

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 – ASCENSION OF THE LORD

SATURDAY, May 15, 2021 – St. Isidore

8:00 AM Richie Walsh, r/o Maureen & Ken Zebrowski
5:00 PM Russell Gillespie, r/o Gillespie Family
Maria Cid, r/o Sara Fogarty

SUNDAY, May 16, 2021

8:00 AM Purgatorial Society
10:00 AM For the people of our Parish living/deceased
12:00 PM Irene Carlucci, r/o Family

MONDAY, May 17, 2021

8:00 AM Jimmy Keating, r/o Lisa Filippini

TUESDAY, May 18, 2021 – St. John I

8:00 AM Jackie Frangella, r/o Bevacqua Family

WEDNESDAY, May 19, 2021

8:00 AM Steven Blaha Jr., r/o Jennie Esposito

THURSDAY, May 20, 2021 – St. Bernardine of Siena

8:00 AM Isabella Tavormina, r/o Mary Lou

FRIDAY, May 21, 2021 – St. Christopher Magallanes

8:00 AM Ann & Charlie Shaughnessy, r/o Margaret Shaughnessy

SATURDAY, May 22, 2021 – St. Rita of Cascia

8:00 AM Anthony Russo, r/o Family
5:00 PM Steven Blaha Jr., r/o Janice & Tom Michnewicz

SUNDAY, May 23, 2021

8:00 AM For the people of our Parish living/deceased
10:00 AM Richard Walsh, r/o Doreen & Mike Duffy
12:00 PM Dolores Robinson, r/o Marge Morrison



The Altar Flowers have been offered in loving memory of Helen & Matthew Rokose from Diane & Joe Rokose

The Sanctuary Light has been offered in loving memory of Antonio Chua from Wang-So Family.



The Bread & Wine have been offered in loving memory of Marge Stehnicky from Patyka Family and also for John DeSimone from Clark Police.



The Prayer Corner

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

A TIME TO BAPTIZE

Emory Rose Seara & Dylan Paige Laico

TO WED

TO HEAL

Dianne Campolargo, Father Michael Kottar, Collin Sciahetano, Jerry Mikosh, Lincoln, Bill Hilyer, Sandra Farrell, Dolores Walsak, Jack Cassidy, Michael Alencewicz, Deacon Joe Vivona, Rose Sestito, Maureen Morella, Bill Tatler, Giovanni Caccamo, Mark & Victoria, Jim Geoffroy, Ryan Shaughnessy, Brian Shaughnessy, 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

Steven Bence, Vera DeMarco & Amelia Vokel

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

Acts 1:1-11
Ephesians 1:17-23
Mark 16:15-20

Weekday readings can be found on the parish website.

May 16, 2021

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

"Whoever confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he is in God."

1 JOHN 4:15

How strong is your faith? When you have an opportunity to either defend or clarify a question about our Catholic faith, do you do it? Or do you remain silent so that others don't think you are weird? Pray for the courage to be strong in all circumstances and to joyfully share your witness with others.

Reflection

Last weekend we celebrated Mother's Day on the 6th Sunday of Easter, which was perfectly fitting given that the scripture readings were all centered around love. A mother's love is probably the second-most powerful and eternal love, after that of the love of God. We were all made through love, for God is love and we were made in His image. We were also made to "Love one another as I have loved you" as said in the Gospel of John 15 last weekend. One of the ways Jesus shows He loves us is by giving. God gave us Jesus; Jesus gave us life and the Holy Spirit. Father John mentioned 3 ways to give in love in his homily last weekend: self-giving, forgiving, and thanksgiving. All three of these forms of giving can come with their difficulties, but what connects all three is that they come from a place of love, which is what we are called to do as children of God. Last weekend we were encouraged to accept the challenge to love as God loves us. Today we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord, which is when Jesus departed the Earth and rose up to Heaven. The Ascension shows us that Jesus overcame death, not to die again, but to live forever in Heaven. I encourage you to take this next week to find a way you will joyfully share your faith with someone in your life.



St. John Vianney School News

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

Congratulations to our parish and school First Communicants! May God bless you and keep you safe.

Registration is open at St. John Vianney School for the 2021-2022 school year. Please call the office if you have any questions or are interested in enrolling. Come on home! Space is limited! See our website for details and virtual tour information!

Saint of the Week: St. Bernardine of Siena



St. Bernardine is known as the greatest preacher of his time. He would travel all over Italy attracting large crowds. At the age of 20, the plague was at its height and St. Bernardine decided to

dedicate his time to running the nearby hospital to help heal and ten to those suffering. Two years after the plague ended, he joined the Franciscans and eventually became the vicar general. St. Bernardine always traveled on foot to each destination and would spend hours on end preaching to the people. He was always putting the needs of others above his own and became a highly respected figure in the Church. May we look to St. Bernardine as an example of how to give oneself fully to Jesus by being a true disciple of Christ, always loving and caring for others.

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	TBA	
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



Poppies for Memorial Day Weekend

The American Legion will be selling Buddy Poppies before and after Masses on the weekend of May 29th & 30th in honor of Memorial Day. The proceeds from the Buddy Poppies go to needy Veterans and their families.

MAY 9, 2021

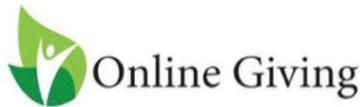
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On-line giving:	\$ 5,306.50
	\$ 16,158.75
Avg. Weekly Expenses:	-\$ 20,000.00
Balance:	-\$ 3,841.25

OFFERTORY:

MAY 10, 2020

Collection:	\$ 9,042.25
On-line giving:	\$ 5,183.50
	\$ 14,225.75
Avg. Weekly Expenses:	-\$ 20,000.00
Balance:	-\$ 5,774.25

OFFERTORY:



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, canned tuna, canned chicken, shampoo, toothbrushes, and toothpaste. Thank you for your continued support in helping to feed those in need in our community.

You Can Help a Mother Choose Life!

St. John Vianney is hosting a Baby Bottle Blessings **ENVELOPE** Campaign for Life Choices Resource Center, Metuchen. www.LifeChoicesRC.com.

For over 35 years, Life Choices has been serving women and families in our local community by offering FREE services such as pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, counseling and a hand of hope and friendship for those facing crisis pregnancies. By supporting the Baby Bottle fundraiser, you're helping to **spread the Gospel of Life** while building a legacy of Love in our very own community here in Middlesex County. Fill out the form with your cash, check or credit card information and return it the weekend of May 22/23 or sooner. Drop it in the collection basket or mail directly to Life Choices Resource Center in Metuchen. Remember to keep the babies and families in your prayers as you are in ours. **Your gift will help save a baby's life! Thank you!**

PARISH FAIR 2021

Given the current health protocols on outside gatherings (limited attendance) and other protocols (regarding sanitizing, social distancing and mask wearing), and people still feeling uncomfortable in large crowds, it makes it almost impossible to have our annual parish FAIR in July 2021.

Therefore, sadly we have made the difficult decision to cancel the FAIR for the second year. The Summer Splash Raffle will still be held on Saturday, July 10th at 11:00pm.

We are hoping in the near future to announce a series of smaller fund raisers to help make up for the lost revenue from the cancelled FAIR. As always, we hope we can count on your continued support.

Thank you and God bless you – Father John

There are extra raffle books for the Summer Splash Raffle in the rectory office.

S J V Youth & Young Adult Ministries

YOUTH MINISTRY:

Middle & High School Youth Ministry is BACK!!!!
We will meet 7:00-8:30pm outside the trailer weather permitting or inside the trailer with a mask!

<i>Middle School</i>	<i>Topic</i>	<i>High School</i>
Tuesday 6/1	WHO?	Tuesday 6/15

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!

Laureen's email: LRomano@sjvs.net

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY:

We are so excited to be continuing 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!

We will meet on the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of the month
at 7pm. Please bring a mask.
Dates: May 25th; June 8th; June 22nd

"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.

Bus Trip

Join us for a bus trip to Resorts Hotel in Atlantic City on May 17th. The bus will be leaving SJV parking lot at 10am and will return at 7:30pm. Cost is \$35 and get back \$20. For more information and to sign up please call Mary Lou at 732-710-3201.

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

Thank you to all who have given so generously to the 2021 Bishop's Annual Appeal. If you have not made a pledge, there is still time to participate. Mail your gift to: Diocese of Metuchen, Bishop's Annual Appeal, PO Box 4000, Metuchen, NJ 08840-4000 or give online at www.diometuchen.org/BAA. We have currently reached a total of \$103,162.00 of our \$120,000.00 goal. Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

The Pro-Life Corner

May 16, 2021

This week we pray especially for all Christian's, that our example may give witness to the precious gift of human life in this world and the invitation to eternal life in the next.



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

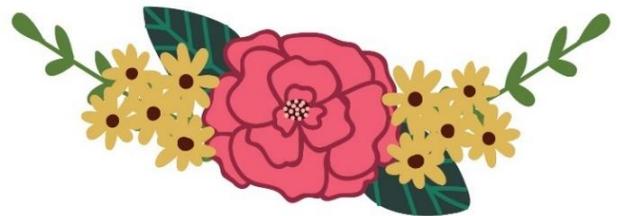
Federal Abortion Legislation

The faithful in the Diocese of Metuchen are encouraged to take action against proposed legislation that seeks to overturn the Hyde Amendment which has prohibited, for 45 years, the use of taxpayer money in funding abortions. The faithful may read more about the issues at hand and sign an online petition at <https://www.notaxpayerabortion.com/>. In addition to signing the online petition, direct letter-writing campaigns to our Senators and Representatives are also encouraged.

A Letter from the Diocese of Metuchen

I am pleased to inform you that Reverend Mr. Ariel Robles Bautista and Reverend Mr. Jun Joseph Querebin Alquiros (Jay), who have served in your parish, have been called by the Most Reverend James F. Checchio, Bishop of the Diocese of Metuchen, to the Order of Priesthood. They will be ordained in Saturday, June 19, 2021 at 11:00am at the National Blue Army Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima in Asbury, New Jersey.

In accord with canon1051, 2* of the Code of Canon Law, please publish this announcement of their pending ordination to your parish community. We ask that your parish community continues to pray for both of these men who have been chosen for the priesthood.



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.

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St. John Vianney School Best Park Pricing and Supports SJV School

DISCOUNT TICKETS for 2021-2022
Valid anytime from April 2, 2021 – January 2, 2022
RESERVATIONS are REQUIRED with your ticket number

Ticket includes Hersheypark, ZooAmerica, and The Boardwalk Water Park Tickets are for one day use but you have the PREVIEW OPTION (arrive at the park 2 hours before closing the night before your RESERVED visit and play for FREE). Tickets to be distributed **APPROXIMATELY** the week of June 14, 2021. All ticket sales are final, discounted tickets are \$45 each. There are no refunds, exchanges, or returns on unused or lost tickets. Tickets will have a scheduled pick up at the school, unless marked otherwise. *No limit on how many tickets you buy. Share this discount with family and friends.*

Questions? Contact Emma at SJVHershey@gmail.com
Please submit checks only (no cash) payable to:
St. John Vianney HSA (Returned checks subject to bank fees)

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS HIGH SCHOOL Summer Aquinas Academy 5 th , 6 th , 7 th and 8 th Graders

STEM, Theater Extravaganza, Forensics, Religion
Monday, June 28 th – Friday, July 2 nd

Religion – Tuesday, June 22nd – Thursday, June 24th

8:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
\$300 Registration Fee

For information: Please call Joan Fetzer @ (732) 549-1108 X620 or e-mail @ Jfetzer@stahs.net

Visit our website at www.stahs.net for information on the Summer Aquinas Academy and also our Sports Camps.

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Gospel Today

Seventh Sunday of Easter | John 17:11b-19

Jesus will help us grow into strong disciples and share His love.

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WITH JESUS
BESIDE US,
WE CAN DO
ANYTHING.

BIBLE WORD SEARCH

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



- Holy
- Father
- Protect
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