

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 – 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

SUNDAY, February 10, 2019

7:00 AM	Helen Slusark, r/o Myron Buryk
9:00 AM	Patricia Koutsaftes, r/o Timothy Koutsaftes
10:45 AM	For the people of our parish, living/deceased
12:15 PM	Frances Rudden, r/o Altar Rosary Society

MONDAY, February 11, 2019 – feast of Our Lady of Lourdes

7:00 AM	Federico DeLeon, r/o Dr. Catherine Young
8:45 AM	Brett Miller, r/o Janice & Tom Michnewicz

TUESDAY, February 12, 2019

7:00 AM	Edward Holobinko, r/o George
8:45 AM	Brett Miller, r/o Lisa Michnewicz

WEDNESDAY, February 13, 2019

7:00 AM	Irene Jantas, r/o Tony Moskwa
8:45 AM	Franco Bonavitacola, r/o Frank Nocera

THURSDAY, February 14, 2019 – St. Cyril & St. Methodius

7:00 AM	Hank Palumbo, r/o Michele, Jorge & Krissy Ferreira
8:45 AM	Edward Holobinko, r/o George

FRIDAY, February 15, 2019

7:00 AM	Joseph Custode, r/o Alencewicz family
8:45 AM	Ivo Borrazas, r/o Otilia Marticorena

SATURDAY, February 16, 2019

8:00 AM	Hank Palumbo, r/o Louis & Flo Peragallo
5:00 PM	Thomas J. Winters, r/o Madeline Quintana
7:00 PM	Jim Yuill, r/o Pam Botti

SUNDAY, February 17, 2019

7:00 AM	Jane Alencewicz, r/o family
9:00 AM	Hank Palumbo, r/o Mary Jo Blum
10:45 AM	Celia Lugo, r/o Egger & Maureen Lugo
12:15 PM	For the people of our parish, living/deceased

The Altar Flowers have been offered in lovin memory of
Margaret & Andy McClellan
From Agnes & Cliff Bacsik.



The Sanctuary Light has been offered in healing for
Erin O'Halloran
from the Garofalo & Miranda family.

The Bread and Wine have been offered in loving memory of
Robert Simone
from family.



The Prayer Corner

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

A TIME TO BAPTIZE

TO WED

TO HEAL

Nina Stefanelli, Nikoloz, Joanne Villanueva, Tom Woods, Joanne Kaden, Clare Weber, Mary Aeschliman, Vincent Dellaquila, 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, Jill Bartholomew, Deacon Tom Michnewicz, AJ Julius, Mary Ellermann, Lynn Tumblety, Maryann Robson, Nick Troiano, Ryan Shaughnessy, Bob Bayer, Carl Walker, Mary Ragucci, Edward Sprague, Dan Weiss, Arthur Shipiro, 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, Pauline Mendicino-Franke, Sadako Vargas, Robert Grecco, Baby Lucas DeCarlo.

TO JOIN GOD IN HEAVEN

Matilda Howard, Meghan Crilly & James Checchio, our Bishop's father

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. Faccione Jr. (Marines), Sgt. Steven Loglisci (Marines), Bryan Alexander Perez (Army), Brandon Haynes (Army).

Weekend Readings

Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8
1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Luke 5:1-11

Weekday readings can be found on the parish website.

February 10, 2019 – 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?' 'Here I am,' I said,

'Send me!'"

ISAIAH 6:8

Every day, in little ways and in big ways, God asks, "Whom shall I send?" Whether it is someone to take on a new ministry, to give a friendly smile to a stranger or say a word of encouragement to a friend, God constantly provides opportunities to help someone in need. The next time you hear God calling, have the courage to walk through the door and say "Here I am, Lord."

Reflection

Last weekend we heard how a prophet speaks and acts on God's behalf to people here on earth. As much as being a prophet seems to be highly sought after, this is not usually the case. People often don't want to listen or hear what others have to say, just as with Jeremiah, other prophets, and people today who speak out to let their voices be heard. Many times, these people are bullied, disbelieved and shown hate from others. It is up to us, as followers of Jesus, to live out our faith and spread His message of love and acceptance. This path to bring goodness and love back to a world filled with hate and violence will not be an easy task, just as it was no easy task for Jesus. Jesus was not only a prophet, but the Messiah, there were people who loved him and people that treated him terribly. It is important to remember Jesus' attitude when faced with challenges, He always remained positive and reassured that God's plan for Him was the most important thing. Jesus took a big risk to let His voice and message be heard, and now it is up to us to do the same. Although most of us don't remember our Baptism ceremonies, we accepted this challenge, to live our lives as prophets, during our Baptism. We were promised and anointed the same way Jesus was and are called to be modern-day prophets to speak and act on behalf of Jesus. The world won't always or often want to listen to what we have to say, but we must decide... will you ignore God's call because of fear? Or will you live as a modern-day prophet, risks and all?



St. John Vianney School News

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

Our Student Council is sponsoring a combined Dress Down Day and Food Drive on Thursday, February 14th. In order to dress down, students must bring in a food item which will be donated to the Woodbridge "Have a Heart" Food Drive.

Students will receive their re-registration packets this week. We ask that you complete the forms in the packet and return them along with the registration fee by March 1st.

Pre-School News

Openings are available for our three and four-year-old programs for the 2019-2020 school year. You can obtain more information or set up a time for a tour by calling the school office at 732-388-1662.

Religious Ed (CCD) News & Class Schedule

732-388-1424

Monday Only

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

Thursday Only

Grade 8 6pm -8pm

PARISH MINISTRIES & CONTACTS

Organization	Contact	Phone
Altar Rosary Society	Jane Bianco	732-382-1512
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. Cyril & St. Methodius



St. Cyril & St. Methodius were brothers who grew up in Greece and both went on to join the monastery in modern-day Ukraine. Cyril is most known for dividing an alphabet to

translate liturgy and scripture into Slavonic. Methodius is most known for his missionary work, and although he was wrongly convicted for preaching outside his jurisdiction, it is said that he translated the entire Bible in 8 months. Both brothers, St. Cyril and St. Methodius are known as the patron saints of Slavic peoples and Ecumenism (the principle or aim of promoting unity among the world's Christian Churches). May we be inspired by their efforts to share God's teachings in ways that all people can understand it.

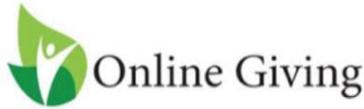
FEBRUARY 3, 2019

OFFERTORY:

Collection:	\$ 14,940.25
On-line giving:	<u>\$ 2,769.00</u>
	\$ 17,709.25
Avg. Weekly Expenses:	-\$ 22,781.50
Balance:	-\$ 5,072.25

ATTENTION

Anyone wishing a record of their Church contributions for the year of 2018 is asked to send in a stamped self-addressed envelope with their envelope number to the Rectory or drop it into the collection basket.



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!

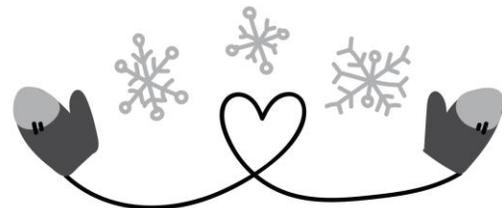
This Week at a Glance

Monday	5:00pm	Basketball
	6:00pm	CCD
	6:30pm	St. Vincent dePaul
Tuesday	4:30pm	Cheering
	6:00pm	Scouts
	7:30pm	Al-Anon
	7:30pm	Liturgy Committee
Wednesday	5:00pm	Basketball
	5:00pm	Wedding Rehearsal
	7:30pm	Adult Choir Practice
Thursday	4:30pm	Cheering
	6:00pm	CCD
Friday	2:00pm	Wedding
	5:00pm	Basketball
Saturday	8:30am	Basketball
	12:00pm	Knitting Group
Sunday	1:00pm	Private Baptism
	1:30pm	Secular Franciscans
	2:00pm	Alumni Basketball Game

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 are now 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. 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.



Parish Gift Shop

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

If anyone would like to volunteer as an usher for any Mass of their choosing, please contact Ray Morgan at 908-380-4263.

St. John Vianney Parish 60th Anniversary

Our parish was founded in June of 1959, meaning that this summer we will begin to celebrate our 60th anniversary. We are looking to you, our parishioners, for suggestions as to what kind of events we should hold to celebrate our anniversary. If you have a suggestion — you can: either e-mail the rectory at webmaster@sjvianney.com or call the rectory at 732-574-0150 or write it down and drop it in the blue suggestion box in the church lobby. Please make your suggestions by Sunday, February 10, 2019. If you would like to help with the committee that is planning the anniversary, please let us know the same way as making the suggestions. Some suggestions we've already received are — a kick-off Mass with our Bishop on the feast of St. John Vianney (Sunday, August 4, 2019), small prayer groups for Advent and Lent, masses celebrating the different ethnic groups in our parish, a semi-formal dinner/dance, a parish picnic, a car show, a play, socials for Valentine's Day & St. Patrick's Day. Thank you in advance for your consideration.



"Souper" Bowl Food Drive

Please join the parish community of St. John Vianney and the SJV Social Justice Committee as we collect cans of soup, single serve cans of pasta, and other single serve food. These donations will help to feed those that are in need in Woodbridge Township. This years goal is 500 cans.

St. Vincent DePaul

The food pantry is in need of tea, oatmeal, jelly, canned meat, cookies, Jell-O, and shampoo. Thank you for your generosity and continued support.



CONGRATULATIONS!

Our parish would like to congratulate and ask God's blessings on our Parish Respect Life Coordinator Mrs. Carolyn Glodek. Carolyn is being honored at a Mass at St. Francis of Assisi Cathedral in Metuchen on **Sunday February 10th** by our Bishop for her tireless efforts in our parish and diocese on behalf of the right to life. She is receiving the prestigious Pro Vita award. A big thank you to Carolyn for all her hard work and dedication. May God continue to shower His blessings upon her.

Congratulations to our two newest Eucharistic Minister's, Anthony Giacobbe and Barbara Hanley. May God continue to bless them and guide them to live their faith each day.

Pilgrimage to Poland

Father Joseph invites you for a pilgrimage to Poland, June 2-11, 2019. For more information please call the rectory at 732-574-0150 or Phyllis Gomulka at 732-566-4115. Don't wait – the deadline is February 28, 2019.



Government Workers Affected by the Government Shutdown

If you work for the government and are currently struggling as a result of the recent shutdown, we would like to offer assistance where we can. Please contact the rectory for more information at 732-574-0150.

8th Grade Spelling Bee Winners

The Knights of Columbus Council 6571 is pleased to announce the winners of this year's 8th Grade Spelling Bee, held in the SJV cafeteria on January 23, 2019. In 1st place Adrian Hou, 2nd place Charlotte Murphy, and in 3rd place Jack Rachinsky. These winners received trophies and cash prizes at the Knights of Columbus meeting on February 7th. The 1st place winner will also advance to the regional, Diocese round. We wish these students the best of luck in their future endeavors, along with the other 27 students who participated in this well played contest!

Music Ministry News

Our choirs are now beginning to prepare for the upcoming "Lenten Season"!! Now is a great time to join one of our musical groups at SJV!!

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. **Our next rehearsal will be on Wednesday February 13th!! We sing again next Sunday at the 9:00 am mass.**

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! **Our next rehearsal will be on Tuesday February 19th!! We sing again on Sunday February 24th at the 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. We hope is to have the students sing once a month at either the 10:45 or 12:15 pm mass. **Our high school students will be singing at the 10:45 am mass this Sunday February 10th!!**

You can contact me at jframeiii@yahoo.com with any questions,
Jamie Frame – Dir. Of Music/Organist

Miraculous Medal Novena

The Novena prayers are recited as part of the 8:45 mass every Tuesday morning. All are welcome to attend.



Calling All SJV Basketball Alumni

Who: Any and all former SJV players and fans

When: Sunday, February 10, 2019

Girls play 2 pm

Boys play 3:15 pm

Where: SJV Gym

If you are interested in playing, please email Richard Brogan at bigshoes834@comcast.net.



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. 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 \$24.99 each and come in men, women, and youth sizes and are available in colors Red, Pink, Light Blue, Black, White, and an assortment of Grey's. The proceeds from the shirts will go to St. John Vianney.



**2019 Bishop's Annual Appeal
Help Build a Civilization of Love**

Please watch your mailbox for a letter from Bishop Checchio coming to you this week announcing the 2019 Bishop's Annual Appeal. The campaign will again be conducted during Lent and our parish can earn a rebate of 50% of the amount collected over.

Through your support of the Bishop's Annual Appeal you help those in our diocese whose needs are the greatest – the poor, the homeless, and those struggling with illness or grief. Among other needed pastoral ministries, your gift also supports our Cultural Diversity Ministries and enhances the work of forming our youth. The many pastoral, educational and charitable ministries of the Diocese of Metuchen would not be possible without a generous contribution from every household. Please be as generous as your means allow.



Please join the Spirituality Committee for a Soup and Bread Supper
Wednesday, February 27th at 6pm
 SJV Cafeteria

This is an opportunity to come together for a simple meal of soup and bread as a reminder of how we are called to practice a simpler lifestyle during our Lenten journey. Soup will be provided, but you may also bring soup to share. There is no cost to participate but if you choose you may make a free will offering (perhaps the cost of what your normal dinner would be). These donations will be given to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul to assist them in their work with the needy. If you are interested in attending, please contact the rectory at 732-574-0150.

LENT
a time of repentance, grace and renewal

**CATHOLIC SCHOOL 2019-2020
 TUITION ASSISTANCE
 ONLINE APPLICATION PROCESS OPEN**

Families interested in applying for tuition assistance to attend an eligible Diocese of Metuchen Catholic elementary or high school may do so now. The application process is online through FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment. Online applications must be completed (including supporting documentation) by no later than **March 31, 2018**. Applications are available in English and Spanish.

Families that need assistance completing the online application, or need access to the technology to apply, may attend one of two Application Workshops that are scheduled for January 23 and February 7 at Perth Amboy Catholic School, 500 State Street, Perth Amboy from 2 to 4 pm, and from 6 to 8 pm. A Spanish translator will be available.

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Gospel Today

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time | Luke 5:1-11

Simon-Peter, James and John were uncertain about another attempt at fishing, since they were out all night and caught nothing. They faithfully obeyed Jesus' command and filled their nets overflowing. With belief and trust in Jesus, they left everything and followed Him.

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Find and write the missing letters
(from A to Z) not found in the heart.



Unscramble the letters and fill in the blanks
to complete the sentence below.

**“Don’t be afraid;
from now on you will**

for people.”

LUKE 5:10