

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 – 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

MONDAY, February 18, 2019

9:00 AM	Alynda Randal, r/o Lieggi family
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TUESDAY, February 19, 2019

7:00 AM	Mike Lasek, r/o Hedy & Tony Moskwa
8:45 AM	Gina Neto, r/o family

WEDNESDAY, February 20, 2019

7:00 AM	Eileen Hill, r/o William A. Kovacs
8:45 AM	Brett Miller, r/o David & Courtney Michnewicz

THURSDAY, February 21, 2019 – St. Peter Damian

7:00 AM	Christine Paris, r/o Cathleen Smalie
8:45 AM	Teresa Ciani, r/o her family

FRIDAY, February 22, 2019 – The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

7:00 AM	William Koffer, r/o Westerman family
8:45 AM	Brett Miller, r/o Susan Perez

SATURDAY, February 23, 2019 – St. Polycarp

8:00 AM	Hank Palumbo, r/o the Bednarik's
5:00 PM	Louise Po Hida, r/o Anthony Borrelli
7:00 PM	Helen Slusark, r/o Cliff & Agnes Bacsik

SUNDAY, February 24, 2019

7:00 AM	For the people of our parish, living/deceased
9:00 AM	Tony Robinson, r/o Dolores Robinson
10:45 AM	Kevin McCartin, r/o family
12:15 PM	Rose Thompson, r/o Altar Rosary Society



The Sancturary Light has been offered in loving memory of Mrs. Vita Abbate from Frank & Marie Regina.

The Bread and Wine have been offered in loving memory of Teresa Ciani from the Feeny family.



The Prayer Corner

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

A TIME TO BAPTIZE

Naya Padilla, Gianna Hinojosa & Madelyn Wolff

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, 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 Faccone, Pauline Mendicino-Franke, Sadako Vargas, Robert Grecco, Baby Lucas DeCarlo.

TO JOIN GOD IN HEAVEN

Louis Rodriguez & Paquito Pajarillo

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), Bryan Alexander Perez (Army), Brandon Haynes (Army).

Weekend Readings

Jeremiah 17:5-8
1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20
Luke 6:17, 20-26

Weekday readings can be found on the parish website.

February 10, 2019 – 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Blessed are you when people hate you, ...exclude and insult you, and denounce your name... on account of the Son of Man.”
LUKE 6:22

All of us have been in situations when someone has made a negative comment or joke about God or our Catholic faith. How did you respond? Did you stay silent or pretend to go along with the crowd because you didn’t want to cause waves and then, later, you felt bad? Know that God is with you all the time, the Holy Spirit will put the right words in your mouth. Pray for the strength and courage to proclaim our faith to others, especially during uncomfortable situations.

Reflection

God is saying to you today...

“I am sending great change into your life. I have heard your prayers. I know your heart and I know you want to be better. I am sending better and greater your way. You have endured much in your life. People have walked away from you...judging you. But it only matters what I say you are. Stay on the path. I didn’t create you to be perfect. I created you to be faithful.”





St. John Vianney School News

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

School will be closed on Monday, February 18, for Presidents' Day.

On Thursday, February 21st, we will have a representative from the Woodbridge Police Department for an anti-bullying presentation for the students.

We would like to thank everyone who sent in food for the Have a Heart Food Drive. Mayor McCormac came by last Thursday to meet with our Student Council to pick up all the food that was collected.
Great job SJV!

We are presently registering all grade levels of students for the 2019-2020 school year. Current students should return their re-registration forms as soon as possible. Please call the school office at 732-388-1662 for more information.

Pre-School News

School will be closed on Monday, February 18, in observance of Presidents' Day.

Openings are available for our three and four-year-old programs for the 2019-2020 school year. Our next Open House will be on Saturday, March 2, from 10am – 12 noon. You can obtain more information 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

Congratulations to 3 of our students, Kailynn Knappenberger, Eliana Okoroagu, and Joe Okoroagu, who are receiving their First Holy Communion this Sunday, February 17th at the 10:45 mass.

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 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. Peter Damian



St. Peter Damian is a great example of someone who always cared for those who were poor or less fortunate and was rarely without their company. St. Peter added Damian

to his name to honor his brother that raised him when his parents died. He was extremely strict with his faith and prayed every moment he could. St. Peter Damian became a hermit monk, then abbot, and later cardinal-bishop of Ostia. He was an advocate for discipline and absolute devotion of all priests to God and their faith practice. Before his unfortunate death, he was surrounded by other monks. May we follow his example to live a life we are proud of, that serves God in everything we do.

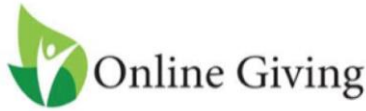
FEBRUARY 10, 2019

OFFERTORY:

Collection:	\$ 13,239.77
On-line giving:	\$ 2,168.00
	<u>\$ 15,407.77</u>
Avg. Weekly Expenses:	-\$ 22,781.50
Balance:	-\$ 7,373.73

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		School/CCD Closed
Tuesday	1:00pm	Secular Franciscans
	4:00pm	Children's Choir Practice
	4:30pm	Cheering
	6:00pm	Scouts
	7:30pm	Al-Anon
Wednesday	5:00pm	Basketball
	6:30pm	Girlscouts
	7:00pm	Tricky Tray Committee
	7:30pm	Adult Choir Practice
Thursday	4:30pm	Cheering
	6:00pm	CCD
	7:00pm	Scouts Committee
Friday	5:00pm	Basketball
Saturday	8:30am	Basketball
Sunday	1:30pm	Scouts Blue & Gold Dinner

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), Dunkin, 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.

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

Parish Gift Shop

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

Please note that Monday, February 18th is a holiday. There will be one mass at 9am and the rectory will be closed.

Parish Lenten Bible Study Offering

This Lent join with fellow parishioners as we walk through Christ's Passion as recorded in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

Filmed on location in the Holy Land, *No Greater Love* is a biblical pilgrimage that reveals Christ's amazing love for us. Best-selling author Edward Sri guides you through the last hours of Christ's life. You will walk step-by-step with Jesus from the Garden of Gethsemane to the Mount of Calvary. Every step of the way, Old Testament prophecies, messianic expectations, biblical symbolism, and historical context shed light on the mystery of Christ's suffering and death. Experience a deeper understanding and appreciation of God's immeasurable and unconditional love as you draw closer to Jesus than you ever have before. Call Now! You will be glad you did!

No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk through Christ's Passion

will be offered for the 5-weeks of Lent:

- Sunday Evenings – 6:30pm – 8:00pm (Beginning March 10th)
- Tuesday Mornings – 9:30am – 11:00am (Beginning March 12th)

Please REGISTER before March 3rd by calling Rose Ragucci (732-548-3880)

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.



Music Ministry News

Many thanks to our high school students for leading this singing last Sunday at 10:45am mass!! As all our groups begin to practice for the upcoming "Lenten Season" now would be a great time to join!!

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 20th!! We sing again next Sunday at the 9:00am 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 10:45am 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 10:45am mass again on Sunday March 24th!!**

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

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.



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 \$22.99 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.



Miraculous Medal Novena

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

**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 our assessment.

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.

**Pilgrimage to the Basilica of Our Lady
of Guadalupe, Mexico with
Bishop James F. Checchio
October 20-24, 2019**

In preparation for the Consecration of The Diocese of Metuchen to Our Lady of Guadalupe, Bishop James F. Checchio will lead a pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico. Information meetings will be held Tuesday, February 19th at 7:30pm and Saturday, February 23rd at 10am at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, 146 Metlars Lane, Piscataway. All are welcome!



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.

Letter from our Pastor
Regarding the release of the names of credibly accused priests

Dear Members of St. John Vianney Parish:

As many of you know the Bishops of the five Catholic Dioceses of New Jersey released lists of names of priests credibly accused of sexual abuse of a minor this past Thursday.

In our Diocese it included 10 priests and 1 permanent deacon, as well as 2 priests currently under investigation and 2 priests whose accusations go back to when we were Trenton Diocese. Our founding and first Bishop, Archbishop McCarrick is also listed.

These names have all been previously disclosed, on a case by case basis, to law enforcement agencies, the county prosecutors and the faithful of the Diocese. In addition, the Attorney General of New Jersey was also informed of each allegation.

The Dioceses have also established a Victims' Compensation Program that will be independently administered and will handle the submissions, evaluations and settlements of individual claims of sexual abuse. All victims, no matter when the offense occurred are eligible to participate in this program.

A credible allegation is defined as an allegation that after review of available and relevant information, there is reason to believe is true. A minor is defined as anyone under the age of 18 at the time of the alleged abuse.

Our Bishop issued a Pastoral Letter regarding the current situation and the release of the names on Thursday. It was too late to include in this week's bulletin but is available on both our parish and diocesan web sites. In addition, there are resources available on the Diocesan web site concerning questions and answers, prayer resources, information and sources for further reading. These resources can be seen at — <https://diometuchen.org/clergy-abuse-resources/>

If anyone would like to or needs to talk further or has any questions, please feel free to speak to one of our priests or deacons after mass on the weekend or call the rectory for an appointment.

Let us continue to pray, for the victims, for all our priests and for our parish and diocesan families as we seek direction, healing and solace during these difficult times.

May God continue to bless you all. St. John Vianney, patron saint of parish priests, pray for all of us.

Peace and prayers, Father John -
Pastor

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Gospel Today

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time | Luke 6:17, 20-26

In the Sermon on the Plain, Jesus tells His listeners, all who are mistreated on earth for believing in Him will find reward in Heaven. But woe to you who mistreat others.

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Jesus wants us to love others the way He loves us.

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are you...

