

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 – The Epiphany of the Lord

SUNDAY, January 6, 2019

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

MONDAY, January 7, 2019 – St. Raymond of Peñafort

7:00 AM	William Klena, r/o Let DeLeon
8:45 PM	Adelaide Nardone, r/o Sandra & Alex Marino

TUESDAY, January 8, 2019

7:00 AM	William & Marge Klena, r/o Sildatke family
8:45 AM	Guido Torsiello, r/o Gerri DePaola

WEDNESDAY, January 9, 2019

7:00 AM	Ray Kayne, r/o Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Moskwa
8:45 AM	William Dacey, r/o Egger & Maureen Lugo

THURSDAY, January 10, 2019

7:00 AM	Hank Palumbo, r/o Mr. & Mrs. William R. Hooper
8:45 AM	Vivian Addie, r/o Joanne Streck

FRIDAY, January 11, 2019

7:00 AM	Fred Hopke, r/o Joe & Rosemary Tittel
8:45 AM	James Dean, r/o Ed & Margie Foti

SATURDAY, January 12, 2019

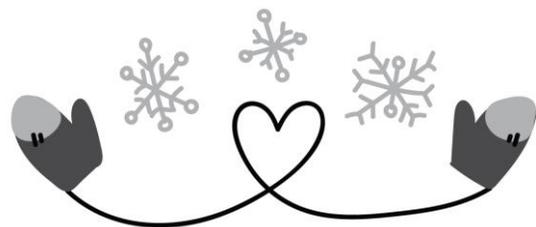
8:00 AM	James Thompson, r/o Ed & marge Foti
5:00 PM	William DePalma, r/o Talarico family
7:00 PM	Phyllis Monaco, r/o the Abate family

SUNDAY, January 13, 2019

7:00 AM	Amelia Houston, r/o the people of SJV
9:00 AM	Gaetano & Donna Tripaldi, r/o Rob & Cindy Pero
10:45 AM	For the people of our parish, living/deceased
12:15 PM	Michael Bresnan, r/o Egger & Maureen Lugo

Parish Gift Shop

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



The Prayer Corner

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

A TIME TO BAPTIZE

Hannah Shea Hoehl

TO WED

TO HEAL

Linda Wittmann, 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

Alexey Marchuk

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), 2nd Lieutenant Phillip G. Faccone Jr. (Marines), Sgt. Steven Loglisci (Marines)

Weekend Readings

Isaiah 60: 1-6
Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6
Matthew 2:1-12

Weekday readings can be found on the parish website.

January 6, 2019 – The Epiphany of the Lord

“...the Gentiles are co-heirs, members of the same body, and co-partners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the Gospel.”

EPHESIANS 3:6

Today we celebrate that Christ came to all of us, not just the Hebrews. He has given each of us unique gifts. We all have different yet equally valuable roles to play in the Body of Christ. Pray daily and ask God how He wants you to use your gifts so that we may all “be one.”

Reflection

Today the Magi gaze in deep wonder at what they see: heaven on earth, earth in heaven, man in God, God in man, one whom the whole universe cannot contain now enclosed in a tiny body.

As they look, they believe and do not question, as their symbolic gifts bear witness: frankincense for God, gold for a king, myrrh for one who is to die.

— Peter Chrysologus

Today we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord, the day the three Wise Men arrived in Bethlehem to pay homage to Jesus, the newborn King. Growing up I never thought much about the gifts the Wise Men brought to baby Jesus, except that two of them had funny sounding names. Now I can’t help finding myself curious about why they brought Him gold, frankincense and myrrh. Gold makes perfect sense because in that time only the richest, mainly Kings, had gold. What about frankincense and myrrh? Frankincense and Myrrh are the gum or resin of the Boswellia and Commiphora trees, used for making perfume and incense. Both were very hard to come by during this time as they could only be found in a few parts of the world and it took months to form from the sap of these trees. Frankincense is a key ingredient in incense, which is still used today in Mass to symbolize the prayers of the faithful ascending into heaven. Myrrh is often used in perfumes and is a key ingredient in holy anointing oil. Although I never thought about the significance of these gifts, now I see they were given for a much larger purpose, just as the gifts God has given us. Although we may not realize the purpose for our gifts and talents, we should take comfort in knowing that there is a reason for everything in God’s plan for us.



St. John Vianney School News

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

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

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.

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

Organization	Contact	Phone
Altar Rosary Society	Louise Faccone	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 R.C.I.A.	Carolyn Glodek	732-381-0499
Secular Franciscans	Deacon Joe Ragucci	732-548-3880
	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. Raymond of Peñafort



St. Raymond of Peñafort grew up near Barcelona studying philosophy and later became a lawyer, then a Dominican priest. In his 60th year he was

offered position of Archbishop and declined, preferring to live a life of peace, reflection, and solitude. This did not last long as a few years later he was elected to be the head of the Dominican Order of priests. St. Raymond is very well known for his determination, productive spirit, and drive to get things done in a timely fashion. He did not retire from these works until his 100th year, and it is said that St. Raymond Peñafort had influence in St. Thomas Aquinas' *Against the Gentiles*. He is also the patron saint of lawyers. May we all follow his example to always persevere for causes we believe in.

December 22-23, 2018

OFFERTORY:

Collection:	\$ 14,073.25
On-line giving:	\$ 2,085.00
	\$ 16,158.25
Avg. Weekly Expenses:	-\$ 22,781.50
Balance:	-\$ 6,623.25

December 24-25, 2018

OFFERTORY:

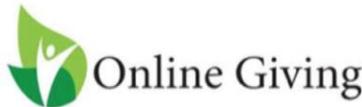
Collection:	\$ 58,936.00
On-line giving:	\$ 1,133.00
	\$ 60,069.00
Avg. Weekly Expenses:	-\$ 22,781.50
Balance:	\$ 37,287.50

ST. JOHN VIANNEY SCRIP PROGRAM

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.



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!

This Week at a Glance

Monday	5:00pm	Basketball
	6:00pm	CCD
	7:30pm	CCD
Tuesday	6:00pm	Scouts
	6:15pm	HSA Pre-K
	7:00pm	HSA School
	7:00pm	Parish Finance Council
Wednesday	7:30pm	AI-Anon
	5:00pm	Basketball
Friday	5:00pm	Basketball

Please note that this weekend, January 5th & 6th, there will be a second collection for Together in Charity.

The proceeds from this collection go to the emergency needs of the people in our community through the St. Vincent DePaul Society.

We are very pleased to welcome Deacon Vincent Brigande as the newest addition to our parish family.

Music Ministry News

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 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.

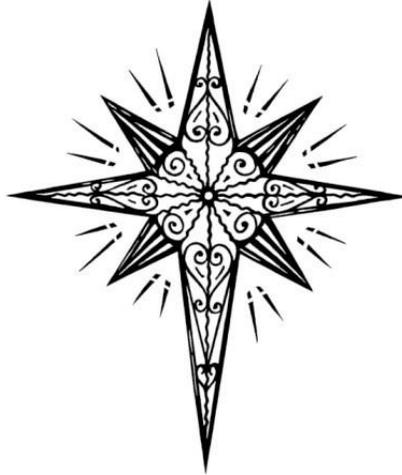
SJV T-Shirts!

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 or text 732-887-5640 if you are interested in participating. Leave your name so we know who to expect.





A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS
HIS WORD TODAY *by Rev. William J. Reilly*

The Epiphany of the Lord

January 6, 2019

Then you shall be radiant at what you see, your heart will throb and overflow, for the riches of the sea shall be emptied out before you, the wealth of nations shall be brought to you...all from Sheba shall come, bringing gold and frankincense, and proclaiming the praises of the Lord...Then they spread their treasures and offered him gifts of gold frankincense and myrrh."

The season of holiday visiting is drawing to a close. Lights still shine, the manger scene is special today, and unwrapped gifts are still to be seen. The memories of visits, carols and delicious traditional foods are still fresh and happy. But what happens now?

Like the magi we have waited, searched and found the Christ. It's our turn to bring gifts, not the three mentioned in Isaiah and Matthew, but a more precious gift, a more valued gift, the one that the Lord Jesus is waiting to receive from us. It is the gift of ourselves.

We bring joy, hope and happiness. Joy - because we have a Savior, hope - because our world can become better, happiness - because He has chosen me to bring Him to others. We bring an awareness that this Jesus comes again and wishes to accompany us in this new year. He can't wait for us to get started. We can choose this route, or just simply take the decorations and put them away to gather dust for another year. The choice is quite clear. "They departed for their own country by another way."

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. On **December 12, 2018 (the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe)** we began our 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. We encourage 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 is 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/



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Gospel Today

The Epiphany of the Lord | Matthew 2:1-12

And behold, the star that they (the Magi) had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. -Matthew 2:9-11

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When they saw
the star, they
were overjoyed.

Matthew 2:10

The Feast of the Epiphany, when the Magi visit Jesus, begins King Cake season. The season lasts until Shrove Tuesday (Mardi Gras), the day before Ash Wednesday.



BIBLE WORD SEARCH

Find all the words...
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