturday Evening.....5:30 pm

**Sunday.....8 am, 10 am, 12 pm**

**Weekday mornings:**

**Mon.- Fri..... 7 am & 8:30 am**

**Wednesday and Friday evenings.....7 pm**

**HOLIDAYS.....*as announced***



## **CONFESSIONS:**

**Wednesday & Friday 7:30 pm**

**Saturday 1:00-2:00 pm**

***- and by appointment -***

***call Rectory 908-486-6363***

## St. John's Family Page



*And the people brought to Him a deaf man who had a speech impediment and begged Him to lay His hand on him.*

We read in today's first reading from Isaiah: "*Here is your God, He comes with vindication; with divine recompense, He comes to save you. Then will...the ears of the deaf be cleared...the tongue of the mute will sing.*" Isaiah's prophecy of the coming of the Messiah is fulfilled in Jesus Christ, as we read in today's gospel.

However, when we reflect on the miracle of the deaf and mute man being able to hear and speak, we may wonder why did Jesus take him away from the crowd? Why does Mark give us the details on the manner in which Jesus chose to heal this man?

Some Scripture scholars tell us that Jesus removed the man from the crowd to avoid making a public spectacle. The man being deaf and mute must have felt isolated from the rest of society – not being able to communicate. Jesus understands and is sensitive to the man's circumstances.

Further, Scripture scholars suggest that there was a dual healing...Jesus not only opens the man's ears to hear and his tongue to speak, but opens his heart to know Him, as his Lord and God. Jesus' words: "*Be opened*" surely can apply to us as well. While most of us can hear and speak, we need to always be listening to Jesus Christ and be speaking with Him!

The people brought the deaf and mute man to Jesus. We don't know if the man requested to see Jesus or if they were acting out of compassion. What is most important is that he got to Jesus...so whether we reach out to Jesus on our own or someone intervenes for us – the result is the same, we encounter Jesus Christ.

Think for a moment on how you became involved in a particular ministry or organization or activity in the parish...many times, someone invited us to help, to join. Maybe we feel inspired to invite someone.

Sometimes this invitation comes in the silence of our hearts and mind – we have a sense that it is Jesus inviting us. Here's an example...when the Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration was starting at St. John's, in listening to the homily that invitation weekend (25 years ago), I felt that Jesus was inviting me to join Him for an hour in the middle of the night...so I signed up for the 3 a.m. Sunday hour – knowing in my heart that I had to respond "yes" to this invitation.

Other times, we hear and listen to Jesus' call to change, to turn away from sin, to seek Him in His mercy. When we listen to Jesus and pay attention to Him speaking to us – then we can respond "yes" to Him. We pray: "Be opened," that Jesus will open our minds to know Him and His will for us, our hearts to love Him and our lips to be His voice in the world in which we live, our home, family, workplace, school, community...everywhere!

May God bless us all always!

Deacon Mike

### **CCD Registration for the Fall is now open!**

#### ***There are three options for CCD learning:***

1. *In class CCD learning will be offered on Monday at 7 pm or Tuesday at 4:30 pm*
2. *Virtual CCD*
3. *CCD Homeschooling*

***Go to the parish website for details: [www.sjanj.net](http://www.sjanj.net) or contact Deacon Mike 732-388-1253, [myork@sjanj.net](mailto:myork@sjanj.net).***

### **RCIA Class Starts in September**

*RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is for anyone desiring to receive the Sacraments of Initiation in the Catholic Church:*

#### ***Baptism, Confirmation, First Holy Communion.***

*RCIA is for the unbaptized, baptized Christians and baptized Catholics. If you have questions or would like to enroll, please contact Deacon Mike, 732-388-1253.*

### **Congratulations to the Newly Baptized!**

*Tristan Michael Annuziato*

*Bella Maria Cataline*

*Isabella Grace Comer*

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