

**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	Lisa Filippini
School Office Assistant	Laura Gruenling
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 – 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT**

**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

**MONDAY, March 8, 2021 – St. John of God**

8:00 AM Daniel Matusiak, r/o John & Mary Jantas

**TUESDAY, March 9, 2021 – St. Frances of Rome**

8:00 AM Paul Bongard, r/o Paul Blasco

**WEDNESDAY, March 10, 2021**

8:00 AM Gladys Russo, r/o family

**THURSDAY, March 11, 2021**

8:00 AM In Thanksgiving, r/o Viernes family

**FRIDAY, March 12, 2021**

8:00 AM Anthony Saluccio, r/o family  
7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

**SATURDAY, March 13, 2021**

8:00 AM Warren Young, r/o Joan Sciahetano  
5:00 PM Michnewicz-Russinelli family, r/o Janice & Tom Michnewicz

**SUNDAY, March 14, 2021**

8:00 AM Ann Burke, r/o SJV Altar Rosary & for the people of our Parish living/deceased  
10:00 AM Bill & Joan Sirilli, r/o Margaret Shaughnessy  
12:00 PM Purgatorial Society

**The Sanctuary Light has been offered in loving memory of Al Cipas from Bill & Catherine Tatler.**



**The Bread & Wine have been offered in loving memory of Lucy Posten from Suzanne and also for Jack Masculine from Cerami family.**



**The 2021 Mass Book for May – August is now open. 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

Jack Cassidy, Michael Alencewicz, 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 Hefelee, 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

Walton Gates, Richard Walsh, & Alex Marino

## A TIME OF WAR & PEACE

Keith D. Lee (Air National Guard), Major Brian McCartin (Army), Alan Bridges (Navy), John Bridges (Navy), 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant Phillip G. Faccone Jr. (Marines), Bryan Alexander Perez (Army), Brandon Haynes (Army), Jared Endler (National Guard), LTJG Liam Keenan (Navy), Mas. Sgt. Michael Primavera (Air Force), John O'Donnell (Marines).

## Weekend Readings

Exodus 20:1-17  
1 Corinthians 1:22-25  
John 2:13-25

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

**March 7, 2021**

**3<sup>RD</sup> Sunday of Lent**

“You shall not carve idols for yourselves in the shape of anything...”  
EXODUS 20:4

How many “gods” do you put before God? “Idols” do not always take the shape of physical things, things we can touch and feel. Those are easy to recognize. Many times, they take the form of things we cannot touch and are much harder to spot like pride, power, ego, time, comfort, or health. Pray for God’s help to prune our vices and to grow in virtue.

## Reflection

Last weekend we celebrated the second Sunday of Lent and we heard how Abraham was willing to offer his only son as a sacrifice to God. In Father John’s homily, he compared our faith to that of a rollercoaster. Both have ups and downs, unexpected twists and turns, and at times can be either exciting or scary. If we look at the Gospel from last week, just a few days before, Jesus told His disciples He would suffer and be put to death and they wouldn’t accept it to be true. Jesus’ prediction became true on Easter Sunday when He was resurrected. Easter Sunday is one of the big high points of our faith. When we experience a high point, our faith is strong, and when we experience a low point, our faith is strained, and God may seem far away. Let us reflect on the story of Abraham from last weekend. Think of how much it must have pained Him to be at a point where he trusted God so completely, that He was willing to do the most unthinkable thing to his one and only son. Are you at a place in your life and faith where you could fully put your trust in God as Abraham did? I encourage you to take this third Sunday of Lent and this next week to reflect on what things in your life may currently be holding you back from growing in your faith and relationship with God.



**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!



**SUSTAINABILITY IN EL SALVADOR**

Drought has become a big problem across El Salvador, making it difficult for farmers to produce enough crops to support their families. But new farming techniques – and a new generation of young farmers – are making a difference. What would you do if your livelihood was threatened? How can you support young people in your community and around the world? Visit [www.crsricebowl.org](http://www.crsricebowl.org) to learn more.

***Our 2<sup>ND</sup> Grade School and CCD students will be receiving their First Penance next week on Monday – Wednesday. We ask that you keep them all in your prayers as they continue to grow in their faith.***

**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-Caná	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	Lauren 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.

**FEBRUARY 28, 2021**

**OFFERTORY:**

Collection: \$ 13,256.75  
 On-line giving: \$ 5,565.50

\$ 18,822.50

Avg. Weekly Expenses: -\$ 20,000.00  
 Balance: -\$ 1,177.50

**MARCH 1, 2020**

**OFFERTORY:**

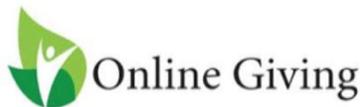
Collection: \$ 14,666.25  
 On-line giving: \$ 3,299.50

\$ 17,965.75

Avg. Weekly Expenses: -\$ 20,000.00  
 Balance: -\$ 2,034.25



***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!

**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.

***Thank you to everyone who generously contributed to the Snow Removal collection last weekend. We always greatly appreciate your continued generosity and support.***

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 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](https://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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

The devastating global pandemic of 2020 caused the loss of countless lives, widespread critical illness and has impacted every family around the world in so many ways. The important work of Catholic Charities could not and did not stop during this time. Requests for basic services such as food, shelter and clothing increased and the staff at Catholic Charities truly lives out the Corporal Works of Mercy. Rental assistance and housing support continued. The Catholic Charities food pantry, one of the largest in Warren County, provided curbside delivery and made home deliveries to protect those most at risk of coronavirus. Critical counseling services were made available through tele-health and safe, socially distant visits.

24% – \$1.7 million dollars – of the funds raised by the 2021 Bishop's Annual Appeal is earmarked for Catholic Charities, Diocese of Metuchen. Your generosity and sacrifice help to ensure that no one is left homeless, hungry, or without emotional support in these extremely difficult times.

# The Pro-Life Corner

**March 7, 2021**

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



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

## 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 Atlantic City 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.



## Saint of the Week: St. Frances of Rome



St. Frances of Rome was attracted to religious life since she was a child, but during those times it was expected of women to get married and have children. While happily married and with children, St. Frances and her sister-in-law, both always seeking a religious life, began helping the sick and poor. St. Frances made helping and caring for the sick and poor her life's work. When Plague struck, she lost two of her children, then her husband, which only made her cling to God more. She opened part of her house as a hospital and started caring for others as a Benedictine Oblate. St. Frances is known as the Patron Saint of widows. May we imitate her compassion for others and make a conscious effort to help those in need whenever we are capable.

**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

Third Sunday of Lent | John 2:13-25

Jesus was upset people were conducting the "wrong business" in the temple. They were selling goods, not praying.

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## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

We say our bodies are our temples - the Spirit of God is in us - eat & act healthy. Jesus also called His body a temple when He said "Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days". *John 2: 19*

# 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)*

## BIBLE WORD SEARCH

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

- Jesus
- Jerusalem
- Temple
- Table
- Exchanging Money
- Stop
- Father
- House
- Market
- Sign
- Disciples
- Believed
- People
- Written
- Scripture



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