

**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 – 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT**

**SATURDAY, March 20, 2021**

8:00 AM Mariazinha Araujo, r/o Elena & Jose Alves  
5:00 PM Michael & Florence Wolar, r/o Kay & Marlene

**SUNDAY, March 21, 2021**

8:00 AM Benedetto & Brigida Cosentino, r/o daughter  
10:00 AM Mark Schneider, r/o SJV Altar Rosary  
& for the people of our Parish living/deceased  
12:00 PM Frank Cirone, r/o Renay & Greg Page & family

**MONDAY, March 22, 2021**

8:00 AM Sergio Germinario, r/o Rose & Joe Ragucci

**TUESDAY, March 23, 2021 – St. Turibius of Mogrovejo**

8:00 AM Jack Jacobi, r/o family

**WEDNESDAY, March 24, 2021**

8:00 AM Alma Scoda, r/o Eugene & Madeline Heiser

**THURSDAY, March 25, 2021 – Annunciation of the Lord**

8:00 AM John DeAngelo, r/o Clark Police Department

**FRIDAY, March 26, 2021**

8:00 AM Nancy & Eugene Markey, r/o son, Timothy  
7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

**SATURDAY, March 27, 2021**

8:00 AM Evelina Tavares, r/o daughter, Mary Danatzko  
5:00 PM Paul Bongard, r/o family  
& for the people of our Parish living/deceased

**SUNDAY, March 28, 2021**

8:00 AM Rocco & Palma Specchio, r/o Son  
10:00 AM Kathy & Richard Zvitkovitz, r/o Betty & Don  
12:00 PM Bernice Glebocki, r/o Maria Swider

The Sanctuary Light has been offered in loving memory of Jack Jacobi from family.



The Bread & Wine have been offered in loving memory of Jack Jacobi from family and also for Mae Yori from Esposito 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

Tomi Cipas, 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 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

Isabelle Laginha & Genevieve Adamski

## 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

Jeremiah 31:31-34  
 Hebrews 5:7-9  
 John 12:20-33

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

**March 21, 2021**

**5<sup>TH</sup> Sunday of Lent**

“I will be their God and they shall be my people.”  
 JEREMIAH 31:33

What does it mean to be God’s people? It means we recognize that everything we have and everything we are belongs to God. We aren’t “owners” of anything, we are merely “stewards” of the gifts God has given us. It means we are willing to use our gifts and our lives to care for our family, our neighbors, and for people we don’t know, just as God cares for each of us.

## Reflection

Last weekend we celebrated the fourth Sunday of Lent and we heard about the man who was born blind and was miraculously healed by the hands of Jesus. It’s hard for most people to imagine what it must have been like to be born blind like the man from the Gospel. The scripture not only teaches us about the importance of sight, but also of faith. Just as many of us have been gifted with sight, we have been gifted with faith; the ability to say, “I believe in the Lord.” We rejoice, especially with the elect from our RCIA program this year, who will be receiving their faith throughout this Lenten season. Let us never lose sight that we are all on a journey from darkness into light, of non-belief to faith. May our eyes always be open, both physically and spiritually to what God has in store for us. I encourage you to take this Fifth Sunday of Lent and this next week to reflect on what it truly means to you to live as a child of God. Will you be any different on Easter Sunday because of your Lenten journey?





**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!



**COMMUNITY IN MADAGASCAR**

Poor nutrition can lead to devastating long-term consequences for individuals, communities and entire countries. That's why communities must work together to ensure that all children have access to better food and nutrition. New planting and cooking techniques are helping many communities in Madagascar improve the health and wellbeing of their children. How does your community work together for the good of others? Visit [www.crsricebowl.org](http://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 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	732-381-0499
Pro-Life	Carolyn Glodek	732-548-3880
R.C.I.A.	Deacon Joe Ragucci	732-494-3399
Secular Franciscans	Rev. J. Kubiak 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 5<sup>TH</sup> Sunday of Lent our image is a hammer and nails, which is a symbol of 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 14, 2021**

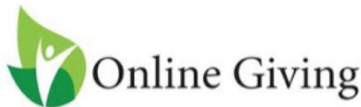
**OFFERTORY:**

Collection: \$ 11,443.11  
 On-line giving: \$ 4,433.50  
 \$ 15,876.61  
 Avg. Weekly Expenses: -\$ 20,000.00  
 Balance: -\$ 4,123.39

**MARCH 15, 2020**

**OFFERTORY:**

Collection: \$ 6,970.00  
 On-line giving: \$ 2,745.00  
 \$ 9,715.00  
 Avg. Weekly Expenses: -\$ 20,000.00  
 Balance: -\$ 10,285.00



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!



***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.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION  
 PALM SUNDAY ( MARCH 28 ) & EASTER  
 SUNDAY ( APRIL 4 )**

The Mass times for Palm Sunday are – Saturday 5:00pm and Sunday at 8:00am, 10:00am and 12:00pm. Face coverings or masks will be **required** along with hand sanitizing. *Social distancing will need to be followed.* If the Church reaches its maximum capacity, you will be directed to an "overflow Mass" in the school cafeteria.

Palms will be blessed privately in the afternoon and will be distributed by the ushers as you leave Mass. There will be a **limit to one piece** per person.

The Mass times for Easter Sunday are – Saturday at 8:00pm (The Great Easter Vigil) and Sunday at 8:00am, 10:00am, and 12:00pm. Face coverings or masks will be **required** along with hand sanitizing. *Social distancing will need to be followed.* If the Church reaches its maximum capacity, you will be directed to an "overflow Mass" in the school cafeteria.

Please note – **THERE IS NO 5:00pm VIGIL MASS** on Holy Saturday – April 3 – only the Great Easter Vigil at 8:00pm.

May the Risen Lord bless you and keep you well and safe.

**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**

By now you have received a letter from Bishop Checchio inviting your participation in the 2021 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 for our catechists, youth and young adults. In the coming days, you will be receiving a letter from our pastor Father John encouraging your participation. If you have yet to make your gift, please prayerfully consider doing so today by either returning your pledge card in the mail or going to the secure website: <https://diometuchen.org/BAA>.

*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 Spring ahead 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 Senior Hotline**

Please call 856-249-7007 if you are a senior in NJ who would like to schedule an appointment for a COVID-19 vaccine. The hotline can be accessed from 8am—8pm.

**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.

**Saint of the Week:**

**St. Turibius of Mongrovejo**



St. Turibius of Mongrovejo grew up in Spain and became a lawyer, then judge, priest, then bishop. Once a bishop, St. Turibius was sent to Peru to reform the whole area of the archdiocese, which had been exploited and oppressed

by conquerors. He devoted all his time and energy to helping the poor and abused, while still making time each day to celebrate Mass and Confession. The Holy Spirit was an active force in the many good works done by St. Turibius in Peru. He also founded schools, hospitals, and churches. May we look to St. Turibius for inspiration: that we too may have a heart of compassion for those less fortunate, to speak out against injustice, and actively spread love and kindness to others who are suffering.

## The Pro-Life Corner

March 21, 2021

This week we pray especially that all who suffer from the wounds of abortion, may be filled with the hope that does not disappoint and be healed by Christ.



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

### 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

### Irish Man of the Year

One of our long-time parishioners, Jim Leathem, who many of you probably know, was selected by the Woodbridge American Irish Association to be the Irish Man of the Year! They selected Jim based on his involvement in Tooling Around the Township building handicapped ramps for the last 20 years, organizing the Adopt A Turkey Food Drive and The Super Bowl Food Drive, assisting at the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry, and helping at St. John Vianney. Congratulations to Jim on this achievement!

### 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.



### 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.

**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

Fifth Sunday of Lent | John 12:20-33

In His final days, Jesus reminds us to follow Him. Jesus says, "My Father will honor the one who serves Me". *John 12: 26*

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# FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus replied, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds". *John 12: 23-24*

## 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)*

**Lent is almost over - next Sunday is Palm Sunday and the beginning of Holy Week.**

### SWEET as HONEY

