

**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 – Feast of the Holy Family**

**SUNDAY, December 30, 2018**

7:00 AM	Girolamo Bisconti, r/o Joe & Pat Engesser
9:00 AM	Paulette Scheurer, r/o Barbara Wallace
10:45 AM	Artie Palumbo, r/o Doris Saldutti
12:15 PM	For the people of our parish, living/deceased

**MONDAY, December 31, 2018 – St. Sylvester I**

7:00 AM	Charles Mirabile, r/o Mr. & Mrs. Specchio
8:45 PM	Joan Cassidy, r/o Jack
5:00 PM	For the people of our parish, living/deceased

**TUESDAY, January 1, 2018**

9:00 AM	Frances Kulik, r/o Doreen & Michael Duffy
---------	---

**WEDNESDAY, January 2, 2018 – St. Basil the Great**

7:00 AM	William Stockel, r/o John & Mary Jantas
8:45AM	Stacia Czerniak, r/o Genevieve Buczynski

**THURSDAY, January 3, 2018**

7:00 AM	Phyllis Monaco, r/o G & G D'Agostino
8:45 AM	Helen O'Brien, r/o Bernard Dieguez

**FRIDAY, January 4, 2018 – St. Elizabeth Ann Seton**

7:00 AM	Trinidad family, r/o Vendiola family
8:45 AM	Ruth Lyons, r/o Tom Kelly

**SATURDAY, January 5, 2018 – St. John Neumann**

8:00 AM	William Klerna, r/o Al & Thomassine
5:00 PM	George Pevarnik, r/o Gertrude Zafian
7:00 PM	Alice Weh, r/o The Lorick family

**SUNDAY, January 6, 2018**

7:00 AM	Purgatorial Society
9:00 AM	For the people of our parish, living/deceased
10:45 AM	James Cuozzo, r/o Dominic & Savina Volpe
12:15 PM	Sister Rose Maxine, r/o SJV family

**The Sanctuary Light  
has been offered  
in loving memory of  
Arthur Palumbo  
from Cliff & Agnes Bacsik.**



**The Bread and  
Wine  
have been offered  
in loving memory of  
Thaddeus Kumor  
from Cliff & Agnes Bacsik.**

*The Prayer Corner*

*"There is a season and a time for every purpose..."*

**A TIME TO BAPTIZE**

**TO WED**

**TO HEAL**

Erin O'Halloran, Joseph Reilly, Joe Vitello, William A. Kovacs, Arlon Roth, Edward O'Brien, Theresa Lipuma, Louis Rodriguez, June Laub, Mary Yanuzzi, Art Horning, Jill Bartholomew, Concetta Nemezio, Deacon Tom Michnewicz, Rosemary Tennaro, AJ Julius, Mary Ellermann, Lynn Tumblety, Maryann Robson, Nick Troiano, Ryan Shaughnessy, Bob Bayer, Carl Walker, Mary Ragucci, Mary Bowkley, Edward Sprague, Dan Weiss, Arthur Shipiro, Helen Slusark, 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 Faccone, Mary Mayo, Pauline Mendicino-Franke, Sadako Vargas, Robert Grecco, Baby Lucas DeCarlo.

**TO JOIN GOD IN HEAVEN**

**A TIME OF WAR & PEACE**

Keith D. Lee (Air 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), 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant Phillip G. Faccone Jr. (Marines), Sgt. Steven Loglisci (Marines)

**Weekend Readings**

1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28  
 1 John 3:1-2,21,24  
 Luke 2:41-52

*Weekday readings can be found on the parish website.*

**December 30, 2018 – Feast of the Holy Family**

*"See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and so, we are."*

1 JOHN 3:1

During this season of giving, let us remember the most important gift we have received – being children of God. As God's children, it's important that we express our love for others as well. Tell your spouse, children and other family members and friends that you love them, frequently.

**Reflection**

I am the New Year.

I am an unspoiled page in your book of time.

I am your next chance at the art of living.

I am your opportunity to practice what you have learned

during the last twelve months about life.

All that you sought the past year and failed to find is hidden in me;

I am waiting for you to search it out again with more determination.

All the good that you tried to do for others and didn't achieve last year is mine to grant — providing you have fewer selfish and conflicting desires.

In me lies the potential of all that you have dreamed but didn't dare to do,

all that you hoped but did not perform, all you prayed for but did not yet experience.

These dreams slumber lightly, waiting to be awakened

by the touch of an enduring purpose.

I am your opportunity to renew your allegiance to Christ who said,

"Behold, I make all things new" (Rev. 21:5).

I am the New Year.

*Author Unknown*



**St. John Vianney School News**

732-388-1662 <https://school.sjvianney.com/>

Happy New Year to all of our students and their families!

**School will reopen on Wednesday, January 2.**

Don't forget to make a pledge for the AOH Polar Bear Plunge for Catholic Education which will take place on Sunday, January 27. Mr. O'Halloran, our Assistant Principal, will brave the ice cold waters of the Atlantic Ocean and take the plunge! Pledge forms are available on our website [www.school.sjvianney.com](http://www.school.sjvianney.com).

Please remember that in the event of a school closing, you will be notified by the School Reach system. You can also listen to WCTC 1450 AM on the radio or tune in to WCBS Channel 2, News 12 New Jersey, or Channel 11 on TV for closings or delayed openings. We will also post closings on our school website.

**Religious Ed (CCD) News & Class Schedule**

732-388-1424  
Monday Only

Grades 1 - 5	6pm - 7:15pm
Grades 6 & 7	7:30pm - 8:45pm
Grade 8	Thursday Only 6pm - 8pm

**PARISH MINISTRIES & CONTACTS**

<b>Organization</b>	<b>Contact</b>	<b>Phone</b>
Altar Rosary Society	Louise Faccione	732-815-0004
Altar Servers	Mary Jantas	732-574-1191
Basketball	Joe Marinello	732-690-7061
Bible Study	Deacon Joe & Rose Ragucci	732-548-3880
Cheerleading	Cathy Carroll	732-574-0218
Communion/ Homebound	Joanne Streck	732-382-4147
Cub/Boy Scouts	Sandra Franczak	732-381-5033
Eucharistic Ministers	Rose Ragucci	732-548-3880
Finance Council	Cliff Bacsik	732-388-9034
HSA	Jen Walusz	732-388-5486
Knights of Columbus	Robert Luban	732-382-6939
Ladies Aux. K of C	Mary Swiderski	732-382-2558
Lazarus Ministry	Ann Ruth	732-381-6815
Lectors	Deacon Tom Michnewicz	732-574-1651
Music Ministry	Jamie Frame	908-331-0471
Pastoral Council	Suzanne MacIntyre	732-283-0731
Pre-Cana	Deacon Tom & Janice Michnewicz	732-574-1651
Pro-Life	Carolyn Glodek	732-381-0499
R.C.I.A.	Deacon Joe Ragucci	732-548-3880
Secular Franciscans	Rev. J. Kubiak	732-574-0150
	Dolores Jules	908-756-3659
SJV Seniors	Robert & Mary Nilan	732-574-3427
Soccer	Jennie Derkack	732-574-2340
Social Justice	Jim Leathem	732-388-5512
St. Isidore's Garden	Maureen Jorgensen	732-396-4320
St. Vincent DePaul	Joe Pampalone	732-429-2901
Track	Amanda Miller	732-549-2356
Ushers	Ray Morgan	732-815-1037
Youth Group	Vacant	732-381-0008

**Saint of the Week: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton**

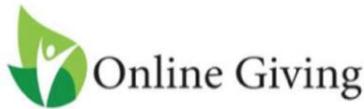


St. Elizabeth Ann Seton is well known for starting the first all-girls Catholic school and first Catholic Orphanage. She also founded the Sisters of Charity, which was the first women-led group of religious doing charity work in America, becoming a counterpart of the St. Vincent DePaul. As if that wasn't impressive enough, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton achieved all of this within the span of 46 years while raising her 5 children on her own. She is known as the patron saint of Catholic Schools and Loss of Parents. May we follow her example of service to make not only our own lives better through our faith, but also those who are poor, sick, and seek education.

**December 22-23, 2018 OFFERTORY:**

*\*Not available due to Holiday deadline\**

**ST. JOHN VIANNEY SCRIP PROGRAM**



A Secure & Convenient Way to Give to St. John Vianney Church

**Donate Now!**

No cash or check? No problem! Our parish offers a convenient, safe, and automatic way to contribute to our parish directly from your bank or using a credit card. Online Giving is a web-based application that allows you to start, stop and change your contributions at any time. You will still receive offering envelopes to present during offertory at Mass to indicate "I've given online". Online Giving is very easy to use and requires no special knowledge. If you haven't already signed up, then go to our parish website at "sjvianney.com" and select Online Giving. It's easy and safe!

**Parish Gift Shop**

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

**This Week at a Glance**

Wednesday	2:30pm	School Reopens
	5:00pm	SJV Seniors
Thursday	6:00pm	Basketball
Friday	8:45am	CCD
	5:00pm	First Friday Mass
		Basketball

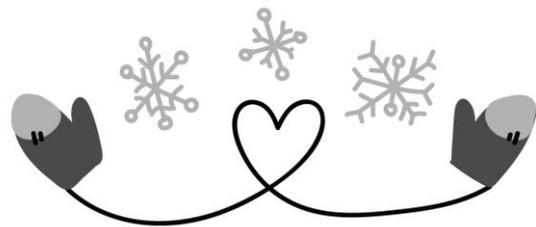
**SJV Seniors**

Happy New Year! Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> at 2:30pm in the Cafeteria. It's wine bingo time! Come meet your friends in the new year. Don't forget cereal for the homeless at Ozanam Family Shelter.

For several years the St. John Vianney school community has participated in a fundraising program known as the Scrip Program. We would now like to open this program to the entire parish community. Scrip simply means "substitute money". When you purchase Scrip, you are purchasing gift cards that are used exactly as cash. You can use Scrip to purchase everyday items such as food, gas, clothing and other essentials. With every gift card you purchase you are earning revenue for St. John Vianney. Your gift card is worth exactly the amount you purchased it for - \$100, \$50, \$25, \$10. We earn the revenue from the vendor by purchasing it at a discount. This is a fundraiser that does not require you to spend money on things you wouldn't normally buy.

We will be selling gift cards after the 5:00 pm mass on Saturdays, and after the 9:00 am, 10:45 am and 12:15 pm masses on Sundays, beginning January 6, 2019. We will be selling grocery stores (Acme, Foodtown, Shop Rite, Stop n Shop, Wegmans and Whole Foods); gas stations (BP, Exxon, Gulf, Shell, Speedway and Wawa), Home Depot, Target and WalMart.

There are many other gift cards for purchase at the Rectory, and even more gift cards available if you order through GLScrip company. Gift cards can be purchased with cash or a personal check. For more information, stop by the Rectory and speak with either Stephanie or Linda, or call us at 732-574-0150.



***There was a ring found in the Church two weeks ago. It's a tiger's eye stone with a gold band. It is now in the rectory.***

**Music Ministry News**

**Many thanks to all of our Choirs for doing an outstanding job enhancing our Christmas Eve and Christmas Day masses!!**

Our parish adult choir enhances our liturgies each Sunday from September through mid-June. The choir also sings for many special occasions during the year, such as: Christmas Eve Mass, Holy Week, Confirmation, and our "Mass of Remembrance" in November!! The choir also provides two beautiful concerts for the parish, one during Advent and the other during Lent. We are always looking for new people to join with our very dedicated group!! We welcome all adults (and high school students) to be part of our choir! The adult choir sings weekly at the 9:00 am mass (and once a month at the 10:45 am mass). We practice each Wednesday from 7:30 to 9:00 pm in the church.

**Children's Choir**

Our parish children's choir is made of students from our parish from grades two and up!! The children in the group love coming together to sing for Sunday liturgies as well as special events during the year. The choir sings for our parish Christmas Pageant and 4:00 pm mass on Christmas Eve, as well as the 9:00 am mass on Easter Sunday!! We practice on Tuesday afternoons from 4:00 to 5:00 pm in the church. We sing twice a month at either the 9:00 or 10:45 am mass!

**Folk Group**

Our Parish Folk Group enhances the 12:15 liturgy each week. The Folk Group is under the direction of Ms. Jennie Esposito. Rehearsals are held weekly at 11:15 Am in the conference room adjacent to the church gathering area. Jennie is always looking for more singers as well as instrumentalists to join with the Folk Group!

**High School Group**

This year we are going to start a new group consisting of high school students. We are reaching out to ALL high school students and parents to try to coordinate practices etc. While we are still in the planning stages, our hope is to have the students sing once a month at either the 10:45 or 12:15 pm mass.

You can contact me at [jframeiii@yahoo.com](mailto:jframeiii@yahoo.com) with any questions. Merry Christmas to all,

Jamie Frame - Dir. Of Music/Organist

**St. Vincent DePaul**

The food pantry is in need of peanut butter, jelly, pancake mix & syrup, pork & beans, macaroni & cheese, spaghetti, canned meat, canned fruit, tuna fish, coffee & tea, cereal, oatmeal, snacks (e.g. cookies), chef boy-r-dee, pasta sauce, soup, toiletries (shampoo, soap or body wash, toothpaste, toothbrushes), canned vegetables, canned or instant potatoes. Thank you for your generosity and continued support.

**SJV T-Shirts!**

One of our families of St. John Vianney has created "SJV Strong" t-shirt's in support of our wonderful school and parish. There are now two designs and are available through Amazon! If you would like to purchase a t-shirt please go to: either <https://www.amazon.com/dp/B07M8SFVBN> or <https://www.amazon.com/dp/B07M93CWF5>. The t-shirts are \$22.99 or \$24.99 each and come in men, women, and youth sizes and are available in colors Red, Royal Blue, Navy Blue, Brown, and Black, White, and an assortment of Grey's. The proceeds from the shirts will go to St. John Vianney.

**Relay for Life**

The Relay for Life of Woodbridge Township is celebrating 25 years of walking for a cure. We are looking for cancer survivors to participate in our new ad campaign. We will be doing a photo shoot on Tuesday, January 8, 2019, 7pm at the Woodbridge Community Center. Please email [amyrlwdbg@gmail.com](mailto:amyrlwdbg@gmail.com) or text 732-887-5640 if you are interested in participating. Leave your name so we know who to expect.





*We wish you all a very blessed,  
healthy, and Happy New Year!*

Peace and Blessings,

Father John, Father Joseph, Father Bede,  
the Deacons, and Staff  
of St. John Vianney Parish

## Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe



In October, our Bishop announced plans to consecrate our Diocese of Metuchen to Our Lady of Guadalupe on December 12, 2019. To be consecrated means to be set apart for a holy purpose. His hope is to increase the holiness of life and bring about a renewed commitment to the Gospel message as we hope to share that message with others. Beginning this **December 12, 2018 (the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe)** we will begin a year of preparation.

There will be many activities both on the parish and diocesan levels which will enhance this year of preparation.

1. There are **special prayer cards** available in English, Spanish and Polish on the table in the gathering area of our church.
2. We will say the **prayer before each weekend mass** – copies will be in the cover of the hymn book. We will discontinue the Prayer to St. Michael at the end of mass but encourage you to continue saying it privately.
3. In January there will be a **special movie** shown (both in the morning and evening) about Our Lady of Guadalupe. The exact dates will be announced.

4. Finally there will be a **traveling image of Our Lady of Guadalupe**. There will be 2 for the **school**, which will have further details on how this will take place in the school. There

will be 1 for **CCD** and they will explain further details. There will be 1 for our **homebound** parishioners. Our Eucharistic Ministers will bring the image from person to person each week if they wish. They will have more details in the future.

There will be 2 for our parish. Beginning the **weekend of December 16**, we will be encouraging people to sign up to take the image home, along with a kit that contains prayers, rosaries, holy water etc. The image and **kit will be given to you at the 9:00 am Mass on the Sunday you select and be returned the following week at the 9:00 am Mass** where the host family will hand it off to the new family for the next week.

There will be a sign-up book available in the church lobby by the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe, where you can select a week during which you will “host” the image and gather to pray each day/night. We encourage not just **families** but **single parishioners** also to participate in this program.

It is our hope and prayer that this special year will light a fire in our hearts to renew our dedication to our parish and the church. Please watch the bulletin for other upcoming events. God bless you.

[www.lightingheartsonfire.org/](http://www.lightingheartsonfire.org/)



# < KID'S > KORNER

## Gospel Today

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph | Luke 2:41-52

# THE BOY JESUS IN THE TEMPLE

©2018 Bon Venture Services, LLC

- 1] **Jesus went to the temple with his parents in this town.**
  - a) Jericho b) Jerusalem c) Bethlehem
- 2] **They were there for \_\_\_\_\_ .**
  - a) Christmas b) Easter c) Passover
- 3] **How old was Jesus?**
  - a) Two b) Twelve c) Twenty
- 4] **When the caravan left, where was Jesus?**
  - a) With the caravan b) He rode ahead c) Left behind
- 5] **Mary and Joseph found Jesus after \_\_\_\_\_ .**
  - a) 3 hours b) 3 days c) 3 weeks
- 6] **What did the temple teachers think about Jesus?**
  - a) Angry b) Annoyed c) Amazed/astounded
- 7] **When Mary and Joseph saw Jesus they were \_\_\_\_\_ .**
  - a) Anxious b) Angry c) Astonished
- 8] **When Jesus said to his parents "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" Who is Jesus calling his Father?**
  - a) God b) Joseph c) David

Each year his parents went to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, and when he was twelve years old, they went up according to festival custom. After they had completed its days, as they were returning, the boy Jesus remained behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Thinking that he was in the caravan, they journeyed for a day and looked for him among their relatives and acquaintances, but not finding him, they returned to Jerusalem to look for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, and all who heard him were astounded at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him, they were astonished, and his mother said to him, "Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety." And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced [in] wisdom and age and favor before God and man.

- Luke 2: 41-52

## < BONUS >

The finding of Jesus in the Temple is the Fifth Mystery of which Rosary?

- a) Joyful
- b) Sorrowful
- c) Glorious
- d) Mystery of Light/Luminous

