

**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 – 3<sup>RD</sup> Sunday of Lent**

**SATURDAY, March 23, 2019**

8:00 AM Michele Beck, r/o family  
5:00 PM Helen Slusark, r/o Ladies Auxiliary KofC  
7:00 PM Rose Thompson, r/o Alison & Steve McClay

**SUNDAY, March 24, 2019**

7:00 AM For the people of our parish, living/deceased  
9:00 AM Eleanor Pagarillo, r/o Paquito Pagarillo  
10:45 AM Helen Slusark, r/o Altar Rosary Society  
12:15 PM Pauline Plungis, r/o James

**MONDAY, March 25, 2019**

7:00 AM Nicola Sapia, r/o Rob & Cindy Pero  
8:45 AM Steve Napiorski, r/o Tom & Janice Michnewicz

**TUESDAY, March 26, 2019**

7:00 AM Lucy Engesser, r/o Art & Chris  
8:45 AM Tom Cutogna, r/o Feeney family

**WEDNESDAY, March 27, 2019**

7:00 AM Sylvia Totin, r/o Cerami family  
8:45 AM Egidio Bufaino, r/o Rita Scarpone

**THURSDAY, March 28, 2019**

7:00 AM Marilyn Pacheco, r/o Susan Adie  
8:45 AM Mary McCarthy, r/o Janet & family

**FRIDAY, March 29, 2019**

7:00 AM Margaret K. Metz, r/o the Grossman family  
8:45 AM Eileen Reilly, r/o Joan Wagner

**SATURDAY, March 30, 2019**

8:00 AM Rachele Schiano Dicola, r/o Josephine & Pietro Bagnato  
5:00 PM Helen Slusark, r/o Tom & Terry Herron  
7:00 PM Jane, John & Veronica Alencewicz, r/o Frances Alencewicz

**SUNDAY, March 31, 2019**

7:00 AM Lillian Manna, r/o daughters Lilly, Pat & Mary  
9:00 AM Gus Lipinski, r/o wife  
10:45 AM For the people of our parish, living/deceased  
12:15 PM Irene Parzykowski, r/o Zyra family



**The bread & wine have been donated in loving memory of John Tkach from Joan Tkach & family.**

***We want to thank everyone who kindly donated to support the Brown family during this serious time. As a parish community about \$5,000.00 was raised. We thank you for your generosity and ask that God may continue to bless the Brown family.***

# The Prayer Corner

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

## A TIME TO BAPTIZE

## TO WED

## TO HEAL

Joann Alach, Tyler Brown, Johanna Esposito, Fran & Bill Hefele, Jack Jacobi, Maria Middleton, 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, Marian Cassel, Louis Faccione, Pauline Mendicino-Franke, Sadako Vargas, Robert Grecco, Baby Lucas DeCarlo.

## TO JOIN GOD IN HEAVEN

Gina DeLutis & Rev. John L. Brundage

## A TIME OF WAR & PEACE

Keith D. Lee (Air National Guard), Captain Brian McCartin (Army), Staff Sgt. Matthew Harris (Army), Sgt. Albert Cipas (Airforce), Alan Bridges (Navy), John Bridges (Navy), PO 3 Liam Ryan (Navy), 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant Phillip G. Faccione Jr. (Marines), Sgt. Steven Loglisci (Marines), Bryan Alexander Perez (Army), Brandon Haynes (Army), Jared Endler (National Guard).

## Weekend Readings

Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15  
 1 Corinthians 10:1-6,10-12  
 Luke 13:1-9

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

## March 24, 2019 – 3<sup>RD</sup> Sunday of Lent

*"He said to the gardener, 'For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none."*

*LUKE 13:7*

We can all be like the barren fig tree at times. Do you cling to what you have, or do you generously share with others? How will you respond when God asks you what you have done with all the gifts He has given you? Remember, not only are we called to be generous, we are called to develop and nurture our gifts and return with increase.

## Reflection

Last weekend we heard about the transfiguration of Jesus. The first thing I thought when hearing it was, "I wonder what was going through James and Peter's head as they were witnessing everything." They clearly didn't expect to witness Jesus' transfiguration, for Moses and Elijah to appear, or to hear the voice of God speaking to them. Imagine what they were feeling and thinking in that moment...what would you have done in their situation? It is important to break down the significance of the transfiguration for its true purpose. Moses represents the law, Elijah represents the prophets and Jesus represents the fulfillment of all of God's promises. Another important comparison is to compare this mountain top to Golgotha, the place where Jesus hung on a cross and died so that all of us could be saved. This comparison is not a coincidence, it is yet another gift given to us by God, our heavenly Father. Just like Jesus, we too have moments in our lives where we are in places like Mount Golgotha, when suffering, frustration, sadness, and anger overcome us, and we feel like we just can't go on. Sometimes we have moments in our lives where we are in places like Mount Taber, when we are overcome with happiness, peace, and feel fulfilled in our lives. It is so important to remember that whatever mountain you are on right now, or if you're in the valley in between, that God was there on both mountains, just as He is always with each one of us. Whatever you are going through, I encourage you to accept the invitation Jesus is sending you this Lenten season. Fully welcome Him into your life, let Him walk with you on your journey. What will you give to the One who gave everything for you?



**St. John Vianney School News**

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

A great big thank you to Jennifer Walusz and all her volunteers who made the annual Tricky Tray such a tremendous success last week. Thank you also to all our students who came out to help at the Tricky Tray. Your help was greatly appreciated!

On Wednesday, March 27th our school photographer, Barksdale, will be here again to take student portraits. In the fall they took pictures of the students in their school uniforms. This time the students will be able to dress in the outfit of their choice; however, no jeans or t-shirts will be permitted. Information regarding pricing was sent home with the students. If you wish to have your child's picture taken, please return the envelope with payment on Wednesday. **Only those children who are having their pictures taken may come to school in regular clothing.**

Friday, March 29th is the end of the third marking period. Report cards will be sent home with the students on Thursday, April 4.

If you haven't already done so, please return your child's re-registration paperwork to school. If your child will not be returning in September, please send a note so we can send home the necessary paperwork.

Space is available for all grade levels for the 2019-2020 school year. If you would like more information or would like to register your child, please call the school office at 732-388-1662.

**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.

You can also come visit our Pre-School on Saturday, April 6, from 10 AM to 12 noon for our next Open House. Come meet our teachers, see our classrooms, and hear all about what we have to offer your child.

**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
Parish Life Comm.	Edgar Lugo	732-801-6705
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 Leatham	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. Turibius of Mongrovejo**



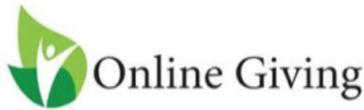
St. Turibius of Mongrovejo grew up in Spain and became a lawyer, then judge, priest, then bishop. Once a bishop, St. Turibius was sent to

Peru to reform the whole area of the archdiocese, which had been exploited and oppressed by conquerors. He devoted all his time and energy to helping the poor and abused, while still making time each day to celebrate Mass and Confession. The Holy Spirit was an active force in the many good works done by St. Turibius in Peru. He also founded schools, hospitals, and churches. May we look to St. Turibius for inspiration: that we too may have a heart of compassion for those less fortunate, to speak out against injustice, and actively spread love and kindness to others who are suffering.

**MARCH 17, 2019**

**OFFERTORY:**

Collection:	\$ 14,644.33
On-line giving:	\$ 2,328.00
	<u>\$ 16,972.33</u>
Avg. Weekly Expenses:	-\$ 22,781.50
Balance:	-\$ 5,809.17



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	6:00pm	CCD
	6:30pm	St. Vincent dePaul
Tuesday	4:30pm	Cheering
	7:00pm	Scouts
	7:00pm	Pro-Life
	7:00pm	School Advisory
		Council Meeting
Wednesday	7:30pm	Al-Anon
	6:30pm	Girl Scouts
	7:30pm	Adult Choir Practice
Thursday	4:30pm	Cheering
	7:00pm	Scouts Committee Meeting
	7:00pm	Confessions & Stations CCD Gr 8
Friday	1:25pm	School Stations
	7:00pm	Stations



**Parish Gift Shop**

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

## Lenten Obligations

1. The days of fast and abstinence are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
2. All other Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence.
3. The obligation of fast applies only to Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59.

*Fasting in the Catholic tradition means to limit oneself to one full meal and two smaller meals which together are not equal to a full meal, so as to experience hunger.*

4. The obligation of abstinence applies to all Catholics who have reached the age of 14.

*Abstinence in the Catholic tradition means to abstain from meat.*

## Third Sunday of Lent

Lent is a time of preparation. Lent is a journey of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. A time of daily reflection of our lives as we strive to deepen our relationship with God and others. Lent leads us to Easter, the hope of the Resurrection. We are called to share that hope with our global family. Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl can help us achieve this mission. Please consider making a contribution this Lenten season.

As we enter the third week of Lent, let us reflect and pray for others who are struggling. This week we pray for the Dharthcroos family, whom we encounter through CRS Rice Bowl, and all refugees who are returning or have returned home, that they find abundant resources with which to rebuild their lives.

If you would like to participate, you can find the rice bowls in the gathering area of the Church under the TV monitor.



## Music Ministry News

**Our choirs are continuing to prepare for Holy Week and Easter!! Please consider joining one of our groups during Lent!! Alyson, Olivia, Victoria, and Taylor, (from our high school group) will be part of St. Joseph high school's production of "Into the Woods"!! The show runs both this weekend and next weekend! Check out the school website for ticket information!!**

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 March 27<sup>th</sup>!! We sing again on March 31<sup>st</sup> 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 April 2<sup>nd</sup>!! We sing again on Sunday April 7<sup>th</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup>!!**

You can contact me at [jframeiii@yahoo.com](mailto:jframeiii@yahoo.com) with any questions,  
Jamie Frame – Dir. Of Music/Organist

*Please remember in your prayers the repose of the soul of Reverend John L. Brundage, a retired priest of the Diocese of Metuchen, who passed away on Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup>. Father Brundage was ordained to the priesthood on May 23, 1970. He served as pastor of St. Bernard of Clairvaux Parish, Bridgewater and Corpus Christi Parish, South River.*

**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.

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

Thank you to all who have given so generously to the 2019 Bishop’s Annual Appeal. If you have not made a pledge, there is still time to participate. Mail your gift to: Diocese of Metuchen, Bishop’s Annual Appeal, PO Box 4000, Metuchen, NJ 08840-4000 or give online at [www.diometuchen.org/BAA](http://www.diometuchen.org/BAA).

**Decision Point – The Prayer Process**

Please join the Spirituality Committee on Wed., April 10th at 7:00pmin the SJV Cafeteria for a Decision Point program to explore “The Prayer Process.” The program is appropriate for all ages. Light refreshments will be served. All SJV Parish and School families are welcome. Please RSVP by Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup> by calling the rectory at 732-574-0150.

**Boy Scout Troop 523 Pancake Breakfast**

Join us April 7<sup>th</sup> from 7:30am-12pm in the St. John Vianney cafeteria for a pancake breakfast!  
Adults \$8 – Seniors and Children under 10 \$6

**40 Cans for 40 Days of Lent**

Please consider contributing to the Lenten food drive sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council 6571. The food drive will benefit the St. James food pantry. “GIVE something, rather than GIVE UP something.”



**St. Vincent DePaul**

The food pantry is in need of instant potatoes, coffee, tea, canned meat, complete pancake mix, pancake syrup, and toothpaste. Thank you for your generosity and continued support.

**ST. JOHN VIANNEY HSA  
IS SPONSORING**



Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm SJV Cafeteria  
RSVP by March 22<sup>nd</sup> by contacting Cynthia Costello at 732-887-7526 or [cpcos2005@verizon.net](mailto:cpcos2005@verizon.net)

*A special thank you to Foodtown in Colonia for donating soup for the Spirituality Committee’s Lenten Soup Night.*

**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.



**The Annual Colonia 5K Race and Chris Jantas Fun Run**

Saturday, April 13th here at St. John Vianney. The Fun Run starts at 8:30am, and the 5K starts at 9am. Applications for both events are available in the gathering area of the church and at the receptionist's desk in school. *We need help on the day of the race at the registration table and out on the race course. If you could spare an hour or two to help us, please contact Jonathan at 732-770-6144.* Please come out and cheer on our runners! Just a reminder that due to the race, parts of Inman Avenue will be shut down for a short period of time from 8:15am-10am on the day of the race. Please plan accordingly!

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

**24 Hours with the Lord**

March 29<sup>th</sup> at 4pm and March 30<sup>th</sup> at 3:30pm at St. Francis Cathedral in Metuchen.

For information please visit [stfranciscathedral.org](http://stfranciscathedral.org).

**Peer Counselor Training 2019**

Are you ready for a life challenge? Consider joining us for our Life Choices Spring training session which will take place on **Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup>** from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm in the upper room of St. John Vianney Church. Lunch will be provided. There is a cost of \$20 for The L.O.V.E. Approach manual. Other materials will be included at no additional cost. If you are interested in participating in a ministry that is challenging but also fulfilling and rewarding, please call Carolyn at 732-516-0911 (cell 973-349-4626) or email: [lifecoices@optonline.net](mailto:lifecoices@optonline.net) to learn more. The rewards you receive will surprise you! Please call or email to register by Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Union Catholic High School Open House**

**Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 7pm**

For more info. call 908-889-1600 ext. 302

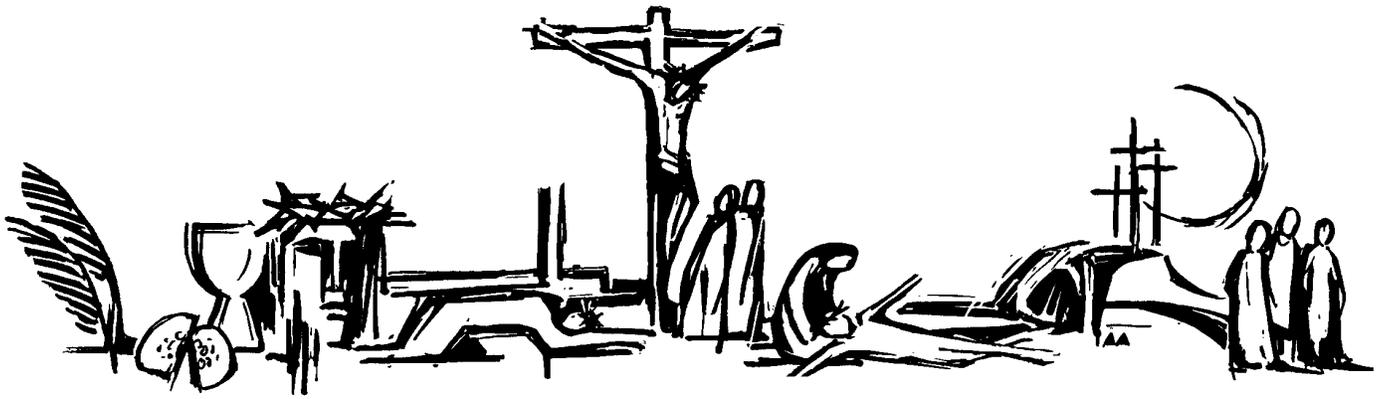
**Bishop George Ahr High School Spring Open House**

**Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 7pm**

For more info. call (732) 549-1108 X620

**Marriage Encounter**

Now that Spring is here, why not shake off those winter blues and breathe some new life into your marriage. A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend gives you the time and tools to revitalize romance, deepen communication, and nourish the spirituality in your marriage. The next **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend** will be held **July 26–28**. Early registration is advisable as space is limited. Please call **1-732-904-9636** for registration and information. For further information visit us at [www.aweekendforyourmarriage.org](http://www.aweekendforyourmarriage.org).



### **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.*

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

**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

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## Gospel Today

Third Sunday of Lent | Luke 13:1-9

The parable uses a barren fruit tree to help us understand God's patience and love for His creation. Given the proper nurturing, unfruitful people can again become pleasing to God.



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This tree has no fruit. It can be home to birds & animals, but it is capable of so much more! It just needs to be nurtured.

*Nurture: to feed, nourish, train, educate, cultivate*



Jesus believes in us, is willing to give us another chance. We need to say we are sorry for not always doing the best we can.

Thank Jesus for His forgiveness & faith in us as we  
**FOLLOW OUR FAITH FOR 40 DAYS.**

**Draw fruit and leaves on the tree.**

**Add any fruit that would be good to eat.**

Example: apples, oranges, peaches, pears, figs. Don't forget to add a bird to the nest!

Now the tree represents people — ready to share & give good things to others. **What can people give others that trees can't give?** Example: a hug