

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.

Please note that there will be NO daily or weekend Masses at all until at least the weekend after Easter. The Church will only be open each day from 9am – 2pm. Confession will only be available on Saturdays 11am – 12pm.

Mass Intentions – 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

SATURDAY, March 28, 2020

8:00 AM Edward F. Derosa, r/o Ellen Derosa
5:00 PM Mary Ostrowski, r/o Kopacz & Vicidomini family

SUNDAY, March 29, 2020

7:00 AM Robert Kuzma, r/o Mr. & Mrs. Nisky
9:00 AM For the people of our parish, living/deceased
10:45 AM Thomas & Kenneth Hark, r/o Dolly Hark
12:15 PM Nicole Hilliard, r/o SJV HSA

MONDAY, March 30, 2020

7:00 AM Joseph J. Costanxo, r/o Tony & Rocky Pagano
8:45 AM Ann McMannus, r/o the O'Donnell family

TUESDAY, March 31, 2020

7:00 AM Yolanda M. Santiago, r/o Rosemary & Joe Tittel
8:45 AM Mary Bongard, r/o Mr. & Mrs. Connie O'Donnell

WEDNESDAY, April 1, 2020

7:00 AM Thomas Quigley, r/o Robert Lowery
8:45 AM John Szekalski, r/o Peter & Christine Farbaniec

THURSDAY, April 2, 2020 – St. Francis of Paola

7:00 AM Ann Schuster Cifelli, r/o Michele Natishyn
8:45AM Chester Banasiak, r/o family

FRIDAY, April 3, 2020

7:00 AM Mary Murphy, r/o Joan Yuill & Diane Clark
8:45 AM Ann Small, r/o Hughes family

SATURDAY, April 4, 2020 – St. Isidore

8:00 AM Agnes Azzara, r/o Michael & Leia Cerami
5:00 PM Richard Snyder, r/o Carol & Jack Sievert

SUNDAY, April 5, 2020

7:00 AM Purgatorial Society
9:00 AM For the people of our parish, living/deceased
10:45 AM Jeanette Bukowski, r/o Irene, Teresa, John & Kristyna
12:15 PM Susan Gerlak, r/o Irene Sobieski



The Prayer Corner

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

A TIME TO BAPTIZE

TO WED

TO HEAL

John Tarnalicki, John Burke, Artie Schapiro, Tina Deliaquila, Lisa Auerbach, 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 Hefeale, 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

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

Weekend Readings

Ezekiel 37:12-14
Romans 8:8-11
John 11:1-45

Weekday readings can be found on the parish website.

March 29, 2020 5TH Sunday of Lent

“Jesus said to her, ‘Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?’”

JOHN 11:40

Many of us say that we believe in God. We go to Church on Sunday. We volunteer for events at our parish. But when life gets hard, the pressure is on, when things aren't going our way, do we really believe, do we really put our trust in the Lord? When we live a life of gratitude, being thankful for the gifts we have been given, we really do see that God is providing all that we need. It opens our hearts to see God's active presence in our daily lives.

Coronavirus Prayer

Jesus Christ, you traveled through towns and villages “curing every disease and illness.” At your command, the sick were made well. Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global spread of the coronavirus, that we may experience your healing love. Heal those who are sick with the virus. May they regain their strength and health through quality medical care. Heal us from our fear, which prevents nations from working together and neighbors from helping one another. Heal us from our pride, which can make us claim invulnerability to a disease that knows no borders. Jesus Christ, healer of all, stay by our side in this time of uncertainty and sorrow. Be with those who have died from the virus. May they be at rest with you in your eternal peace. Be with the families of those who are sick or have died. As they worry and grieve, defend them from illness and despair. May they know your peace. Be with the doctors, nurses, researchers and all medical professionals who seek to heal and help those affected and who put themselves at risk in the process. May they know your protection and peace. Be with the leaders of all nations. Give them the foresight to act with charity and true concern for the well-being of the people they are meant to serve. Give them the wisdom to invest in long-term solutions that will help prepare for or prevent future outbreaks. May they know your peace, as they work together to achieve it on earth. Whether we are home or abroad, surrounded by many people suffering from this illness or only a few, Jesus Christ, stay with us as we endure and mourn, persist and prepare. In place of our anxiety, give us your peace. Jesus Christ, heal us. Amen.

Thank You

We would like to sincerely thank all of you as we adjust to the strange situation we are currently in. Thank you for checking to be sure that we are okay. We greatly appreciate your patience and ongoing support both faithfully and financially. While this is not the Lenten season we anticipated or hoped for, it is important for us to remember that Christ is the light that will help to lead us through these dark times. We are ever so grateful to our Parish and School community here at St. John Vianney for standing with us through the struggle. We hope we are able to see you and celebrate Mass with you all again soon. May God continue to bless you and your families and keep you safe and healthy.

God Bless
Father John & Father Bede



St. John Vianney School News

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

School will still be closed. We are following the guidelines set forth by the State of New Jersey and our Bishop Checchio. Our students are continuing their education through virtual learning. Students are logging in every morning, and their teachers are providing lessons for them as they work at home on a daily basis. We pray that everyone will remain safe and healthy during this difficult period. If you need any help with the work that has been assigned, please email your child’s teacher or call the school office. We are available via email from 8:30 AM to 2:30 PM daily.

Pre-K News

Our Pre-School teachers are working very hard to reach out and engage each child so that they can continue their educational journey. We look forward to having all of our students back with us in the near future.

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



FIFTH SUNDAY
In Lent

This 5TH Sunday of Lent our image is a hammer and nails, which is a symbol of the the Passion of Christ. This symbol is also meant to remind us of the pain Jesus endured being nailed to the cross for His crucifixion.

MARCH 22, 2020

OFFERTORY:

Collection: \$ 6,500.25
 On-line giving: \$ 3,958.50

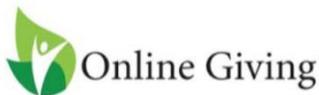
Avg. Weekly Expenses: -\$ 20,000.00
 Balance: -\$ 9,541.25

MARCH 24, 2019

OFFERTORY:

Collection: \$ 12,728.25
 On-line giving: \$ 2,198.00

Avg. Weekly Expenses: -\$ 22,781.50
 Balance: -\$ 7,855.25



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!

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:

Please note that there will be NO daily or weekend Masses at all until at least after Easter Sunday. Our Church will only be open each day from 9am – 2pm. Confession will only be available on Saturdays 11am – 12pm.

Please continue to check the parish website www.parish.sjvianney.com for updates.

Self-Distancing from People not Faith

While it is important to re-iterate that no one is able to or obligated to attend Church no earlier than after Easter weekend in hopes of reducing the spread of Coronavirus-COVID 19, we encourage everyone to cling to their faith during this time. God, our heavenly Father, is in control and will see us through this time as He always has before. During this Lenten season, we are experiencing a sense of suffering, as Jesus also was forced to endure suffering. Let us be reminded of the power of prayer and faith especially during this time.

We hope our parishioners are staying healthy and safe and taking time to focus on their faith over fear. We are fortunate enough to live in a time where we can watch Mass that is broadcast on TV or the internet and reflect on the scripture readings in the comfort of our homes when needed. We would like to take the opportunity to remind our parishioners that although you may not be here to celebrate Mass with us in person, we still greatly appreciate any selfless donations you can give, as we are all struggling during this time. This is an opportunity to take advantage of Online Giving. It is our hope that through maintaining weekly offerings, we are able and have the means to continue our routine of daily and weekend Masses as well as our other school and parish ministries/activities when all of this is resolved. We thank you for supporting our parish of St. John Vianney and pray that you are all staying healthy and safe.

May God Bless you and offer strength and healing to all.



S J V Youth & Young Adult Ministries

YOUTH MINISTRY - Upcoming Dates:

***All Topic Nights on Sunday evenings have been canceled until further notice. *The HS Retreat on Sunday 3/29 has been canceled.**

Thinking and keeping you and your families in my thoughts and prayers during this time. Remember that through all of the anxiety, fear and uncertainty we have a God that is in control! I look forward to seeing everyone once it's safe for all! Until then continue to remember your Lenten promises and take some extra time in prayer, talking to God and growing your faith!

The One who walked on water will guide us through these uncharted channels.

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!

YOUNG ADULTS:

Our next meeting is currently scheduled for Wednesday April 1st. Looking forward to seeing everyone. If this should change I will be emailing everyone by Monday 3/30. 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.

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

Music Ministry News

Why not join one of our musical groups? We will provide updates as to when we will begin practicing again. 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.

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. May God's blessings be with you all,

Jamie Frame – Director of Music



Saint of the Week: St. Isidore

St. Isidore grew up in Seville along with his three siblings who are also saints. He succeeded his older brother as Archbishop and reunited Spain through his faith teachings.

St. Isidore is often called the *Schoolmaster of the Middle Ages*, as he compiled a dictionary, encyclopedia, and treatises on multiple topics. He is very well known for his prolific writing and his very progressive faith teachings. St. Isidore has become the patron saint of computers and the internet, as he was very ahead of his time with the way he thought, spoke, and taught. May we look to St. Isidore as an example of someone who saw the value of learning and understood that no matter how old you get there's always more one can learn.

Lent 2020

As per decree of Bishop Checchio, all public gatherings are suspended. This means there will be no masses or services during Holy Week and Easter. Our Church will still be open from 9am – 2pm each day.

There will be no Mass on Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Holy Saturday or Easter Sunday. There will be no Tenebrae, Good Friday, Morning Prayer or Blessing of the Food. The Easter Egg Hunt and Parish Mission have also been canceled. Palms will be blessed on Palm Sunday and distributed at a later date.

Holy Week services with the Bishop will be live-streamed from the Cathedral at www.stfranciscathedral.org.

Live-stream Mass times are as follows:

Palm Sunday	10:30 am
Holy Thursday	7:30 pm
Good Friday	3:00 pm
Holy Saturday	8:00 pm
Easter Sunday	10:30 am

The Pro-Life Corner

March 29, 2020

This week we pray especially that any mother facing an unexpected pregnancy may be lovingly accompanied as she prepares to encounter Christ anew, through the gift of 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.

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.

The Bishop has dispensed abstinence on Fridays in Lent, instead we must only abstain on Good Friday.

5TH Week of Lent – Opportunity to Dream

Young people must be provided good nutrition to be able to pursue their dreams. Did you have the opportunity to dream? What can you do to give young people the opportunity to dream? Visit www.crsricebowl.org for more.

**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.

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.

As most of you are aware, the Bishop has postponed the Bishop's Annual Appeal In-Pew Weekend that was supposed to take place on the weekend of March 21-22. A new date has not yet been announced, but we will continue to provide updates as decisions are made.

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.

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Gospel Today Fifth Sunday of Lent / John 11:1-45

Jesus is called by Martha & Mary with news their brother Lazarus is very ill. When Jesus arrived in Bethany, Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Jesus loved His friends deeply and was so saddened by their grief, He cried. Jesus called upon His Father, who raised Lazarus, much the same as Jesus will rise Easter morning!

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Lent

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

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The act of giving assistance or support to helping others.

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Dear God,
This week I...

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for
LENT

Love,

Examples

- Make a special card for someone who is sad or sick.
- By yourself, or with family members, write a "Thank you Jesus, for Loving Me" prayer. Read it each day from now until Easter.
- Plant some seeds in a cup or planter, giving it water & sun daily. In a few days, you too will witness the miracle of new life. Your new sprouts should be ready by Easter to give as a loving gift.

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In the past weeks of Lent we have seen a lending of physical, emotional, spiritual and healing support. With the rising of Lazarus, Jesus' friends experiences all of these comforts, and many people became believers.

Lent is nearing the end. Using these remaining two weeks of Lent, think about how much Jesus loves us, and pass this love on to others. Lend your talents to an activity that will comfort someone. Write your lend/lent action on the cross. Color in the cross.

