

The Catholic Community of St. John Vianney

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Rectory Hours: Monday-Friday 9am-4pm



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Deacons Joseph Ragucci, Thomas Michnewicz & Vincent Brigande
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John O'Halloran, Assistant Principal
Jamie Frame, Director of Sacred Music

40 Days

Giving
Fasting
Praying
Repenting
Forgiving

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

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

Mass Schedule

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 & 2:30pm.
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 – 3RD Sunday in Lent

SATURDAY, March 19, 2022 – St. Joseph

8:00 AM Thereisa Uhl, r/o Niece Joan
5:00 PM Michael Hanley, r/o Mom & Dad

SUNDAY, March 20, 2022

8:00 AM For the people of our Parish living/deceased
10:00 AM Leo DePaola, r/o Gerri DePaola & Family
12:00 PM Purgatorial Society

MONDAY, March 21, 2022

8:00 AM Marie Lubowicki, r/o D'Alessandro Family

TUESDAY, March 22, 2022

8:00 AM Francesco Tuttolomondo, r/o Family

WEDNESDAY, March 23, 2022 – St. Turibius of Mogrovejo

8:00 AM Margaret Moher, r/o Marie Hark

THURSDAY, March 24, 2022

8:00 AM Jack Jacobi, r/o Family

FRIDAY, March 25, 2022 – The Annunciation of the Lord

8:00 AM Joan Fahey, r/o The Brennan Family
7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, March 26, 2022

8:00 AM Mary Ellermann, r/o D'Alessandro Family
5:00 PM George Wittmann Sr., r/o Family

SUNDAY, March 27, 2022

8:00 AM Rocco Famiglietti, r/o Mom & Dad
10:00 AM For the people of our Parish living/deceased
12:00 PM Florence & Michael Wolar, r/o Kay & Marleen



The Bread and Wine have been offered in loving memory of George Wittmann Sr. from Family, and also for, Leo DePaola from Gerri DePaola & Family.



The Sanctuary Light has been offered in loving memory of George Wittmann Sr. from Family.

The 2022 Mass Book for May – August opened on Tuesday, March 15th. Masses will be limited to two offerings per person at a time as there are limited Masses available, and so that multiple people have a fair chance to get a Mass for a loved one. 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

Harrison Chung, Maryann Ruiz, Madeline Heiser, Maria Famiglietti, Kevin Pydeski, Jane Saluccio, Jerry Lynch, Connor Feeney, Doug Christie, Donna Sandklev, Anthony Virazzi, Maryanne Delutis, Emily Gorsky Bonano, Joshua & Amelia Ford, Beatrice Schott, Marie Novak, Jo Ann West, Denise & Carlene Stanislawczyk, Francine Ammiano, Catherine Buettel, Mariola Wawrzyniak, Rose Campanelli, Kyle Brown, Lisa Auerbach, Dianne Campolargo, Collin Sciahetano, Jerry Mikosh, Sandra Farrell, Dolores Waltsak, Deacon Joe Vivona, Rose Sestito, Bill Tatler, Giovanni Caccamo, Mark & Victoria, Jim Geoffroy, Nancy Genna, Sherry Canavale, Domenic Canavale, Michael Canavale, Rose Currie, Nina Laico, Tommy Birkner, Ronald Harvey, Artie Schapiro, Tina Deliaquila, Robert Feeney, Debi Leiter, 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, Johanna Esposito, 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, Christine Camping, Gladys Gonzalez, Catherine Donahue, Art Boudier, Marie Negri, Christiano Bianco, Mary Ann Baureis, Pauline Mendicino-Franke.

TO JOIN GOD IN HEAVEN

Mary Mayo

A TIME OF WAR & PEACE

Keith D. Lee (Air National Guard), Major Brian McCartin (Army), 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

Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15
1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12
Luke 13:1-9

Weekday readings can be found on the parish website.

March 20, 2022

3RD Sunday in Lent

"...He said to the gardener, 'For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none.'"

LUKE 13:7

We can all be like the barren fig tree at times. Do you cling to what you have, or do you generously share with others? How will you respond when God asks you what you have done with all the gifts He has given you? Remember, not only are we called to be generous, but we are also called to develop and nurture our gifts and return them with increase. Remember, we are called to be generous with all of our gifts; especially the one that means the most to you.

Reflection

Last weekend's Gospel showed us how Peter, John, and James reacted when Jesus was Transfigured before their eyes, his face changing from His human form to His divine form. In his homily, Father John mentioned how while we were all created in the likeness and image of God, everyone has a different face, even identical twins have differences. Our faces are a critical part of who we are and how people recognize us. We spend a fortune caring for our faces between washing them, shaving, using makeup, using SPF and skincare, having surgical procedures, etc. Why do we care so much about the appearance of our faces? Our faces are what help us to show expression and emotion and communicate with one another. Especially when we may not have the words, or for those who are unable to speak. Depending on our emotions/expressions, we wear many faces. This is precisely why Jesus' face changed when He wanted to show His divinity to Peter, John, and James. When you look in the mirror, do you see the face of God looking back at you? What can you do during this Lenten season to recognize God as a part of you? As you enter this next week, I encourage you to pray about how you can act more like a disciple of God in your daily life and put it into action, so that you recognize God within you.



St. John Vianney School News

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

Registration for the 2022-23 school year is open! Refer a new family that remains enrolled for the 2023 school year and receive \$200 off your final tuition payment!

So many great ideas and suggestions have come in! Continue to email us at sjvhsa@sjvs.net and someone will respond to your email within 24-48 hours. Don't forget to visit our school website and follow us on Facebook!



SVdP Communion Clothing Collection

The Society of St. Vincent DePaul is collecting, new or gently used Communion dresses, suits, and accessories for those less fortunate in our community. Monetary gifts are also welcome. It is the perfect opportunity to donate those outfits your child has outgrown to make some other child's Communion Day just as special. Please contact Barbara Morrissey 732-501-2195 or Donna Worosila 732-713-3107 with questions. God bless you for generosity during this Lenten season.

PARISH MINISTRIES & CONTACTS

Organization	Contact	Phone/Email
Altar Rosary Society	Jane Bianco	732-382-1512
Altar Servers	Deacon Vinny	vbrigande@sjvs.net
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
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St. Vincent de Paul	Jim Leathem	732-388-5512
Track	Amanda Miller	732-549-2356
Ushers	Ray Morgan	732-815-1037
Youth Ministry	Laureen Romano	lromano@sjvs.net



THIRD SUNDAY
In Lent

This 3RD Sunday of Lent our image is a lily, which is a symbol that a soul of the departed has received restored innocence after death. Lilies are also a symbol of new life coming forth during Spring.

MARCH 13, 2022**OFFERTORY:**

Collection:	\$ 9,728.25
On-line giving:	\$ 4,828.50
	<u>\$ 14,556.75</u>
Avg. Weekly Expenses:	-\$ 20,000.00
Balance:	- \$ 5,443.25

MARCH 14, 2021**OFFERTORY:**

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



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We are now experiencing a shortage and are in urgent need of these items.

The St. James Food Pantry is in need of supermarket plastic bags to pack the groceries. Also, we need canned fruit, shampoo, toothpaste and bath soap. Thank you for your continued support in helping to feed those in need in our community.

S J V Youth & Young Adult Ministries

YOUTH MINISTRY:

Both groups will meet on assigned Sundays and meetings will be 6:00-7:30pm. Bring a friend!

Middle School***High School***

3/20
4/3

3/27

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY:

It's time to DIG DEEP! Join us as we look within and discover how to live as Catholic Young Adults in today's society.

We meet on weeknights at 7pm. Our upcoming meetings are: **Tuesday 3/22, 4/5**

"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.)

Bus Trip

Join us for a bus trip to Wind Creek, PA on Monday, March 21st. The bus will be leaving the SJV parking lot at 10am and will return at 6:30pm. Cost is \$40 and get back \$35. For more information and to sign up please call Mary Lou at 732-710-3201.

Parish Gift Shop

Please note that the Parish Gift Shop is now open! The gift shop hours of operation are before and after the 8:00am, 10:00am and 12pm Mass on Sunday's each weekend.

Music Ministry News

Adult Choir

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!! 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 at the 10:00am mass. We practice each Wednesday from 7:30pm – 9:00pm 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 4:00pm mass on Christmas Eve, as well as the 9:00am mass on Easter Sunday!! We practice on Tuesday afternoons from 4:00pm – 5:00pm in the church. We sing twice a month at the 10:00am mass! **Our next rehearsal will be on Tuesday March 29th. We sing again on Sunday April 3rd at the 10:00 am mass!**

Folk Group

Our Parish Folk Group enhances the 12:00 noon liturgy each week. The Folk Group is under the direction of Ms. Jennie Esposito. Rehearsals are held weekly at 11:30am 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!

You can contact me at jframeiii@yahoo.com with any questions.

Jamie Frame,
Dir. Of Music/Organist



The Pro-Life Corner

March 20, 2022

This week we pray especially for all who suffer the wounds of abortion, may they 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/>

PRO-LIFE MATERNITY COLLECTION

We are always grateful for the donations we receive. At present, we are in particular need of Infant car seats and strollers, including double strollers. EXPIRED car seats (6 years after date of manufacture) CANNOT be accepted. All items must be **clean** and in **good condition**. Used clothing can be donated to FISH Hospitality (732-356-0081). 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

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40 Cans for 40 Days of Lent

"For I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat." – Matthew 25:35

This lent GIVE something rather than GIVE UP something. The Knights of Columbus Council 6571 is once again sponsoring "40 cans for 40 days" this Lenten season. Please be generous. Your donations benefit the St. James food pantry.

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.

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.

Please see our Parish website for the 2022 Bishop's Annual Appeal Video.

**CATHOLIC SCHOOL 2022-2023
 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, 2022**. Applications are available in English and Spanish. Families that need assistance completing the online application or need access to a computer to apply should contact their school.



OVERCOMING DISASTER

In Bangladesh, cyclones and other natural disasters are increasing – destroying farms, homes and more – making it difficult for people like Noornobi to earn a living and support their families. But Noornobi has learned new techniques to protect his land and income, enabling his niece and nephew to go to school. How can you care for creation to help the planet and our global family? Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.

**Spiritual Adoption Program
 The Second Month**

This second month of life for your spiritually adopted child has been one of great development. At just 40 days old brain waves could be detected and at about week 6 he/she begins to make spontaneous movements. “Jesus, Lord of life, please protect this child from all harm, especially from the temptation of being aborted.”

A celebration of the 40th Anniversary of our Diocese

In celebration of the 40th Anniversary of the establishment of the Diocese of Metuchen, Bishop James F. Checchio is inviting us all to make a commitment to doing 40 works of mercy. This same commitment will help us to serve one another with the same love and mercy bestowed on us by the Father and to witness to His great love in the four beautiful counties of the Diocese of Metuchen. Visit diometuchen.org/worksofmercy to learn how your everyday acts can make an impact and to sign the commitment form. This information can also be found on our parish website <https://parish.sjvianney.com/>.

ARE YOU BEING CALLED TO THE DIACONATE?

The Diocese is looking for men who are interested in becoming Permanent Deacons. A new diaconate formation class is about to begin. Applications for that class will be accepted near the end of this summer; prior to applying, interested men must attend an Information Meeting. A General Information Meeting will be held at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center in Piscataway on Tuesday, March 29, 2022 at 7:00 PM and again on Saturday, April 9, 2022 at 10:00 AM. If you are between the ages of 35 and 60, and you believe you are being called to this ministry, you, your wife and your pastor are cordially invited to attend one of these meetings. If you have any questions, or wish to advise that you will attend, please contact the Diocesan Diaconate Office at (732) 562-2457 or diaconate@diometuchen.org.

K of C 6571

The Knights of Columbus 6571 would like to thank you for all the eye glass donations you have given us for the eyes of the needy. We are sorry to say that we CAN NOT accept anymore glasses at this time. The group that took them does not have the people to handle the glasses so we must stop the collections. Again, thank you for all your help, hopefully we can start it up again soon. If you wish to join the KofC we meet the 1st Thursday of the month at the VFW Hall on Inman Ave. in Colonia at 7:30pm. All men 18+ can join and help the Churches and community we serve. Please consider joining and call Charlie at 732-381-3389 with any questions.

2022 Bishop's Annual Appeal Celebrating 40 Years – Continuing to Fan the Flame of Faith into Service

If you have yet to make your pledge to this year's Bishop's Annual Appeal, you will have the opportunity to do so next weekend, March 26th and 27th, which has been designated as Bishop's Annual Appeal In-Pew Weekend. Please prayerfully consider a gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal to help our parish reach its goal. If we can exceed our goal, 50% of the amount collected over goal will be returned to us in the form of a parish rebate. Just as important as our financial goal is our goal of reaching 100% participation. Every gift, no matter the size, is important and greatly appreciated. Thank you. We have currently reached a total of about \$60,020 of our \$120,000.00 goal. Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Application Period Now Open For Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program

The New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (DCA) announced that the application period for the Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) is now open. The program will provide financial assistance to low-income households to reduce the balances they have on their residential water and wastewater bills. Priority will also be given to families with elderly or disabled household members and/or with children under the age of five, no matter which category they fall into. To be eligible for LIHWAP assistance, applicants must be water/wastewater bill holders who are responsible for paying their water and sewer bills directly to the vendors. Also, applicants' total gross household income must be at or below 60% of the state median income (\$6,439 a month for a family of four). The LIHWAP frequently asked questions webpage has additional information about maximum income limits and other items. For more information about DCA, visit <https://nj.gov/dca/>.

Upcoming Second Collections

April 10TH – Retirement for Diocesan Clergy
April 15TH – Holy Land

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 2022 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 14, 15, 16 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 14 & 15 from 11:00am to 12:00pm.

Blessing of Easter Food – Holy Saturday – April 16 at 12:00pm. *Place to be announced.**

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

Holy Thursday – April 14 - Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:30pm – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10:30pm.

Good Friday – April 15 - Service of the Lord's Passion, adoration of the Cross and Communion at 3:00pm.

Holy Saturday – April 16 - 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. Easter Egg Hunt after 10am Mass!



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Gospel Today

Third Sunday of Lent | Luke 13:1-9

The parable uses a barren fruit tree to help us understand God's patience and love for His creation. Given the proper nurturing, unfruitful people can again become pleasing to God.

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This tree has no fruit. It can be home to birds & animals, but it is capable of so much more!
It just needs to be nurtured.



Jesus believes in us, is willing to give us another chance. We need to say we are sorry for not always doing the best we can. Thank Jesus for His forgiveness & faith in us as we:

Follow
our **FAITH** for
40 DAYS

NURTURE

To feed, nourish, train, educate, cultivate

Draw fruit and leaves on the tree. Add any fruit that would be good to eat.

Example... apples, oranges, peaches, pears, figs. Don't forget to add a bird to the nest!

Now the tree represents people —ready to share & give good things to others.

What can people give others that trees can't give? Ex. a hug

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