

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
School Office Assistant	Laura Gruenling
School Office Assistant	Lisa Filippini
Parish/School Bookkeeper	Paula Roibal
Maintenance Supervisor	Poncho Julius

Temporary Mass Schedule Effective 8/29

Monday-Friday	8am
Saturday	8am - 5pm
Sunday	8am - 10am - 12pm

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 – 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

SATURDAY, February 20, 2021

8:00 AM Marie Feeney, r/o Tom & Linda Dunbar
5:00 PM Stephen Danatzko, r/o wife, Mary Danatzko & for the people of our Parish living/deceased

SUNDAY, February 21, 2021

8:00 AM Teresa Ciani, r/o John Ciani & family
10:00 AM John Lazenby, r/o Peg & Ed Connelly
12:00 PM Stephen Jones-Hesketh, r/o Carol Scheuermann

MONDAY, February 22, 2021

8:00 AM Paul Bongard Jr., r/o Tony & Rocky Pagano

TUESDAY, February 23, 2021 – St. Polycarp

8:00 AM Mae Yori, r/o Rose & Joe Ragucci

WEDNESDAY, February 24, 2021

8:00 AM Kevin McCartin, r/o Suzanne

THURSDAY, February 25, 2021

8:00 AM Rose & Peter McLoughlin, r/o Margaret Shaughnessy

FRIDAY, February 26, 2021

8:00 AM Warren Young, r/o Irene & John Morris
7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, February 27, 2021

8:00 AM Oswaldo Barbosa, r/o Elena & Jose Alves
5:00 PM William Brown, r/o Marie Feeney

SUNDAY, February 28, 2021

8:00 AM Isabella Tavormina, r/o Ladies Auxiliary
10:00 AM Pete Morrison, r/o family
12:00 PM David Bell, r/o John & Melissa Ingram & for the people of our Parish living/deceased

The Sanctuary Light has been offered in loving memory of Teresa Ciani from John Ciani & family.



The Bread & Wine have been offered in loving memory of Teresa Ciani from John Ciani & family and also for Anna Bird from the Yuill family.



Please note that the 2021 Mass Book for January – April is now full. When to open the rest of the 2021 Mass Book has not yet been determined.

The Prayer Corner

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

A TIME TO BAPTIZE

TO WED

TO HEAL

Alex Marino, Deacon Joe & Betty Vivona, Rose Sestito, Maureen Morella, Bill Tatler, Giovanni Caccamo, Mark & Victoria, Jim Geoffroy, Ryan Shaughnessy, Brian Shaughnessy, Tara Frame, Nancy Genna, Gen DiGrazia, Sherry Canavale, Domenic Canavale, Michael Canavale, James Kelly, Marian Jaeger, Rose Currie, Nina Laico, Tommy Birkner, Ronald Harvey, Artie Schapiro, Tina DeliAquila, Lisa Auerbach, Kevin Brown, Dominic Wittmann, Robert Feeney, Italia DiNatale, Jake Ragucci, 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, Joel Leiter, Jerry Hill, Greg Gillespie, Susan Sepedy, Geri Lazarowitz, Aymee Iannacone, Annie Panaccione, Jean Nych, Gregory Kolaranda, Tyler Brown, Johanna Esposito, Fran Hefele, Mary Shegas, Nina Stefanelli, Nikoloz, Clare Weber, Vincent Dellaquila, Linda Wittmann, Joseph Reilly, Joe Vitello, Arlon Roth, Edward O'Brien, June Laub, Lynn Tumblety, Maryann Robson, Nick Troiano, Carl Walker, Dan Weiss, Arthur Shipiro, Ronald Syslo, Christine Camping, Gladys Gonzalez, Catherine Donahue, Art Boudier, Marie Negri, Christiano Bianco, Mary Ann Baureis, Pauline Mendicino-Franke.

TO JOIN GOD IN HEAVEN

A TIME OF WAR & PEACE

Keith D. Lee (Air National Guard), Major Brian McCartin (Army), Alan Bridges (Navy), John Bridges (Navy), 2nd Lieutenant Phillip G. Faccone 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), John O'Donnell (Marines).

Weekend Readings

Genesis 9:8-15

1 Peter 3:18-22

Mark 1:12-15

Weekday readings can be found on the parish website.

February 21, 2021

1ST Sunday of Lent

“After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God...”

MARK 1:14

Do you ever think about how difficult it must have been for Jesus to come into Galilee, knowing that John had just been arrested for teaching the same message that Jesus was proclaiming. It must have taken great love and trust for Jesus to do what the Father had send Him here on earth to do. In the same way, following a life of stewardship takes great love and trust from us. We must be willing to surrender completely to God, trusting that God will always give us all what we need to fulfill His plan for us.

Reflection

Last weekend's scripture spoke about Jesus healing a leper. Jesus was filled with God's light and didn't hesitate to reach out, touch the leper, and heal him. The leper took a chance by asking for healing, when typically, no one would even look at, let alone speak to someone with leprosy. Though overcome with joy when he was healed by the miracle of Jesus, he still went against Jesus' will and went around town bragging about the miracle, when Jesus told him not to. This moment in scripture reminded me a lot of today's society. Whether good, bad, or somewhere in between, news travels fast in this world of social media. It's important for us to remember that just as in the Gospel from last week, oversharing can be a bad thing and actions can have consequences that follow. We often see people boasting or bragging about things to make themselves feel better about something they are insecure about. In this case, the leper felt alone, ostracized from society, but instead of letting people get to know his heart, he continued to think he would be judged by others on his appearance, as he always had been before, thus leading to self-sabotage. Self-acceptance and self-love are not easy to come by and it takes a lot of work for each of us throughout our lifetime. This is why we must be present and support one another. We should never stand by and allow someone to be mistreated in any way if we are able to help them. As we continue this Lenten journey, may we keep the leper in our minds. If you saw someone being mistreated, would you defend them or help them? I encourage you to reflect on this question this next week and ask yourself what Jesus would want you to do as one of His disciples.



St. John Vianney School News

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

St. John Vianney School is beginning registration for the 2021-2022 school year. Please call the office if you have any questions or are interested in enrolling. Space is limited!

See our website for details and virtual tour information!



HUNGER IN OUR WORLD

Jesus told us that whatever we did for one of these least brothers of His we did for Him. Reflect on the challenge of global hunger – it is a reality for millions of our sisters and brothers. What will you do to support the hungry in our community and around the world? Visit www.csricebowl.org to learn more.

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	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

The image for the first Sunday of Lent is a Rooster, which symbolizes the conviction of sin, also often referred to as to “convicto.” The Rooster also refers to the account of Peter denying Jesus three times before the Rooster crows in all four Gospels.

FEBRUARY 14, 2021

OFFERTORY:

Collection:	\$ 11,280.25
On-line giving:	\$ 4,871.50
	\$ 16,151.75
Avg. Weekly Expenses:	-\$ 20,000.00
Balance:	-\$ 3,848.25

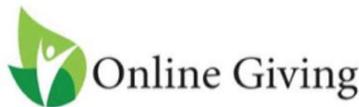
FEBRUARY 16, 2020

OFFERTORY:

not available due to Holiday



We are now experiencing a shortage and are in urgent need of these items.



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!

The St. James Food Pantry is in need of cereal, spam, tuna, canned chicken, canned fruit, pasta, pasta sauce, canned vegetables, rice, instant or canned potatoes, peanut butter, jelly, pancake mix, syrup, bar soap, toothpaste, shampoo. Thank you for your continued support in helping to feed those in need in our community.

Saint of the Week: St. Polycarp



St. Polycarp was bishop of Smyrna, a disciple of John the apostle and friends with Ignatius of Antioch. St. Polycarp is well known as one of the Fathers of the early Church. He was martyred at 86 and it's known as the "Acts

of Polycarp", which is also the first reliable account of a Christian Martyr's death. This was in the year 155. May we be inspired by the way he witnessed his faith and seek to be the kind of great leader of faith St. Polycarp was.

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.

There are many 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.

S J V Youth & Young Adult Ministries

YOUTH MINISTRY:

ProjectYM LIVE continues! Be sure to listen in and join in the conversation on Sunday OR Wednesday at 7pm! Each week you can log in with thousands of Catholic teens from around the nation, hear from respected speakers, praise with notable artists and engage in virtual fellowship!

Simply go to this link to join!
PROJECTYM.COM/WATCH

Email me for more information! There are parent resources available too!

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY:

We have an exciting Winter and we hope you join us!

We're kicking off round two of our Book Study with Mark Hart's "Blessed are the Bored in Spirit." We will meet virtually on Tuesday's at 8pm. If interested email me for the book and Zoom link at:

LROMANO@SJVS.NET !

"Because your faith journey doesn't end after high school ... it's only just beginning!"
This is a group for individuals (single, married, parents, etc) who are 18-39.

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



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."

COVID-19 Recovery Relief

Saint Peter's Healthcare System has developed a Covid-19 Recovery Program to address the lingering complications endured by many Covid-19 patients. The program provides patients that have previously tested positive with COVID-19 access to multi-specialty care. The goal of the program is to provide patients with the best medical care from experienced physicians and a multitude of specialists in order to manage the ongoing symptoms of COVID-19. Patients will also receive help and support throughout their road to long-term recovery. The COVID-19 Recovery Program is dedicated to ensuring all post-COVID-19 patients get the proper assistance and medical treatment they need while obtaining a better understanding of the effects of this new virus. Patients that have recovered from COVID-19 but are still experiencing persistent symptoms should contact the COVID-19 Recovery line at 732-745-8552 or email COVID19Recovery@saintpetersuh.com; someone will contact you within 2 business days.

RCIA – Rites of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion

These special Rites (Ceremonies) are a special part of the RCIA program. They are usually celebrated with the Bishop at the Cathedral on the First Sunday of Lent. Due to the pandemic these Rites will be celebrated in each parish this year. Our Rite Election for our two Catechumens – Pranali More and Destinee Tapia – will take place on the first Sunday of Lent – February 21ST at the 12:00pm Mass. This is their next step towards their being Baptized in the Catholic faith at the Easter Vigil. The Rite of Calling to Continuing Conversion for Jack McGrory will take place on the Second Sunday of Lent – February 28TH at the 12:00pm Mass. This is Jack's next step in receiving the Sacraments of Holy Eucharist and Confirmation at the Easter Vigil. Let us keep all these Catechumens and Candidates in our prayers.

The Pro-Life Corner

February 21, 2021

This week we pray especially for all who have participated in abortion and doubt in the Lord's mercy, may they know He desires to grant pardon and peace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.



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

IMPORTANT NOTICE PRO-LIFE MATERNITY COLLECTION

We are *grateful* for the many donations we receive. However, we are now inundated with a large quantity of items. At this time we are NOT accepting donations of any kind. We will resume at some time in the future. If you have questions please call the rectory or Carolyn at 973-349-4626. THANK YOU for your consideration and your generosity.

SJV Pro-Life Committee



CATHOLIC SCHOOL 2021 – 2022 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, 2021**. Applications are available in English and Spanish.

Families that need assistance completing the online application should contact their school.

Relay for Life Fundraiser



Daffodil Days is an opportunity for everyone to join the American Cancer Society in saving lives, celebrating lives and leading the fight for a world without cancer. Dollars raised through Daffodil Days support groundbreaking research, patient services, and other lifesaving programs. Through the daffodil, the first flower of spring, this campaign brings a symbol of hope to cancer patients and those affected by the disease.

- For a \$15 donation, receive potted mini-daffodils as a thank you
- For a minimum of a \$20 donation, instead of receiving flowers, your donation will be earmarked to support current and ongoing research programs.

Contact Tammy McCormac at: tjmccormacrfl@gmail.com if interested. Thank you in advance in saving lives, celebrating lives and leading the fight for a world without cancer.

Since our Church has reopened people are becoming more comfortable with their surroundings. We just want to remind everyone that there are certain guidelines we must follow to continue to use our Church facility. Please help us by following these guidelines.

COMMON DIRECTIVES TO BE OBSERVED BY ALL SJV PARISHIONERS AT MASS

Due to the on-going pandemic we are going to observe the following directives set by the state and the diocese until further notice. Please be patient as we work our way to fully re-open our church. Thank you for your anticipated cooperation and understanding.

- The dispensation from Sunday/Holy Day Mass obligation **still remains in effect** until further notice.
- Sunday Masses will be celebrated on Sunday mornings at **8:00am, 10:00am & 12 noon** to give enough time in between for sanitization. Saturday evening Mass will be celebrated at **5:00pm**. Doors of the church will be opened one half hour before Mass begins.
- **Each Weekend Mass has limited capacity.** Please understand that once we reach the maximum number of people, you may eventually have to be turned away.
- Once you enter the church one of our ushers will assign your seat beginning from the front. Larger families of 3 or more will be seated in the back of the Church. Please do not switch seats once you are seated.
- Masks must be worn at **ALL TIMES** except when receiving Communion.
- Hymnals will not be available.
- **PLEASE FOLLOW DIRECTIONS OF THE USHERS.** We truly need your cooperation to do this safely.
- Crying room and the choir loft **will not be** used until further notice.
- The bathrooms will not be accessible.
- Everyone needs to be 6 feet apart from each other whether you are seated in pew or standing in line to receive communion **UNLESS** you live together in same household. Families will be seated together in an assigned pew.
- **Please note that we will be having Communion at its regular time again during the Mass. We will still exit on the side aisle to receive Communion and use the middle aisle to return to the pews. The ushers will dismiss each row at a time from the front and back of Church.**
- Each pew will be directed by ushers to receive Communion, with 6 feet apart markings on the carpet. Please do not get up to receive Communion until you are directed to do so.
- **Communion will not be received on the tongue, only in the hands. (No gloves)** The Precious Blood will not be offered.
- Votive candles **will not be** available before or after Mass.
- Collection baskets will be placed in the gathering area for you to drop envelopes.
- One weekday Mass will be celebrated from Monday to Saturday morning at **8:00am**.
- Parish social gatherings and group devotional observances are **suspended** until further notice.
- Absolutely **NO** public gatherings or greetings before or after Masses, at church entrance/exits or on parish property are permitted.

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 2021 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.

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 and blessing Palms – regular mass schedule – Saturday at 5:00 and Sunday at 8:00am, 10:00am, and 12:00pm.

Morning Prayer – Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday, April 1, 2 & 3 in church at 8:00am. No 8:00am morning mass on these days of Holy Week.

Confessions – every Saturday from 11:00am to 12:00pm – extra Confessions – Holy Thursday and Good Friday – April 1 & 2 from 11:00am to 12:00pm.

Blessing of Easter Food – Holy Saturday – April 3 at 12:00pm in the parking lot (drive by if raining).

Holy Week –Special Masses/Services – no 8:00am morning mass on these days

Holy Thursday – April 1 - Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:30pm – adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10:30pm.

Good Friday – April 2 - Service of the Lord's Passion, adoration of the Cross and Communion at 3:00pm.

Holy Saturday – April 3 - Great Easter Vigil 8:00pm (NO 5:00 pm Masses this night).

Easter Sunday – April 4 – regular mass schedule – 8:00am, 10:00am & 12:00pm. Note – no 5:00 mass on Saturday night – only Great Easter Vigil Mass at 8:00pm.



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Gospel Today

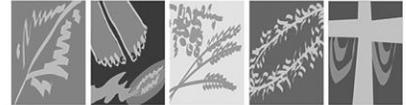
First Sunday of Lent | Mark 1:12-15

The Spirit sent Jesus to the desert for 40 days where He prayed and fasted and angels took care of Him.

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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Like Jesus, we too will spend 40 days praying and fasting.



Give us New Life, O Lord.

My plan for Lent, one week at a time...

This week I will pray for _____

This week I will give up/do without _____

This week I will do this act of love/good deed _____

(Sundays optional)

LET'S MAKE PRETZELS

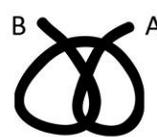
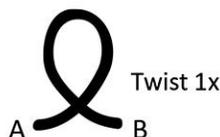
INGREDIENTS

- 1 package dry yeast
- 1 1/2 cups warm water
- 1 tsp. sugar
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 4 cups flour
- Kosher salt
- Water to hold salt on

Latin - Bracellae "Little arms", the original Lenten bread dating back to the 4th century.

Place yeast, sugar & warm water in a large bowl and let stand. Add flour & salt, mix well and knead to form smooth ball.

Divide into 12 pieces and roll each into a "rope" about 10-12 inches long. Form into a pretzel and place on baking sheet, brush with water and sprinkle with kosher salt. Let rise slightly and bake at 425° about 12-15 minutes.



Flip ends over to resemble arms crossed over chest - praying little arms