

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER—APRIL 26, 2020



Dear Parishioners,

We are an Easter People so we are a joyful people. Jesus has conquered death, broken open our tombs of sin and despair, and redeemed us in or humanity. Animated by the Holy Spirit, we live in the light and life on the those around us. Let our hearts be glad and tongues exult as we lift our voices in praise to God.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK :

When have I acutely realized the Lord's presence? In the Eucharist? In listening to scripture?
When we gather in his name online or in church? In my day-to-day life?

BANNS OF ORDINATION

The seminarian, Joseph Anthony Aguila Mactal (Joey), is to be ordained to the Sacred Order of Deacon on Friday, June 2020 at Saint John Cathedral, Paterson, NJ

Christ's faithful are obliged to reveal impediments to sacred orders, if they know of any, to the Ordinary or to the pastor before ordination according to the norms of cc.1043 and 1051, 2 of the Code of Canon Law. If you know of any reason why this man should not be ordained a Deacon in the Catholic Church, please contact:

Reverend Matthew -J. Twiggs, frmatt@ststjohn.org,
973-208-0090.

MASS INTENTIONS SAINT JOHN VIANNEY & SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE

SATURDAY, APRIL 25

+ Maureen Ciolek / Sue Kryta
+ Nunzio Regina / Anna Colasuonno

SUNDAY, APRIL 26

+ Ryan DeVito / Ellen Schmidt
+ Jack Van Antwerp / Jim & MaryLou Cammarano
+ John Mikolay / Sophia & Mr. & Mrs. Sytsma

MONDAY, APRIL 27

+ Francis Marinello / Annette & Steven Sorriello

TUESDAY, APRIL 28

+ Jack Van Antwerp / Mary Buda

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29

Special Intention / Fr. Dawid

THURSDAY, APRIL 30

Christopher Hirsch / his Mom

FRIDAY, MAY 1

+ Pawel & Zofia Krzysztofek / Emilia Surma

SATURDAY, MAY 2

+ Charles & Elizabeth Mylod / Vito Addotta & Terry Guarino
+ John & Mary Zboraj / Zboraj family

SUNDAY, MAY 3 - WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

+ Jane Moran / Sandy & Tim Friedhoff
+ Elizabeth Kramer / Walter Endlicher & Bowers
+ Nereida Addotta / her husband

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 6:8-15; Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday: Acts 7:51—8:1a; Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8; Jn 6:35-40

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40; Jn 6:44-51

First Friday: Acts 9:1-20; Jn 6:52-59 or for the Memorial,
Gn 1:26—2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24; Mt 13:54-58

First Saturday: Acts 9:31-42; Jn 6:60-69

We thank Eric Stroud, St. Thomas the Apostle Organist and Music Minister, and his wife Jean for making Livestream Masses, Stations of the Cross, Holy Week and Easter Liturgies possible by recording and posting the Masses for us to watch as they happen. Their efforts brings us together as family to celebrate The Word and The Eucharist.

Thank you to Alyssa Carolan, our combined parishes Youth Minister, for notifying and providing the Zoom links via Flocknotes. For also posting the recorded Masses on YouTube and Facebook and for assisting Father Matt with Flocknotes updates and notifications.

To Fr. Foley, Deacon Kevin, Seminarian Joey, Neil Perrotta, Adriane Varda and Ethan Kimball. Through their participation they enhance the Liturgies even though there is the lockdown.



HELPING HANDS MINISTRY: If you need someone to do your grocery shopping or other essentials, we are willing to go for you and leave shopping items at your doorstep! Social distancing practices will be observed!

Please contact Gabby Dyl at 973-713-0280.

For more information, or to ask a volunteer for help with shopping for your essentials, please contact Gabby Dyl at (973) 713-0280.

If you are interested in volunteering in anyway, please contact Gabby at the number above!

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

WOW, your generosity never ceases astonish. You have made a real difference, the New Hope Food Pantry has re-opened and because of you we made a significant donation.

Due to the lockdown there is a large increase in domestic violence and the emergency food supplies have been depleted.

We will be reaching out the Morris and Sussex counties DYFS offices to bring food and paper items to them.

Any food or paper products that you would like to donate just leave them in front the Rectory door under the overhang we will bring them into the Social Hall. Thank you in advance for your help.

FROM UNITED WAY

The United Way **ALICE Recovery Fund** has officially launched and we are ready to help support our ALICE families, friends, and neighbors and those living in poverty who have lost their jobs, businesses, or had a loss of income due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The ALICE Recovery Fund (#ALICRecovery) was established by United Way of Northern New Jersey in partnership with United Way of Hunterdon County.

The Fund is strictly limited to assisting residents of Hunterdon, Morris, Somerset, Suburban Essex, Sussex and Warren counties. (*Suburban Essex includes the Caldwells, Cedar Grove, Essex Fells, Fairfield, Glen Ridge, Livingston, Millburn-Short Hills, Montclair, Roseland and Verona.*)

Eligible households will receive a minimum financial award of \$500. Applicants will need to provide documentation that their household income qualifies as falling below the ALICE Threshold prior to the pandemic. In addition, applicants must show a loss of income due to the pandemic, beginning February 1, 2020. The income guidelines are as follows:

- Single adults must have had an annual income below \$35,560 without dependents or no more than \$88,128 with two or more dependents.
- Two adult households must have had an annual income below \$52,444 without dependents or no more than \$103,836 with two or more dependents.

To complete the application go to, <http://www.UnitedWayNNJ.org/ALICEassistance>

Please check this out for frequently asked questions around the ALICE Recovery Fund. http://www.unitedwaynnj.org/give/sf_alicerecoveryfund_faqs.php

As the need is great, United Way asks that anyone who can afford to donate, please consider making a tax-deductible gift to the Fund. The more we raise, the more we can assist ALICE families. Donations can be made to the ALICE Recovery Fund online at www.UnitedWayNNJ.org/ALICRecovery Please feel free to spread the word to anyone who may benefit from this fund.

NEED MASS CARD? NEED SPONSOR FORMS?

Need information? Need help?

While you are unable to come into the office because it is closed.

You can contact us by email: terry@ststjohn.org

or call the office during business hours 9:00am - 4:00PM 973-208-0090 / 973-697-6550 and

LEAVE A MESSAGE. You will be contacted as soon as possible.

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SAINT JOHN VIANNEY

04/12/2020: \$ 7,952.00 EASTER

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY 04/19/2020

5 Envelopes:	\$ 80.00
5 Loose Checks	\$ 375.00
5 Easter	\$ 975.00
28 Online Giving:	\$2,740.00
<u>6 Online Easter Giving</u>	<u>\$ 570.00</u>
Total	\$4,740.00

Last Year: \$3,004.00 Divine Mercy Sunday

SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE

04/05/2020: \$ 15,999.00 EASTER

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY 04/19/2020

14 Envelopes:	\$ 841.00
11 Loose Checks:	\$ 475.00
42 Online Giving:	\$2,115.00
Easter	\$3,165.00
<u>10 Easter Online Giving:</u>	<u>\$1,485.00</u>
Total	\$8,081.00

Last Year: \$5,1965.50 Divine Mercy Sunday

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

In difficult and challenging times, families stick together and take care of each other. Your parish family is no different, and that is why we are asking for your help.

St. John Vianney and St. Thomas the Apostle are always grateful for the weekly stewardship that our parishioners offer the parish. Your contributions fund the necessary day to day operations of the parish, its ministries and outreach programs, and the critical expenses associated with it. Because of the crisis, the usual steady Flow of income - as generated by the weekly collection - has been severely affected.

We urge everyone to continue their financial stewardship of St. John Vianney and St. Thomas the Apostle in several ways:

- **Online giving** through ParishSoft Online Giving...a convenient and secure way to make your weekly offering by using a credit card or bank transfer.
- **Mobil App** through ConnectNow | Giving.
- **Text** through ParishSoft.
- **Sending your envelopes** or checks by way of the mail or dropping them off in the mailbox.

Information about all of these payment options is available on our website www.ststthomasjohn.org.

News from Jay Dunham, a parishioner of STA:

The garbage/recycling contract for the Township of Jefferson is due to expire at the end of this year. The current contract was for 5 years. The Township is in the process of preparing bids for a new contract. The cost of recycling has skyrocketed over the past few years and we anticipate a cost increase going forward. We will be looking at all options to save costs to our residents.

We are asking our residents to complete the informal survey on the township website <https://www.jeffersontownship.net> (you can find the survey link on the Jefferson Township homepage or the Recycling and Garbage Collection Department) help us best serve our community.

Please spread the word to your friends and neighbors about this. The more people that fill out the survey the Township will make a more informed / accurate decision.

"TO EVERYTHING THERE IS A SEASON"

A TIME FOR PEACE

For national and world leaders and those currently serving in the armed forces especially: PFC Jonathan Cuervo, USMC, PFC Anthony Imperato, USMC, Michael Guarino, US Army, Cpl Sebastian Geary, USMC, USAF, Airman James Perez, Sgt. Antoino Lettizia, USMC, OSSN(SW) Anthony S. Gambuti, US Navy, PFC Ryan Leyden, USMC, USAF Airman Matthew Cannarozzi, 2nd Lt. Andrew Verdes, Haley Kerrison Lt1, Army, Clara Shurtless, USMC.

In honor of the Military serving our country at home and abroad, we invite you to remain after the Recessional Song at all weekend Masses to recite three (3) Hail Mary's for their safety.

A TIME TO BE HEALED

Prayers for the sick: Brennan McCoy, Kathy Brennen, Aaron Alonzo, Sal D 'Arco, Kevin Wickert, Fumiko Lutz, Patricia Carapola, Courtney Sanchelli, Danny Scillieri, Gail Brennan, Rich Day, Richard Lavelle, Marion Coleson, Chris Osborne, Rose Kelly, Stephen Vecchiotti, Vincent Ottani, Ernie Sudo, Penny Sorokach (nursing home), Brandon Wozniak, Darlene Kolakovic, Fr. Dan Kelly, Fr. Joseph Farias, Helen Turosky, Joey Dyl, Don King, Kenny Miscisak, Emily Fleming, Emily Schmidt, Ethan Rodriguez, Carol, Mary Swerzenski, our friends H and Ch, Deacon Milt, Jessica Taylor, Seamus and Sean, Tim Lambert, Daniel Ingram, Nancy, Hazel Voiner, Tony Bonfiglio, Lynn Snouffer, Matthew Cusa and Sebastian Drelick.

A TIME TO MOURN

Prayers for the deceased: Thomas Ingram, Jerry Busko, Angelina DeLucia, Joan Juengling, Bishop Frank J. Rodimer, Karen A. Tofilski, Angela Sperber, Bryan Carolan, Ante Culic, Jean Doherty, Sophia Wolters, Pat Esposito, Józef Zajacki, Janice Barry, Karen Newton, Catherine Feuss, Jan Jakacki, E. James Shaffer, Louise M. Addotta, William E. Williams, Charles Stoveken, Jesse Bisbal, Victor Coleson, Jr., Luigi Russo, Ernest A. Zappile, Nereida Addotta, Andrew Dolinich, Betty Klein, Joe Endlicher, George Christ, Mildred Einreinhofer, Devon Carbery, Joseph Florio, Fr. Thomas Rainforth, Ralph Albano, Sr., Cveta Szugzdo, James Ford, Carol Perrucci, Jean Farrell, Donald Smitherman, Mary Anne Allender, Jason Free, Joyce Kerr, Mary Strangia, Jean Farrell, Don Ciuppa, Msgr. Brendan Madden, Raymond Angelucci, Stephanie Perrotta, James France III, Louise Anne Sincaglia and Rose Schilacci, Dolores Daly, Nancy Barbieri, Rich McLeod, Marlene Blahut, Rev. Stanley Kostrzomb and Phyllis Bonfiglio, Beverly Bierbaum, Louis "Louie" Panetta, Jack Van Antwerp Raymond Hirsch, Francis Marinello, Bill Barrett, Lawrence (Lorenzo) Guarino, Lester King, Mary Dick, Rick Baxter, Charles & Elizabeth Mylod, Richard Bay, Msgr. Charles Cassidy, former pastor of Our Lady of the Lake, Sparta and Magdealena Szieber.

BAPTISM

Until further notice all baptisms administered by the ordinary minister of the sacrament within parish settings are deferred except in case of urgent necessity. Should an urgent necessity arise, the faithful should contact a priest immediately.

Couples desiring to have their child baptized should be active parishioners, attending Mass regularly. Parents must attend a Baptism Preparation Meeting. The next meeting will take place at Saint **Thomas the Apostle on Monday evening the next meeting is tentatively scheduled for May 11.** To make baptismal arrangements contact the parish office by email: terry@ststthomasjohn.org or call Saint John Vianney at 973-697-6550 / Saint Thomas the Apostle at 973-208-0090.

CONFESSIONS

By request: contact the parish office.

MARRIAGES

Prior to your booking of the reception, please call the Parish Office 1 year in advance of the wedding date to allow for proper pre-marital preparation.

Knights of Columbus ~ Council Meetings
St. John Vianney Council #12649 meets at Saint John Vianney Church Hall the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month.

Joseph Lamb Council #5510 meets on the 1st & 3rd Thursday of each month at Wiegand Farm – Department for Persons with Disabilities' meeting room. Both meetings start at 7:30 p.m.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

Saint John Vianney/Saint Thomas the Apostle
debbie@ststthomasjohn.org

ALL CLASSES HAVE BEEN CANCELLED FOR THE REMAINDER OF THIS ACADEMIC YEAR.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP: A parishioner is one who belongs to the parish family. As such, he/she is registered and is committed through participation in the life of the parish. Marriages to be administered and Sponsor Certificates, recommendations, etc. to be issued by the office, the person requesting such must be registered and an active member of Saint John Vianney Parish or Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish community. We request that you register at the rectory when you move into our community so that we may be of service to you.