

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 – EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

SATURDAY, January 4, 2020 – St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

8:00 AM Cosmo Esposito, r/o Jennie Esposito
5:00 PM Eugene Zdanowski, r/o Maureen & Tony Morella

SUNDAY, January 5, 2020

7:00 AM Purgatorial Society
9:00 AM For the people of our parish, living/deceased
10:45 AM Nicole Hilliard, r/o Murphy family
12:15 PM Aggie & Peter McKenna, r/o Margaret Shaughnessy

MONDAY, January 6, 2020 – St. Andre Bessette

7:00 AM Kevin Michael Alencewicz, r/o Frances Alencewicz
8:45 AM Art Horning Jr. & Sr., r/o family

TUESDAY, January 7, 2020 – St. Raymond of Peñafort

7:00 AM George Pevarnik, r/o Gertrude Zafian
8:45 AM Edward Bradley, r/o Tony Moskwa

WEDNESDAY, January 8, 2020

7:00 AM Madeline Bacsik, r/o Deacon Tom & Janice Michnewicz
8:45 AM Millie Calandriello, r/o Pat Cygler

THURSDAY, January 9, 2020

7:00 AM Jamie Focadilla, r/o Glenn & Patty Vendiola
8:45AM William Dacey, r/o Egger & Maureen Lugo

FRIDAY, January 10, 2020

7:00 AM Kevin Michael Alencewicz, r/o MaryJane Alencewicz
8:45 AM Heather Pereira, r/o Josz & Elena Alves

SATURDAY, January 11, 2020

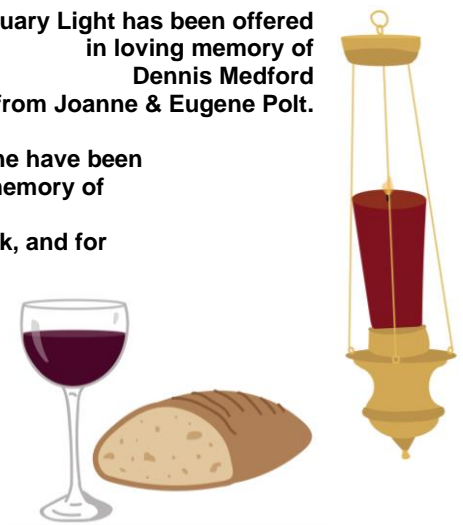
8:00 AM Madeline Bacsik, r/o Msgr. O’Neill
5:00 PM Concetta Nemezio, r/o Joanne Streck

SUNDAY, January 12, 2020

7:00 AM For the people of our parish, living/deceased
9:00 AM Rocco Famiglietti, r/o mother & father
10:45 AM Millie & John Calandriello, r/o family
12:15 PM Mary Bongard, r/o Tom & Janice Michnewicz

The Sanctuary Light has been offered in loving memory of Dennis Medford from Joanne & Eugene Polt.

The Bread and Wine have been offered in loving memory of Margaret Breznak from Joanne Streck, and for Mary Bongard from Joe & Rose Ragucci.



The Prayer Corner

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

A TIME TO BAPTIZE

Nora Wagner

TO WED

TO HEAL

Debi Leiter, Anna Sielska, Jane Fitzgerald, Wayne Bartlett, Julia Skrya, Mary Charniga, Brenda & Dolores Tourtellot, Mary Jantas, 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, 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, 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, Pauline Mendicino-Franke, Sadako Vargas, Robert Grecco, Baby Lucas DeCarlo.

TO JOIN GOD IN HEAVEN

Charles Chickey, Theresa Briante & Margurite Dobrowski

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), Bryan Alexander Perez (Army), Brandon Haynes (Army), Jared Endler (National Guard), LTJG Liam Keenan (Navy), Michael Campione (National Guard).

Weekend Readings

Isaiah 60:1-6
Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6
Matthew 2:1-12

Weekday readings can be found on the parish website.

January 5, 2020

The Epiphany of the Lord

“Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.”

MATTHEW 3:17

The image of the Magi kneeling before the infant Jesus and opening their treasure chests for Him is an image that we should all try to follow each day. In gratitude for all that we have been given, we are called to generously share all of our gifts, not just the ones we pick and choose. God wants us to be generous with everything, but especially that one thing that means the most to you.

Prayer for the New Year

O God of new beginnings and wonderful surprises, thank you for the gift of the new year. May it be a time of grace for me, a time to grow in faith and love, a time to renew my commitment to following your Son, Jesus. May it be a year of blessing for me, a time to cherish my family and friends, a time to renew my efforts at work, a time to embrace my faith more fully. Walk with me, please, in every day and every hour of this new year, that the love of Christ might shine through me, in spite of my weaknesses and failings. Above all, may I remember this year that I am a pilgrim on the sacred path to You.

Amen.





St. John Vianney School News

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

Welcome back and Happy New Year! We hope everyone enjoyed their Christmas and New Year's holidays.

Parents of all second-grade students who will be receiving their First Penance and First Communion this year must attend a meeting on either Monday, January 6th, or Thursday, January 9th, at 6:00pm in the school cafeteria. It is extremely important that you attend one of these meetings. You will receive all the necessary information for your child to receive these sacraments.

Our next Home School Association Meeting will take place on Tuesday, January 7th. The Pre-School meeting will begin at 6:15pm, and the main school will begin at 7:00pm. Both meetings will take place in the main school cafeteria. All parents are encouraged to attend.

We will begin our celebration of Catholic Schools Week on Sunday, January 26th, at the 9:00am Mass. Refreshments will be served in the main school cafeteria immediately following Mass. The Pre-School and Main School buildings will be holding an Open House from 10:30am – 12:30pm. We offer full-day Kindergarten, before and aftercare programs, as well as numerous after-school programs. Please plan to join us and see all that St. John Vianney School has to offer!

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

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	732-382-9399
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

Please note that our Mass Book for 2020 is already full for weekends except for a few Saturday 8am Masses.

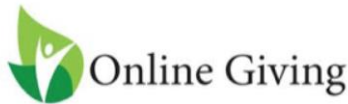
We do, however, have a lot of weekday availability for 7am and 8:45am.

Parish Gift Shop

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

DECEMBER 29, 2019 OFFERTORY:
Not available due to holiday deadline

DECEMBER 30, 2018 OFFERTORY:
Not available due to holiday deadline



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	12:30pm	Franciscan Council
	5:00pm	Basketball
	6:00pm	2nd grade parent mtg
	6:00pm	CCD
Tuesday	4:30pm	Cheer
	6:15pm	Pre-K meeting
	7:00pm	HSA meeting
	7:00pm	Boyscouts
Wednesday	7:30pm	Al-Anon
	2:30pm	SJV Seniors
	5:00pm	Basketball
	6:00pm	Cheer Judge meeting
Thursday	7:00pm	Boy Scout Committee meeting
	4:30pm	Cheer
	6:00pm	2nd grade parent mtg
Friday	6:00pm	CCD
	5:00pm	Basketball
Saturday	6:30pm	Ice Cream Bingo
	5:00pm	Fr. Joseph's Farewell
Sunday	1:30pm	Franciscans

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 will be selling gift cards after all masses on Sundays. We will be selling grocery stores (Acme, Foodtown, Shop Rite, Stop n Shop and Wegmans); gas stations (BP, Exxon, Gulf, Shell, Speedway, Sunoco and Wawa), Home Depot, Target, WalMart, Dunkin Donuts, Starbucks and Amazon.

There are many other gift cards for purchase at the Rectory, and even more gift cards available if you order through the 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. Raymond of Peñafort



St. Raymond of Peñafort grew up near Barcelona studying philosophy and later became a lawyer, then a Dominican priest. In his 60th year he was offered position of Archbishop and declined, preferring to live a life of peace, reflection, and solitude.

This did not last long as a few years later he was elected to be the head of the Dominican Order of priests. St. Raymond is very well known for his determination, productive spirit, and drive to get things done in a timely fashion. He did not retire from these works until his 100th year, and it is said that St. Raymond Peñafort had influence in St. Thomas Aquinas' *Against the Gentiles*. He is also the patron saint of lawyers. May we all follow his example to always persevere for causes we believe in.

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 9am mass (and once a month at the 10:45am mass). We practice each Wednesday from 7:30pm to 9pm 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 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!

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. Our 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



*SV Youth & Young Adult
 Ministries*

"ALL ARE WELCOME!"

YOUTH MINISTRY - Upcoming Dates:

Middle School	Topic	High School
1/12, 7-8:30pm	New Year, New You, Same God	1/23, 7-8:30pm
2/9, 7-8:30pm	Intro to LENT	2/23, 7-8:30pm

Middle School:

Wishing you all a Happy New Year! I cannot wait to see you next week, Sunday 1/12 to kick off 2020! Remember to bring a friend!

High School:

Wishing you all a Happy New Year! We meet again on Sunday 1/26 to kick off the new year! And don't forget to sign up for the retreat! Details below!

**HIGH SCHOOL RETREAT!
 SATURDAY FEBRUARY 1ST!**

Where: St. John Vianney Church in the "Upper Room"
 Starts: 10:00am & concludes with 5:00pm Mass

Cost: \$10.00 per teen

Lunch and snacks will be provided

If interested please email Lauren for a permission slip!
 (email: LRomano@sjvs.net)

Permission Slips & \$10.00 due by Sunday 1/26
 (at our meeting)

YOUNG ADULTS:

Our next faith and fellowship night will be Tuesday, January 14th at 7:00pm. All are welcome to join us as we grow in our faith, community and friendships.

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

Please email me with any questions:
LRomano@sjvs.net

The Pro-Life Corner

January 5, 2020

This week we pray especially for public servants, may God grant them the humility, wisdom, and courage to defend all human life.



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

The St. James food pantry is in need of jelly, peanut butter, instant potatoes, pancake syrup, oatmeal, cookies, canned meat, canned fruit, mac & cheese, jell-o



SJV Seniors

Our first meeting in the new year will be on Wednesday, January 8th at 2:30pm in the cafeteria. We will be entertained by Gordon James. Come join us for fellowship and refreshments. Don't forget cereal for the children at Ozanam Family Shelter.

Ethnic Diversity Mass Saturday, February 1st at 5pm

With a dessert reception to follow in the cafeteria!

Sign-ups will be the weekend of January 11th – 12th and January 18th – 19th. More information to follow in January.



Please join us for a farewell celebration in honor of Father Joseph Kubiak on Saturday, January 11th during the 5pm Mass with light refreshments to follow in the cafeteria.

Colonia Ultreya at SJV

Please join us on January 17, 2020 at 7 pm in the Church for our very first Ultreya. Discussion on Piety-Study-Action. A start or continuation of the Cursillo movement. De Colores

Bus Trip

Join us for a bus trip to Sands Casino in PA on January 20th. 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.



Thank you to everyone who so generously gave us cards, gifts, cookies, etc. in celebration of Christmas and the New Year. We would like to wish everyone in our St. John Vianney Parish family a very happy, healthy and blessed New Year!

**Peace & Blessings,
Father John & Father Bede**



**SAVE THE DATE
Friday, April 24, 2020**

**St. John Vianney Church
60th Anniversary Gala Dinner Dance
Colonia Country Club – Colonia, NJ
Ticket information to follow**

Simbang Gabi Thank You

On behalf of the priests and deacons of St. John Vianney, we would like to extend our thanks to everyone who made our Simbang Gabi celebration so special! We greatly appreciate all the hard work and planning that went into organizing such an elaborate and beautiful event. We also thank everyone who made donations to both Simbang Gabi and the Church, we greatly appreciate your generosity and continued support.
May God continue to bless you and your families in the new year!

Pilgrimage to Poland

Please join me on a 10 day pilgrimage to Poland from August 9th – 18th, 2020. Price \$2,950.00 includes airfare, fuel surcharges, taxes, 3 meals a day, superior hotel, all entrance fees. For more information please call Father Joseph Kubiak at St. Helena’s rectory, Edison, NJ at 732-494-3399 or call Phyllis Gomulka at 732-566-4115.

Thank you and God Bless all of you,
Father Joseph



TOGETHER IN CHARITY COLLECTION

This weekend, January 4th – 5th, the annual “Together in Charity” collection will be taken up at all Masses. The proceeds of this collection helps to fund Catholic Charities’ Parish Assistance Program, which provides 24 hour / seven-day-a-week assistance to parishes faced with individuals and families with serious and urgent financial, housing or medical needs. In 2019, over 65% of the parishes in the Diocese availed themselves of this program. Please give generously to this collection and contribute to making this a blessed new year for a family or individual in crisis.



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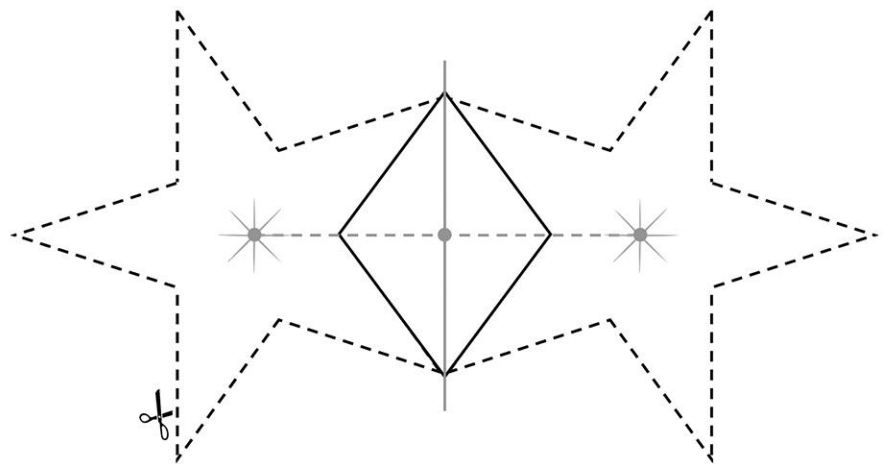
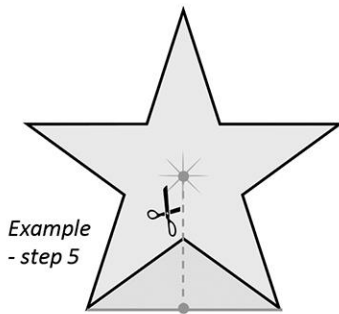
Gospel Today

The Epiphany of the Lord / Matthew 2:1-12

Behold, Magi from the East arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw His star at its rising and have come to do Him homage."
- Matthew 2:1-2

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At the time when Jesus was born it was a common belief that a new star appeared at the time of a ruler's birth. The Magi believed following the star would bring them to Jesus, the newborn King, and it did!



DIRECTIONS TO MAKE A STAR FOR THE TOP OF YOUR ADVENT "SHARE ME" TREE

- 1] Color twin stars yellow
- 2] Color diamond (the space between the stars) green to match your tree
- 3] Cut out the double star on dotted line
- 4] Fold on gray solid line and glue together to form double-sided star
- 5] Cut through both stars from dot-to-dot and slip over top of tree between weeks 1 & 3 or 2 & 4



If you don't have a paper tree, hang your finished star in a window as an Epiphany reminder.