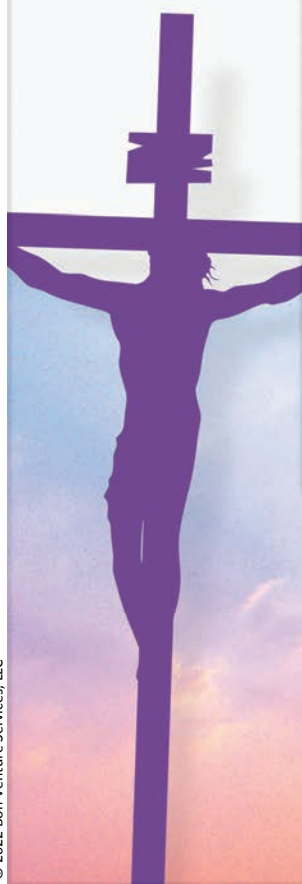


Fourth
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The Catholic Community of St. John Vianney

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Rectory Hours: Monday-Friday 9am-4pm



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Rev. John C. Gloss & Msgr. Edward M. O'Neill, Pastor Emeriti
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Fr. Bede Kim, Parochial Vicar
Fr. Robert Gorman, Parochial Vicar
Deacons Joseph Ragucci, Thomas Michnewicz & Vincent Brigande
Ellen DeRosa, Director of Religious Education
Nancy Tannucilli, Principal of St. John Vianney School
Jamie Frame, Director of Sacred Music

**One thing I do
know. I was blind
but now I see!**

JOHN 9:25

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

Parish Administrative Assistant	Stephanie Noto
School Administrative Assistant	Sandy Gambotto
School Office Assistant	Laura Gruenling
Parish/School Bookkeeper	Paula Roibal
Maintenance Supervisor	Poncho Julius

Mass Schedule

Monday-Friday	7am – 8:30am
Saturday	8am - 5pm
Sunday	8am - 10am - 12pm

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

Sacramental Schedule

Confessions: Saturdays 11am-12pm, 4:15-4:45pm
Anytime in the rectory – call ahead

Baptism: most Sundays at 1:30pm.

Babies should be Baptized as soon as possible. Please call the Parish office to make arrangements. We will be happy to help you schedule your baby's Baptism.

Last Rites/Anointing of the Sick: anyone who is ill and or would like to receive Communion is asked to call the rectory.

Marriage: Couples should call the Parish office as soon as possible to schedule a wedding. Our priests and deacons will help you through the preparation process.

Parish Membership

All new families who live within our boundaries are welcome to the parish. They are requested to register at the rectory.

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.

Mass Intentions – 4TH Sunday of Lent**SATURDAY, March 18, 2023 – St. Cyril of Jerusalem**

8:00 AM	Courtney Lynn Schraer, r/o Sanchez Family
5:00 PM	Clara Konopka, r/o Tom & Linda Dunbar

SUNDAY, March 19, 2023 – St. Joseph

8:00 AM	For the People of our Parish living/deceased
10:00 AM	Martin Waltsak, r/o Family
12:00 PM	Michael Hanley, r/o Barbara & Michael Hanley

MONDAY, March 20, 2023

7:00 AM	Theresa Warren, r/o Walsh Family
8:30 AM	Francesco Tuttolomondo, r/o Wife, Rosalie
9:30 AM	Gregory Keating, Mary Lynne & Phil Chiera (9:30 AM Mass is a School Mass)

TUESDAY, March 21, 2023

7:00 AM	Clemente Rosero, r/o Ryan Pio & Christine Vidal
8:30 AM	Joan Peraino, r/o Fischrund Family
7:00 PM	Lenten Mission

WEDNESDAY, March 22, 2023

7:00 AM	
8:30 AM	George Mayer, r/o Pampalone Family

THURSDAY, March 23, 2023 – St. Turibius of Mongrovejo

7:00 AM	
8:30 AM	Jack Jacobi, r/o Family

FRIDAY, March 24, 2023

7:00 AM	
8:30 AM	Timothy Rokose, r/o Gertrude Rodriguez & Family
3:00 PM	Stations
7:00 PM	Stations

SATURDAY, March 25, 2023

8:00 AM	Patricia Longo, r/o Pero Family
5:00 PM	Luke Dunbar, r/o Jennie Esposito

SUNDAY, March 26, 2023

8:00 AM	Claire Konopka, r/o Jennie Esposito
10:00 AM	Grace Cucchia, r/o SJV Altar Rosary Society
12:00 PM	For the People of our Parish living/deceased



The Bread and Wine
have been offered
in loving memory of
Jack Jacobi
from Family.

SAVE THE DATE!

St. John Vianney Parish Fair
July 11 – 15, 2023

The Prayer Corner

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

A TIME TO BAPTIZE

Scarlet Rose Paullus & Jaxson Matthew Paullus

TO WED

TO HEAL

Theresa Szablowski, Tom Peron, Cody Brown, Dolores DiGangi, Harold Carney, Toni Feeney, Sue Zafian, Arlene Grinnell, Leslie Johnson, Rita Weissenburger, Alberta Clark, Therese Clark, Angelo Gallo, Heidi Egan, Carol Kolator, Rita Scarpone, Georgia Egan, Macario and Linda Yap, Michelle Gargiulo, Sonia Stefan, Gerardo Zamarrá, Harrison Chung, Maria Famiglietti, Kevin Pydeski, Connor Feeney, Doug Christie, Donna Sandklev, John & Maryanne Delutis, Joshua & Amelia Ford, Beatrice Schott, Marie Novak, Jo Ann West, Denise Stanislawczyk, Catherine Buettel, Mariola Wawrzyniak, Rose Campanelli, Kyle Brown, Dianne Campolargo, Collin Sciahetano, Dolores Waltsak, Rose Sestito, Giovanni Caccamo, Mark & Victoria, 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, Joe Vitello, Arlon Roth, Edward O'Brien, June Laub, Maryann Robson, Nick Troiano, Carl Walker, Dan Weiss, Arthur Shipiro, Christine Camping, Catherine Donahue, Marie Negri, Christiano Bianco.

FOR THOSE WHO RECENTLY DIED

Timothy Edward Rokose

A TIME OF WAR & PEACE

S. Sgt. Keith D. Lee (Air National Guard), Major Brian McCartin (Army), John Bridges (Navy), 2nd Lieutenant Phillip G. Faccione 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

1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a

Ephesians 5:8-14

John 9:1-41

Weekday readings can be found on the parish website.

March 19, 2023

4TH Sunday of Lent

"Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance, but the Lord looks into the heart."

1 SAMUEL 16:7

How often do we invest our time, talent and treasure in creating an appearance that does not matter at all to God? We strive to impress with our clothing, home, career, possessions, car and other marks of distinction. But none of these illusions of greatness will impress God. Instead, He will look into our hearts to see how much we loved Him, how much we loved others and how we showed that love by the way we used our time, talent and treasure here on earth.

A Prayer for Lenten Grace

Loving God,

During the sacred season of Lent, bring me closer to you.

Prepare a place in my home and heart for silence and solitude, so that I may re-discover the grace of a prayer-filled life.

Help me to fast from the things that threaten the well-being of my body and soul, remind me of the grace and simplicity.

Enlarge my heart so that I give to those in need and, in so doing, re-discover the grace of gratitude and generosity.

May this season be a grace-filled time to rekindle my love for and faith in you.

Amen.



Weekend Mass Schedule

March 25 TH :	5:00pm	Fr. John
March 26 TH :	8:00am	Fr. Bob
	10:00am	Fr. Bede
	12:00pm	Fr. Jay

Cure of Ars Book Study

As many of you know, the Cure of Ars is the 'nickname' of our parish patron saint – Saint John Vianney. For those who want to go a bit deeper with this book, I will lead a book study on it. We will offer two times: Fridays March 17th, 24th** (this date will be rescheduled due to the SJV Tricky Tray) **, and 31st at 3:30 PM (right after the 3 PM Stations of the Cross) or Thursdays March 16th, 23rd, and 30th at 7 PM. I hope some of you will join me for this book study – as I am sure that learning more about St. John Vianney will inspire you and build up your faith. While it is not necessary to register for the book study, it might be helpful if those intending to participate call Stephanie at the parish office and let her know.

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.

Upcoming Second Collections

April 1/2	Retirement for Diocesan Clergy
April 7	Holy Land (Good Friday)

St. Vincent de Paul News

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul would like to thank everyone for supporting our annual "Souper Bowl Food Drive." We collected more than 500 lbs of food to distribute to friends in need. Your generosity is heartwarming!

Bus Trip

Join us for a bus trip to Wind Creek, PA on Monday, March 20th. The bus will be leaving the SJV parking lot at 10am and will return at 6:30pm. Cost is \$45 and get back \$35. For more information and to sign up please call Mary Lou at 732-710-3201.



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	Jennifer Grasso	732-943-2409
Communion/ Homebound	Joanne Streck	732-382-4147
Cub/Boy Scouts	Sandra Franczak	732-754-5613
Cursillo	Maggie Cruz	732-713-7392
Eucharistic Ministers	Rose Ragucci	732-548-3880
Finance Council	Mike Kaplonski	732-735-0184
	Jeanette Wilmanski	jwilmanski@gmail.com
HSA	Jaclyn Falzarano	sjvhsa@sjvs.net
	Lydia Guerrier	
Knights of Columbus	Bob Luban	732-382-6939
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-Can	Deacon Tom & Janice Michnewicz	732-574-1651
Pro-Life	Carolyn Glodek	973-349-4626
R.C.I.A.	Deacon Joe Ragucci	732-548-3880
SAC	Jeanette Wilmanski	jwilmanski@gmail.com
Secular Franciscans	Rev. J. Kubiak	732-494-3399
	Anna Zielski	732-325-7779
SJV Seniors	Bob & Mary Nilan	732-574-3427
St. Isidore's Garden	Maureen Jorgensen	732-778-8471
St. Vincent de Paul	Jim Leathem	732-388-5512
Track	Amanda Miller	732-549-2356
Ushers	Ray Morgan	732-815-1037

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.

MARCH 12, 2023

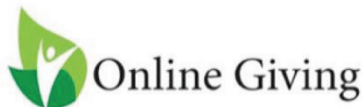
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On-line giving:	\$ 4,627.50
	<u>\$ 14,807.75</u>

OFFERTORY:**MARCH 13, 2023**

Collection:	\$ 9,728.25
On-line giving:	\$ 4,828.50
	<u>\$ 14,556.75</u>

OFFERTORY:

*Thank you for your generous
support of our Parish!*



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!



There are two local food pantries. St. James Food Pantry in Woodbridge and St. Cecelia's Food Pantry in Iselin. Both of these food pantries are a valuable resource in our community. In the future food donations will be shared by both pantries.

The current pantry needs are complete pancake mix, syrup, peanut butter, jelly, soup, tuna, Spam, and personal hygiene products such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, and soap. We are also looking for reusable grocery bags. Thank you for your generosity.



Have You Heard?

**WE ARE IN THE MIDST OF A
NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL!**

The Church needs healing, and the world needs Jesus. The Holy Spirit is inviting us to return to the source and summit of our faith—the Eucharist.



eucharisticrevival.org

Driven By A Dream

Malnutrition is widespread in Rwanda, but Gloriose and her husband are doing everything they can to keep their children healthy and set them up for success. From learning to grow a kitchen garden to participating in a micro-savings group, Gloriose and Karekezi know it takes many resources to help their children thrive. How have you helped others access what they need this Lent? Visit www.crsricebowl.org to learn more.



FOURTH SUNDAY
In Lent

This 4TH Sunday of Lent our image is a crown of thorns, which is a symbol that Jesus was and is still King. It is also meant to remind us that Jesus was willing to endure all the pain, insults and shame on our account, so that we may someday have eternal life.

LENTEN MISSION

Our Parish Lenten Mission will take place at 7pm on the Tuesday evenings of Lent, according to the schedule below. Every evening will include Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, a Lenten Homily, time for quiet prayer and reflection, and Benediction. Confessions will also be heard each evening – as we will have a priest in the Confessional while the service is happening. A different priest or deacon will preach each evening – giving a variety of perspectives on ways to grow in faith this Lent. Everyone is encouraged to come to a many of these prayerful evenings as possible.

Tuesday, 3/21 at 7pm	Fr. Bede/Deacon Joe
Tuesday, 3/28 at 7pm	Fr. John/Deacon Vinny

LENT 2023 – Stations of the Cross

Friday, March 24th	3pm & 7pm
Friday, March 31st	3pm & 7pm
Good Friday – 3pm Solemn Commemoration of the Lord's Passion & 7pm Stations	

2023 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 (see note below with regards to March 17).
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.

Pontifical Good Friday Collection

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land, where they are now less than 2% of the population. Your support is essential to help the Church minister in parishes, provide Catholic Schools, and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines of Christianity, including Jerusalem, Nazareth, and Bethlehem. For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit www.myfranciscan.org or www.custodia.org.

Holy Week & Easter Schedule

April 2nd – Palm Sunday : regular Mass schedule (5pm, 8am, 10am, 12pm)

April 6th – Holy Thursday : 7pm Mass of the Lord's Supper, Church open until 11pm for Adoration

April 7th – Good Friday : 3pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion, 7pm Stations of the Cross

April 8th – Holy Saturday : 12pm Blessing of the Food, 7pm Easter Vigil (NO 5pm Mass)

April 9th – Easter Sunday : regular Mass schedule (8am, 10am, 12pm)

The Pro-Life Corner

If you are a man or woman affected by abortion, please check this website for information that may help you:
<http://www.silentnomoreawareness.org/>

**Unplanned Pregnancy?****Find help at one of these centers:**

Life Choices Resource Center, Metuchen, NJ
Phone: 732-516-911

First Choice Women & Resource Center,
New Brunswick, NJ
Phone: 908-561-0079

Life Choices Inc., Phillipsburg, NJ
Phone: 908-454-2066

Inspire Women's Resource Center, Warren, NJ
Phone: 908-615-9008

Bridge Women's Center, Old Bridge
Phone: 732-588-0999

Or go to optionline.org (Pregnancy help online) to search for a location near you.

SAFE HAVEN INFANT PROTECTION

An unwanted baby?

You can safely and anonymously give it away.

No shame, No blame

Call SAFE HAVEN HOTLINE:

1-877-839-2339

Pastor's Column : March 18 – 19, 2023

Today, the Fourth Sunday of Lent, is often called Laetare Sunday. Laetare comes from the Latin words that mean rejoice. The priest often wears rose colored vestments on this Sunday, rather the usual Lenten violet, reminding us to 'rejoice in the Lord.'

Lent is a penitential season and there is so much sorrow in the world that can make it hard to be joyful. But Laetare Sunday reminds us that Christians always have reason for a certain holy joy. We can be joyful that God loves us and sent Jesus to save us. We can rejoice that He hears our prayers and allows us to offer our sufferings to Him – as our share in the Cross of Christ – to help us on our way to Heaven.

Another reason for our joy is the Truth that God is willing to forgive our sins. It is good to see people coming to Confession during our Lenten Holy Hours on Tuesday evenings. Remember that this week and next, we will have Fr. Joseph Kubiak, OFM Cap., as an extra Confessor on Tuesday evenings from 7 – 8 PM – along with our parish priests. In addition to providing another confessor, Fr. Joe is able to hear Confessions in Polish for those who need that.

God's willingness to forgive our sins and repair the damage they caused has been revealed through many approved apparitions granted to saints over the years. One of the most recent is the appearance of Our Lord to St. Faustina Kowalska in 1931. Calling Himself the 'King of Divine Mercy,' Our Lord asked St. Faustina to have painted the now famous image of Him in a white garment with white and red rays of light emanating from Him. He also asked that this image of Him be venerated – especially on the Sunday after Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday) – and promised that the 'faithful who venerate this image will not be lost.'

Accordingly, we will have Divine Mercy Devotions on Sunday, April 16, at 3 PM in our Church. The Divine Mercy Image – currently hanging outside the Confessionals – will be displayed near the altar for veneration. We will have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, pray the Litany of Divine Mercy, and have Benediction as well.

One may gain an indulgence – partial or plenary – by participating in these devotions. For those who may not know, an indulgence is the 'remission in the eyes of God of the temporal punishment due to sins' that have been forgiven. In simple terms, an indulgence can reduce the time a soul spends in purgatory being purified and made ready for Heaven.

A partial indulgence frees a soul from some temporal punishment, while a plenary frees it from all that is due at that time. One may gain a partial indulgence by performing the indulged act – in this case praying the Litany of Divine Mercy with faith and devotion. To gain a plenary indulgence, one must also say a prayer for the pope, go to Confession and Communion within 20 days (before or after Divine Mercy Sunday), and be free from all attachment to sin.

Speaking of gaining an indulgence, one may also be gained by praying the Stations of the Cross – which are prayed in Church every Friday during Lent at 3 and 7 PM. Spending at least half an hour in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament is yet another way – as many of you have been doing at the Lenten Holy Hours on Tuesday evenings. Indeed, there are so many ways to receive the wonderful graces that our good and merciful God pours out to us – and I hope many of you will make good use of them.

I am happy to ask you to save the date for yet another grace filled event in our Church. We will have Forty Hours Devotions on June 11, 12, and 13. As the name implies, Forty Hours consists of having the Blessed Sacrament exposed and adored in Church for forty hours – day and night. There will be Evening Prayers and Benediction each of those days, with adoration in between.

Members of our Parish Life Committee are working with me to plan this Forty Hours. Among the things we will need are people – lots of people – to sign up to be present in the Church for an hour at a time during the Forty Hours. We cannot leave Jesus alone – we want to make sure that at least a small group is with Him throughout the time He is exposed on the Altar during Forty Hours. Take my word then I tell you that those who give Jesus the gift of an hour spent in quiet prayer and adoration will not regret it!

Please say a Hail Mary for me today and every day. Let's also pray for the sick of our parish, and for peace.

Have a great week!
Fr. John



St. John Vianney School News

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

Registration for the 2023-2024 school year is open! 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!



COMING SOON !!!

May 25th, 26th, and 27th

If you have a business and would like to have it featured in the play bill, please reach out to Lisa Prokop at the school.

SJV School is looking for Preschool through Primary Grade Substitute Teachers and Teaching Assistants. Please contact the school office if you are interested.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL 2023-2024 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, 2023. 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.

Music Ministry News

Everyone is invited to join with the children's choir after mass next Sunday March 19th for the traditional "St. Joseph's Day Pastries" in the school cafeteria!! As I mentioned last week at mass, you are welcome (and encouraged) to join with the choir in singing the Latin chant mass parts which begin at #859 in the back of the hymnal. As we continue to prepare for Holy Week and Easter, all groups would welcome new members!!

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 10:00 am mass. We practice each Wednesday from 7:30 to 9:00 Pm in the church. **Our next Rehearsal will be on Wednesday March 21st and we will sing again on Sunday March 26th at the 10:00 am mass.**

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 the 10:00 am mass. **Our next rehearsal will be on Tuesday March 14th and we sing again on Sunday March 19th at the 10:00 am mass. Please join us for breakfast following mass in the school cafeteria.**

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 11:30 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!

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

Jamie Frame, Dir. Of Music/Organist

**2023 Bishop's Annual Appeal
Renewed and Sent on Mission by the Eucharist**

This weekend, parishes throughout the Diocese of Metuchen are celebrating Bishop's Annual Appeal In-Pew Weekend. Our goal is for every family to participate. Every gift, no matter the size, is important and greatly appreciated. Together, we are keeping Christ's presence alive in the world today. Thank you for actively participating in this mission by your financial support. You can find the link to the Bishop's Annual Appeal video on our parish website.

**Update from the Religious
Education Program**

Sacrament Dates

St. John Vianney Parish will celebrate Confirmation at 5 pm on Thursday, April 27, 2023 and First Communion on Saturday May 6 and Sunday May 7.

Retreat Dates

Students preparing for Confirmation will be participating in a retreat on March 25th or April 1st .

Progress Reports

Progress reports were sent home with the students in sealed envelopes in late January/early February. While many signed reports have been returned, quite a few have not. If you did not see a Progress Report please send me an email and we can get you a copy.

Looking for Volunteers for the 2023 – 2024 year

If you have been reading the bulletin the past few weeks you know I am hunting for volunteers. Thus far I have focused on volunteers to serve as catechists. This week I'll make an overall plea for volunteers. We need catechists, aides, and substitutes.

Registration for 2023 - 2024

If you marked the Religious Education dates on your home calendar you have probably noticed that this "year" is almost completed. The final class will be Monday May 1, 2023. That means it is almost time to begin registration for next year. Of course, we cannot offer classes if we do not get volunteers! See above.

Contacting Me

The best way to reach me is by email at ederosa@sjvs.net. If you would like to speak with me, please send an email with your phone number. I will call in the evening after work.

Have a blessed week!
Ellen DeRosa

PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND

Fr. Joseph Kubiak is running a Pilgrimage to Poland for **first time travelers** to Poland from July 16 – July 25, 2023. Father Joseph is also running a Pilgrimage to Poland for travelers **who have been** to Poland from July 30 – August 8, 2023. For further information on both of these trips, please contact Fr. Joseph at 732-494-3399 ext. 19. Please feel free to leave a message if he does not answer right away.

< KID'S > KORNER

Gospel Today

Fourth Sunday of Lent | John 9:1-41

A man, born blind, was healed by Jesus. The blind beggar's eyes were opened to our world but also, more importantly to Jesus - the Light of the World. When the townspeople did not believe Jesus healed the blind man, Jesus asked him, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" John 9:35 The man replied, "I do **believe**, Lord", and he worshiped Him. John 9:39

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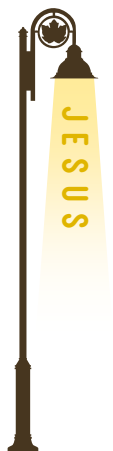
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Believe... Jesus is the light of the world

He shines the light of His love on us so we don't live in darkness or sin.

BIBLE WORD SEARCH

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



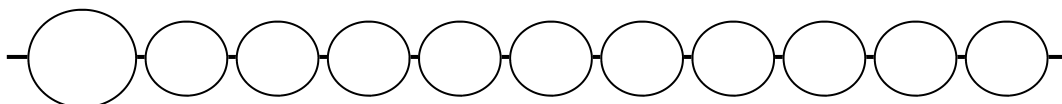
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Heart	Jesus
Lent	Born
Love	Worshiped
Darkness	World
Believe	People
Man	Town
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