

# St. John Vianney Church

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#### **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 School Administrative Assistant School Office Assistant Parish/School Bookkeeper Maintenance Supervisor Stephanie Noto Sandy Gambotto Laura Gruenling Karen Dudas Poncho Julius

#### Mass Schedule

 $\begin{array}{lll} \mbox{Monday-Friday} & 7\mbox{am} - 8:30\mbox{am} \\ \mbox{Saturday} & 8\mbox{am} - 5\mbox{pm} \\ \mbox{Sunday} & 8\mbox{am} - 10\mbox{am} - 12\mbox{pm} \end{array}$ 

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 - Easter Sunday

SATURDAY, April 8, 2023 - Holy Saturday

12:00 PM Blessing of the Food

7:00 PM Easter Vigil

SUNDAY, April 9, 2023 - Easter Sunday

8:00 AM For the People of our Parish living/deceased 10:00 AM Robert Zdanowski, r/o Zdanowski Family Fred Gabriele Jr., r/o Gabriele Family

MONDAY, April 10, 2023

7:00 AM In Celebration of Fabian Palomino's birthday,

r/o RoseMarie DiStefano

8:30 AM John Ciani, r/o Toni & Terry Feeney

TUESDAY, April 11, 2023

7:00 AM Jose Guimaraes, r/o Elena & Jose Alves 8:30 AM Joseph Farid, r/o The McCormac Family

WEDNESDAY, April 12, 2023

7:00 AM Donna Cecire, r/o Colonia Pharmacy 8:30 AM Margaret Taylor, r/o Barbara Rusk

THURSDAY, April 13, 2023

7:00 AM Hedy Moskwa, r/o Tony Moskwa 8:30 AM Paul J. Hanlon, r/o MaryAnn P. Coyle

FRIDAY, April 14, 2023

7:00 AM

8:30 AM Richard Giannone, r/o Family

SATURDAY, April 15, 2023

8:00 AM Michael De Paola, r/o Gerrie De Paola 5:00 PM Frank Jazikoff, r/o Loving Wife, Claire

**SUNDAY, April 16, 2023** 

8:00 AM For the People of our Parish living/deceased

10:00 AM Elizabeth Giblin, r/o Family

12:00 PM 40th Anniversary of Anthony Migacz, r/o Family

The Sanctuary Light has been offered in loving memory of John Ciani from Toni & Terry Feeney.

The Bread and Wine

have been offered in loving memory of John Ciani from Kelly & Kim Feeney.





## The Prayer Corner

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

#### A TIME TO BAPTIZE

#### 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 Zamarra, 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 DeliAguila, 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 lannacone, Annie Panaccione, Jean Nych, Gregory Kolaranda, Johanna Esposito, Mary Shegas, Nina Stefanelli, Nikoloz, Clare Weber, Vincent Dellaguila, 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

Arlene Grinnell

#### A TIME OF WAR & PEACE

S. Sgt. Keith D. Lee (Air National Guard), Major Brian McCartin (Army), John Bridges (Navy), 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant Phillip G. Faccone Jr. (Marines), Bryan Alexander Perez (Army), Brandon Haynes (Army), Jared Endler (National Guard), LTJG Liam Keenan (Navy), Mas. Sgt. Michael Primavera (Air Force), John O'Donnell (Marines).

#### **Weekend Readings**

Acts 2:42-47 1 Peter 1:3-9 John 20:19-31

Weekday readings can be found on the parish website.

#### April 9, 2023 Easter Sunday

"Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth."

COLOSSIANS 3:2

Do you put God first in all things? Possessions, money, power, ego can easily become gods to many of us. Do a quick check of what is important to you. Is God at the very top of the list? If not, your priorities need to be readjusted. Don't let earthly things become a god before God. This is also the first commandment – I am the Lord your God, you shall not have any strange gods before me.

#### A Prayer for Easter Eyes

My Lord Jesus,

You have risen to new life!
Give me new eyes with which to recognize your presence in the world around me.

Sharpen my vision so that I see beyond the ordinary events of each day and into the extraordinary reality of your grace.

Brighten my view of the world with renewed hope in the coming of your Kingdom.

Soften my gaze so that I view others with the kind of tenderness and compassion that you showed to so many.

May each day of this Easter season provide glimpses of your glory.

In your sacred name, I pray.

Amen.

#### Weekend Mass Schedule

April 15<sup>TH</sup> : 7:00pm Fr. Bede April 16<sup>TH</sup> : 8:00am Fr. Jay 10:00am Fr. John

12:00pm Fr. Bob



We would like to wish you all a very happy, healthy & blessed Easter! May God continue to bless you each day.

Peace & Blessings, Fr. John, Fr. Bede, Fr. Bob, Fr. Jay, Deacons and Rectory Staff

#### **Rectory Hours for Easter**

The Rectory office will be closed on Monday, April 10th for Easter Monday.

The office will open on Tuesday, April 11th at its normal hours of 9am-12pm and 1pm-4pm.



#### SAVE THE DATE!

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

Come join us to celebrate our 50th Fair here at St. John Vianney!

#### 40 Cans for 40 Days of Lent

On behalf of the Knights of Columbus Council 6571 we thank everyone for their participation in the "40 cans for 40 days" Lenten drive this season. Your donations will benefit the St. James food pantry. Thank you as always for your continued generosity and support.

#### **PARISH MINISTRIES & CONTACTS**

Organization	Contact	Phone/Email
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Altar Servers		brigande@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
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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

#### Saint of the Week: St. Fidelis



St. Fidelis grew up with the name Mark Roy in Germany where he practiced law before becoming a Capuchin Franciscan in Switzerland and took the name Fidelis, which means faithful in Latin. People in the law field often made fun

of him for always willingly helping the poor. Feeling disgusted with this kind of behavior is what ultimately turned St. Fidelis to the priesthood, so he could care for the poor and do God's work more fully. While preaching in Switzerland he was accused of being an agent of the king and was falsely killed. May we look to St. Fidelis as an example of someone who placed his faith above all things, always putting his life in God's hands.

#### APRIL 2, 2023 OFFERTORY:

\*\*Not yet available due to Easter printing deadline\*\*

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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.





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#### **HAPPY EASTER!**

Our CRS Rice Bowl journey has ended, but our prayers, fasting and almsgiving continue as we seek a closer relationship with God and our global family. Let us hold in our hearts our sisters and brothers in Guatemala, Bangladesh, and Rwanda and commit to share our Easter joy with those in our local community and around the world. Don't forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl in the basket in the gathering area of the Church no later than April 16 or donate online at <a href="https://www.crsricebowl.org">www.crsricebowl.org</a>.

#### **SJV Seniors**

The next meeting of the SJV Seniors will be held in the school cafeteria on Wednesday, April 12, 2023, at 2:30 PM, We will have a Bingo Vino with Barbara Devine as our caller. There will not be a meeting on April 5 during Holy Week. Please remember to bring any food item for the St James Food Pantry and leave your donation in the library conference room off the narthex in the Church. Tickets for our June luncheon will be available at \$12 per person.



#### SAVE THE DATE!

St. John Vianney Golf Outing & Dinner Fundraiser Monday, October 2, 2023 at the Metuchen Country Club

We hope you join us for this important fundraiser to benefit our Church and School! Please find the sign-up forms in the gathering area of the Church and on the Parish website.

#### **Upcoming Second Collections**

April 29/30 Catholic Relief Services May 6/7 Development of the People May 20/21 Catholic Communications May 21 The Ascension of the Lord

#### KofC Disability Drive & **Blood Drive Registration**

On the weekend of April 29th and 30th the Knights of Columbus Council 6571 will hold a Disability Drive in the SJV parking lot.

They will also have registration available for their annual Blood Drive, which will take place on Sunday, May 21st in the SJV parking lot.

#### **Bus Trip**

Join us for a bus trip to Wind Creek, PA on Monday, April 17th. 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.



## 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: April 8 - 9, 2023

I want to begin by wishing each and every one of you a blessed and happy Easter. The Resurrection of Jesus stands at the very heart of everything we believe as Catholics. It is my favorite day of the year, and I am always happy to celebrate it with you.

Easter is so important to us that we celebrate it not just for a day – but for a season of fifty days. The Easter Season is longer than Lent because the joy of the Resurrection is greater than penance of Lent. As part of our celebration of this joyful season, our Church will be decorated throughout the Easter Season. The new Paschal (Easter) Candle will stand near the pulpit, rising high into the air as symbol of Christ's glorious Resurrection.

The Rite of Sprinkling with Holy Water will replace the Penitential Rite at many Sunday Masses during the Easter Season. This is to remind us that the New Life Christ gave us in Baptism has as its goal our Resurrection and Eternal Life in Heaven. Additionally, the Gloria will be sung as a joyful hymn. May these beautiful ceremonies fill us with the joy that the first disciples felt when they saw the Risen Lord on the first Easter Sunday.

We really need that joy in today's world. There are so many things that try to drag us down. The ongoing war, recent school shootings and violence, and tornadoes and other disasters dominate the news these days. But the Good News of Easter reminds us that Christ has triumphed over death and sin. United with Him – by celebrating the Holy Sacraments and living the teachings He gave us – we will triumph and rise with Him to Everlasting Life.

I want to say a special 'thank you' to everyone who made this Lent so wonderful. It was great to see so many people at Daily Mass, Confessions, Stations of the Cross, and the Parish Lenten Mission on Tuesday evenings this Lent. Seeing people use Lent as a time for spiritual growth was very rewarding for me, and I'm sure for them, too.

After Mass on Easter, I'll head to my sister Christine's home and spend the rest of the day with family. We will have plenty of food and fun. I hope that many of you also have a chance to spend Easter with family and friends.

On Monday morning, I'm going to head out to Altoona for a few days of rest and train watching – as I often do after Easter. I'll be back for next weekend's Masses though. I look forward to seeing you then.

Happy Easter! Fr. John

P.S. Remember that we will have Divine Mercy Devotions next Sunday at 3 PM.





**St. John Vianney School News** 732-388-1662 <a href="https://school.sjvianney.com/">https://school.sjvianney.com/</a>

Registration for the 2023-2024 school year is open! Continue to email us at <a href="mailto:sivhsa@sivs.net">sivhsa@sivs.net</a> 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 11th, 12th, and 13th

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.



Ready to fully live your Catholic Faith? Join the Legion of Mary.

The Legion of Mary will be meeting in the upper room of the Church beginning on Thursday, April 20th at 7 pm.

To Jesus through Mary. For information call Joan Wilson at (732) 548-3359 or email at <a href="mailto:jhoynes.wilson@yahoo.com">jhoynes.wilson@yahoo.com</a>.

#### **Music Ministry News**

I would like to thank ALL those involved in music ministry here at SJV for a wonderful job enhancing all our Holy Week and Easter liturgies!! Don't forget to join us this Easter Sunday morning following the 10:00 am mass for our parish "Easter Egg Hunt"! We will meet in front of Mary's Island to begin the hunt! Following the 10:00 am mass next Sunday, April 16th. Please join us in the school cafeteria for our parish breakfast!

#### **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 April 19th and we sing again on Sunday April 22nd 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 April 25th, and we sing again next Sunday April 16th 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 11:30 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 <a href="mailto:jframeiii@yahoo.com">jframeiii@yahoo.com</a> with any questions. Jamie Frame, Dir. Of Music/Organist

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

Thank you to all who have given so generously to the Bishop's Annual Appeal. If you have not made a pledge, there is still time to participate. Mail your gift to: Diocese of Metuchen, Bishop's Annual Appeal, PO Box 4000, Metuchen, NJ 08840-4000 or give online at <a href="https://diometuchen.org/BAA">https://diometuchen.org/BAA</a>.



#### SJV Easter Egg Hunt!!!

Plan on joining us for our parish Easter Egg Hunt after the 10:00 am family mass on Easter Sunday April 9th. The hunt will begin at Mary's Island (In front of SJV school) and bags will be provided for everyone. All children are invited to join in the fun!!!

## Update from the Religious Education Program

#### Looking for Volunteers for the 2023 – 2024 year

If you have been reading the bulletin the past month you know I am hunting for volunteers. We need catechists, aides, and substitutes.

I have been hoping to get more volunteers, particularly for the coming year. It would be horrible for the parish to offer classes but not have enough volunteers to be catechists and aides for reasonably sized classes.

If you have or had one or more kids on the program, then you know from experience the significant role the catechists and aides play. As I have said in prior articles, most are not professional teachers. Of course, if you are a professional teacher and can volunteer that would be great too. Please, won't you please think about volunteering and pray about it? God may be calling you.

#### Registration for 2023 – 2024 – Starts Now!

Registration forms are being sent home with all students in grades 1 – 7 on Monday, April 3, 2023. Please check your child's back-pack for the form. The form is also posted on our website at <a href="https://www.parish.sjvianney.com">www.parish.sjvianney.com</a>. Please help us by completing the registration Form before this year ends on May 1. The sooner we have all the registration information the better we can plan for next year.

Of course, we cannot offer reasonably sized 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 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.



## Gospel Today Jesus has risen!

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord | John 20:1-9

On Easter morning Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and found it empty. She hurried to get Peter and John. Peter entered first, and when John entered he "saw and believed."

He is alive!

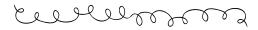
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Year A

# Believe... Alleluia, Alleluia!

Choose a date and an Alpha and Omega... color the flame and choose a cross to color. Cut and glue all to the candle.

#### The Paschal or Easter Candle

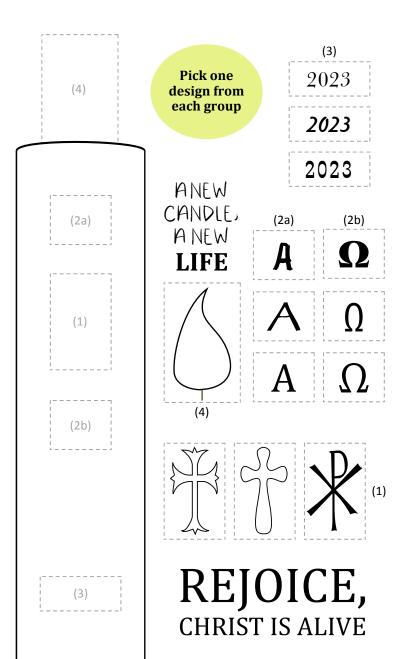


Each year at the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday, a new fire is built and blessed. From this fire, a new Paschal Candle is lit for the first time and will be used for one year. Candle designs vary, but they are always white, the largest in the worship space and contain certain symbols - a cross, the Alpha and Omega and the date. Let's design our own candle by choosing, coloring and gluing on the designs you like. Do you see the Paschal Candle in your church?

- (1) THE CROSS Always the central symbol
- (2) THE ALPHA AND OMEGA Tells us God is the beginning and the end
- (3) **THE CURRENT YEAR** Says God is with us here and now
- (4) **THE FLAME** Reminds us Jesus is the Light of the World
- (5) Use **RED** to make 5 points on the cross to represent the 5 wounds of Jesus

HAPPY & BLESSED EASTER TO ALL!







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