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
Parish Secretary
School Office Assistant
School Office Assistant
Parish/School Bookkeeper
Maintenance Supervisor
Linda Dunbar
Stephanie Noto
Lisa Filippini
Laura Gruenling
Paula Roibal
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 - 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

SATURDAY, February 27, 2021

8:00 AM Oswaldo Barbósa, 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

MONDAY, March 1, 2021

8:00 AM Zera McFadden, r/o family

TUESDAY, March 2, 2021

8:00 AM Paul Bongard, r/o Betty & Bill Barna

WEDNESDAY, March 3, 2021 – *St. Katharine Drexel* 8:00 AM Rev. Robert A. Pachana, r/o Aunt Joan &

Uncle Bob

THURSDAY, March 4, 2021 – *St. Casimir* 8:00 AM Bertha Silva, r/o the Chamberlain girls

FRIDAY, March 5, 2021

8:00 AM Laura Mendonca

8:45 AM James Keating, r/o SJV Faculty, Staff &

Students (School Mass for SCHOOL ONLY)

7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, March 6, 2021

8:00 AM Paul Bongard Jr., r/o Joe & Rose Ragucci

5:00 PM Sigmund Swiderski, r/o Mary

SUNDAY, March 7,2021

8:00 AM Charles Bermel, r/o Richard & Maybelle

Cavanaugh & for the people of our Parish

living/deceased

10:00 AM Robert Leary, r/o Niece Barbara, Maurice

Tripaldi & family

12:00 PM John Tkach, r/o Tkach & Polt families

The Sanctuary Light
has been offered in
loving memory of
lrene Buynak
from the Polt family.

The Bread & Wine have been
offered in loving memory of
James Keating
from Agnes & Cliff
Bacsik and also for
Ogie Gonzalez
from Class of '77.

We will be opening the 2021 Mass Book for May – August on Tuesday, March 2ND. Masses will be limited to two offerings per person at a time as there are limited Masses available. The rectory hours are 9am-12pm and 1pm-4pm Monday – Friday.

The Prayer Corner

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

A TIME TO BAPTIZE

TO WED

TO HEAL

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, 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 Dellaguila, Linda Wittmann, Joseph Reilly, Joe Vitello, Arlon Roth, Edward O'Brien, June Laub, Lynn Tumblety, Maryann Robson, Nick Trojano, Carl Walker, Dan Weiss, Arthur Shipiro, Ronald Syslo, Christine Camping, Gladys Gonzalez, Catherine Donahue, Art Bouder, Marie Negri, Christiano Bianco, Mary Ann Baureis, Pauline Mendicino-Franke.

TO JOIN GOD IN HEAVEN

Sue Seregy & Steven Blaha Jr.

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 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18 Romans 8:31b-34 Mark 9:2-10

Weekday readings can be found on the parish website.

February 28, 2021 2ND Sunday of Lent

"'Here I am!' he answered."
GENESIS 22:11

It is easy to say, "Here I am, Lord," when we are kneeling in Church. But how easy is it to say "Here I am, Lord," when a neighbor needs our help, when we are invited to join a parish ministry, or when we are asked to provide financial support? Often times we are called when it's not convenient for us. Discipleship is not always easy, most of the time it will make us uncomfortable and vulnerable.

Reflection

Last weekend we celebrated the first Sunday of Lent and we heard how Jesus was led into the desert by the power of the Holy Spirit, where He stayed for 40 days being tempted by Satan. In his homily, Deacon Ariel compared the Holy Spirit to a GPS. Especially in this age of technology, we all rely on some kind of GPS to guide us on our journey to wherever we are headed. Sometimes we must change routes last minute due to an accident, road closures, traffic, etc. and we are faced with choosing a new route. This is also true with our faith. Sometimes we are faced with struggle, hardships, traumatic experiences, etc. that test our faith and sense of direction, but we must look to the Holy Spirit as our guide through life. Although the Holy Spirit is our guide, we are given the free will to choose which paths to take throughout our lives. We are given all the resources necessary to make these decisions for ourselves, and sometimes we find that we choose poorly. It's up to us to not give into temptation or dwell in the moments of doubt, fear and anxiety of choosing the wrong path. We must instead look to the Holy Spirit to guide us back on the path to eternal life. We all feel lost and alone at times in life, but we are never truly alone. The Holy Spirit is a part of all of us, residing inside of our hearts. We are called to reflect and reject Satan, especially during the season of Lent, through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. I encourage all of you to pray for help in perceiving what we need vs. what we want. God will always provide for what we need when we surrender our hearts to Him. I. encourage you to take this second Sunday of Lent and the next week to reflect on how God is calling you to grow in your faith. Are you at a point where you can honestly say "Here I am, Lord?"



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!



BETTER MEALS IN MADAGASCAR

In Madagascar, half of all children are undernourished. That means 50% of kids won't grow to reach their full potential. But communities are changing this by focusing on improving health and nutrition. What role has food played in your life? How can you help those who lack access to enough nutritious food? Visit www.crsricebowl.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	732-574-1651
	Michnewicz	
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 &	732-574-1651
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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
0.11/.0	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



This Second Sunday of Lent, our image is grapes, which are a symbol of Holy Communion and the blood of Christ poured out for us.

FEBRUARY 21, 2021 OFFERTORY:

Collection: \$ 11,011.75 On-line giving: \$ 5,085.50

\$ 16,097.25

Avg. Weekly Expenses: -\$ 20,000.00 Balance: -\$ 3,902.75

FEBRUARY 23, 2020 OFFERTORY:

Collection: \$13,617.45
On-line giving: \$2,065.50

\$ 15,682.95 Avg. Weekly Expenses: -\$ 20,000.00

Balance: -\$ 4,317.05



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!

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.



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

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.

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 I 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!

<u>PROJECTYM.COM/WATCH</u>

Email me for more information! There are parent

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY:

resources available too!

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.

2021 Bishop's Annual Appeal Transformed by Christ Body and Blood Sent on a Mission to Light a Fire in the Heart of the Church

Please watch your mailbox for a letter from Bishop Checchio coming to you this week announcing the 2021 Bishop's Annual Appeal. You can find the link to Bishop's Annual Appeal Video at https://diometuchen.org/BAA or by going to our parish website at https://parish.sjvianney.com. Our parish can share in a successful Appeal by earning a rebate of 50% of the amount collected over goal.

Through your support of the Bishop's Annual Appeal you help those in our diocese whose needs are the greatest – the poor, homeless, and those struggling with illness or grief. Among other needed pastoral ministries, your gift also supports the formation of seminarians and enhances the work of the Vicariate for Evengelization and Communication. The many pastoral, educational and charitable ministries of the Diocese of Metuchen would not be possible without a generous contribution from every household. Please be as generous as your means allow.

The Pro-Life Corner

February 28, 2021

This week we pray especially that every human person, from conception to natural death, may be recognized as precious and beloved in the eyes of the Lord.



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



Seniors Bus Trip

Join us for a bus trip to Wind Creek Casino in PA on March 15th. The bus will be leaving SJV parking lot at 10am and will return at 6:30pm. Cost is \$35 and get back \$30. For more information and to sign up please call Mary Lou at 732-388-9452.

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.



Volunteer Needed

The parish conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is looking for a volunteer driver, to deliver food to the St. James Food Pantry, on the fourth Tuesday of each month. Anyone interested please contact Joe Pampalone at 732-429-2901.

Second Collection This Weekend

The Diocese is allowing each parish to have a Special Collection for snow removal next weekend February 27TH & 28TH. There will be a separate basket labeled "Snow Removal." Please be generous, as you can see the size of our parking lot. We always appreciate your generosity.

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.

together are not equal to a full meal, so as to experience hunger.

Abstinence in the Catholic tradition means to abstain from meat.

- 2. All other Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence.
- 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
- 4. The obligation of abstinence applies to all Catholics who have reached the age of 14.

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.



Year B



Gospel Today

Second Sunday of Lent | Mark 9:2-10

Peter, James & John went up the mountain with Jesus, and saw Elijah and Moses, who lived long ago, appear with Jesus in a blinding, dazzling light.

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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

"This is My Son, whom I love. Listen to Him." Mark 9:7



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? Will give up/ do without				
This week I will do this act of love/good deed				
(Sundays optional)				

BIBLE WORD SEARCH

Find all the words... left, right, up, down or diagonally.



Peter	Elijah
James	Moses
John	Appeared
Jesus	Cloud
Mountain	Voice
Transfigured	Listen
Dazzling	Love

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