

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 – Divine Mercy Sunday

SATURDAY, April 27, 2019

8:00 AM Giovanni Esposito, r/o Rob & Cindy Pero
5:00 PM Frank Jazikoff Sr., r/o loving wife, Claire
7:00 PM Robert Confer, r/o Janice & Tom Michnewicz

SUNDAY, April 28, 2019

7:00 AM Salvatore Sciahetano, r/o family
9:00 AM Manuel Campolargo, r/o family
10:45 AM Connie Casarona, r/o sister Marie
12:15 PM For the people of our parish, living/deceased

MONDAY, April 29, 2019 – St. Catherine of Siena

7:00 AM David C. Smith, r/o Katherine Hewitt
8:45 AM Dominick Cavallero, r/o wife

TUESDAY, April 30, 2019

7:00 AM Maria Bagnato Luppino, r/o Veronica & Scotto DiCarlo
8:45 AM Maria DiBenedetto, r/o Julie & Stan Sikora

WEDNESDAY, May 1, 2019

7:00 AM Giacomo Luppino, r/o Veronica & Scotto DiCarlo
8:45 AM Lorraine & Edward Kalanta, r/o family

THURSDAY, May 2, 2019 – St. Athanasius

7:00 AM Carolyn Kearney, r/o family
8:45 PM Jason Pinto, r/o the Waldron family

FRIDAY, May 3, 2019 – St. Philip & St. James, Apostles

7:00 AM Giacomo Luppino, r/o Josephine & Peter Bagnato
8:45 AM Anna Simon, r/o Lieggi family

SATURDAY, May 4, 2019

5:00 PM Romeo & Marcelina Torres-Apostol, r/o Reyes family
7:00 PM Robert Confer, r/o Gerry Davis & family

SUNDAY, May 5, 2019

7:00 AM Purgatorial Society
9:00 AM For the people of our parish, living/deceased
10:45 AM Carmen Solinap, r/o Ramirez family
12:15 PM Ida Larstanna, r/o Linda Moldauer

The sanctuary light has been offered in loving memory of Robert Confer from Gerry Davis & family.



The bread & wine have been offered in loving memory of Ollie & Edward DeRosa from Joanne Streck.

The Prayer Corner

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

A TIME TO BAPTIZE

Lincoln Palmer, Camila Valencia, Sofia Valencia, Jayden Martinez & Hadi Abreu

TO WED

TO HEAL

Trevor Horning, Lou Peragallo, Joann Alach, Tyler Brown, Johanna Esposito, Fran & Bill Hefelee, 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, Arlon Roth, Edward O’Brien, Theresa Lipuma, June Laub, Mary Yanuzzi, Jill Bartholomew, 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, 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 Faccone, Pauline Mendicino-Franke, Sadako Vargus, Robert Grecco, Baby Lucas DeCarlo.

TO JOIN GOD IN HEAVEN

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), Jared Endler (National Guard).

Weekend Readings

Acts 5:12-16
 Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19
 John 20:19-31

Weekday readings can be found on the parish website.

April 28, 2019 – Divine Mercy Sunday

“Jesus said to them again, ‘Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.’”

JOHN 20:21

Peace—the first gift of the risen Lord. Just as Jesus sent the apostles out into the world, so too, He sends us. As disciples of Jesus, we are called to be grateful and generous. Look for opportunities to share His peace, not only within our local parish boundaries, but outside of them as well. In giving, we receive the peace of Jesus Christ.

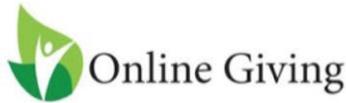
Reflection

Last weekend we celebrated the resurrection of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Easter is surely a time to celebrate love. Love was revealed to us in the human form of Jesus, and He truly gave up everything for us so that we may have the fullness of eternal life. While it’s important to recognize Jesus’ ultimate sacrifice by undergoing ridicule, torture and a brutal death, He also showed love to those who opposed and betrayed Him. Jesus gave Judas and Peter His body to eat and blood to drink at the last supper, fully knowing what they would do to betray Him; through this Jesus showed us that He is forgiving. While Jesus hung from the cross after being tortured and beaten, while the guards who did this to Him continued to mock Jesus, He still prayed for them and pleaded, “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.” This is a reminder of how loving and forgiving God is, but also reminds us that no matter how far we may stray from our faith it is never too late to come back home to Jesus. When all is said and done, love will always win. Let us always remember the all-powerful love God has for us, for all His children. For He is our healer, sanctifier, Father, Messiah, savior, redeemer, friend. As we go forth from Easter, let us carry Jesus’ message with us each day. Let us be merciful to one another, show one another love instead of hate and judgement. Let us willingly share our gifts with others, and be open to sharing our faith, instead of being afraid of what others may think. Let us be proud to call God our Father. I hope that you all understand and act upon the lessons Jesus teaches us as you continue on your faith journey.

APRIL 21, 2019

OFFERTORY:

Collection:	\$ 37,517.08
On-line giving:	\$ 2,613.00
	\$ 40,130.08
Avg. Weekly Expenses:	-\$ 22,781.50
Balance:	\$ 17,348.58



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	5:30pm	Communion Practice
	6:00pm	CCD
Tuesday	4:00pm	Children's Choir Practice
	5:30pm	Communion Practice
	6:00pm	Scouts
	7:00pm	Pro-Life Meeting
Wednesday	7:00pm	Anniversary Comm.
	7:30pm	Al-Anon
	2:30pm	SJV Seniors
	5:30pm	Communion Practice
	7:30pm	Adult Choir Practice
Thursday	1:30pm	Altar Rosary and Crowning
	5:30pm	Communion Practice
	7:30pm	KofC mtg at VFW
Friday	8:45am	First Friday Mass
	12:30pm	Communion Retreat
Saturday	9:00am	First Communion
	11:30am	First Communion
Sunday	10:00am	Parish Breakfast
	10:00am	Parish May Crowning

Please note that there is NO 8am mass or Confessions on Saturday, May 4th, due to First Holy Communion.

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.

Saint of the Week: St. Philip, the Apostle



St. Philip is most well known for being one of Jesus' apostles and a pillar of the Church. He grew up in Bethsaida in Galilee, as well as two other apostles, before Jesus found him. People often assume the apostles were near perfect, since Jesus chose them as His close circle of friends on earth, but all the apostles had their weaknesses, as every human does. St. Philip was one who took a long time to fully understand who Jesus was. There were times that he didn't quite grasp that Jesus and God were one in the same, but Jesus was always right there to show him the truth. Even though St. Philip wasn't this 'perfect person' who was close to Jesus, he is a very relatable saint. May we look to St. Philip when things seem overwhelming and remember that we can do all things through the divine power and love of Jesus Christ.

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

On Divine Mercy Sunday we turn to our faith in God who is ready to embrace us and forgive us for all our wrongdoings. In exchange for our humanity God offers His divinity and even though we have sinned against God, He never forgets that what He made is good and always shows mercy.

With a few weeks remaining in the Bishop's Annual Appeal we have reached 73.2% of our parish goal. All the funds raised through the Bishop's Annual Appeal go towards the ministries and programs outlined in the appeal brochure.

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.

Summer Splash 50/50!

Remember to return your Summer Splash 2019 50/50 Raffle tickets to the rectory!

Our parishioners were sent a book of tickets in the mail, and we have more tickets available in the rectory. A full book contains 10 tickets at \$50 or you can purchase individual tickets at \$5 each. You can return your purchased tickets by dropping them off or mailing them, with a check/cash enclosed, to the rectory. Good luck to all who enter!



2019 May Crowning

Please join us for our Parish May Crowning on May 5th after the 9am Mass. We will gather around Mary's Island following Mass to crown the Blessed Mother with flowers. All are welcome to attend!

Music Ministry News

Many thanks to ALL our Parish Choirs for an excellent job during Holy Week and Easter!! Our adult choir is now practicing for our parish Confirmation liturgy, and our children's choir is now practicing for first communion. All are invited to join with our children's choir next Sunday May 5th for our parish May Crowning!!

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 May 1st and we sing again next Sunday 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 April 30th and we sing again on Sunday May 4th at the 9:00 am mass with our parish May Crowning to follow at Mary's Island. Following the May Crowning please join us in the school cafeteria for our parish breakfast!!**

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 sing again on Sunday April 28th at the 10:45am mass.**

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

The Pro-Life Corner

APRIL 28, 2019

Today we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. God's greatest desire is to forgive us, pouring out His infinite mercy upon us so that we may be *healed*. Women and men alike who have been involved in an abortion may feel deep grief, guilt, anxiety, depression, anniversary reactions to the date of the abortion or what would have been the baby's due date, broken relationships and a sense of alienation from God and Church. If this is you, we want you to know that your Church cares. Seek the Lord's mercy and healing through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Consider confidential, compassionate help from Project Rachel, a confidential Catholic ministry offering hope and healing to women and men hurting from past abortions. Visit the "Find Help" map on HopeAfterAbortion.org to find the diocesan ministry near you.



Please note that next weekend, May 4-5th, there will be a second collection for Catholic Relief Services.

Please also join us next weekend after the 9am Mass for our Parish Breakfast! This month's sponsor is the Pro-Life Group.



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.



SJV Seniors

Our next meeting will take place at the Evergreen Center at 12:30pm on Wednesday, May 1st. The Woodbridge High School Chorus will entertain us with song and dance. It is always a joy to see these students perform. Don't forget cereal for the Ozanam Family Shelter in Edsion.

Please join us for a trip to Cape Cod, Irish Village for 5 days/4 nights – June 17-21, 2019. The trip will include guided tours, a day in Boston, breakfast and dinner daily, entertainment each evening and will also have a stop at Mohegan Sun Casino on the way home. To sign up and for more information please call Connie O'Donnell at 732-388-6543.

Knights of Columbus Membership

The Knights of Columbus Pope John Paul I Council 6571 is looking for Catholic Men to join their organization. They work with our Pastor to assist the SJV Community; collect for Alzheimer's, Handicapped Citizens, sponsor a General Charity Drive, and Eyes for the Needy. During Lent the Knights sponsor the Saint John Vianney "40 Days 40 Cans" food drive for the local food banks. The Knights meet at the Inman Avenue V.F.W. Post 6061 the first Thursday evening of every month. If you are interested in joining a great organization for Catholic men please contact Trustee Robert Luban at 732-382-6939. **Online membership** is another option; go to www.Kofc.org for all information and easy membership registration. Joining the Knights provides great satisfaction and provides personal benefits to you and your family.

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.



Respect Life Event



"Alive from New York" is a Focus on the Family event in **Times Square on Saturday, May 4th, 2:30-4:30pm**. The event will feature live music and inspirational speeches from special guests, as well as abortion survivors. Jeanne Mancini of the National March for Life in Washington D.C. will host the afternoon. Register now for free tickets at: <https://www.focusonthefamily.com/pro-life>.

40 Cans for 40 Days of Lent

The Knights of Columbus Council 6571 and St. James Food Pantry would like to thank the St. John Vianney parishioners for their generosity during our 40 Cans for 40 Days of Lent food drive. The response was overwhelming. May God bless you!



Secular Franciscans

The Franciscan Fraternity of Saint John Vianney welcomed guest speaker, Pastor John Barbella of Saint Philip and Saint James Parish in Phillipsburg, NJ. Father Barbella spoke about the Stations of the Cross as they were first popularized by the Franciscans, and that the order is entrusted with the care of the Holy Places today. In our Lenten journey as we all encounter the people in the Stations of the Cross, we are reminded that by our Baptism and Confirmation, we are fortified and given strength by the gifts of the Holy Spirit. We are called to use these gifts to care for and serve others. All are welcome to join our Franciscan meetings here at Saint John Vianney Church. For more information, please contact Tess Mutuc, Minister of Saint John Vianney Franciscan Fraternity at tessmutuc@gmail.com.



Thank You for A Great Easter Egg Hunt!!

Many thanks to all those who made our parish annual Easter Egg Hunt such a success again this year!! We thank Mrs. Mary Cowan and Mrs. Elaine Oakley for organizing all the eggs and candy!! Thanks goes out to the following students for Stuffing over 1000 Easter Eggs:
 Amy DiNatale, John Florczak, Brigid, JJ, Timmy and Noelle Frame, Ava Ignar, Micah Kelly, Jenna Maher, Andrew Matos, Alessandra Pulecio, Antonio Pulecio, and Johnathan Thor. A big thanks to ALL those who helped hide the eggs after the 7:00 am mass!! Thanks to Ellen DeRosa and Father Bede for handing out all the bags and thanks also to Father John for helping to organize the hunt!! Most of all thanks to the many, many, families who took part in such a great parish event here at SJV on Easter Sunday!!!

Thanks for a Great Easter Flower Sale!!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who supported our parish "Easter Plant Sale" on Palm Sunday. Thanks goes out to the following people who helped sell all the flowers: Cliff and Agnes Bacsik, Linda Dunbar, Father John, Sue MacIntyre, and Ann Ruth. Thanks also to John Parsons for helping me unload the truck. Thanks to Dreyer Farms in Cranford, NJ for supplying all the beautiful plants.
 Again, many thanks to all,
 Jamie Frame

**Heart of a Priest
 Relic Pilgrimage of St. John Vianney's
 Incorrupt Heart**

Friday, May 3rd the relic will be at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark, NJ.
 Veneration from 9am-9pm, Morning Prayer 9:45am, Confessions 10am, Rosary 12pm, Mid-afternoon Prayer 1:45pm, Chaplet of Divine Mercy 3pm, Confessions 5pm, Holy Mass 7pm.

Relay for Life

Are you a Survivor? American Cancer Society (ACS) in the process of mailing out invites to Relay for Life (RFL) of Woodbridge Twp's 2019 Survivor Dinner Celebration.
 Please sign up and register as a survivor at www.RelayForLife.org/WoodbridgeNJ to receive an invite. If you haven't received your invite, yet are signed up as a survivor to RFL of Woodbridge Twp, then contact Maryalice Jacko prior to May 15th at ed91753@aol.com or 732-925-4670. When leaving a message, provide your name and contact information.



**Body of Christ Prayer Group
 at St. Francis Cathedral**

On Thursday, May 2 at 7:30 PM, a Charismatic Mass followed by prayers for healing will be celebrated at St Francis Cathedral, 32 Elm Ave & Main Street, Metuchen. Fr. William J. Smith, K.C.H.S, Pastor of St. Anthony of Padua Church, Port Reading is the celebrant and will offer healing prayers following the Mass. Members of the Prayer Group will also be available to pray.
 For more information call Pam 732 491-6042.



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Gospel Today

Second Sunday of Easter (or Sunday of Divine Mercy) | John 20:19-31

When Jesus appeared to His disciples the first and second times following His Resurrection, He was merciful. He offered them peace, kindness, love and forgiveness.

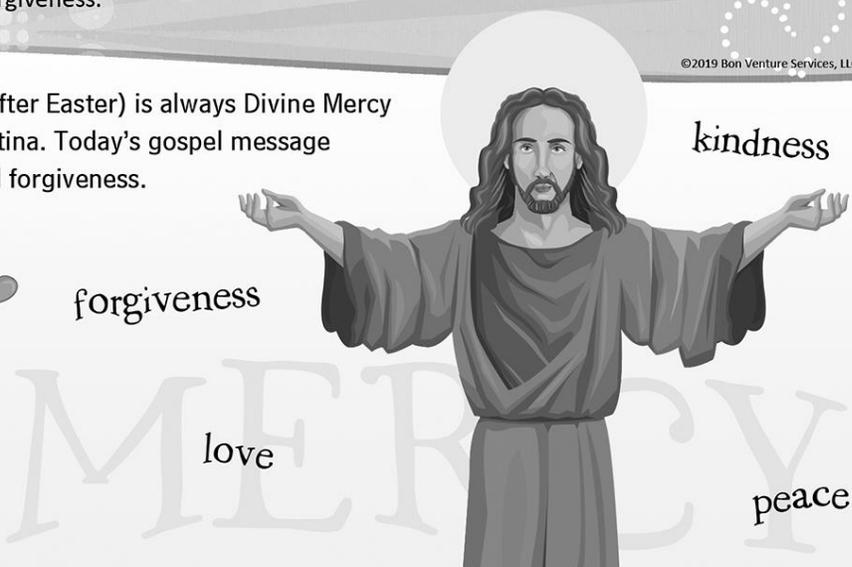
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The Second Sunday of Easter (the week after Easter) is always Divine Mercy Sunday as requested by Jesus to St. Faustina. Today's gospel message introduces the Sacrament of Penance and forgiveness.



BIBLE WORD SEARCH

Find all the words...
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Appearance

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