

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 – 30TH Sunday in Ordinary Time**SATURDAY, October 26, 2019**

8:00 AM Edward Stanislawczyk, r/o Doris Lazur
5:00 PM Joseph Monaco, r/o family

SUNDAY, October 27, 2019

7:00 AM Madeline Bacsik,
9:00 AM For the people of our parish, living/deceased
10:45 AM Vincenzo Biello, r/o Sabina Volpe
12:15 PM Frank Oakley, r/o wife & family

MONDAY, October 28, 2019 – St. Simon & St. Jude

7:00 AM Dominick Esposito, r/o Dolly Hark
8:45 AM Basil Guirguis, r/o Vivian Guirguis

TUESDAY, October 29, 2019

7:00 AM Salvatore Severini, r/o Niece, LeeLee
Peigelbeck & family
8:45 AM Ben DiBlasi, r/o Adeline Ghilino

WEDNESDAY, October 30, 2019

7:00 AM Marion Jean Paulson, r/o the Cerami family
8:45 AM Marijane Pannullo, r/o family

THURSDAY, October 31, 2019

7:00 AM Manuel Ilagan, r/o Vendiola family
8:45 AM Eileen Hill, r/o Jane & Paul Wallace
7:00 PM Stefan Sielski, r/o Renata

FRIDAY, November 1, 2019 – All Saints Day

7:00 AM William Klena, r/o Let Deleon
8:45 AM Laura Deleon, r/o Let Deleon
7:00 PM Mary Lorraine Sharkey, r/o the Nisky family

SATURDAY, November 2, 2019 – All Souls' Day

8:00 AM For All Faithful Departed
5:00 PM Tesesa Ciani, r/o family

SUNDAY, November 3, 2019

7:00 AM Carolyn Kearney, r/o family
9:00 AM Millie Calandriello, r/o Charlene Bevacqua
10:45 AM Purgatorial Society
12:15 PM For the people of our parish, living/deceased

Farewell & Thank You, Father Joseph

It is with a heavy heart that we must bid farewell to Father Joseph Kubiak. We have been informed by the Diocese that Father is being transferred from St. John Vianney Parish to be the new Associate at St. Helena's Parish in Edison. Father will be moving there on Saturday, November 9, 2019. Because of the time constraints of the announcement, once Father is settled in, it is our hope to invite him back for a farewell mass and reception so that we can properly express our gratitude for his many years of service here at St. John Vianney Parish. Father has been here since 2005, fourteen years of ministry. We ask that God continue to bless Father and his priestly ministry in his new assignment. We have also been informed by the Diocese that Father Joseph is not being replaced here at St. John Vianney, so we will become a 2-priest parish in November 2019.

The Prayer Corner

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

A TIME TO BAPTIZE

TO WED

TO HEAL

Kathleen Baumann, Giuliana DeAngelias, Dennis Costante, Gene Moore, Edward Sprague, Roger McNamara, Joel Leiter, 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, Tyler Brown, Johanna Esposito, Fran & Bill Hefele, Maria Middleton, Mary Shegas, Nina Stefanelli, Nikoloz, Tom Woods, Clare Weber, 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, 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 Faccione, Pauline Mendicino-Franke, Sadako Vargas, Robert Grecco, Baby Lucas DeCarlo.

TO JOIN GOD IN HEAVEN

Marion Carnevale

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. Faccione Jr. (Marines), Sgt. Steven Loglisci (Marines), Bryan Alexander Perez (Army), Brandon Haynes (Army), Jared Endler (National Guard), LTJG Liam Keenan (Navy), Michael Campione (National Guard).

Weekend Readings

Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18
Luke 18:9-14

Weekday readings can be found on the parish website.

October 27, 2019

30TH Sunday in Ordinary Time

“...for whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”

LUKE 18:14

Pride and ego are the root cause of most of our sins. Thinking your time is so valuable, your talent is better than anyone else and your money gives you status is another way of making those things “gods” before God. Remember all those gifts were God-given. Instead we should be humbled by God’s abundant generosity and our hearts should overflow with gratitude.

Reflection

I thank Him for the morning light
That takes away the gloom,
For every breeze that cools the day
And all the flowers that bloom.

For every friendship I have made,
For a love that I have shared,
For every kindness shown to me
That proved that someone cared.

My heart is filled with gratefulness
And I daily give Him praise
For all the blessings He bestows,
In so many different ways.

– Rachel Hartnett
I Thank Him

Parish Gift Shop

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



St. John Vianney School News

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

We will be having our Halloween celebration on Thursday, October 31st. **We will have a 12:15 PM dismissal. Aftercare will not be provided.**

Students in Grades K-5 may come to school dressed in their costumes. If the costume has a mask, the mask is not to be worn until instructed to do so for the parade. Please do not send children to school with guns, knives, swords, or other items which could cause harm or could be lost. The Halloween parade will begin at 9:45am in the main parking lot. Grades PreK-5 will participate in the parade. Parents are asked to remain behind the cones while the parade is taking place. After the parade the students will return to their classrooms for their parties. Only those parents who received a pumpkin badge may enter the building to help with the parties.

Students in Grades 6-8 will have a Halloween dance in the gym from 9:00-10:30am. When the dance is over the students will return to their classrooms for their parties. Students may dress down for the dance, following our standard dress down rules.

Many of our students will be taking part in our Trunk or Treat on Halloween. This will take place in our parking lot beginning at 1:00pm. Only those people who signed up in advance and have received parking decals and wristbands will be allowed to participate. The parking lot will be closed to traffic beginning at 1:00pm.

Students will be attending Mass on Friday, November 1st, at 9:30AM for All Saints Day.

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

St. John Vianney Pre-School News

All students, including those who only attend school on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, are invited to take part in our Halloween celebration on Thursday, October 31st. We will join the main school students and parade to the rectory and around the parking lot at 9:45 AM. Only those parents who are scheduled as volunteers to assist with Halloween may come into the Pre-School after the parade for the parties. **We will follow our early dismissal schedule on Halloween. However, children who only attend in the morning can stay until 12 noon so they can enjoy their parties. All children must be picked up by 12 noon. There will be no aftercare on Halloween.**

When dressing your child for Halloween, **please do not give them swords, guns, knives, or any other objects that could cause injury. No masks should be worn with their costumes.**

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 Ministry	Laureen Romano	732-381-0008

OCTOBER 20, 2019

OFFERTORY:

Collection: \$ 12,807.25
 On-line giving: \$ 2,211.50

 \$ 15,018.75
 Avg. Weekly Expenses: -\$ 20,000.00
 Balance: -\$ 4,981.25

OCTOBER 21, 2018

OFFERTORY:

Collection: \$ 13,121.25
 On-line giving: \$ 2,090.00

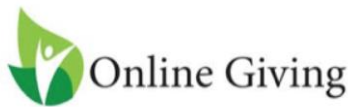
 \$ 15,211.25
 Avg. Weekly Expenses: -\$ 22,781.50
 Balance: -\$ 7,570.25

Saint of the Week: St. Jude



St. Jude is an interesting saint because not many things are known about him. What we do know is that he was one of Jesus' twelve apostles and his name was shortened to Jude from Judas to distinguish him from Judas Iscariot.

In the books of Matthew and Mark, Jude is also referred to as Thaddeus. We often see posts or articles of people thanking St. Jude for helping them through something, which is interesting since not much is known about him. St. Jude is, however, the patron saint of impossible or hopeless cases. People often find it to be a nice and respectful gesture to publicly thank St. Jude if they've prayed to him in times of struggle or frustration. May we look to St. Jude as a symbol of hope when everything seems to be against us, and also as a symbol of thanksgiving for all that we are blessed with in this life.



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.

This Week at a Glance

Monday	5:00pm	Basketball
	6:00pm	CCD
	6:30pm	St. Vincent de Paul
Tuesday	9:30am	Mary Bible Study
	4:30pm	Cheer
	6:00pm	Scouts
	7:30pm	BoyScouts
	7:30pm	Al-Anon
Wednesday	5:00pm	Basketball
	6:30pm	Girl Scouts
	7:30pm	Cheer Coaches Mtg.
	7:30pm	Adult Choir
Thursday	<i>School 1/2 Day – Halloween</i>	
	1:00pm	Trunk-or-Treat
Friday	9:30am	School Mass for All Saints Day
	5:00pm	Basketball
	7:00pm	Pre-Cana
Saturday	9:00am	Cheer
Sunday	3:00pm	Altar Serving Training
	6:30pm	Mary Bible Study
	7:00pm	Middle School Youth Ministry Kick-Off

Music Ministry News

All our groups will soon begin to prepare for the upcoming Advent Season!! Interested in joining?? Come up and speak to me after mass!!

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 9am mass (and once a month at the 10:45am mass). We practice each Wednesday from 7:30pm to 9pm in the church. **Our next rehearsal will be on Wednesday October 30th! We will sing again on Sunday November 3rd 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 4pm mass on Christmas Eve, as well as the 9am mass on Easter Sunday!! We practice on Tuesday afternoons from 4pm to 5pm in the church. We sing twice a month at either the 9am or 10:45am mass! **Our next rehearsal will be on Tuesday November 12th and we will sing on Sunday November 17th at the 9:00 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

*STV Youth & Young Adult
Ministries*

"ALL ARE WELCOME!"

Middle School

It was so great seeing the 8th graders at the Confirmation Retreat last weekend! How moving to see the Holy Spirit really work through you as you get ready to become Confirmed in the Church! Mark your calendars for our Official Kick Off on Sunday November 3rd at 7pm! There will be food, games and so much more!

High School

Mark your calendars for our Official Kick Off on Sunday November 10th at 7pm! There will be food, games, and so much more!

YOUNG ADULTS

Join us for our next Faith and Fellowship Night on Sunday October 27th from 7:00-8:30pm.

"Because your faith journey doesn't end after high school ... it's only just beginning!"

This is a group for individuals (single, married, parents, etc) who are in their 20's and early 30's!

Please email me with any questions:

LRomano@sivs.net



The Pro-Life Corner

October 27, 2019

This week we pray especially that during this Respect Life month and always, may our hope in Christ's Resurrection strengthen us in standing up for the gift of human life.

If you are concerned about the state of Life Issues in today's world and how you might be able to be an influence, please call Carolyn at 973-349-4626.

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 26th at 7pm.

Choices Matter Conference 2019

Saturday, November 2, 2019

Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Checchio at 8:30am at St. Peter the Apostle University Church in New Brunswick, NJ. The conference begins at 10am at Rutgers University. General registration is \$25 and student registration is \$10. The conference features exhibits and the fee includes lunch and handouts. To register visit: <https://rutgerscatholic.org> and click on Choices Matter. For more information please call 732-562-1543.



If you are a man or woman affected by abortion please check this website for information that may help you:

<http://www.silentnomoreawareness.org/>

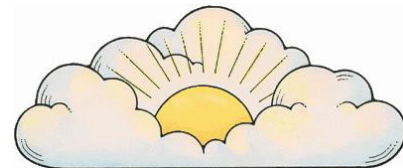
Usher Information

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.



As the days get shorter and colder it is time for the St. Vincent de Paul Blanket and Coat Drive!

We will be collecting new blankets, and new or gently used clean coats from now through the weekend of **October 26-27** in the back of the church. Your donations will go to those in our community who need it the most as the cold weather quickly approaches. Thank you in advance for your generosity. If you have any questions please contact Barbara Morrissey 732-501-2195 or Donna Worosila 732-381-1584.



All Souls Mass of Remembrance

There will be a Mass of Remembrance on Saturday, November 9, 2019 at 12pm to remember family members of parishioners who died during the past year (November 2018 – October 2019). Immediately following the Mass, a light lunch will be served in the cafeteria.

We realize that many of those who died this past year were buried from other parishes. We would like to include those persons in our prayer remembrance along with those who were buried from St. John Vianney Parish. If one of your family members died this past year and you would like that person to be remembered during the Mass on November 9th, please call the rectory, 732-574-0150, **no later than Monday, November 4th**. We will ask you to provide the following information: name of deceased, date of death and number of persons attending to the Mass and light lunch.

Silver & Gold Wedding Anniversary Celebration

Below, please see a list of our parishioners from St. John Vianney Church that will be celebrating their 25th or 50th Wedding Anniversary with the Church of Metuchen and renewing their 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.

- Joseph & Jacqueline Formola – GOLD
- Egger & Maureen Lugo – GOLD
- Antonio & Margarida Cruz – SILVER
- Eugene & Madeline Heiser – GOLD +

St. Vincent de Paul

The St. James food pantry is in need of mac and cheese, jelly, pasta sauce, canned meat, instant potatoes, shampoo, and toothpaste.



Bus Trip

Join us for a bus trip to Sands Casino in PA on November 18th. 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.

NJ Right to Life Annual Raffle

Raffle tickets for the 2020 Volvo + Shop Rite gift cards will be on sale after every mass the weekend of November 2nd – 3rd, 2019. Tickets are \$10 and benefit NJRTL, the state's oldest and largest pro-life organization, dedicated to protecting all human life from conception to natural death. Please offer your support to this worthy cause. Thank you.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Traveling Image

Since last December, our parish has encouraged people to sign up to take the image home, along with a kit that contains prayers, rosaries, holy water etc. The image and **kit will be given to you at the 9:00 am Mass on the Sunday you select and be returned the following week at the 9:00 am Mass** where the host family will hand it off to the new family for the next week. There is a sign-up book available in the church lobby by the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe, where you can select a week during which you will “host” the image and gather to pray each day/night. We encourage not just **families** but **single parishioners** also to participate in this program. You can still sign up through December of 2019.



Sister Mary Laetitia Okoniewski, who was the moderator of the St. John Vianney Altar Rosary Society from 1990 – 1996, celebrated her 100th birthday at the end of August 2019. We would like to extend our congratulations and birthday wishes and we pray that God continues to bless her each day. If anyone would like to send cards or well wishes, you may send them to:

**Sister M. Laetitia OSF
Saint Joseph Villa
464 Saint Bernadine St.
Reading, PA 19607**

SJV Designer Bag Bingo

Join us on Sunday, November 10th for an enjoyable afternoon of fun and a chance to win beautiful designer bags and raffles. We will also have a 50/50. Each admission ticket is \$25. This price includes 10 three-faced bingo game cards, a dauber, coffee, tea, and dessert. Additional food and beverages are allowed. Doors open at 12:45pm and we will begin calling Bingo at 2:15pm! Additional packages are available in advance or at the door. For ticket info. please call Danielle Dudas at 908-380-1053 or email ddudas918@aol.com.



The Body of Christ Prayer Group

On Thursday, November 7, 2019 at 7:30 PM, A Mass followed by prayers for healing will be celebrated at St Francis Cathedral, 32 Elm Ave & Main Street, Metuchen, NJ by Father William Halbing. Father Bill will offer healing prayers following the Mass. Members of the Body of Christ Prayer Group will also be available to pray. For more information contact Pam pzgendlek@comcast.net or 732 491-6042.



Please note that next week there are two Holy Days

All Saints Day

Thursday, October 31st – 7pm vigil Mass
Friday, November 1st – 7am, 8:45am, 7pm Mass

All Souls Day

Since this Holy Day falls on a Saturday, our regular Mass schedule will take place – 8am and 5pm Mass

St Matthew's Church - Edison, Music Ministry Trip

Miracle of Christmas at Sight & Sound Theater in Lancaster PA. Bus leaves 8:30am on November 13, 2019. Cost 110.00 deposit of 56.00 to hold your seat on the bus. For more information call Dolores Jules or email deejewels54@optonline.net.

Marriage Encounter



Now that fall is here, why not treat yourselves to a Marriage Encounter Weekend? 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 January 24 -26. Please register by January 10, as space is limited. Phone 1-732-904-9636 for registration and information.

Visit us at: www.aweekendforyourmarriage.org for more information.

St. Helena's Annual Christmas Bazaar

November 2nd from 9am – 3pm in the St Helena School Auditorium. Handmade crafters from Wood to Wool, Jewelry, Accessories. Many types of Vendors, 50/50 Tickets being Sold, Great Food and much more! FREE ADMISSION & FREE PARKING. All families welcome! Vendors please email: RENEEWALL3@yahoo.com or call 732-331-5747.

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Gospel Today

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time / Luke 18:9-14

Jesus told a parable about one man who thought he was better than another man. Two men were in the temple praying. The pharisee exalted himself, boasting to God of how much better he was than the tax collector. Meanwhile, the tax collector stood alone, with bowed head, and humbly prayed that God would forgive his sins.

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Who did Jesus have mercy on and forgive?

The pharisee who thought he was without sin, or the sinful tax collector who was sorry for his sins.

Circle your answer then complete the puzzle below...

"O God, be merciful
to me a sinner."

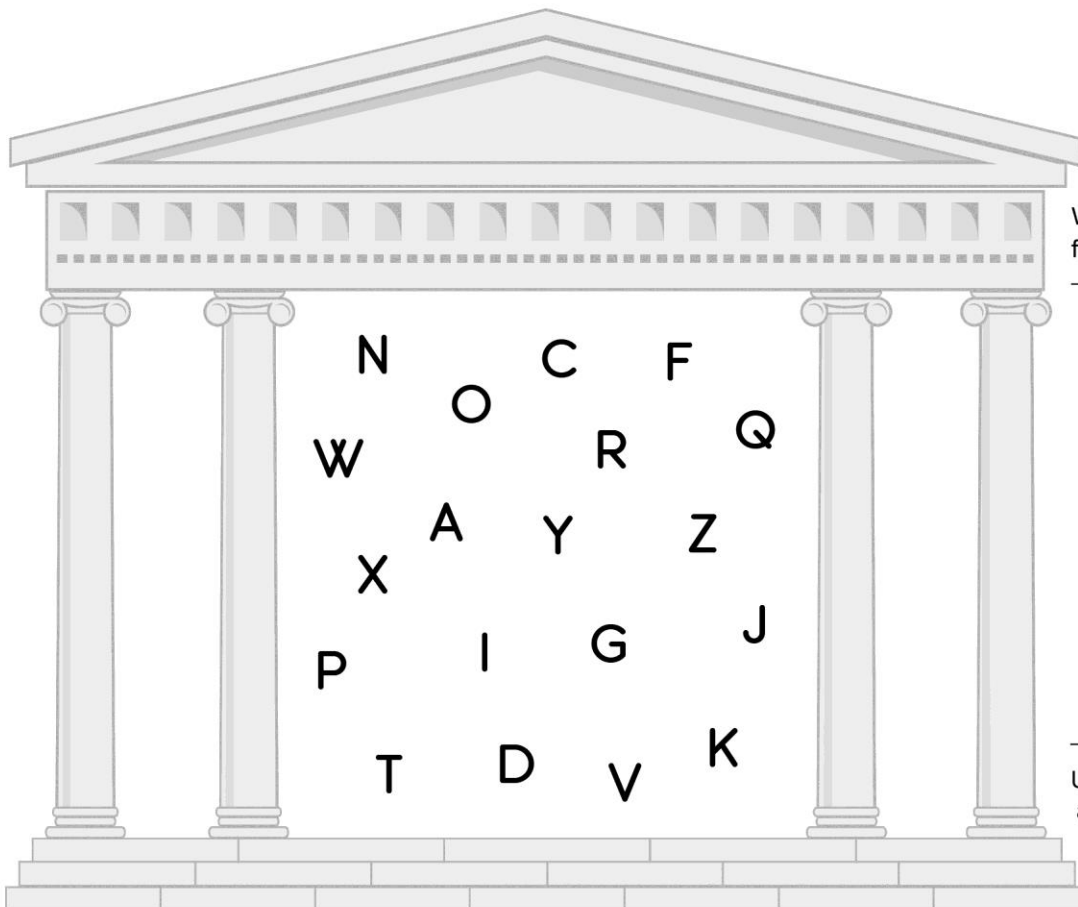
Luke 18:13

- Tax Collector -

"O God, I thank you that I am not
like the rest of humanity."

Luke 18:11

- Pharisee -



Write the alphabet letters not found in the temple.

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

Jesus said, I tell you, the latter (tax collector), went home justified, not the former (pharisee); for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who _____ himself will be exalted."

Luke 18:14