

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.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 – 22ND Sunday in Ordinary Time

SATURDAY, August 31, 2019

8:00 AM 20th Anniversary of Dianne Ruffini Kuchie, r/o her kids: Thomas, Daniel, William & Jillian
5:00 PM Dr. Susan Mary Staugatis, r/o Feeney family

SUNDAY, September 1, 2019

7:00 AM Purgatorial Society
9:00 AM For the people of our parish, living/deceased
10:45 AM Minnie Cucchia, r/o Priests, Deacons & staff of SJV
12:15 PM Joseph Dolan Jr. r/o John & Lori Perona & family

MONDAY, September 2, 2019

9:00 AM Betty Bowkley, r/o Dolly Hark

TUESDAY, September 3, 2019 – St. Gregory

7:00 AM Rose Maire Ingrassia, r/o John & Mary Jantas
8:45 AM Charles Shaughnessy, r/o Margaret Shaughnessy

WEDNESDAY, September 4, 2019

7:00 AM John Connelly, r/o Ellermann family
8:45 AM Maria Luppino, r/o Nina Scotto D'Aniello

THURSDAY, September 5, 2019

7:00 AM JoAnn Alach, r/o Elena Alves
8:45 PM Steve Napiorski, r/o Egger & Maureen Lugo

FRIDAY, September 6, 2019

7:00 AM Susan Gerlak, r/o Irene Sobieski
8:45 AM Anna Simone, r/o Anne Marie Aneses

SATURDAY, September 7, 2019

8:00 AM Aiden Lynch, r/o wife & family
5:00 PM Peter & Josephine Kozak, r/o Pat Miller

SUNDAY, September 8, 2019

7:00 AM Mary Cristofolo, r/o Annette Lanzafama
9:00 AM Living & deceased members of SJV Seniors, r/o Madeline & Gene Heiser
10:45 AM For the people of our parish, living/deceased
12:15 PM Lilia Ortiz, r/o Jaime Ortiz

The sanctuary light has been offered in loving memory of William Fitzsimmons from Flo & Lou Peragallo.



The bread & wine have been offered in loving memory of James Fusting Sr. from John Ciani and also for Alexander Bush from Mr. & Mrs. Specchio.

The Prayer Corner

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

A TIME TO BAPTIZE

TO WED

TO HEAL

Jerry Hill, Prashant Kaushir, Greg Gillespie, Susan Sepedy, Sue Stockman, Geri Lazarowitz, Aymee Iannacone, Terry Briante, John Mihalko, Annie Panaccione, Tony Moskwa, Jean Nych, Gregory Kolaranda, Trevor Horning, Lou Peragallo, Tyler Brown, Johanna Esposito, Fran & Bill Hefele, Maria Middleton, Mary Shegas, Nina Stefanelli, Nikoloz, 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, Jill Bartholomew, Mary Ellermann, Lynn Tumblety, Maryann Robson, Nick Troiano, Ryan Shaughnessy, Bob Bayer, Carl Walker, Joanne Villanueva, Mary Ragucci, Edward Sprague, Dan Weiss, Arthur Shipiro, Ronald Syslo, Christine Camping, 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 Vargas, 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

Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29
 Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a
 Luke 14:1, 7-14

Weekday readings can be found on the parish website.

September 1, 2019 – 22ND Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you.”

LUKE 14:13-14

We have a difficult time with the concept of giving without expecting something in return. Even when we give to charity we often want something in return – a raffle ticket, a dinner, a chance to play golf or our name in print. Yet, as Christian stewards, we need to remember that the true reward to our giving awaits us in heaven.

Reflection

Last weekend’s scripture shared how if you strive to enter through the narrow gate, you will be saved and only a small part of the population will in fact be saved. It is so important for us to prioritize our relationship with Jesus if we wish to be His disciples. Father Mabula, a visiting missionary priest from Tanzania, shared in his homily that like going back to school, we must do our homework and strive to enter through the holy kingdom through our relationship with Jesus, who is the way, the truth, the light. Like doing homework for school, it requires a solid effort to reach what we are searching for, to be saved. While comparing it to homework, we must make sure we are not copying our work from one of our classmates/fellow disciples of Jesus. We must strive to seek the Lord with sincere hearts. We must be open and willing to accept our wrongs and make corrections, just as we do when we don’t get the grade we may have hoped for on a test. Instead of giving up and being discouraged, we must strive to do better each day, to learn from these experiences. We can do better by consciously doing God’s work each day of our lives.

AUGUST 25, 2019

OFFERTORY:

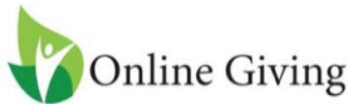
Collection:	\$ 13,996.25
On-line giving:	\$ 2,368.00
	\$ 16,364.25
Avg. Weekly Expenses:	-\$ 22,781.50
Balance:	-\$ 6,417.25

Saint of the Week: St. Gregory



St. Gregory was born into wealth in Rome but later gave it up to become a monk. He was a deacon, papal ambassador, abbot and eventually pope. Many people have and still acknowledge St. Gregory as

“the Great” for all the charity he did throughout his lifetime, as well as his dedication to seek justice for those who couldn’t for themselves. He is also known for his reform of the liturgy. May we all look to St. Gregory the Great as an example to always do God’s work on earth, seeking justice and being a voice for those who do not have the luxury or opportunity to speak for themselves.



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, which is now open to the Parish community. When you purchase Scrip, you are purchasing gift cards that are used exactly as cash. 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. 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. There are many gift cards for purchase at the Rectory, and even more gift cards available if you order through GLScrip company. Gift cards can be purchased with cash or a personal check. For more information, stop by the Rectory and speak with either Stephanie or Linda, or call us at 732-574-0150.

Parish Gift Shop

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

This Week at a Glance

Monday	<i>Rectory & School Closed</i>	
Tuesday	7:45am	First Day of School!
Wednesday	1:30pm	SJV Seniors Board
	2:30pm	SJV Seniors
	7:00pm	Anniversary Comm.
Thursday	6:30pm	CCD <i>Home Schooling in Cafeteria</i>
Sunday	1:30pm	Secular Franciscans

Please note that the Rectory will be closed on Monday, September 2nd for Labor Day.

SJV Youth Group

If you haven’t heard already, the SJV Youth Group is back in action! Our new youth minister, Mrs. Laureen Romano, is working with some of our youth group alumni to bring a brand-new Youth Group experience to St. John Vianney Parish. We will be announcing when the first meeting will be in future bulletins, so stay tuned! In the meantime, Laureen will have an information table at the Anniversary Picnic on September 22nd for those of you who would like to meet and chat with her beforehand.

St. Isidore's Garden

Serving the Community

Saint Isidore's Garden is currently in its tenth year of feeding our hungry neighbors in Woodbridge. We provide produce, grown organically and delivered fresh. To date this year, we have delivered just shy of 1200 pounds of vegetables to the clients of the food pantries at Saint James, Saint Cecelia, and Saint Anthony of Padua. The recipients of our garden's bounty are always happy to have the nutritious option of fresh vegetables, and the dignity of being able to choose what they eat. We also compost the spent plants and veggies that are nibbled by critters who visit the garden, so in addition to helping the poor, we care for God's creation by keeping our garden waste out of landfills. And compost makes the best natural fertilizer!

Our summer produce is still going strong, and we are getting ready to plant our fall crop of broccoli and beets. We meet every Monday evening in the garden to harvest. We can always use help in picking vegetables, watering, and weeding. Eventually we will also need help in cleaning out the beds for winter. If you think you might want to join this awesome ministry, email Maureen Jorgensen at maureencjorg@aol.com.



SJV Seniors

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, September 4th at 2:30pm in the cafeteria. This month we will be playing VINO Bingo. Don't forget cereal for the homeless children at Ozanam Family Shelter in Edison. The board will meet one hour prior to the meeting.

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.

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!

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.

You can contact me at jframeiii@yahoo.com with any questions,

Jamie Frame – Dir. Of Music/Organist



Want to be part of the Parish Council?

The Parish Council is a group of parishioners that serves as an advisory committee to the Pastor. If you think you would be an important addition to the Parish Council, please call or stop by the rectory to give your name, phone number, email address and why you think you'd be a good addition to the Parish Council.

**1 Day 9 Mile Walking Pilgrimage
Saturday, September 21st**

In preparation for the Consecration of the Diocese of Metuchen to Our Lady of Guadalupe, all youth, families and people of faith are invited to participate. Cost is \$20 per person before August 30th or \$25 after. The walk will be held at Immaculate Conception Parish in Annandale, NJ from 10am – 8pm. For questions and more information call 732-529-7932 or send an email to evangelization@diometuchen.org.

St. John Vianney Altar Rosary Society

Please note that the monthly meeting of the Altar Rosary Society HAS BEEN CHANGED from the 1st Thursday of the month to the 2nd Thursday of the month. The first meeting will be held on Thursday, September 12th at 2pm in the upper room of the Church. New members are always welcome. Please come join us in our devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

**St. John Vianney 58th Annual
Communion Breakfast**

Sponsored by the Altar Rosary Society

Please come join us for our 58th Annual Communion Breakfast to be held at the Colonia Country Club, 300 Colonia Blvd, Colonia, after the 9am mass on October 6, 2019. We are honored to have our Pastor Emeritus Msgr. Edward O'Neill as our guest speaker.

Tickets will be on sale at the Parish Gift Shop before and after the 5pm mass on Saturday and the 9am, 10:45am and 12:15pm masses on Sunday, starting August 17th – September 29th. Cost is \$22. For more information, please call Mary Virrazzi at 732-388-2187 or Jane Bianco at 732-382-1512.

The Pro-Life Corner

September 1, 2019

“The Church has consistently taught that every human life is precious and worthy of protection.”

*USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
“Another Look at Abortion”*

This week we pray especially for May the life of every human person, from conception to natural death, be protected in our laws and cherished in our hearts.



If you are a man or woman affected by abortion please check this website for information that may help you:
<http://www.silentnomoreawareness.org/>

**St. Vincent de Paul
Friends of the Poor Walk**

It's that time of year again! On October 5th my daughter, Lisa, Suzanne McIntyre, seminarian Jay Alquiros and I will once again be participating in the annual SVdP Friends of the Poor Walk in Long Branch. Over the past several years because of the generosity of so many people we have been able to raise thousands of dollars that have been used by our local conference to assist families in need. If you would like to support our efforts, you can do so by making a pledge. Just go to the Friends of the Poor website (www.fopwalk.org), click on Find a Walker, type in any of our names and follow the simple instructions.

Thank you and God Bless You,
Deacon Tom Michnewicz

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.

Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary

Join us for a bus trip to Atlantic City's Golden Nugget Casino on Sunday, September 29th. The cost is \$25, and you will receive \$25 and a \$5 food voucher. The bus leaves from SJV parking lot at 11:30am. Please call Mary for tickets at 732-382-2558.

We proudly announce the New Officials for the 2019-2020 year as follows: President – Mary Swiderski, VP – Mary Raab, Secretary – Susan Lisowski, Corresponding Secretary – Janet Kaminski, Treasurer – Delia Meyer, Trustees – Doris Grzelak, Lorraine Luban, Janet Kaminski.

We are an organization dedicated to charity work, helping our fellow people, Church, community and those in need throughout the year. We meet on the third Thursday of the month from September to June at 7:30pm at the Colonia VFW located on Inman Ave. New members are always welcome. If interested call Mary at 732-382-2558.

Bus Trip

Join us for a bus trip to Sands Casino in PA on September 16th. The bus will be leaving SJV parking lot at 10am and will return at 6:30pm. Cost is \$30 and get back \$35. For more information and to sign up please call Mary Lou at 732-388-9452.

**"A Township Remembers"
9/11 Interfaith Memorial Service &
Salute to the Woodbridge Twp.
First Responder Community**

*Woodbridge Twp. Police Departments
Woodbridge Twp. Fire Departments
Woodbridge Twp. First Aid Squads
Woodbridge Twp. Office of Emergency
Management
Woodbridge Twp. C.E.R.T. Team*

Wednesday, September 11, 2019
6pm at 9/11 Memorial Park, Woodbridge Twp.
Municipal Building on Main Street.



**Silver & Gold Wedding Anniversary
Celebration**

You are cordially invited to celebrate your 25th or 50th Wedding Anniversary with the Church of Metuchen and renew your marriage vows with Bishop James F. Checchio at a special Evening Prayer Service at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi in Metuchen on Sunday, October 27, 2019 at 4pm. Registration is required. Please register online at: diometuchen.org/silver-and-gold. If you are unable to access, please contact your parish secretary or the Family Life Office at 732-562-1543 or amarshall@diometuchen.org. Registration will close on October 11, 2019.



60th Anniversary Parish Picnic & Mass!

**Save the Date : Sunday, September 22nd
11am – 3pm in Merrill Park**

There will be Mass in the park, BBQ, games and a DJ for a day of fellowship and fun!

Tickets will be on sale starting in September,
\$10 adults, \$5 children under 10.
They will be available for purchase in the
Church, school and rectory office.

Come and celebrate the 60th anniversary of
St. John Vianney Church!



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Gospel Today

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time / Luke 14:1, 7-14

Jesus wants us to "give" with unselfish kindness, putting others needs before our own. Being compassionate, and not expecting anything in return, puts us first in God's eyes.

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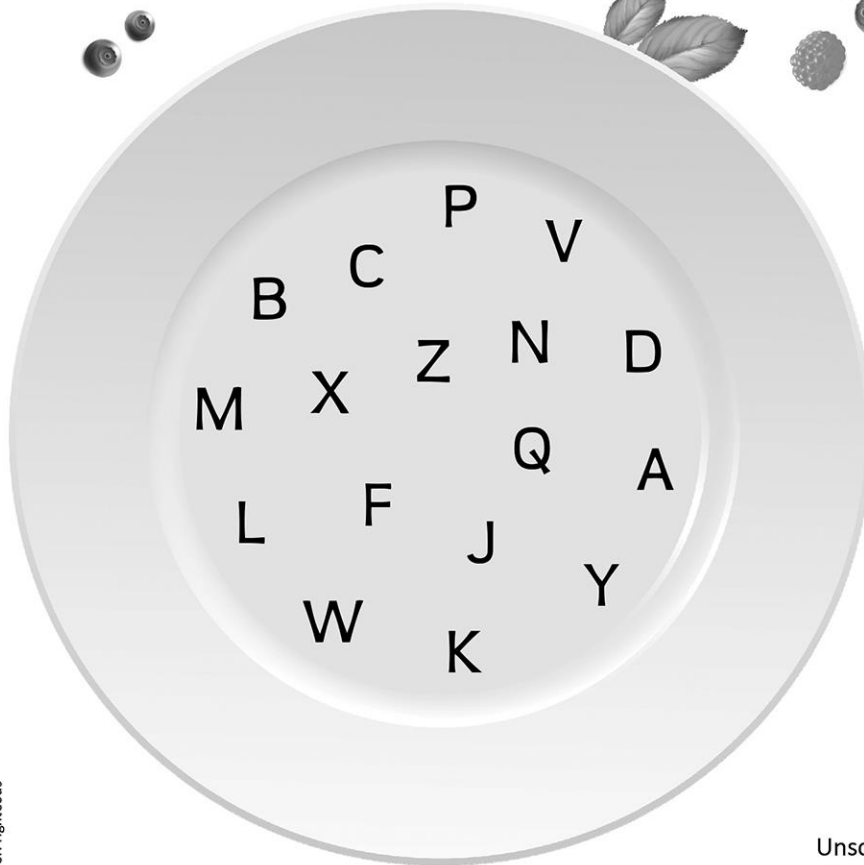
Jesus says...

"When you hold a lunch or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relations or your wealthy neighbors, in case they may invite you back and you have repayment."

—LUKE 14:12



Write the alphabet letters **NOT** found on the plate.



answer: righteous

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

For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the

_____.

Luke 14:14

