

**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 – 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT**

**SATURDAY, March 14, 2020**

8:00 AM Mary Chickey, r/o Chickey family  
5:00 PM Helen Goerke, r/o Nadolsky & Wallace family

**SUNDAY, March 15, 2020**

7:00 AM Robert J. Kuzma, r/o Rocky Pagano  
9:00 AM Priests & Deacons of SJV  
10:45 AM Maria Augusta-Martin, r/o Betty & Don Benes  
12:15 PM For the people of our parish, living/deceased

**MONDAY, March 16, 2020**

7:00 AM Domenica Pontoriero, r/o Gerri DePaola  
8:45 AM Bill Cisko, r/o Joanne Cisko  
6:00 PM *First Penance*

**TUESDAY, March 17, 2020 – St. Patrick**

7:00 AM Carmine Torsiello, r/o Gerri DePaola  
8:45 AM Eugene & Mary O'Donnell, r/o Mr. & Mrs. Connie O'Donnell

**WEDNESDAY, March 18, 2020 – St. Cyril of Jerusalem**

7:00 AM Nicole Rista-Fitzpatrick, r/o Pat Brush  
8:45 AM Louis Faccone, r/o Mr. & Mrs. Connie O'Donnell

**THURSDAY, March 19, 2020 – St. Joseph**

7:00 AM Nicole Fitzpatrick, r/o Elena Alves  
8:45 AM Michael Hanley, r/o Mom & Dad

**FRIDAY, March 20, 2020**

7:00 AM Lawrence Hoogsteden, r/o Grossman family  
8:45 AM Lorenzo Lugo Pacheco, r/o Egger & Maureen Lugo  
7:00 PM *Stations of the Cross*

**SATURDAY, March 21, 2020**

8:00 AM Arturo Cece, r/o Kris Kuziw  
5:00 PM Florence & Michael Wolar, r/o Kay & Marlene

**SUNDAY, March 22, 2020**

7:00 AM For the people of our parish, living/deceased  
9:00 AM Gail Hawkins, r/o Mr. & Mrs. Nisky  
10:45 AM Arthur Gallagher r/o Mr. & Mrs. Connie O'Donnell  
12:15 PM Pauline Plungis, r/o James Plungis

**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, Edward Swiderski, Kevin Brown, 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

Bob Kuzma & Joseph A. Mattina

## 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), Mas. Sgt. Michael Primavera (Air Force), LTJG Michael Swiderski (Navy).

## Weekend Readings

Exodus 17:3-7  
Romans 5:1-2, 5-8  
John 4:5-42

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

## March 15, 2020 3<sup>RD</sup> Sunday of Lent

*“Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again.”*  
JOHN 4:13

Jesus reminds us that material things, even something as basic as water, can never satisfy us for long. When we build our lives around material possessions we always want more. True joy and peace only come when we follow Jesus; when we become more “God-centered.”

## Reflection

God our hearts are heavy,  
With sins untold and cares unshared.  
Our lives are burdened,  
With doubts unvoiced and fears unmentioned.  
God who is greater than our hearts,  
Deeper than our minds,  
Always alive, always longing for our response,  
May we stretch out our hands and surrender,  
Walking with you through the wilderness,  
To find freedom in following Christ alone.  
May we willingly walk with Jesus,  
The One who carries our burdens to the cross  
Where fear is transformed into love,  
And loneliness into community with you.  
Amen.

This third Sunday of Lent we hear about Jesus’ interaction with the Samaritan woman. Through this interaction we are shown God’s love for all His children, no matter their differences. In this time, Jews and Samaritans were rivals. They wouldn’t even socialize with one another, yet Jesus went out of His way to spend time with the Samaritan woman and the other Samaritan people of the town. Each day, and especially during this Lenten season, we should be looking to Jesus’ example to speak and act with love for all people. If you still haven’t figured out what to give up or strive for during Lent, this weekend’s scripture may give you an idea.



**St. John Vianney School News**

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

God bless our second grade students as they receive the sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on Monday, March 16th.

The next Home School Association Meeting will take place on Tuesday, March 17th, at 7:00pm in the cafeteria.

**School will be closed on Friday, March 20th. The teachers will be attending a Professional Development Day.**

If you haven't already done so, please return your re-registration paperwork to school this week. If your child will not be returning, please send a note to the office so we can send you the necessary forms.

**Pre-School News**

Please plan to join us for our next HSA Meeting on Tuesday, March 17th, in the main school cafeteria at 6:15pm.

**There will be no classes on Friday, March 20th, due to a Faculty Professional Day.**

Openings are still available for our Pre-K 3 and 4 programs for next year. Please call the school office at 732-388-1662 for more information.

**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



THIRD SUNDAY  
*In Lent*

This 3<sup>RD</sup> Sunday of Lent our image is a lily, which is a symbol that a soul of the departed has received restored innocence after death. Lilies are also a symbol of new life coming forth during Spring.

**MARCH 8, 2020**

**OFFERTORY:**

Collection: \$ 11,399.25  
 On-line giving: \$ 2,794.50

\$ 14,193.75

Avg. Weekly Expenses: -\$ 20,000.00  
 Balance: -\$ 5,806.25

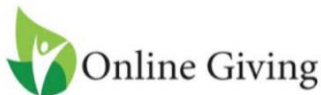
**MARCH 10, 2019**

**OFFERTORY:**

Collection: \$ 13,239.77  
 On-line giving: \$ 2,168.00

\$ 15,407.77

Avg. Weekly Expenses: -\$ 22,781.50  
 Balance: -\$ 7,373.73



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	5:00pm	Basketball
	6:00pm	CCD
	6:00pm	First Penance
Tuesday	4:00pm	Children's Choir
	4:30pm	Cheer
	7:00pm	HSA Meeting
	7:00pm	Finance Council
	7:30pm	Boy Scouts
Wednesday	7:30pm	Al-Anon
	5:00pm	Basketball
	7:30pm	Adult Choir
Thursday	4:30pm	Cheer
	6:00pm	SAC Committee
	7:00pm	Cub Scout Comm.
	7:00pm	Young Adult Ministry
Friday	<i>School Closed</i>	
	6:00pm	Tricky Tray
	7:00pm	Cursillo
	7:00pm	Stations of the Cross
Saturday	12:00pm	Knitting Group
	2:00pm	7 Churches Visitation
Sunday	7:00pm	Middle School Youth Ministry

**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, Fresh Grocer, 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.

**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*

### YOUTH MINISTRY - Upcoming Dates:

<i>Middle School</i>	<i>Topic</i>	<i>High School</i>
3/22, 7-8:30pm	Do Something New Retreat	5/3, 7-8:30pm 3/29, 8:30am-4
4/26, 7-8:30pm	Celebrate Easter!	

### ATTENTION MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS!

Join us on Sunday May 17th at the NJ Catholic Youth Rally at Six Flags Great Adventure!!  
An ALL DAY event enjoying the rides, games and Mass with hundreds of other teens from across the state!  
More info coming soon!

### ATTENTION STUDENTS IN GRADES 8-12!

Want to spend a weekend in NYC with thousands of other teens? We invite you to join us on Friday-Sunday July 24-26th at the Steubenville Youth Conference, NYC! Email Laureen for more info. \$50 deposit and permission slip is due by March 31st!

#### Middle School:

Don't forget that our next meeting is next Sunday 3/22 at 7:00pm! Remember to bring friends for our epic Charades 2.0 battle! See you then!

#### High School:

It was so nice to see you last week and talk about how we can shift our mindset to become more positive complete versions of ourselves. And that when we allow our hearts to listen to HIS voice we start to grow into the person He created us to be. What an amazing lesson as we journey through LENT. Our next meeting will be our RETREAT on Sunday March 29th! If you have not turned in your permission slip & \$10 but still want to attend please email me ASAP!

### 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 Laureen for a permission slip  
(email: LRomano@sjvs.net)

#### YOUNG ADULTS:

I am looking forward to our next meeting on Thursday March 19th at 7pm as we continue our Lenten Journey and celebrate St. Patrick's Day! If you want to share your favorite St. Patrick's Day snack or green-colored food with the group that would be great! Upcoming Meeting Dates: March 19th, April 1st all at 7pm!

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

### Music Ministry News

**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 18th! We sing again Sunday March 22nd at the 9am 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 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. Joseph**

St. Joseph is one of the most well-known saints as he was Jesus' earthly father. Before Jesus' birth, St. Joseph was a highly skilled craftsman and was also a descendant of King David. One of the most important moments in St. Joseph's life was when he found

out Mary was pregnant with the Son of God. Instead of quietly divorcing her, since he still very much cared for and respected her, he listened to the angel who told him of God's plan for his life. St. Joseph went against the way of society and didn't care what others thought of him. He fully accepted God's plan, became Jesus's earthly father and loved Him as his own son. St. Joseph is the patron saint of carpenters, fathers, the universal Church, etc. May we strive to be more like St. Joseph, to openly and fully accept God and trust in His plan for our lives.

**3<sup>RD</sup> Week of Lent – Meet Yvone**

Meet Yvone from Kenya. She learned proper nutrition and hygiene practices to help keep her healthy and in school. Yvone now has a chance to dream and the strength to follow those dreams. How can you ensure that young people in your community receive proper nutrition? Visit [www.crsricebowl.org](http://www.crsricebowl.org) for more.

**Health Alert – Coronavirus**

Amid growing national concern over the spread of the coronavirus, all parishes in the Diocese of Metuchen will enact the following precautionary measures:

1. Priests, deacons, and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion are urged to sanitize their hands before and after distributing Holy Communion.
2. Any individual who is sick or has flu-like symptoms should NOT attend Mass or other Church gatherings. Mass is broadcast on several television channels and on the Cathedral's website: [stfranciscathedral.org](http://stfranciscathedral.org).
3. Distribution of the Precious Blood of Christ from the chalice or cups is **SUSPENDED**.
4. The sign of peace should be exchanged **WITHOUT** physical contact.
5. Reception of the Body of Christ is preferred to be by hand rather than on the tongue.

This information can also be viewed on the TV monitor in the gathering area of the Church during Masses on the weekends.

*The Pro-Life Corner***March 15, 2020**

This week we pray especially for all who have been wounded by abortion, may they be filled with hope that does not disappoint and be healed by Christ.



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.

## *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.**

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

**Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Rice Bowl** – Ash Wednesday – Easter Sunday Rice bowls are available in gathering area in the Church

**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

**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."

**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.

**2020 Bishop's Annual Appeal**

*Stepping Forward in Faith: Grace in Action*

By now you have received a letter from Bishop Checchio inviting your participation in the 2020 Bishop's Annual Appeal. The diocesan ministries supported by the Appeal directly impact many of the parishioners here in St. John Vianney Parish. Your gift provides formation opportunities to our catechists, youth and young adults. Among other important ministries, your sacrificial gift supports our renewed efforts in Evangelization & Communication.

If you have yet to make your pledge to this year's Bishop's Annual Appeal, you will have the opportunity to do so next weekend, March 21/22, which has been designated as **Bishop's Annual Appeal In-Pew Weekend**. Please prayerfully consider a gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal to help our parish reach its goal. If we can exceed our goal, 50% of the amount collected over goal of reaching 100% participation. Every gift, no matter the size, is important and greatly appreciated. Thank you.



*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.**

**24 Hours for the Lord**

March 20, 2020 – 7am - 8pm  
 St. Cecelia Church, Iselin, NJ

Chapel:

7:00am Mass  
 \* Adoration immediately following until 5:30pm\*

Main Church:

9:15am Mass  
 10am-6:30pm Confessions  
 5:30pm Silent Adoration  
 6:30pm Mass  
 7:00pm Stations & Benediction

**Bus Trip**

Join us for a bus trip to Atlantic City 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 Third Sunday of Lent / John 4:5-42

When Jesus came to Jacob's well, He spoke to the Samaritan woman about living water - the Holy Spirit flowing within us. The well water is needed for this life but the living water gives us eternal life. The woman returned to Samaria and **lent** her new beliefs to her neighbors, who also became believers.

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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

- Invite a new student to share recess with you and your friends.
- Read a simple book to someone who doesn't speak English well and wants to learn.
- As spring sports begin, be kind and friendly to all of your teammates.

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**As Jesus traveled He went into surrounding foreign regions lending spiritual support, teaching, finding believers and expanding the kingdom.**

Be guided by the living water, and by simple actions, **lend** God's love and goodness to the world and witness new believers expand the kingdom. Write your lend/lent action on the cross. Color in the cross.

