

**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 – 1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT**

**SATURDAY, February 29, 2020**

8:00 AM Arturo Cece, r/o the Kuziw family  
5:00 PM Virgilio Campos, r/o the Campos family

**SUNDAY, March 1, 2020**

7:00 AM Anthony Tannucilli, r/o the Bridges family  
9:00 AM For the people of our parish, living/deceased  
10:45 AM Eugene Latka, r/o Peter & Christine Farbaniec & family  
12:15 PM Purgatorial Society

**MONDAY, March 2, 2020**

7:00 AM Sue Power, r/o the Gambotto family  
8:45 AM Edward Kurdziel, r/o Christine & Tony Bukowski

**TUESDAY, March 3, 2020 – St. Katharine Drexel**

7:00 AM James Zirpoli, r/o Sue Bannon  
8:45 AM John Tkach, r/o Tkach & Polt families

**WEDNESDAY, March 4, 2020 – St. Casimir**

7:00 AM Margaret Founds, r/o Mr. & Mrs. F. McMahons  
8:45 AM Louis Faccone, r/o Gerry Davis

**THURSDAY, March 5, 2020**

7:00 AM Rev. Robert A. Pachana, r/o Aunt Joan & Uncle Bob  
8:45AM Joan Cirone, r/o Peter & Christine Farbaniec

**FRIDAY, March 6, 2020**

7:00 AM Lucia Villani, r/o Colonia Girls Basketball Team  
8:45 AM Margaret Hanley, r/o the Hanley family  
7:00 PM *Stations of the Cross*

**SATURDAY, March 7, 2020 – St. Perpetua & St. Felicity**

8:00 AM Lou Peragallo, r/o the Sisk family  
5:00 PM Witek Sitek, r/o Lou & Monica Manzo

**SUNDAY, March 8, 2020**

7:00 AM Anthony Tannucilli, r/o the Gomez family  
9:00 AM Living & deceased members of the SJV Seniors  
10:45 AM For the people of our parish, living/deceased  
12:15 PM Michael C. Kecker, r/o wife, Gloria & family  
*In memory of His 100th birthday.*

**The Bread and Wine have been offered in loving memory of Anthony Paul Tannucilli, Sr. from Agnes & Cliff Bacsik.**



**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.**

# The Prayer Corner

*"There is a season and a time for every purpose..."*

## A TIME TO BAPTIZE

## TO WED

## TO HEAL

Erin O'Halloran, Dominic Wittmann, Robert & Marie Feeney, Italia DiNatale, Walter Moeller, Jake Ragucci, Mollie Endler, 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, Roger McNamara, Joel Leiter, Jerry Hill, Prashant Kaushik, Greg Gillespie, Susan Sepedy, Sue Stockman, Geri Lazarowitz, Aymee Iannacone, 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, Joseph Reilly, Joe Vitello, Arlon Roth, Edward O'Brien, Theresa Lipuma, June Laub, Jill Bartholomew, Lynn Tumblety, Maryann Robson, Nick Troiano, Ryan Shaughnessy, Bob Bayer, Carl Walker, Dan Weiss, Arthur Shipiro, Ronald Syslo, Christine Camping, Gladys Gonzalez, Catherine Donahue, Art Boudier, Bill Hillyer, 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.

## TO JOIN GOD IN HEAVEN

Carlie DeNora, Gwendoline Fennelly & Genevieve Buczynski

## A TIME OF WAR & PEACE

Keith D. Lee (Air National Guard), Captain Brian McCartin (Army), Sgt. Albert Cipas (Airforce), Alan Bridges (Navy), John Bridges (Navy), PO 3 Liam Ryan (Navy), 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7  
Romans 5:12-19  
Matthew 4:1-11

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

## March 1, 2020 1<sup>ST</sup> Sunday of Lent

*"It is written: The Lord, your God, shall you worship and Him alone shall you serve."*

MATTHEW 4:10

Tempted between the riches and power of this world and service to God, Jesus chose service to His Father. If we wish to truly follow Jesus, we, too, must decide to turn away from worldly power and riches and put God at the center of our lives. Lent is our time to prune ourselves of earthly things. Ask God how he is calling you to serve.

## Reflection

Last week's scripture readings showed us that we must all let go of the poison and bitterness of our heart and mind. These are things that hold us back from being our best selves and following the path God has set forth for us. We all struggle in one way or another with bitterness towards something or someone, if not multiple things/people. No one is going to get along with everyone, but that does not mean anyone should speak and act by hate and judgment. How is that productive for anyone? It might be an "easy fix" for you temporarily, but this is not how God calls us, His children, to live. Ask yourself, who would I like to be? Someone who acts, speaks and lives by the poison, bitterness and hate of your heart and mind? Or someone who acts, speaks and lives by love, forgiveness and understanding? This is the first Sunday of Lent, on Wednesday we officially entered this season of repentance and renewal. God will not condemn you for decisions you have made or ways you may have acted by hate in the past, but Lent is the perfect opportunity to reflect, pray and become a better you for yourself and for God. This is the time to seek forgiveness and strength from our loving Father in heaven. So, as we continue this Lenten journey, ask yourself each week, am I ready to be the person God calls me to be?



**St. John Vianney School News**

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

If you haven't already done so, please complete the re-registration forms and return them to school. **They are due back by Friday, March 6, along with the registration fee.** We must have the forms back in order to get the textbook and busing forms to the proper districts by March 15. We have already begun taking new registrations. If you have any questions, please call the school office.

Our next Open House will take place on Saturday, March 7, from 10am – 12 noon. Come see all that SJV has to offer your child. Meet our teachers and some of our students and take a tour of our building. Find out more about our after school and sports programs.

**Pre-School News**

We are still accepting registrations for the 2020-2021 school year. If you are considering registering your child for September, why not come to our Open House on Saturday, March 7, from 10 AM-12 noon. You can meet our wonderful teachers and tour our entire facility. Your child won't want to leave!

**Spirituality Committee Lenten Soup Night**

Please join the Spirituality Committee for a Soup and Bread Supper

**Wednesday, March 4th at 6pm**  
SJV Cafeteria

This is an opportunity for the SJV School and CCD families to come together for a simple meal of soup and bread as a reminder of how we are called to practice a simpler lifestyle during our Lenten journey. Soup will be provided, but you may also bring soup to share. There is no cost to participate but if you choose you may make a free will offering (perhaps the cost of what your normal dinner would be). These donations will be given to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul to assist them in their work with the needy. If you are interested in attending, please contact the rectory at 732-574-0150.

**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
Cursillo	Maggie Cruz	732-713-7392
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	732-494-3399
	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



FIRST SUNDAY  
*in Lent*

**FEBRUARY 23, 2020**

Collection: \$ 13,617.45  
 On-line giving: \$ 2,065.50  
 \$ 15,682.95  
 Avg. Weekly Expenses: -\$ 20,000.00  
 Balance: -\$ 4,317.05

**FEBRUARY 24, 2019**

Collection: \$ 12,899.25  
 On-line giving: \$ 2,176.00  
 \$ 15,075.25  
 Avg. Weekly Expenses: -\$ 22,781.50  
 Balance: -\$ 7,706.25

**OFFERTORY:**

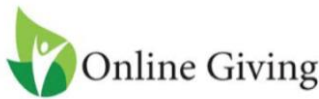
**OFFERTORY:**

**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, 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.



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
	6:00pm	CCD
Tuesday	4:00pm	Children's Choir
	4:30pm	Cheer
	6:00pm	Cub Scouts
	7:30pm	Boy Scouts
	7:30pm	Al-Anon
Wednesday	2:30pm	SJV Seniors
	5:00pm	Basketball
	6:00pm	Lenten Soup Supper
	7:00pm	Boy Scout Comm.
	7:00pm	Young Adult Ministry
Thursday	4:30pm	Cheer
Friday	8:45am	First Friday Mass
	1:25pm	School Stations
	7:00pm	Stations of the Cross
Saturday	10:00am	School Open House
Sunday	9:00am	Pancake Breakfast
	1:30pm	Franciscans
	7:00pm	High School Youth Ministry Meeting

**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.



# S J V Youth & Young Adult Ministries

"ALL ARE WELCOME!"

## YOUTH MINISTRY - Upcoming Dates:

Middle School	Topic	High School
3/1, 7-8:30pm	Rethink How You Think	3/8, 7-8:30pm
3/15, 7-8:30pm	Do Something New	3/22, 7-8:30pm

**\*Save the Date: Sunday March 8th Steubenville Youth Conference Info Night 6pm (parents of teens in grades 8th-12th!)  
Sunday May 17th NJ Catholic Youth Rally at 6 Flags!  
Friday-Sunday July 24-26th Steubenville Youth Conference, NYC\***

### Middle School:

It's been a while! I can't wait to continue this series with you at our next meeting this Sunday 3/1 at 7pm! Remember to bring a friend!

### High School:

With Lent starting this week we all made a commitment to give up something or add something to allow us to be closer to Christ! Sometimes it isn't about the chocolate cake but more about adding something that will really nourish us! I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting on Sunday March 8th at 7pm! Bring a friend!

### HIGH SCHOOL RETREAT! SUNDAY MARCH 29th!

Where: St. John Vianney Church in the Trailers  
Time: 9:30-4:00 (includes 12:15 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 3/8 (at our meeting)

### YOUNG ADULTS:

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday March 4th at 7pm when we will continue our Challenge Accepted Series! Email me to get on the mailing list for the most up to date information! All are welcome to join us as we grow in our faith, community and friendships.  
Upcoming Meeting Dates: March 18th, April 1st at 7pm.

\*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](mailto:LRomano@sjvs.net)

## Music Ministry News

It's great to have all the choirs singing this Sunday!! As I am sure you know by now we have begun the holy season of Lent!! Why not join one of our musical groups during Lent? We will begin practicing for the Lenten season as well as Holy Week over the next few weeks!! New members are always welcome!!

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 March 4th!**

### 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 March 17th! We sing again on Sunday March 22nd at the 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](mailto:jframeiii@yahoo.com) with any questions. May God's blessings be with you all,

Jamie Frame  
Director of Music



**Saint of the Week: St. Casimir**

St. Casimir was the prince of Poland, but instead he chose a life of celibacy and lived his life caring for the poor. He was still involved in government affairs and made his primary focus seeking justice and help for those less fortunate. St. Casimir wound up dying from

tuberculosis at 25 while visiting Lithuania. May we look to St. Casimir as an example of someone who never gave into the pressures of society and lived his life doing God's work.

**Hunger in Our World**

When Jesus fed the 5,000, he said, "Give them some food yourselves." Reflect on the challenge of global hunger. How can you contribute to support the hungry in your community? Visit [www.crsricebowl.org](http://www.crsricebowl.org) for more.

**40 Cans for 40 Days of Lent**

Please consider contributing to the Lenten Food Drive sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council 6571. The food drive will benefit the St. James food pantry. "GIVE something, rather than GIVE UP something."

*The Pro-Life Corner***March 1, 2020**

This week we pray especially for any expectant mother considering abortion, may the Lord protect her and give her the grace and resolve to choose life for her child.



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

**Pro-Life Maternity Collection**

We accept most baby items new or used in clean condition. Especially needed are diapers size 4 thru 6, new or unexpired car seats (infant and toddler), new or gently used children's clothing in the current season.

**Spirituality Committee Lenten Soup Night**

Please join the Spirituality Committee for a Soup and Bread Supper

**Wednesday, March 4th at 6pm**

SJV Cafeteria

If you are interested in attending, please contact the rectory at 732-574-0150 so we know how many people to anticipate.

***We ask God to bless our Catechumen, Cady, as she goes to the Cathedral today to begin the last stages of her initiation into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil.***

**SJV School Open House**

Our next Open House will take place on Saturday, March 7th, from 10am – 12 noon. Come see all that SJV has to offer your child. Meet our teachers and some of our students and take a tour of our building. Find out more about our after school and sports programs.

## *Lenten Obligations*

1. The days of fast and abstinence are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
2. All other Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence.
3. The obligation of fast applies only to Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59.  
*Fasting in the Catholic tradition means to limit oneself to one full meal and two smaller meals which together are not equal to a full meal, so as to experience hunger.*
4. The obligation of abstinence applies to all Catholics who have reached the age of 14.  
*Abstinence in the Catholic tradition means to abstain from meat.*

## *Lent 2020 at St. John Vianney*

**We invite you to join us for our many parish Lenten activities as a way to prepare for the great feast of the Lord's Resurrection at Easter.**

**Lenten Reflection/Activity Books** – for children, families, singles/empty nesters – available on the table in the church lobby

**Ash Wednesday** – February 26 – distribution of ashes – Masses at 7:00, 8:45, 9:30 (school children) am and 7:00pm and Prayer Service at 4:00pm

**Stations of the Cross & Benediction** – Fridays during Lent at 7:00pm in the Church

**CRS Rice Bowl** – Ash Wednesday – Easter Sunday Rice bowls are available in gathering area in the Church

**Lenten Soup Night** – March 4 – hosted by the Spirituality Committee at 6pm in SJV Cafeteria

**Palm Sunday** – with the Reading of the Passion – regular mass schedule – Saturday at 5:00 and Sunday at 7:00, 9:00 10:45am and 12:15pm

**Tenebrae Service** – service of scripture readings, lights and music on Tuesday April 7 at 7:30pm

**Morning Prayer** – Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday, April 9, 10 & 11 in church at 8:45am. No 8:45am morning mass on these days of Holy Week

**Confessions** – every Saturday from 11:00am to 12 Noon and after the 7:00pm Mass – extra Confessions – Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday – April 9, 10 & 11 from 11:00am to 12 noon

**Blessing of Easter Food** – Holy Saturday – April 11 at 12 Noon in the Cafeteria

**Holy Week –Special Masses/Services – no 8:45am morning mass on these days**

*Holy Thursday* – April 9 - Mass of the Lord's Supper, washing of the feet and procession at 7:30pm – adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10:30pm

*Good Friday* – April 10 - Service of the Lord's Passion, adoration of the Cross and Communion at 3:00pm

*Holy Saturday* – April 11 - Great Easter Vigil 8:00pm (NO 5:00 pm Masses this night)

**Easter Sunday – April 12** - regular mass schedule – 7:00, 9:00 and 10:45am and 12:15pm. Note – no 5:00 mass on Saturday night – only Great Easter Vigil Mass at 8:00pm

**Easter Egg Hunt** – Easter Sunday – April 12 after the 9:00am Children's mass

**Parish Mission** – April 18 – 22 with Fr. Michael Sullivan

**CATHOLIC SCHOOL 2020-2021  
TUITION ASSISTANCE  
ONLINE APPLICATION PROCESS OPEN**

Families interested in applying for tuition assistance to attend an eligible Diocese of Metuchen elementary or high school may apply online now through FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment at <https://online.factsmgt.com/aid>. Online applications must be completed (including all required documentation) by no later than **March 31, 2020**. Applications are available in English and Spanish.

Families that need assistance completing the online application or need access to a computer to apply should contact their school.

**Ladies Auxiliary KofC**

Please join us for a bus trip to Golden Nugget Casino in Atlantic City on Sunday, March 1, 2020. The cost is \$25, and you will receive back \$25 plus a \$5 food voucher. The bus will leave the St. John Vianney parking lot at 11:30am. Please call Mary for tickets at 732-382-2558.

**Altar Rosary Society**

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, March 12th at 2pm in the upper room in the Church. New members are always welcome!

**SJV Seniors**

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, March 4th at 2:30pm in the cafeteria. Peter Lieberman will be at the keyboard. Come and sing along with him to the tunes we all love. Don't forget cereal for the youngsters at Ozanam Family Shelter in Edison.

**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



*please join us for ...*

**What: 60th Anniversary Dinner Dance**  
**Where: Colonia Country Club**  
**When: Friday, April 24, 2020**  
**7:00 - 11:00 pm**  
**Cost: \$75 per person**  
**Dinner Buffet and Cash Bar**  
**DJ**

*\* Gluten-free meals available upon request \**

**Tickets on sale after all Masses starting the weekend of March 7 & 8 with the ticket deadline of April 5.**

**For more information, please contact Egger Lugo at 732-801-6705 or 732-396-4708.**

**SJV Class of 1980 – 40th Reunion**

Looking for Alumni from SJV class of 1980. If you know anyone, please let me know. The date and place are set for Saturday, April 25th 5:30 – 9:00pm. Camille Kearney (Retana) 732-742-5018

**Boy Scout Troop 523 Pancake Breakfast**

March 8, 2020 7:30am – 12:00pm

Pancakes with sausages, coffee, tea, hot chocolate in the SJV Cafeteria. 50/50 Raffle & Tricky Tray Fundraiser. Boy, Girl and Cub Scouts in uniform admitted for free.

Adult \$8 Senior \$6 Children (under 10) \$6

**Bus Trip**

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



# < KID'S > KORNER

## Gospel Today First Sunday of Lent / Matthew 4:1-11

In today's Gospel the Holy Spirit and angels came to help Jesus through His suffering in the desert. Jesus spent 40 days and nights with no food or shelter and the Holy Spirit and angels **lent** Him spiritual and physical support.

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### Lent

The season of being sorry for sin, asking forgiveness and helping others.

### lend / lent

The act of giving assistance or support to helping others.

WEEK  
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Dear God,  
This week I...

LEND  
for  
LENT

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Love,

### Examples

Donate food to food pantry or shelter

Donate clothing or jackets

Help cook dinner

Drop a few coins in the poor box in church

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Jesus knows how it feels to be cold and very hungry.

Think of a way you can lend support to a cold, hungry person and write your lend/lent action in the space on the cross. Color in the cross.

