

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 8/29/20

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 – PALM SUNDAY

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

MONDAY, March 29, 2021

8:00 AM Halina Hercek, r/o Lu Ann & Charlie Osborn

TUESDAY, March 30, 2021

8:00 AM Chester Banasiak, r/o daughter, Lu Ann & son-in-law Charlie

WEDNESDAY, March 31, 2021

8:00 AM Edward F. DeRosa, r/o Ellen

THURSDAY, April 1, 2021 – Holy Thursday

8:00 AM Morning Prayer
7:30 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper

FRIDAY, April 2, 2021 – Good Friday

8:00 AM Morning Prayer
3:00 PM Celebration of the Lord's Passing
7:00 PM Stations of the Cross – No Benediction

SATURDAY, April 3, 2021 – Holy Saturday

8:00 AM Morning Prayer
12:00 PM Blessing of the Food
8:00 PM Easter Vigil

SUNDAY, April 4, 2021 – Easter Sunday

8:00 AM For the people of our Parish living/deceased
10:00 AM Robert Leary, r/o Niece, Trisha & Jim Petrozziello & family
12:00 PM Edward & Michael Rod, r/o Kay

The Sanctuary Light has been offered in loving memory of Jim Brown From his family.



The Bread & Wine have been offered in loving memory of Jim Brown from his family and also for Louis Petrozziello from Kathy Leary, Costanzo family, Bayer family, Tripaldi family, Trish & Jim Petrozziello.



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 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

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), Mas. Sgt. Michael Primavera (Air Force), John O'Donnell (Marines).

Weekend Readings

Isaiah 50:4-7
 Philippians 2:6-11
 Mark 14:1-15:47

Weekday readings can be found on the parish website.

March 28, 2021

PALM SUNDAY

“Pilate again said to them, ‘Then what shall I do with the man whom you call the King of the Jews?’ And they cried out again, ‘Crucify him.’”

MARK 15:12-13

Jesus told us “whatever you do for the least of my brothers, you do for me.” Every day we are presented opportunities to help someone. Every day we have the opportunity to see the face of Jesus in others and be the face of Jesus to others. Every day we pass by someone in need. Pray for the strength and courage to be the answer to someone’s prayer.

Reflection

Last weekend we celebrated the fifth Sunday of Lent and we heard about Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead. This scripture is important for us to reflect on as we enter Holy Week with Palm Sunday. Jesus knew that Lazarus was ill and loved him dearly. Just as he helped Lazarus in his time of need, we often look to Jesus for help when one of our loved ones are ill. This moment serves as a reminder to us, that when our family or friends suffer a great loss, we must not run from Jesus, but to Him. Jesus is our hope, our light in the darkness. Jesus has power over our suffering, sickness, and death. Remember this as we enter Holy Week, as we come face to face with Jesus’ ultimate sacrifice. I encourage you to work towards rising from the darkness in your life, leaning on Jesus as your strength and hope. There is life beyond the grave and Jesus will help bring us to new eternal life. We are all part of the same home, earth. We all have the same father, God. We are all part of the same faith family, our Church family. Sometimes family living can be difficult, as in the Gospel with Martha, Mary and Lazarus. Nevertheless, we are blessed to be part of this family through our relationship with our Savior, Jesus. I encourage you to reflect on what your faith truly means to you on this Palm Sunday. Each day of Holy Week is another opportunity to strengthen our relationship with God and work toward being better 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!



SERVING THE SUFFERING CHRIST

As we enter Holy Week and celebrate Palm Sunday, let's reflect on how our Lord suffered from our indifference: those who proclaimed Him King of Jerusalem were the same who called to crucify Him. We recognize we are all one human family. Are we contributing to the suffering of our sisters and brothers with our indifference to their realities? How does our faith inspire us to care for them and share the gifts that God has bestowed on us? 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 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	973-349-4626
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	Simon Bhagat	917-975-3634
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



PALM SUNDAY

This Palm Sunday our Lenten image is three palm branches, which are a symbol of victory, triumph, peace and eternal life. This symbol is also meant to remind us of the Holy Trinity and the path Jesus walked on Palm Sunday.

MARCH 21, 2021**OFFERTORY:**

Collection: \$ 9,919.75
 On-line giving: \$ 5,525.50

\$ 15,445.25

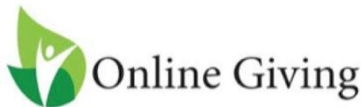
Avg. Weekly Expenses: -\$ 20,000.00
 Balance: -\$ 4,554.75

MARCH 22, 2020**OFFERTORY:**

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

\$ 10,458.75

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



A Secure & Convenient Way to Give to St. John Vianney Church

Donate Now!

No cash or check? No problem! Our parish offers a convenient, safe, and automatic way to contribute to our parish directly from your bank or using a credit card. Online Giving is a web-based application that allows you to start, stop and change your contributions at any time. You will still receive offering envelopes to present during offertory at Mass to indicate "I've given online". Online Giving is very easy to use and requires no special knowledge. If you haven't already signed up, then go to our parish website at "sjvianney.com" and select Online Giving. It's easy and safe!



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:

Middle & High School Youth Ministry will be returning for some outdoor fun in June! If you are interested in joining one of the groups please email Laureen Romano to be added on our email list!

Middle School Youth Ministry is for those who will be in grades 6-8 in September & High School Youth Ministry is for those who will be in grades 9-12 in September. If you are graduating high school in June and interested in getting involved you are invited to join our Young Adult Ministry in July!

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY:

We are so excited to be kicking off our "Topic Round Table" Series this Spring! Each week we will discuss a new topic that you submit! The plan is to continue to meet virtually until the weather gets a bit warmer and we can meet safely outside.

To submit a topic visit:

<https://forms.gle/vUB54k1PPGChLBh78> or email Laureen for a direct link!

Our FIRST meeting is scheduled for Tuesday April 6th
8pm on Zoom.

Our Topic will be ... Living out EASTER today!

ZOOM INFO for all virtual meetings:

Meeting ID: 788 0202 1393

Passcode: iRLDt3

"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

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; someone will contact you within 2 business days.

Saint of the Week: St. Isidore



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

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



The Pro-Life Corner

March 28, 2021

This week we pray especially for all mothers facing difficult pregnancies, may they be lovingly accompanied as they prepare to encounter Christ anew through the gift of their children.



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

Pontifical Good Friday Collection

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Through the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you stand in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land as a witness of peace, supporting Catholics there in parishes and schools, maintaining Christian shrines and caring for refugees in the Holy Land. Please be generous.



GOOD FRIDAY

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

Ash Wednesday – Easter Sunday – CRS Rice Bowl. Rice bowls can be dropped off in the gathering area of the Church or the Rectory office.

Holy Week

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

- Holy Thursday** April 1 – Morning Prayer at 8:00am, Confessions at 11:00am, Mass of the Lord’s Supper at 7:30pm – adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10:30pm.
- Good Friday** April 2 – Morning Prayer at 8:00am, Confessions at 11:00am, Service of the Lord’s Passion, adoration of the Cross and Communion at 3:00pm, Stations of the Cross at 7:00pm, no Benediction.
- Holy Saturday** April 3 – Morning Prayer at 8:00am, Confessions at 11:00am, Blessing of the Easter Food at 12:00pm in the parking lot, 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.

*** Specific directives for Palm Sunday & Easter Sunday are on page 4 of the bulletin. ***



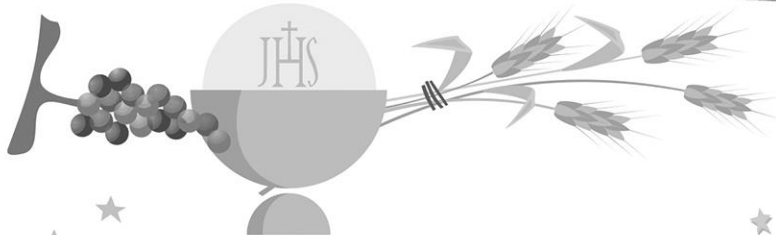
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Gospel Today

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord | Mark 14:1—15:47

In Jesus' last days, He was scented with perfume, blessed the bread of the First Eucharist, was arrested and denied, suffered and died.

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- INGREDIENTS -

EASTER BREAD (6 single servings)

1 cup milk (*scalded*)
1/3 cup butter
(*melted in milk*)

small bowl

1/4 cup warm water
1 package yeast
1 tsp. sugar

small bowl

2 eggs beaten
1/2 cup sugar
pinch salt

small bowl

Let all ingredients sit
about 15 minutes, add
to flour - mix well

3 3/4 cups flour

large bowl

- DIRECTIONS -

Knead on floured surface, 10 minutes (*add more flour if needed*). Rub dough ball with vegetable oil & place in oiled bowl. Cover and put in warm place to rise, 1 hour or double in size. Punch dough and cut into 6 equal parts (do not flour surface). Roll each piece into a strip about 15-18" long, place raw, colored egg* in center, bring ends together and twist. Place on flat baking tray. Brush with egg white and dust with colored sprinkles or sugar. Cover and let rise, bake at 350° 20-25 minutes until golden brown.

*Colored eggs - use food coloring dye to color 6 raw in-the-shell eggs. 1 cup warm water, 1 tbsp. white vinegar, 5-6 drops food color. Egg will cook while bread bakes.



GETTING READY FOR EASTER...

It is a tradition to wear something **NEW** next week for Easter. New shoelaces, hairclips, socks, tie, a new "Easter bonnet" or new clothes reminds us of our new lives in Christ, through the resurrection.

The egg in our Easter bread is also a symbol of our new life!