

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 – 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

MONDAY, February 25, 2019

7:00 AM	Bobby Martinez, r/o Maureen & Egger Lugo
8:45 AM	Rose & Peter McLoughlin, r/o Margaret Shaughnessy

TUESDAY, February 26, 2019

7:00 AM	Lee Vetland, r/o Tiffany Vitollo
8:45 AM	Hank Palumbo, r/o Chuck & Marie Edgerly

WEDNESDAY, February 27, 2019

7:00 AM	Maurice Shahrabani, r/o Westerman family
8:45 AM	Chiara Ziek, r/o Ed & Margie Foti

THURSDAY, February 28, 2019

7:00 AM	Dick Tineo, r/o John & Kathy Vieira
8:45 AM	William Fitzgerald, r/o John & Mary Jantas

FRIDAY, March 1, 2019

7:00 AM	Mary Puterbaugh, r/o Gussie Novak
8:45 AM	Donald Bergman, r/o faculty, staff & students of SJV

SATURDAY, March 2, 2019

8:00 AM	Rev. Robert A. Pachana, r/o Aunt Joan & Uncle Bob
5:00 PM	Michael Behul, r/o Feeney family
7:00 PM	Giacomo Luppino, r/o Josephine & Peter Bagnato

SUNDAY, March 3, 2019

7:00 AM	Helen Slusark, r/o Harry & Patricia Buryk
9:00 AM	For the people of our parish, living/deceased
10:45 AM	Purgatorial Society
12:15 PM	Arthur Mulroy, r/o Robert Anderson

**The Bread and Wine
have been offered
in loving memory of
Louis Rodriguez
from Joanne Streck
and family.**



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

Kathleen Schmidt

TO WED

TO HEAL

Mary Shegas, Nina Stefanelli, Nikoloz, Joanne Villanueva, Tom Woods, 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

Donna Hart

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

1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23

1 Corinthians 15:45-49

Luke 6:27-38

Weekday readings can be found on the parish website.

February 24, 2019 – 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"But rather, love your enemies and do good to them, and lend without expecting anything back."

LUKE 6:35

Easier said than done, right? But, if we are to imitate Christ, most of us need to practice mercy and compassion more frequently. Start with the little daily annoyances that we experience, the unkind word or hateful glance we receive. Instead of plotting revenge on that person, try saying a quick prayer for that person. Mercy and compassion will put us on the path to holiness.

Reflection

Last weekend we heard about the importance of living out the Beatitudes in our daily lives. The 8 Beatitudes are as follows: Blessed are the poor in spirit, blessed are those who mourn, blessed are the meek, blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, blessed are the merciful, blessed are the pure of heart, blessed are the peacemakers, and blessed are those who are persecuted. In our daily routines it is so easy to be blinded and distracted by checking something off a to-do list, making sure our kids get to school or their practice on time, taking the dog to the vet, responding to that upcoming wedding, etc. When it comes down to the truth, we all have a lot going on, but that is not a reason to neglect our faith, it's an excuse that won't matter in the end. No matter what you may be facing in life right now, you never have to handle it alone. When all else may fail, Jesus' love for you never will. Don't become so wrapped up in earthly things that you forget to keep in touch with the relationship that matters most – your relationship with Jesus. When hardship comes your way try looking at things from a different perspective – set aside your self-centeredness and look at what you are blessed with. Not only are you blessed with family, friends, health, food to eat, a home to live in, but you are blessed beyond measure by living out your faith each day.





St. John Vianney School News

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

If your child will be returning to SJV for the 2019-2020 school year, **please complete all the re-registration forms and return them to school by March 1st.** We must have the forms back in order to get the textbook and busing forms to the proper districts by their deadlines. If you have any questions, please call the school office.

We will be having another Open House on Saturday, March 2nd, from 10am to 12 noon. Come visit our classrooms, meet our teachers, and learn all that St. John Vianney School has to offer your child!

Pre-School News

We still have some spaces available for our Pre-School classes for the 2019-2020 school year. If you would like more information or would like to register your child, please call 732-388-1662 to schedule an appointment or come see us at our Open House on Saturday, March 2nd. We will be available from 10am until 12 noon to answer any questions you may have about our Pre-School Program.

Religious Ed (CCD) News & Class Schedule

732-388-1424

Monday Only

Grades 1 - 5
Grades 6 & 7

6pm - 7:15pm
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 Action	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. Polycarp



St. Polycarp was bishop of Smyrna, a disciple of John the apostle and friends with Ignatius of Antioch. St. Polycarp is well known as one of the Father's of the early Church. He was

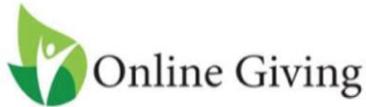
martyred at 86 and it's known as the "Acts of Polycarp", which is also the first reliable account of a Christian Martyr's death. This was in the year 155. May we be inspired by the way he witnessed his faith and seek to be the kind of great leader of faith St. Polycarp was.

FEBRUARY 17, 2019

Collection:	\$ 13,291.25
On-line giving:	\$ 2,344.00
	\$ 15,635.25
Avg. Weekly Expenses:	-\$ 22,781.50
Balance:	-\$ 7,146.25

OFFERTORY:**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!

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.

This Week at a Glance

Monday	5:00pm	Basketball
	6:00pm	CCD
	6:30pm	St. Vincent dePaul
Tuesday	4:00pm	Children's Choir Practice
	4:30pm	Cheering
	5:30pm	Scouts
	7:00pm	Pro-Life
Wednesday	7:30pm	Al-Anon
	5:00pm	Basketball
	6:00pm	Lent-Soup Night
	7:30pm	Adult Choir Practice
Thursday	4:30pm	Cheering
	6:00pm	CCD
Friday		Pre-Cana
Saturday	10:00am	School Open House
Sunday	10:00am	Parish Breakfast

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

Next Sunday, March 3rd the Knights of Columbus will be hosting the Parish Breakfast after the 9am mass.

All are welcome!

Soup-er Bowl Food Drive

The St. John Vianney Social Action Ministry would like to thank everyone for their generosity in supporting the "Soup-er Bowl Food Drive". We were able to collect nearly 500 cans of soup to help those in need in our community.

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.

Ladies Auxiliary K of C

The Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary is having a bus trip to Golden Nugget Casino on Sunday, March 24th. The cost is \$25 (receive back \$25) plus a \$5 food voucher. The bus leaves from St. John Vianney parking lot at 11:30am. Please call Mary for tickets at 732-382-2558.

Altar Rosary Society

Remember: the next Altar Rosary Society meeting will be on Thursday, March 7th at 1:30pm in the upper board room of the church.

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. **Our next rehearsal will be on Wednesday February 27th!! We sing again next Sunday March 10th at the 10:45am 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 March 5th!! We sing again on Sunday March 10th at the 9:00am 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

A special thank you to Ana Pereira for making our beautiful new green altar cloth. Thank you for sharing your gift with us.



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.

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.

LENT 2019 AT ST. JOHN VIANNEY

We invite you to join us for our many parish Lenten activities as a way to prepare for the great feast of the Lord's Resurrection at Easter.

See the bulletin or TV monitor in the church lobby each week for more details about each event.

Pre-Lenten Bread & Soup Supper – Wednesday, February 27 @ 6:00pm in the Cafeteria

Lenten Activity Books – for children, families, singles/empty nesters – available on the table in the church lobby – the weekend of March 2 & 3

Ash Wednesday – March 6 – distribution of ashes – Masses at 7:00, 8:45, 9:30 (school children) am and 7:00pm and Prayer Service at 4:00pm

Adult Faith Formation – Bible Study – on the 4 Passion Stories in the Gospels – Sunday nights at 6:30pm or Tuesday mornings at 9:30am

Our Lady of Guadalupe Movie Night – all are welcome – Thursday March 21 at 9:30am or 7:00pm

Stations of the Cross and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament – every Friday – with the school children at 1:25pm or at night at 7:00pm (including Good Friday night – no Benediction)

24 Hours for the Lord – Friday March 29 @ St. Francis Cathedral, Metuchen – Eucharistic Adoration & Confessions

Palm Sunday – with the Reading of the Passion – regular mass schedule – Saturday at 5:00 & 7:00pm and Sunday at 7:00, 9:00 10:45am and 12:15pm

Tenebrae Service – service of scripture readings, lights and music on Tuesday April 16 at 7:30pm

Morning Prayer – Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday, April 18, 19 & 20 in church at 8:45am. No 8:45am morning mass on these days of Holy Week

Confessions – every Saturday from 11:00am to 12 Noon and after the 7:00pm Mass – extra Confessions – Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday – April 18, 19 & 20 from 11:00am to 12 noon.

Blessing of Easter Food – Holy Saturday – April 20 at 12 Noon in the Cafeteria

Holy Week –Special Masses/Services – no 8:45am morning mass on these days

Holy Thursday – April 18 - Mass of the Lord's Supper, washing of the feet and procession at 7:30pm – adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10:30pm

Good Friday – April 19 - Service of the Lord's Passion, adoration of the Cross and Communion at 3:00pm

Holy Saturday – April 20 - Great Easter Vigil 8:00pm (NO 5:00 pm or 7:00pm Masses this night)

Easter Sunday – April 21 - regular mass schedule – 7:00, 9:00 and 10:45am and 12:15pm. Note – no 5:00 or 7:00pm masses on Saturday night – only Great Easter Vigil Mass at 8:00pm

Easter Egg Hunt – Easter Sunday – April 21 after the 9:00am Children's mass

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 last 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 last 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

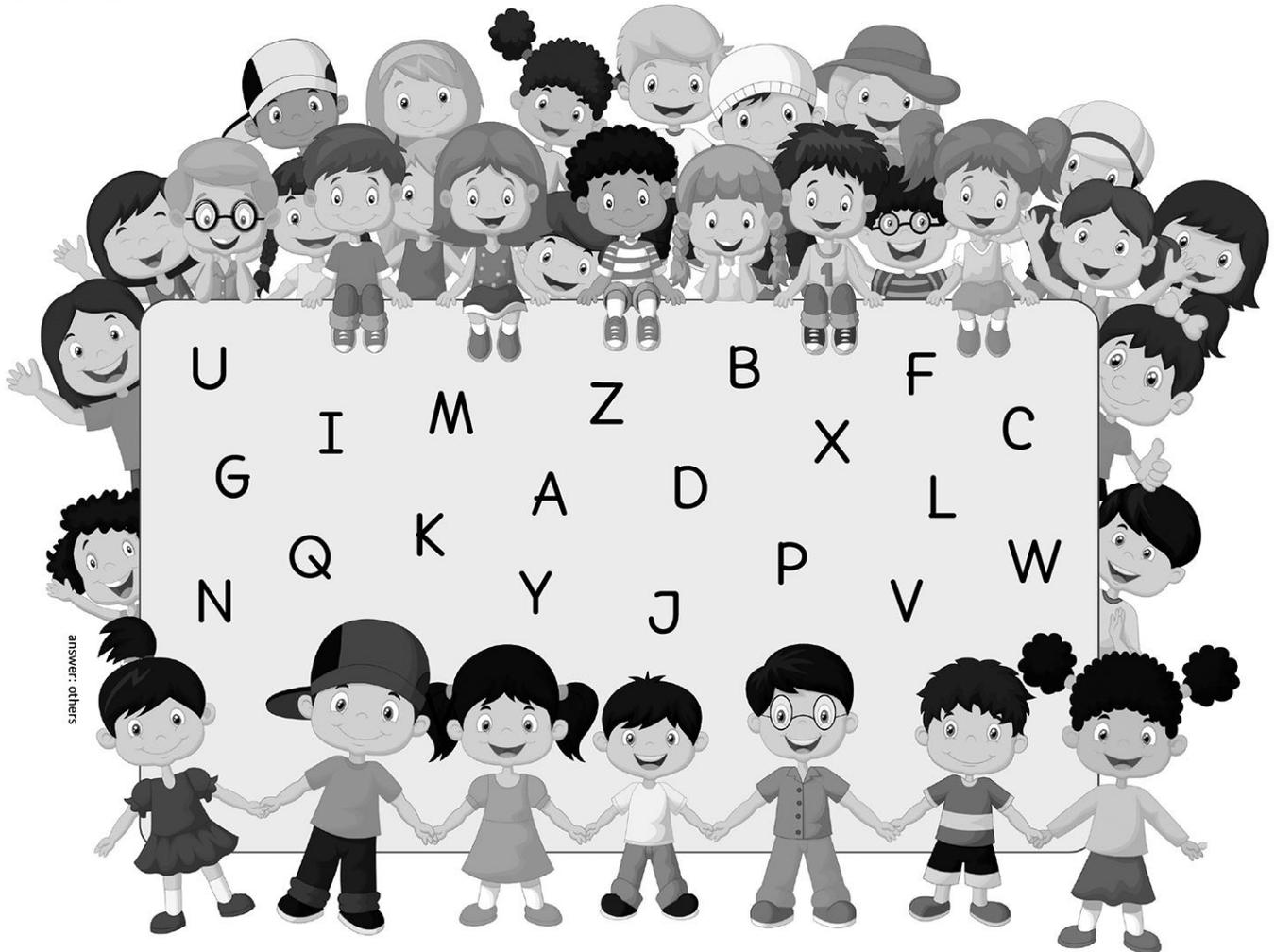
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Gospel Today Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time | Luke 6:27-38

Jesus wants us to show love, kindness, respect and generosity to everyone. He tells us, "Do to others as you would have them do to you."

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



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

"Do to _____ as you would have them do to you."