

**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
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, 4:15-4:45pm  
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 – 23<sup>RD</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**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

**MONDAY, September 9, 2019 – St. Peter Claver**

7:00 AM Terrance Dempsey, r/o Ed & Margie Foti  
8:45 AM Margaret Moher, r/o Dolly Hark

**TUESDAY, September 10, 2019**

7:00 AM Bob & Joan Pero, r/o Rob & Cindy Pero  
8:45 AM Helen & John Racano, r/o John & Celeste

**WEDNESDAY, September 11, 2019**

7:00 AM George Meagher, r/o family  
8:45 AM Romano Peretti, r/o Sergio & Natalee Martinez

**THURSDAY, September 12, 2019**

7:00 AM Anthony & Gladys Russo, r/o family  
8:45 PM Louise Giroux, r/o SJV Seniors

**FRIDAY, September 13, 2019 – St. John Chrysostom**

7:00 AM Alfred Bevaqua, r/o wife & children  
8:45 AM Emily Tramutola, r/o children  
9:30 AM Madeline Bacsik, r/o Sachewicz family

**SATURDAY, September 14, 2019**

8:00 AM Maria Luppino, r/o Nina Scotto D'Aniello  
5:00 PM Joan & Bob Pero, r/o Mr. & Mrs. Robert Pero

**SUNDAY, September 15, 2019**

7:00 AM Martin Kearney, r/o family  
9:00 AM  
10:45 AM Lucia Biello, r/o Savina Biello  
12:15 PM For the people of our parish, living/deceased



The altar flowers have been offered in loving memory of Joan Collins from Brenda & Mike Velasco.



The sanctuary light has been offered in loving memory of Debra Goger from Drena & Jimmy.



The bread & wine have been offered in loving memory of Albert Forsythe from the Salotti family and also for Anthony & Gladys Russo from family.

*The Prayer Corner*

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

**A TIME TO BAPTIZE**

**TO WED**

**TO HEAL**

Jerry Hill, Prashant Kaushik, 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**

Helen Lindlar & Mayra Lopez

**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. Faccone Jr. (Marines), Sgt. Steven Loglisci (Marines), Bryan Alexander Perez (Army), Brandon Haynes (Army), Jared Endler (National Guard).

**Weekend Readings**

Wisdom 9:13-18b  
Philemon 9-10, 12-17  
Luke 14:25-33

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

**September 8, 2019**

**23<sup>RD</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*“Everyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple.”*

**LUKE 14:33**

When we first hear this statement, it seems that Jesus is making an unrealistic demand upon us. How can we renounce all of our possessions? We need them to live. However, what we must renounce is the belief that they belong to us. Everything that we have belongs to God alone. All of our resources are entrusted to us not only for our own use, but also so that we can help others. Once we renounce the idea that we possess or are entitled to anything, it is much easier to share the many gifts that God has given us. Then we truly are His Disciples.

**Reflection**

I ask myself: Am I a Christian by fits and starts, or am I a Christian full-time? Our culture of the ephemeral, the relative, also takes its toll on the way we live our faith. God asks us to be faithful to Him, daily, in our everyday life. He goes on to say that, even if we are sometimes unfaithful to Him, He remains faithful. In His mercy, He never tires of stretching out his hand to lift us up, to encourage us to continue our journey, to come back and tell Him of our weakness, so that he can grant us his strength. This is the real journey: to walk with the Lord always, even at moments of weakness, even in our sins. Never to prefer a makeshift path of our own. That kills us. Faith is ultimate fidelity, like that of Mary.

*– Mother Mary: Inspiring Words from Pope Francis*



**St. John Vianney School News**

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

Happy Grandparents' Day to all of our grandparents!

Please plan to join us for our Back to School Night on Tuesday, September 10th. Parents of students in Grades K-3 may visit their child's classroom at 7pm and meet the teachers. Parents of students in Grade 4 will meet in the gym; Grades 5-6 will meet in church; and Grades 7-8 will go to the cafeteria at 7pm and the teachers will speak about their subject areas. There will be a general Home School Association meeting in the cafeteria at 8pm. An eighth grade parents meeting to go over activities for the year will follow in Room 8A.

We will have an early dismissal on Tuesday, September 10th. Dismissal is at 12:15pm, and Aftercare will be available.

If you haven't already done so, please return the signature page from the back of the handbook/calendar as well as the blue Emergency Contact Form. It is imperative that we have correct phone numbers where you can be reached in the event of an emergency. Also, new students and kindergarten students are required to have a physical. Please return the completed yellow physical form as soon as possible.

Don't forget to purchase your Scrip! Scrip is available at the rectory from 9am – 12 noon and 1-3pm every day and at the receptionist desk in school from 3-7:30pm on Monday and Thursday and on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday from 3-6pm.

**Preschool News**

Our Back to School Night will take place on Tuesday, September 10th, at 7pm. Come visit your child's classroom and meet their teacher. After that at 8pm come over to the main school cafeteria for the first Home School Association Meeting. Please plan to join us to hear all that is planned for the upcoming school year.

We will have an early dismissal on Tuesday, September 10th. Dismissal will be at 12 noon, and Aftercare will be provided.

**PARISH MINISTRIES & CONTACTS**

Organization	Contact	Phone
Altar Rosary Society	Jane Bianco	732-382-1512
Altar Servers	Mary Jantas	732-574-1191
Basketball	Joe Marinello	908-347-9269
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	Kelly Sachewicz	732-397-4047
	Odette Maia-Aly	201-710-0444
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.	Egger 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 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	Laureen Romano	732-381-0008

**Religious Ed (CCD) News & Class Schedule**

732-388-1424

Monday:

Grades 1 - 5 6pm – 7:15pm  
 Grades 6 & 7 7:30pm – 8:45pm

Thursday:

Grade 8 6pm – 8pm

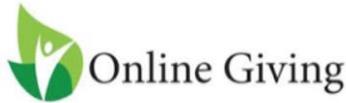
***Please join us on Sunday, September 15th, in the cafeteria after the 9am Mass for our Parish Breakfast! This month's host is the SJV Parish Council!***



**SEPTEMBER 1, 2019**

**OFFERTORY:**

*\*\* Not yet available due to holiday \*\**



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.

***Please note that the second collection this weekend is the Peter's Pence Collection.***

**Parish Gift Shop**

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

**Saint of the Week: St. Peter Claver**



St. Peter Claver left his home of Spain and became a Jesuit. He sought out the center for slave trade at the time, which was Cartagena, Columbia, and worked in the missions there. For about 40 years St. Peter ministered to

all the ill-treated and exhausted passengers on the slave ships and provided them with food, water and medicine. During this time, St. Peter baptized nearly 300,000 slaves. St. Peter never judged or saw any human life as less deserving, only that all humans are children of God and should be treated with kindness and dignity. St. Peter Claver is known as the apostle of Cartagena. May we look to him as an example of how all people should treat one another.

**This Week at a Glance**

Monday	6:00pm	CCD
	6:30pm	St. Vincent dePaul
Tuesday	7:00pm	Back to School Night!
	8:00pm	HSA General Meeting
Thursday	2:00pm	Altar Rosary Society
Friday	9:30am	Opening of School Mass
Sunday	9:00am	Catechetical Sunday
	10:00am	Parish Breakfast

*SJV Youth Group*

If you haven't heard already, the SJV Youth Group is back in action! Our new youth minister, Mrs. Lauren 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, Lauren 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.

***The August Poor Box contained \$1,560.00. This amount includes \$120.00 in backpack donations. Thank you for your on-going financial support.***

# *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](mailto:maureencjorg@aol.com).



## **Usher Information**

Please contact Ray Morgan at 908-380-4263 if you or anyone you know wants to become an usher. If you are currently an usher and need to update your contact info. please also contact Ray.

## **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](mailto:jframeiii@yahoo.com) with any questions,

Jamie Frame – Dir. Of Music/Organist



**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.

*Parish Bible Study Offering*

**Mary, A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother**

*Come join us in this year dedicated to the Blessed Mother on this extraordinary pilgrimage that reveals Mary's unique role in God's Kingdom and in our lives.*

Filmed on location in the Holy Land, *Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother* will place you in the midst of the powerful drama of her earthly life, taking you through her joys...and her sorrows. You will learn how she works in our lives today and be drawn closer to Christ as Mary leads you to a more profound and personal relationship with her Son.

**The better we know Mary, the better we will know her Son.**

***Mary, A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother*** will be offered for 6-weeks:

- Sunday Evenings – 6:30pm – 8:00pm (Beginning October 6th)
- Tuesday Mornings – 9:30am – 11:00am (Beginning Oct 8th)

***You must REGISTER before Sept. 29th*** - Rose Ragucci (732-548-3880 / rose@ragucci.net)

*There is no cost to this offering. All sessions will be in the church conference rooms.*

**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](http://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

*The Pro-Life Corner*

**September 8, 2019**

“By our baptism, we are members of Christ’s body and sharers in his mission. Imitating Christ, we must care for all members of our communities, honoring each person as unique, sacred, and created in the image of God.”

*USCCB, “Open Wide Our Hearts” Bulletin Insert*

This week we pray especially for solidarity and peace in our global human family, that we may work together to protect the lives of those who are most vulnerable.



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. 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.

**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. 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 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](http://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](mailto:amarshall@diometuchen.org). Registration will close on October 11, 2019.



# *60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Parish Picnic & Mass!*

**Sunday, September 22<sup>ND</sup>**

**Grove 3 in Merrill Park**

**11am – 3pm**

**11:15am Mass, 12:45-2:15pm food, then picnic fun**

There will be Mass in the pavilion, BBQ food (burgers, hot dogs, salads, drinks), as well as games and a DJ for a day of fellowship and fun!

Tickets will be on sale starting on September 1st, \$10 adults, \$5 children under 10 yrs. They will be available for purchase in the Church, school and rectory office.

Bring your own chairs, tablecloth, board games, equipment & a dessert to share. Make sure you have your ticket for the door prize drawing.

This event is rain or shine! In the event of rain, the Mass will be held during the 10:45am Mass in Church – food will be in the cafeteria and games & entertainment will be in the gym.

\*\* there is absolutely NO ALCOHOL permitted in the park \*\*



