

Mission Statement

In the spirit of St. John Vianney's zeal and concern for people, we are a community proclaiming the Gospel in the tradition of the Roman Catholic Church. The community of St. John Vianney strives to utilize the gifts and talents of each parishioner to create a vibrant welcoming parish. Through our liturgies, ministries, and organizations, we encounter Christ and are empowered to bring Him to the world.

Parish Staff

Administrative Assistant	Linda Dunbar
Parish Secretary	Stephanie Noto
Administrative School Secretary	Agnes Bacsik
School Office Assistant	Laura Gruenling
Parish/School Bookkeeper	Paula Roibal
Maintenance Supervisor	Poncho Julius

Mass Schedule

Monday-Friday	7am - 8:45am
Saturday	8am - 5pm - 7pm
Sunday	7am - 9am - 10:45am - 12:15pm

Holy Days will be announced at the end of mass and in the bulletin.

Sacramental Schedule

Reconciliation: Saturdays 11am-12pm & after 7pm
Anytime in the rectory – call ahead

Baptism: most Sundays at 1:30pm.
Requirements: registration in parish, baptism preparation class, arrangements are made at least 3 MONTHS prior to the date of the baptism. Sponsors and Christian witnesses need verification of belonging to a Church.

Anointing of the Sick: anyone who is ill and or would like to receive Communion is asked to call the rectory.

Marriage: Couples planning marriage must notify the Parish Rectory at least ONE YEAR in advance for date and necessary info. Pre-Cana classes and F.O.C.C.U.S. Program etc. are required. At least one party must be a registered member of this parish.

Parish Membership

All new families who live within our boundaries are welcome to the parish. They are requested to register at the rectory. If a parishioner is not registered, it is difficult for us to issue testimonial letters, recommendations, references, etc. When you move or change your address please notify the rectory beforehand. Anyone 18 years of age/older not in school must be registered separate of their family. Thank you.

Mass Intentions – 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

SUNDAY, September 30, 2018 – St. Jerome

7:00 AM	For the people of the parish living or deceased
9:00 AM	Deceased of Lombardi & Marco Families, r/o Louise Faccione
10:45 AM	Cologero Mirable, r/o Mr. & Mrs. Krowicki
12:15 PM	Cosmo Esposito, r/o Doris Saldutti, Steve & Alison McClay

MONDAY, October 1, 2018 – St. Thérèse of Lisieux

7:00 AM	Kitty Cronin, r/o Marie Pettijohn
8:45 AM	Gorski family, r/o Lorraine Carroll

TUESDAY, October 2, 2018 – The Guardian Angels

7:00 AM	Marie Wittman, r/o family
8:45 AM	Charles Fricke, r/o his wife

WEDNESDAY, October 3, 2018

7:00 AM	Linda Tardiff, r/o Keith & Lori Knowles
8:45 AM	Fannie Tanzola, r/o Carmela & Ronnie Burgeson

THURSDAY, October 4, 2018 – St. Francis of Assisi

7:00 AM	Rae Germinario, r/o Waldron family
8:45 AM	Bill Cisko, r/o Jack Cassidy

FRIDAY, October 5, 2018 – Bl. Francis Xavier Seelos

7:00 AM	Rae Germinario, r/o Ed & Margie Foti
8:45 AM	Alfred Carpio, r/o Patty Vendiola

SATURDAY, October 6, 2018 – St. Bruno

8:00 AM	Bridget McDonald, r/o Kerry & Alyssa Seiz
5:00 PM	Manuel Gonzalez, r/o Children, grand & great grandchildren

There will be no 7pm mass or confessions

SUNDAY, October 7, 2018

7:00 AM	Purgatorial Society
9:00 AM	Altar Rosary Society
10:45 AM	Leonard Wronski, r/o John & Mary Jantas
12:15 PM	Rae Germinario, r/o Joan & John Denoia

The Bread and Wine have been offered in loving memory of Winifred Spiller from Bob & Gert Zdanowski and for Finny Saporito from Thomassine & Al Cipas.



Flowers for the Altar have been donated in loving memory of Marie Wittman from her family.

The Prayer Corner

“There is a season and a time for every purpose...”

A TIME TO BAPTIZE

Savannah Grace Collins

TO WED

TO HEAL

Ryan Shaughnessy, Barbara Perez, Marc Repace, Art Horning, Bob Bayer, Carl Walker, Mary Ragucci, Mary Bowkley, Edward Sprague, Dan Weiss, Arthur Shipiro, Helen Slusark, Eileen Reilly, Ronald Syslo, Christine Camping, Arthur Ellermann, Gladys Gonzalez, Catherine Donahue, Becky McCabe, Art Boudier, Bill Hillyer, Marianne Muscavage, Marie Negri, Christiano Bianco, Dorothy Zsamba, Charlene Misak, Mike Misak, Mary Ann Baureis, Andres Quijano, Eileen Ammon, John Murphy, Marian Cassel, Louis Faccione, Mary Mayo, William Kriston, Pauline Mendicino-Franke, Sadako Vargas, Robert Grecco, Baby Lucas DeCarlo.

TO JOIN GOD IN HEAVEN

Brett Miller & Lilian DeSimone

A TIME OF WAR & PEACE

Keith D. Lee (National Guard), Captain Brian McCartin (Army), Staff Sgt. Matthew Harris (Army), Sgt. Albert Cipas (Airforce), Alan Bridges (Navy), John Bridges (Navy), PO 3 Liam Ryan (Navy), 2nd Lieutenant Phillip G. Faccione Jr. (Marines).

Weekend Readings

Numbers 11:25-29

James 5:1-6

Mark 9:38-43,45,47-48

Weekday readings can be found on the parish website.

September 30, 2018 – 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ, amen, I say to you, will surely not lose his reward.” MARK 9:41

Does your life reflect the life of Jesus? Remember, we are made in His image. We tend to forget this. When others see you, do they see the face of Jesus? When you look at others, do you see the face of Jesus in them?

Reflection

Last weekend we learned about sacrifice. Sacrifice is not a word that many people like to hear, whether it is about eating healthy, exercising, making time for others in need, or contributing to our Church. It is common for people to hear “sacrifice” and feel as though they are doing themselves a disservice. It is important for us to know that the word sacrifice has many different meanings. Most commonly, sacrifice means “to give up something important/valued for the sake of something/someone else.” Ask yourself, what do you value – and would you be willing sacrifice it in terms of giving time, money, or resources to someone in need? When these decisions become difficult we must look to Jesus, who gave the ultimate sacrifice of His life so that all of us can one day come to eternal life in heaven. It all really comes down to living the way Jesus calls us to live our lives. We must not be distracted by material things, not be selfish with our time and resources, and not always put our personal needs ahead of everything else. We must seek a balance. This is easier said than done, but willingly sacrificing something important to help someone else in need is what being a good steward of Christ is all about. If we want our lives to reflect our Catholic values, we must take action and make an effort to stick to these values on a daily basis.



Finance Talk Update

Thanks for your supportive prayers, our boiler has passed inspection. Thanks also for those who have made donations to help with the water meter and main replacement. Please continue to prayerfully reflect on how to increase your weekly contribution.

Upcoming Parish Meetings

Sunday, September 30th at 3pm in the church.
 Tuesday, October 2nd at 7pm in the church.

Father John’s Installment as Pastor

Please join us on Saturday, October 6th for Father John’s installment as Pastor of St. John Vianney during the 5pm mass. There will be a buffet reception to follow in the cafeteria. There will be no 7pm mass or evening confessions this weekend.

Saint of the Week: St. Francis of Assisi



St. Francis of Assisi, being the son of a wealthy merchant, survived severe illness and being a young prisoner of war. These experiences inspired him to devote his life to

serving God and the poor. He was disowned by his family for using their finances to restore his local church. He traveled to restore churches and preach repentance to many. He recruited thousands of people to join him leading lives of poverty, simplicity, and humble service. He is widely known for his advice “Sanctify yourself and you will sanctify society.” There is so much to learn from St. Francis. He gave up a life where he had seemingly all he could want and need, to be poor and humble so he could be more Christ-like. St. Francis expressed his devotion to God by showing his love for the earth and its animals. For this, he is the patron saint of animals and ecology. Here at St. John Vianney, we celebrate St. Francis by having a *Blessing of the Animals* each year around his feast day.

Parish Gift Shop

Hours: before & after the 5pm mass, 9am mass, 10:45 mass, and 12:15 mass.

Become an Altar Server for St. John Vianney!

Did you know that you are eligible to become an altar server? St. John Vianney’s Altar Servers play an essential role in the celebration of the Mass and other special liturgies. Any interested students in grades 5 or higher are welcome to join. We are looking for dependable altar servers who can be counted on to fulfill their duties. This is for anyone who is part of the St. John Vianney parish. It is a beautiful way to support our parish community and a wonderful opportunity to assist Father John, Father Joseph and Father Bede, as well as Deacon Tom B., Deacon Tom M. and Deacon Joe.

At a very important time in Jesus’ life, He accepted the services of a young boy. This young boy provided five loaves and two fish for that very momentous miracle with which Jesus launched his teaching on the Holy Eucharist. The Sacred Writers do not tell us the name of the young boy, only his deed, and his act of service. Like this young boy, altar servers also perform a great deed of service.

Applications will be available in the SJV school office or the Catechetical Program office. Completed applications may be dropped off at the SJV school office during the week or the Catechetical Program office during class or Sunday in the sacristy after any Mass. Applications need to be turned in by **October 12th** so training materials can be prepared. All training will be done in the church on five Sunday afternoons in October and November, beginning Sunday October 14th. An altar server commissioning service will be held at the 9:00 AM mass on November 18th after training is completed. The application has the dates and times of each training session. It is imperative that all new servers attend all training sessions. We ask that parents of new altar servers stay during the training, so you can fully understand the commitment needed. Each server will be assigned to a team and a schedule of Masses will be made available.

If you have any questions about this special parish ministry, please call one of the committee members and we’ll be happy to help.

Sincerely,

Mary Jantas (732-574-1191)
 Deacon Thomas Bresnan (732-827-2821)
 Agnes Bacsik (732-388-9034)

SJV Secular Franciscan Fraternity

The Secular Franciscan Order (Third Order) is not an organization or a club but an Order. Our Fraternity meets the Second Sunday of each month at 1:30pm in the upstairs room of St. John Vianney Church. Is God calling you to walk in the footsteps of St. Francis of Assisi? Do you want to deepen your relationship with the Lord & give witness to the Kingdom of God? Then come visit with us. Information call: Dolores Jules 908-756-3659



SJV Secular Franciscan Fraternity

Transitus is the annual celebration by Franciscans throughout the world to commemorate the meeting of St. Francis with Sister Death, his passing from earthly life to everlasting life. It is celebrated the night of October 3, the eve of his feast day. Since Francis spoke of dying as embracing Sister Death, the ritual is solemn but not sad, and inspires believers to share in the paschal transitus of Christ. The St John Vianney Secular Franciscan Fraternity will have the Transitus on October 3 at 6:00 P.M. We invite parishioners to come and join us in reading this inspiring event of the death of St. Francis. Reception in the Upper Room after.

St. John Vianney Seniors

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, October 3rd at 2:30pm in the cafeteria. All seniors are invited to join us. Treasures can be found at our "Tricky Tray" tables. Tickets are available for the Thanksgiving Luncheon. Don't forget the cereal for Ozanam Family Shelter in Edison. See you at the meeting!

SEPTEMBER 22-23, 2018

Collection: \$13,840.25
 On-line giving: \$ 1,805.00
 \$15,645.25

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SEPTEMBER 23-24, 2017

Collection: \$13,121.25
 On-line giving: \$ 1,659.00
 \$14,784.25

OFFERTORY:

SJV Spirituality Committee

All SJV Parish and School families are invited to join the Spirituality Committee in the SJV cafeteria on Wednesday, October 3rd at 7pm for the Holy Rosary. Light refreshments will be served. The Holy Rosary, one of the most powerful gifts of the Catholic Church, is an enormous source of grace and spiritual protection. If you would like to attend, please call the school 732-388-1662 or call the CCD office 732-388-1424.

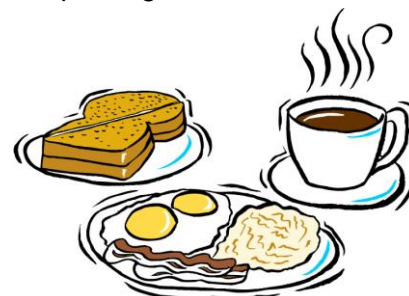


Altar Rosary Society

There will be a meeting on October 4th at 2pm in the Upper Board Room of the Church. Please make every effort to attend.

Altar Rosary Society Communion Breakfast

The Altar Rosary Society is celebrating 57 years. A breakfast will be held at the Colonia Country Club after the 9am mass on October 7th. Tickets will be available at the Parish Gift Shop. This event will have valet parking. All are welcome!



Blanket Drive 2018



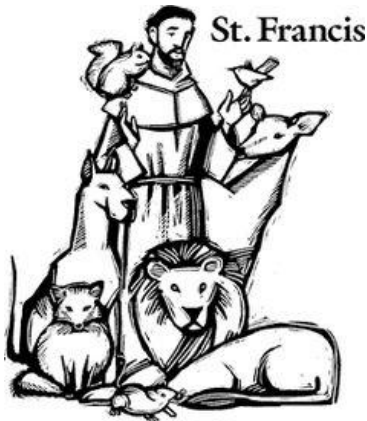
Fall is in the air and it is time for the annual St. Vincent de Paul Blanket and Coat Drive! We will be collecting new blankets, and new or gently used clean coats from now through the weekend of

October 27-28 in the back of the church. Your donations will go to those in our community who need it the most as the cold weather quickly approaches. Thank you in advance for your generosity. If you have any questions please contact Barbara Morrissey 732-501-2195 or Donna Worosila 732-381-1584.



All Souls Mass of Remembrance

There will be a Mass of Remembrance on Saturday, November 3, 2018 at 12pm to remember family members of parishioners who died during the past year (November 2017 through October 2018). Immediately following the Mass, a light lunch will be served in the cafeteria.



St. Francis

The Blessing of the Animals will be on October 6th at 12:15 pm.

Walk for Life

Please join us on Saturday, October 13th from 9am-12pm at Merrill Park for the Walk for Life. The day will include a DJ, refreshments, games, family fun, and students that participate can receive Confirmation hours! This event benefits the lifesaving work of Life Choices Resource Center. Register or donate today at www.LifeChoicesRC.com. Call (732) 516-0811 or text 848-229-7634 for more information.

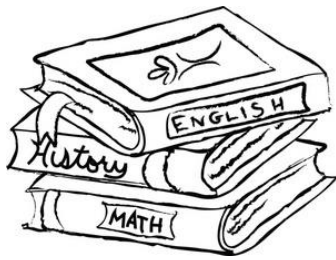


POST CARD CAMPAIGN

In NJ abortion for any reason is legal throughout all 9 months of pregnancy. The New Jersey Catholic Conference of Bishops has approved a statewide postcard campaign urging the State Senators and Assembly(women) to support the NJ Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act, A1686/S537. If passed, this bill would protect babies in the womb at 20 weeks post-fertilization -that is 5 months and beyond. On Oct.13/14 there will be postcards for you to sign urging your senator and representatives to support and vote for this bill. Your signature and address on each card will help educate our legislators on this important issue. Please consider adding your voice to this campaign.

Critical Life Issues Conference

On Saturday, October 20th, the Diocese of Metuchen in collaboration with the Archdiocese of Newark will be sponsoring the "17th Annual Critical Life Issues Conference." The theme is "Every Life: Cherished, Chosen & Sent." It will be held at the St. John Neumann Conference Center, Piscataway from 8:30am-3:30pm. Registration is \$25 – this fee includes lunch and handouts. To register please visit <http://diometuchen.org/critical-life> or call 732-562-1990 ext. 1629 or 1543.



Union Catholic High School Open House

Wednesday, October 3rd - 7:00 p.m.
 "Early Bird Tours" will begin at 6:15 pm
 For more information, contact Betsy Thornton at
 908-889-1600, ext. 302 or
bthornton@unioncatholic.org.

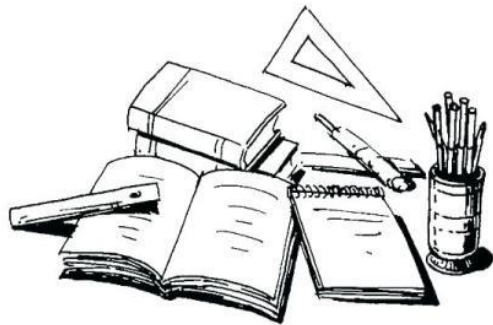
Bishop George AHR HS - Fall Open House

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2018 – 1:00 – 4:00 pm
 Call Bishop Ahr for further info or directions
 (732) 549-1108 X620 or bgahs.org.

Mount St. Mary's Open House

Sunday, October 21, from 1 to 4:30 pm
 Student-led tours will be available and Directress
 S. Lisa D. Gambacorto, RSM, Ed.S. will offer a
 special presentation.

Please contact Donna Toryak, Director of
 Admissions, at (908) 757-0108, ext. 4506
 or dtoryak@mountsaintmary.org.
 Pre-registration is also available
 at www.mountsaintmary.org under Admissions.



**Viking Spooktacular 5K and
 1 Mile Children's Costume Trek**

Saturday, October 27, 2018
 Union Catholic High School
 Runners/Walkers welcome!
 For more information call 908-889-1600,
 ext. 392 or email
racedirector@unioncatholic.org
 To register online, visit
www.raceforum.com/unioncatholic



**St. Anthony's Relics Visit
 The Parish Family of St. Anthony of Padua,
 Port Reading**

On Friday, October 5, 2018 the Franciscan Friars
 invite you to join them in welcoming Saint Anthony
 of Padua. St. Anthony will be visiting us in the form
 of two precious relics from his Basilica in Padua,
 Italy. The relics will be accompanied by Friar Mario
 Conte from the Messenger of St. Anthony in
 Padua.



Prayer petitions with holy
 cards will be distributed by
 Friar Mario and volunteers to
 allow parishioners to write
 their prayer petition to the
 saint. The writing of a prayer
 petition is a worldwide
 tradition when venerating a
 relic of a saint. Fr. Conte will
 bring the petitions back to
 the Basilica in Padua and
 place them at the tomb of St.
 Anthony where the Friars will
 gather to pray for the saint's
 intercession upon our
 intentions and petitions.
 All are welcome!

Veneration 10:00am - 8:00pm - Mass 12:15pm



2018 Champions for Catholic Charities Dinner

Please join us for this year’s dinner on Thursday, October 18th at The Palace at Somerset Park. Cocktails – 6:30pm, Dinner 7:30pm. The cost is \$250 per person. The honorees are David & Debra Samuel and Rev. Msgr. John N. Fell, STD. Your presence at the Champions Dinner will be a sign of solidarity for the less fortunate among us while providing much-needed financial support. For registration and information call 732-562-2432 or email champions@diometuchen.org.

Come Pray for Those Who Serve and Protect

The 17th Annual Blue Mass for Law Enforcements will be on Wednesday, November 7, 2018 at 10:30am at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi, Metuchen. Bishop Checchio cordially invites ALL the faithful in the Diocese of Metuchen to join him at the annual Blue Mass to pray for and with police officers and law enforcement personnel from the communities and towns across Middlesex, Hunterdon, Somerset, and Warren counties. For more information, call (732) 562-2435 or visit <http://diometuchen.org/2018-blue-mass>.



How to Report Sexual Abuse

If you were sexually abused by a member of the clergy or anyone representing the Catholic Church, or you know of someone who was, you are encouraged to report the abuse to law enforcement and/or by contacting the Diocesan Response Officer at (908) 930-4558 (24 hours/7 days a week). For more information on how to report abuse, visit our diocesan website: <http://diometuchen.org/report-a-suspected-abuse>.

The Body of Christ Prayer Group

Please join us for 7 Thursdays that will change your life! September 13th – October 25th. The prayer group will meet at St. Francis Cathedral, in Metuchen at 8pm each Thursday. For more information or to register contact Tom Mockoviak 732-549-4740 or mockofam@optonline.net.



Prayer & Support for Families Affected by Mental Health Issues

The Office for Persons with Disabilities is sponsoring a Catholic Prayer & Support Group for Families Affected by Mental Health Issues. The first session will take place on Tuesday, October 2, 2018 (1:30 – 3pm) and will be repeated in the evening (7 – 8:30pm) at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center in Piscataway, in conference room C. To reserve a space please call 732-765-6432 or email catholicswithdisabilities@gmail.com.

Christmas Party for Children with Disabilities

The 3rd Annual Diocesan Christmas Party for Children and Young Adults with Disabilities will be held on December 15, 2018. Due to limited space, this is a ticket only event and pre-registration is required. Please contact the Office for Persons with Disabilities by emailing: 2018domchristmasparty@gmail.com or by calling (732) 765-6432 for more information. Please register by October 31st.

The Orchestra of St. Peter by the Sea

Under the direction of Father Alphonse Stephenson, tickets are now available for Sunday, November 25, 2018 at 3pm at the Church of the Sacred Heart in South Plainfield. General Admission is \$30, Seniors \$25, Students \$15. For ticket purchase please call MaryAnn Ronzo 908-757-7298 or Grace Bertucci 732-549-9633.

