

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 – BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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

MONDAY, January 13, 2020 – St. Hilary

7:00 AM Elizabeth Blasco, r/o family
8:45 AM Tony Pagano, r/o Ditalia Dinatale

TUESDAY, January 14, 2020

7:00 AM Edward P. Lubrano Jr., r/o Joseph Malyksa
8:45 AM Diane Welsh, r/o Deacon Tom & Janice Michnewicz

WEDNESDAY, January 15, 2020

7:00 AM Miriam & Norman Jorgensen, r/o Jay & Maureen Jorgensen
8:45 AM Emma Vitiello, r/o Anne Marie Nappi

THURSDAY, January 16, 2020

7:00 AM Genevieve Cyrana, r/o family
8:45AM Joe Preston, r/o Tony Moskwa

FRIDAY, January 17, 2020 – St. Anthony

7:00 AM Anthony J. Torsiello Jr., r/o the Brown family
8:45 AM John Iannarone, r/o Anne Marie Nappi

SATURDAY, January 18, 2020

8:00 AM Leticia Checoura, r/o Jay Alquiros
5:00 PM Nicole Hilliard, r/o the Kotowski family

SUNDAY, January 19, 2020

7:00 AM Danny Tarectecan, r/o family
9:00 AM Edward F. DeRosa, r/o Ellen DeRosa
10:45 AM The Bianco family, r/o Jane & Paul Wallace
12:15 PM For the people of our parish, living/deceased

The Bread and Wine have been offered in loving memory of Elizabeth Blasco from family, and for Joan Tkach from Brian & Meghan Polt.



ATTENTION

Anyone wishing for a record of their Church contributions for the year 2019 is asked to send in a stamped self-addressed envelope with their envelope number to the Rectory or drop it into the collection basket.

The Prayer Corner

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

A TIME TO BAPTIZE

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

Michael Stone, Nicholas Deprospo, Reobert Ruzak, Dorothy Hughes & Louis Santillo

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 42:1-4, 6-7
Acts 10:34-38
Matthew 3:13-17

Weekday readings can be found on the parish website.

**January 12, 2020
The Baptism of the Lord**

“And a voice came from the heavens, saying: ‘This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.’”

MATTHEW 3:17

Two thoughts come to mind when reading this. First, God, Our Father, is so generous, that He gave His only Son, whom He really loves, to us so that we can have eternal life with Him in heaven. God, Our Creator, really loves us too! Second, Jesus was obedient to His Father's will, even to the point of death. This is a reminder that our own lives are pure gifts from God and meant to serve God and others.

Reflection

Last weekend we celebrated the Epiphany of the Lord and it had us asking ourselves, what does “epiphany” mean to me? We are all affected by the epiphany of Jesus, but we may relate it to our own lives in different ways. When we envision the Lord's birth, it is easy to relate it to our own lives and what we think He may have looked like. Artists throughout history have depicted Jesus and the Holy Family to look many different ways, coming from various cultural backgrounds. It is important for us all to feel a personal connection to Jesus, and we can view Him however we choose, for He is in each one of us. It is also important to acknowledge that historically Jesus came from an area of the world that is often overlooked, especially during His time on earth. This can be paralleled to our world today, as the world and all people face various difficult issues. It is important for all of us to celebrate our cultural differences and come together in unity. There are so many different nations, cultures and faiths living as neighbors, brothers and sisters, here in the United States. At the Epiphany, we acknowledge that Christ is a light to all, no matter a person's background or beliefs. As we enter this next week, we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord and reflect on our own Baptisms and how our faith and relationship with Christ has grown and made us who we are today.



St. John Vianney School News

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

On Thursday, January 16th, St. Peter’s University Hospital will provide a Handwashing Program for our students in the Pre-School and Grades K-2. With the flu season upon us, it’s so important for children to know how to properly wash their hands to prevent the spread of germs.

The Pre-School and main school will be closed on Monday, January 20th, in observance of the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

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. Please plan to join us and see how Saint John Vianney Catholic School lights the way for its students spiritually and academically!

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	732-382-6939
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

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

We do, however, have weekday availability for 7am and 8:45am Masses.



JANUARY 5, 2020

Collection:
On-line giving:

OFFERTORY:

\$ 16,947.25
\$ 2,678.50
\$ 19,625.75
-\$ 20,000.00
-\$ 374.25

Avg. Weekly Expenses:
Balance:

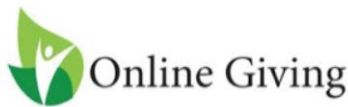
JANUARY 6, 2019

Collection:
On-line giving:

OFFERTORY:

\$ 16,433.25
\$ 2,223.00
\$ 18,656.25
-\$ 22,781.50
-\$ 4,125.25

Avg. Weekly Expenses:
Balance:



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. 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.

This Week at a Glance

Monday	5:00pm	Basketball
	6:00pm	CCD
	7:00pm	Finance Council
Tuesday	4:30pm	Cheer
	6:00pm	Cub Scouts
	6:30pm	Parish Council
	7:00pm	Young Adult Ministry
	7:30pm	Boy Scouts
Wednesday	7:30pm	Al-Anon
	5:00pm	Basketball
	5:30pm	KofC Spelling Bee
Thursday	7:00pm	SAC Committee
	4:30pm	Cheer
	6:00pm	CCD
Friday	6:00pm	Cub Scout Committee
	5:00pm	Basketball
Saturday	9:00am	Pinewood Derby
	12:00pm	Knitting Group

Saint of the Week: St. Anthony



St. Anthony was born into wealth in Egypt and early on decided to give up all his inheritance to become a monk and live a life of prayer and solitude. He would fearlessly visit and provide moral and spiritual advice to those in prison, publicly fought against Arianism, and

became so highly regarded that he even received a letter from the Emperor, Constantine the Great, asking for his prayers for their family. Although St. Anthony was very highly respected and sought after, he remained incredibly humble, and always reminded his fellow monks that we are all equal human beings regardless of our status in society. May we be inspired by St. Anthony's desire to find Christ in solitude and community and follow his example that our prayers are something we can always give to anyone.

Music Ministry News

Now that we are at the end of the Christmas season, I would like to take this opportunity to thank ALL those involved with music ministry here at SJV for a great job during both the Advent and Christmas seasons!! I would like to start by thanking both our adult & children's choirs for a beautiful "Parish Christmas Concert" on Sunday December 15th!! Our adult choir also did an excellent job on Christmas Eve singing many Christmas Carols as well as enhancing Midnight Mass!! Thanks goes out to our children's choir for singing during the parish pageant, as well as enhancing the 4:00pm mass on Christmas Eve! Thanks also to our high school students who sang at the 10:45am mass on the 4th Sunday of Advent as well as the 4:00pm mass on Christmas Eve!! Many thanks to our parish folk group for enhancing ALL the 12:15pm liturgies through both the Advent and Christmas seasons!! A special thank you to all cantors and soloists!! Thanks to ALL groups for enhancing the 9:00am, 10:45am, and 12:15pm liturgies the past two weekends with beautiful Christmas carols!!

On a personal note:

Back in June of 2019, I was scheduled to have full hip replacement surgery. After many delays (for various health reasons) I have finally been cleared for surgery this Monday January 13th. Following the surgery, I will be away from the parish recuperating for several weeks! During this time, you will see some familiar faces from our adult choir filling in for me during the weekend liturgies!! I am most grateful to ALL these ladies for their help during this challenging time for me! I hope to be back with you (if all goes well) sometime in February!!

May God's blessings be with you all,
 Jamie Frame
 Director of Music



*SJV 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 Intro to LENT	1/23, 7-8:30pm
2/9, 7-8:30pm		2/23, 7-8:30pm

Middle School:

Looking forward to seeing you this weekend as we kick off the new year with perfect vision! Join us Sunday, 1/12 at 7:00pm in Trailer D! New friends always welcome!

High School:

Looking forward to seeing you all again next 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 12, 2020

This week we pray especially for all Christians, may we live out our Baptismal call to proclaim the Gospel, and be messengers of God's love for every 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/>

Life Choices Resource Center's Annual Charity Banquet

"Rescue the Beating Heart"

Sunday, February 23, 2020 (4pm-8pm)
Pines Manor, Edison, NJ

*An inspirational evening highlighting
God's love at work in the work we do at
Life Choices Resource Center*

Tickets are \$65.00 per person. Sponsorship
Opportunities Available.

For more information call: (732) 516-0911 or visit
www.LifeChoicesRC.com

Parish Gift Shop

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

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



**The December 2019 Poor Box contained
\$1,970.00.**

**Thank you for your prayers, generosity and
on-going financial support.**

Ethnic Diversity Mass

Saturday, February 1st at 5pm

Please join your St. John Vianney Parish family for a celebration of our diversity and unity. If you are interested in your ethnic background being represented during this Mass and Reception, please see the sign-up table after Masses on the weekends of, January 11th – 12th and January 18th – 19th. There will also be sign-up forms in the rectory office during the week. We are searching for people to carry the country flags, make a sign, supply a national dessert, wear their native garb. You can sign up for any or all of the above to represent your nationality.





**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**

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. Time is running out to sign up!

Thank you and God Bless all of you,
Father Joseph



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.

**Bereavement Support Program
St. Thomas the Apostle, Old Bridge**

A bereavement support program of five meetings will begin on Tuesday, January 14, 2020 at 7:00pm at St Thomas the Apostle in Old Bridge (parish room in the Parish Hall). The meetings will continue on Tuesdays, January 21st, February 11th and 25th, and March 10th. The program is offered as a support for all persons who have recently lost a loved one and are struggling with the mourning process. Registration is required. No walk-ins. For more information, please call Deacon Pat at 732-251-4000 ext. 8218

Stress in Your Marriage

Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage? Are you frustrated, hurt or angry with your spouse? Are you constantly fighting? Or, do you simply shut down? Have you thought about separation or divorce? Does talking about it only make it worse? *Retrouvaille* is a Lifeline to Help Couples Heal and Renew their Marriages. The program consists of a weekend experience for married couples (no group discussions) with six follow-up sessions.

UPCOMING WEEKEND: *February 21-23, 2020*
For Information and to Register: Call Rich Colasuonno: 732-236-0671 or Annette Colasuonno: 732-672-0748 or email 3024@retrouvaille.org

The Office of the Bishop

My brothers and sisters in Christ,

Last month we consecrated our Diocese to Our Lady of Guadalupe with the intention to live our faith more boldly and to use our Blessed Mother as an inspiration to accomplish great things. We now take a step forward together with a renewed sense of mission and commitment to live the Gospel message.

The work of our Catholic schools is a living example of the Gospel message. To see the students, our teachers, administrators and our principals, dedicated to education and service gives me great joy and hope that we can provide a future for our children. A future that is a demonstration of God's kingdom at work, where disciples are formed and our youth are prepared to serve the community under God's blessings of mercy and justice.

There is a special collection next weekend (January 18/19) that supports the **Foundation for Catholic Education's** annual scholarship program. This program provides needs-based grants to children attending a Catholic elementary or high school in our Diocese. Thanks to the generosity of our faithful to this collection last year we were able to provide larger scholarships to students and send over 79 children to one of our schools in September.

Your gift makes an impact and provides great promise to so many young lives. Your sacrifice makes it possible for families to send their children to a school with a safe and nurturing environment while still being provided an academically rich educational experience with an emphasis on character development. Our children are our future and our hope. The gift of a Catholic school education can forever change a child's life. I invite you to consider supporting this effort and to please be as generous as your means allow. Thank you!

With renewed best wishes, I remain

Yours in Christ,

Most Rev. James F. Checchio, JCD, MBA
Bishop of Metuchen

P.S. We celebrate the ministry of Catholic Education during Catholic Schools Week, which runs from January 26 - February 1, 2020. If you are interested in giving your children or grandchildren the benefit of a great Catholic education, please visit <https://diometuchen.org/csw>.

