

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
Administrative School Secretary	Agnes Bacsik
School Office Assistant	Laura Gruenling
Parish/School Bookkeeper	Paula Roibal
Maintenance Supervisor	Poncho Julius

Mass Schedule

Monday-Friday	7am - 8:45am
Saturday	8am - 5pm - 7pm
Sunday	7am - 9am - 10:45am - 12:15pm

Holy Days will be announced at the end of mass and in the bulletin.

Sacramental Schedule

Reconciliation: Saturdays 11am-12pm & after 7pm
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 – The Baptism of the Lord

SUNDAY, January 13, 2019

7:00 AM	Amelia Houston, r/o the people of SJV
9:00 AM	Gaetano & Donna Tripaldi, r/o Rob & Cindy Pero
10:45 AM	For the people of our parish, living/deceased
12:15 PM	Michael Bresnan, r/o Egger & Maureen Lugo

MONDAY, January 14, 2019

7:00 AM	Patty Sasala, r/o Diane Pompeo
8:45 PM	Dorothy McCartin, r/o family

TUESDAY, January 15, 2019

7:00 AM	Angelina Murphy, r/o Genevieve Buczynski
8:45 AM	Michael Bresnan, r/o Tom & Janice Michniewicz

WEDNESDAY, January 16, 2019

7:00 AM	Genevieve Cyrana, r/o family
8:45 AM	Gaetano Tripaldi, r/o Italia DiNatale

THURSDAY, January 17, 2019 – St. Anthony

7:00 AM	Tony's Grandma, r/o Genevieve Buczynski
8:45 AM	Emma Vitiello, r/o The Tatler family

FRIDAY, January 18, 2019

7:00 AM	Miriam & Norman Jorgensen, r/o Jay & Maureen Jorgensen
8:45 AM	Joie O'Hara, r/p Rob & Majella O'Hara

SATURDAY, January 19, 2019

8:00 AM	Dora Perez, r/o Martin family
5:00 PM	Edward DeRosa, r/o Ellen DeRosa
7:00 PM	Phyllis Monaco, r/o Robert & Peggy Bock

SUNDAY, January 20, 2019

7:00 AM	Danny Tarectecan, r/o family
9:00 AM	Edward Ostrowski, r/o Jane & Paul Wallace
10:45 AM	Phyllis Monaco, r/p Frank & Sharon Valentino
12:15 PM	For the people of our parish, living/deceased

The Sanctuary Light has been offered in loving memory of Elizabeth Blasco From her Family.



The Bread and Wine have been offered in loving memory of George Staufenberger from his loving family.



The Prayer Corner

“There is a season and a time for every purpose...”

A TIME TO BAPTIZE

Isabella Carla Mascolo

TO WED

TO HEAL

Clare Weber, Mary Aeschliman, Vincent Dellaquila, Linda Wittmann, Erin O’Halloran, Joseph Reilly, Joe Vitello, William A. Kovacs, Arlon Roth, Edward O’Brien, Theresa Lipuma, Louis Rodriguez, June Laub, Mary Yanuzzi, Art Horning, Jill Bartholomew, Concetta Nemezio, Deacon Tom Michnewicz, Rosemary Tennaro, AJ Julius, Mary Ellermann, Lynn Tumblety, Maryann Robson, Nick Troiano, Ryan Shaughnessy, Bob Bayer, Carl Walker, Mary Ragucci, Mary Bowkley, Edward Sprague, Dan Weiss, Arthur Shipiro, Ronald Syslo, Christine Camping, Arthur Ellermann, Gladys Gonzalez, Catherine Donahue, Becky McCabe, Art Boudier, Bill Hillyer, Marianne Muscavage, Marie Negri, Christiano Bianco, Dorothy Zsamba, Charlene Misak, Mike Misak, Mary Ann Baureis, Andres Quijano, Eileen Ammon, John Murphy, Marian Cassel, Louis Faccione, Mary Mayo, Pauline Mendicino-Franke, Sadako Vargas, Robert Grecco, Baby Lucas DeCarlo.

TO JOIN GOD IN HEAVEN

Helen Slusark, Agnes Blessing, Salvatore Finocchiaro, Lillian Manna

A TIME OF WAR & PEACE

Keith D. Lee (Air National Guard), Captain Brian McCartin (Army), Staff Sgt. Matthew Harris (Army), Sgt. Albert Cipas (Airforce), Alan Bridges (Navy), John Bridges (Navy), PO 3 Liam Ryan (Navy), 2nd Lieutenant Phillip G. Faccione Jr. (Marines), Sgt. Steven Loglisci (Marines)

Weekend Readings

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11
Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7
Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

Weekday readings can be found on the parish website.

January 13, 2019 – The Baptism of the Lord

“John answered them all, ‘I baptize you with water; but he who is mightier than I is coming...he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit...”

LUKE 3:16

The Catholic Catechism states that “Jesus’ immersion in the water is a sign for all human beings of the need to die to themselves to do God’s will.” In other words, as baptized Catholics there is only one gift that we need to give to Jesus – the gift of ourselves. Surrender yourself to God, place your trust in Him and allow the Holy Spirit to work through you for the greater glory of God.

Reflection

Last weekend we heard of the Wise Men’s journey to Bethlehem to pay homage to baby Jesus by offering Him gifts fit for a King, the true King. The gifts symbolize much more than we first may think: gold for a great ruler, frankincense for love, and myrrh for humanity. The gifts the Wise Men offered to Jesus describe who Jesus is – He is the King of Kings, He is love, He is both completely human and completely God. All the people who were present for Jesus’ first days were so important and remind us how we all have a purpose in the world. Sometimes we may lose hope and assurance of what our purpose in life is, which is a completely normal thing all people go through at some point in their lives. It’s so important to look to God in these moments of self-doubt, the Wise Men looked up to God and found a Star in the East that guided them on their journey directly to Him in His human form. We all at some point ask ourselves these questions...What’s my purpose? What’s my destination? Am I happy? Thinking these things would make any person overwhelmed, and there is an easy answer to take away the heaviness of our stresses...give them up to God. The only gift that God has ever wanted from us, is ourselves. He wants us to surrender our anxieties to Him where He is waiting for us with open arms, as our loving Father. As we enter this week, I encourage you to try surrendering to God, letting everything up to Him and not giving your pride stop you from pursuing your faith.



St. John Vianney School News

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

The Pre-School and main school will be closed on Monday, January 21, in observance of the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

We will begin our celebration of Catholic Schools Week on Sunday, January 27, at the 9 AM Mass. Refreshments will be served in the main school cafeteria immediately following Mass. The Pre-School and Main School buildings will be holding an Open House from 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM. Please plan to join us and see how Saint John Vianney Catholic School lights the way for its students spiritually and academically!

Please remember that in the event of a school closing, you will be notified by the School Messenger System. You can also listen to WCTC 1450 AM on the radio or tune in to WCBS Channel 2 or News 12 New Jersey on TV for closings or delayed openings.

Religious Ed (CCD) News & Class Schedule

732-388-1424
Monday Only

Grades 1 - 5		6pm - 7:15pm
Grades 6 & 7		7:30pm - 8:45pm
	Thursday Only	
Grade 8		6pm -8pm

PARISH MINISTRIES & CONTACTS

Organization	Contact	Phone
Altar Rosary Society	Louise Faccione	732-815-0004
Altar Servers	Mary Jantas	732-574-1191
Basketball	Joe Marinello	732-690-7061
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
Eucharistic Ministers	Rose Ragucci	732-548-3880
Finance Council	Cliff Bacsik	732-388-9034
HSA	Jen Walusz	732-388-5486
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
Pastoral Council	Suzanne MacIntyre	732-283-0731
Pre-Cana	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	732-574-0150
	Dolores Jules	908-756-3659
SJV Seniors	Robert & Mary Nilan	732-574-3427
Soccer	Jennie Derkack	732-574-2340
Social Justice	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 Group	Vacant	732-381-0008

Saint of the Week: St. Anthony



St. Anthony was born into wealth in Egypt and early on decided to give up all his inheritance to become a monk and live a life of prayer and solitude. People have and still marvel at his

holiness, wisdom and compassion to help others. He would fearlessly visit and provide moral and spiritual advice to those in prison, publicly fought against Arianism, and became so highly regarded that he even received a letter from the Emperor, Constantine the Great, asking for his prayers for their family. Although St. Anthony was very highly respected and sought after, he remained incredibly humble, and always reminded his fellow monks that we are all equal human beings regardless of our status in society. May we be inspired by St. Anthony's desire to find Christ in solitude and community and follow his example that our prayers are something we can always give to anyone.

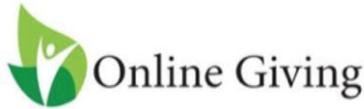
JANUARY 6, 2019

OFFERTORY:

Collection:	\$ 16,433.25
On-line giving:	\$ 2,223.00
	<u>\$ 18,656.25</u>
Avg. Weekly Expenses:	-\$ 22,781.50
Balance:	-\$ 4,125.25

ATTENTION

Anyone wishing a record of their Church contributions for the year of 2018 is asked to send in a stamped self-addressed envelope with their envelope number to the Rectory or drop it into the collection basket.



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!

Parish Gift Shop

Hours: before & after the 5pm mass, 9am mass, 10:45 mass, and 12:15 mass.

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. We are now selling gift cards after the 5:00 pm mass on Saturdays, and after the 9:00 am, 10:45 am and 12:15 pm masses on Sundays. We will be selling grocery stores (Acme, Foodtown, Shop Rite, Stop n Shop, Wegmans and Whole Foods); gas stations (BP, Exxon, Gulf, Shell, Speedway and Wawa), Home Depot, Target and WalMart. There are many other gift cards for purchase at the Rectory, and even more gift cards available if you order through 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.

This Week at a Glance

Monday	5:00pm	Basketball
	6:00pm	CCD
	6:30pm	St. Vincent DePaul
	7:30pm	CCD
Tuesday	4:30pm	Cheering
	6:00pm	Scouts
	7:00pm	Parish Finance Council
Wednesday	7:30pm	Al-Anon
	6:00pm	KofC Free Throw Contest
Thursday	6:30pm	Girl Scouts
	7:30pm	Adult Choir Practice
	4:30pm	Cheering
Friday	6:00pm	CCD
	5:00pm	Basketball
Saturday	8:00am	Scouts Pinewood Derby
	12:00pm	Knitting Group
Sunday	12:00pm	Eagle Scout Dinner

Music Ministry News

Our parish adult choir enhances our liturgies each Sunday from September through mid-June. The choir also sings for many special occasions during the year, such as: Christmas Eve Mass, Holy Week, Confirmation, and our "Mass of Remembrance" in November!! The choir also provides two beautiful concerts for the parish, one during Advent and the other during Lent. We are always looking for new people to join with our very dedicated group!! We welcome all adults (and high school students) to be part of our choir! The adult choir sings weekly at the 9:00 am mass (and once a month at the 10:45 am mass). We practice each Wednesday from 7:30 to 9:00 pm in the church.

Children's Choir

Our parish children's choir is made of students from our parish from grades two and up!! The children in the group love coming together to sing for Sunday liturgies as well as special events during the year. The choir sings for our parish Christmas Pageant and 4:00 pm mass on Christmas Eve, as well as the 9:00 am mass on Easter Sunday!! We practice on Tuesday afternoons from 4:00 to 5:00 pm in the church. We sing twice a month at either the 9:00 or 10:45 am mass!

Folk Group

Our Parish Folk Group enhances the 12:15 liturgy each week. The Folk Group is under the direction of Ms. Jennie Esposito. Rehearsals are held weekly at 11:15 Am in the conference room adjacent to the church gathering area. Jennie is always looking for more singers as well as instrumentalists to join with the Folk Group!

High School Group

This year we are going to start a new group consisting of high school students. We are reaching out to ALL high school students and parents to try to coordinate practices etc. While we are still in the planning stages, our hope is to have the students sing once a month at either the 10:45 or 12:15 pm mass.

You can contact me at jframeiii@yahoo.com with any questions. Merry Christmas to all,

Jamie Frame - Dir. Of Music/Organist

A note from the Pastor

On behalf of myself, Father Joseph and Father Bede as well as our Deacons, Religious Sisters, and entire parish staff I would like to thank all the good people of St. John Vianney Parish for their continued financial (as well as prayerful) support during this past year. I would like to especially thank you all for your generosity in this year's Christmas collection. While some who were away are still contributing, this year's collection is \$68,801.00 to date, well above previous years. Thank you again for your generosity. May God bless you and give you a healthy, happy and peace filled New Year.

Peace & prayers - Father John

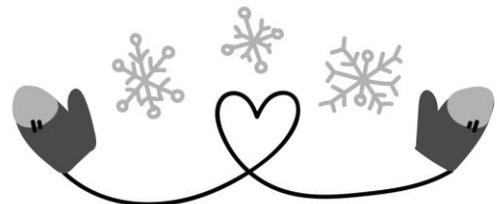
A New Face on the Altar

Because some of you were away for the Christmas holiday, you may have missed the announcement, but may have noticed a new deacon on the altar and a new name of the front of our bulletin. We are grateful to Bishop Checchio for assigning Deacon Vincent Brigande to our parish ministry staff. Deacon Vinny (as he likes to be called) is a resident of Colonia, along with his wife and two adult children. He was ordained a permanent Deacon for our Diocese of Metuchen in 2015. We are again grateful to the Bishop and warmly welcome Deacon Vinny to our parish staff.

Thank You

I want to thank all of you for your thoughts, prayers, cards and spiritual bouquets during my recent hospitalization. It has been my privilege and I am truly blessed to have had the opportunity to serve you as a deacon during the past 14+ years and I look forward to serving you for many years to come. As I continue my recuperation and therapy, I am praying for all of you and look forward to being back with you soon.

Once again thank you and God bless you.
Deacon Tom Michnewicz



Eucharistic Adoration

Some have asked about having Eucharistic Adoration at our parish. There is Eucharistic Adoration each Saturday (when there is no funeral) from after the 8:00 AM Mass until 11:00 AM. The Blessed Sacrament is exposed in the monstrance on the altar.

The physical make up of our church (at this time) does not lend itself to Eucharistic Adoration in the sense of the Blessed Sacrament being exposed on the altar, BUT that does not mean that one cannot come adore Jesus, in the Blessed Sacrament hidden in the tabernacle. Our church is open each day from 6:30 AM until 3:00 PM and Jesus is there ready to greet you with a time for quiet and prayer. Please feel free and welcome to adore him in His Eucharistic presence.



SJV T-Shirts!

One of our families of St. John Vianney has created "SJV Strong" t-shirt's in support of our wonderful school and parish. If you would like to purchase a t-shirt please go to: either <https://www.amazon.com/dp/B07M8SFVBN> or <https://www.amazon.com/dp/B07M93CWF5>. The t-shirts are \$24.99 each and come in men, women, and youth sizes and are available in colors Red, Pink, Light Blue, Black, White, and an assortment of Grey's. The proceeds from the shirts will go to St. John Vianney.



St. Vincent DePaul

The food pantry is in need of peanut butter, jelly, pancake mix & syrup, pork & beans, macaroni & cheese, spaghetti, canned meat, canned fruit, tuna fish, coffee & tea, cereal, oatmeal, snacks (e.g. cookies), chef boy-r-dee, pasta sauce, soup, toiletries (shampoo, soap or body wash, toothpaste, toothbrushes), canned vegetables, canned or instant potatoes. Thank you for your generosity and continued support.



Knights of Columbus Council 6571 is sponsoring a Basketball Free Throw Competition



Wednesday evening January 16, 2019 for Saint John Vianney parishioner's children ages 10 to 14. Sign up will be 6:30 pm to 7 pm in the school gym on the evening of the competition. If your

children would like to participate, please have them obtain a registration form from the school office or basketball coach. Please bring proof of age on the evening of the competition. Good luck to all who participate in the competition.

Knights of Columbus Annual 8th Grade Spelling Bee

Wednesday, January 23, 2019
6pm-finish in the School Cafeteria
Snow date: January 30, 2019

For questions or more information, please contact Assistant Principal John O'Halloran or Luigi at 732-371-6237.

**Mass & Healing Service
St. James, Woodbridge**

Wednesday, January 16th at 7pm Father John Campoli, I.V. Dei Director of His Love Ministries will celebrate Mass. Following the Mass, Father John will pray for Special Blessings and Healing for those present. For more information, call Maryann at 732-803-7466. Please feel free to leave a message if necessary.

**Life Choices Resource Center's
Annual Charity Banquet
"Surprised by Joy"**

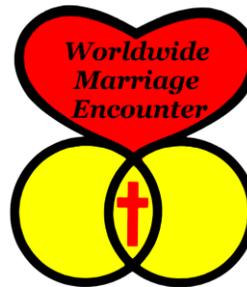
Sunday, February 24, 2019 (4pm-8pm)
Pines Manor, Edison, NJ

An inspirational evening highlighting God's love at work in the work we do at Life Choices Resource Center. Tickets are \$65.00 per person. For more information call: (732) 516-0911 Or Download a Reply/Sponsor Form @ www.LifeChoicesRC.com



Prayer and Support for Families Affected by Mental Health Issues

A Catholic Prayer & Support Group for Families Affected by Mental Health Issues will take place at St. Patrick's Church in Belvidere, NJ on the following **Wednesdays at 10:00 AM & 7:00 PM: January 9, February 6, March 13, and April - December: 1st Wednesday of the month.** Elaine Eckard, President of the Warren County chapter of NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness), the nation's largest grassroots organization on mental illness, will serve as the facilitator. It is our hope that our newly formed support group will offer spiritual support and many beneficial tips on how to cope with this health issue that continues to be misunderstood in our culture. For more information please call our Diocesan Office.



New Year's Resolution

For a truly meaningful New Year's Resolution, one that lasts long after the champagne has lost its fizz, why not resolve to treat each other to a Marriage Encounter Weekend? A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend gives you the time and tools to revitalize romance, deepen connection, and nourish the spirituality in your marriage. The next weekend will be held **January 25-27**. Early registration is advisable as space is limited. Please contact us at 732-904-9636 for registration and more information.

My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

A new year has begun, one of spiritual awakening in preparation of the consecration of our diocese to Jesus through the intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe. A time when we prayerfully work toward a renewed commitment to living the Gospel message to the full.

One beautiful example of the Gospel message being lived to its fullest may be seen in the work of our Catholic schools. I have been fortunate to have visited with the students, faculty and staff in each of them. They are a demonstration of God's kingdom at work - places where the Gospel is preached, missionary disciples are formed, community is built and confidence in the blessing of God's mercy and justice is instilled in our youth – all while they continue to outperform schools in the public and private sector in terms of test scores, high school graduation rates, and college attendance.

Next Sunday our parishes will offer a special collection that supports the Foundation for Catholic Education's annual scholarship program. This program provides need-based grants to children attending a Catholic elementary or high school in our Diocese. Your generous response last year sent over 100 children to school in September!

I have seen first-hand the impact of your purpose-filled gift, the joy of the children learning in a nurturing and challenging environment, and the great promise of those who will be graduating this June. What a beautiful way to make a difference in so many young lives. Thank you!

You, and others inspired by you, have the chance to change a child's life forever by giving them the gift of a Catholic school education. Please be as generous as your means allow.

With renewed best wishes, I remain

Yours in Christ,

Most Reverend James F. Checchio, JCD, MBA
Bishop of Metuchen

P.S. We celebrate the ministry of Catholic Education during Catholic Schools Week, which runs from January 27 – February 2, 2019. If you are interested in giving your children or grandchildren the advantage of a great Catholic education, please visit <https://diometuchen.org/csw>.

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Gospel Today

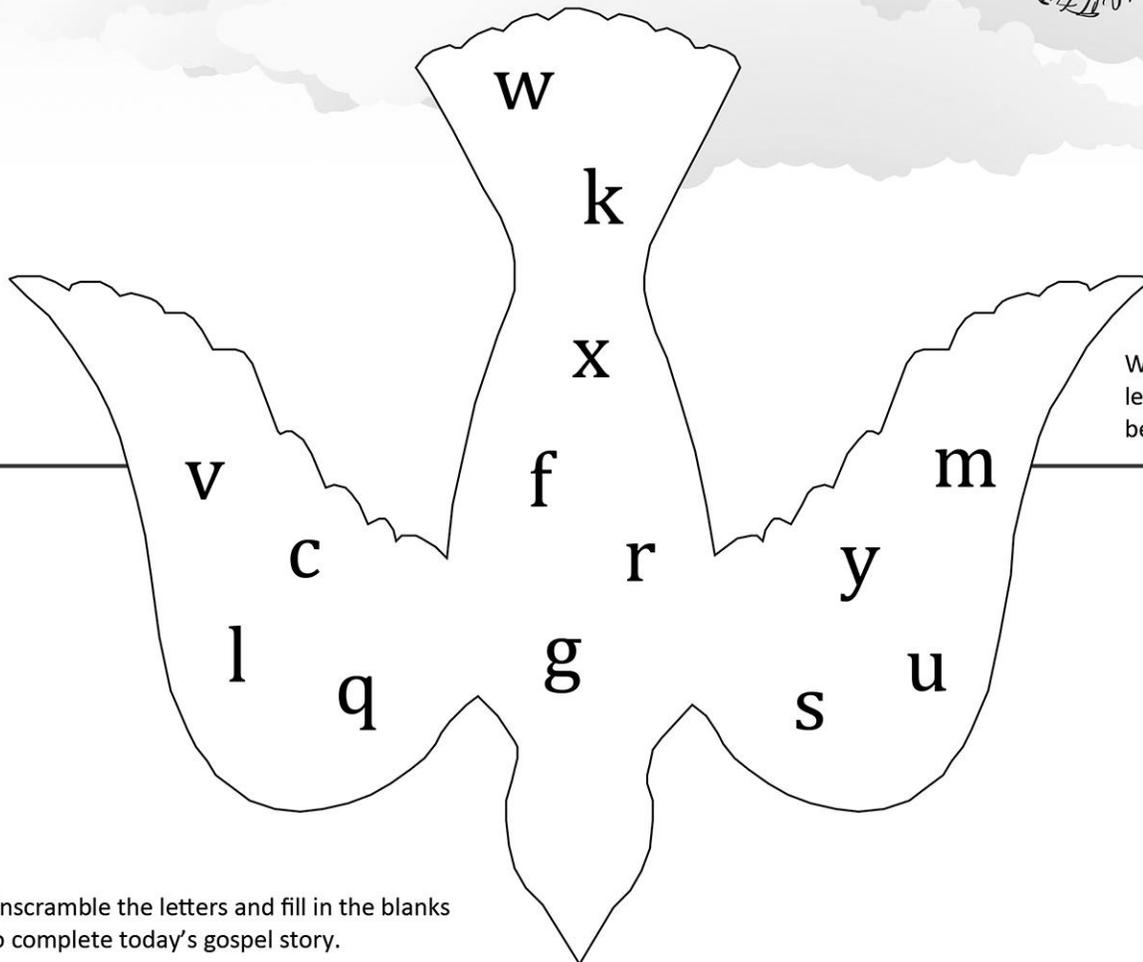
The Baptism of the Lord | Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

After Jesus was baptized by John, and while He was praying, the Heavens opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon Him in the form of a dove.

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*And a voice came from Heaven,
"You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."*

Luke 3:22



Write the missing letters in the space below...

Unscramble the letters and fill in the blanks to complete today's gospel story.

Note: There are two words, use each letter one time.

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people, including Jesus.