



PARISH CARNIVAL

St. John Vianney 50th Annual Fair!
July 11-15, 2023 6pm-11pm

Food prepared by Tony's Sausage
Major carnival rides
Fun kiddie rides
Wristbands every night
Summer Splash drawing 7/15 at 11pm

St. John Vianney Church
420 Inman Avenue
Colonia, New Jersey
732-574-0150

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

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

Mass Schedule

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| 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 – 12TH Sunday in Ordinary Time**SATURDAY, June 24, 2023 – *The Nativity of St. John the Baptist***

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| 8:00 AM | Father's Day Novena |
| 5:00 PM | Evelyn Magee, r/o Pero Family |

SUNDAY, June 25, 2023

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| 8:00 AM | Father's Day Novena |
| 10:00 AM | For the People of our Parish living/deceased |
| 12:00 PM | Bill Tatler, r/o Ann Conlin |

MONDAY, June 26, 2023

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| 7:00 AM | Daniel Guarino, r/o Family |
| 8:30 AM | Father's Day Novena |

TUESDAY, June 27, 2023 – *St. Cyril of Alexandria*

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| 7:00 AM | Timothy Rokose, r/o Daniel & Geraldine Walsh |
| 8:30 AM | Joseph Bonk, r/o Schmidt Family |

WEDNESDAY, June 28, 2023 – *St. Irenaeus*

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| 7:00 AM | Joseph Lakatos Jr., r/o Germek Family |
| 8:30 AM | Sandor Risko, r/o Miss Endler |

THURSDAY, June 29, 2023 – *St. Peter & St. Paul*

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| 7:00 AM | Anne Irine, r/o Matelena Family |
| 8:30 AM | Antonio Santos, r/o Patti Hughes |

FRIDAY, June 30, 2023

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| 7:00 AM | Pat Specchio, r/o Adeline Specchio |
| 8:30 AM | Sandor Risko, r/o SJV 3 RD Grade Class |

SATURDAY, July 1, 2023 – *St. Junipero Serra*

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| 8:00 AM | Joseph Morrello, r/o Pero Family |
| 5:00 PM | Mark Cavallero, r/o Mary Ann P. Coyle |

SUNDAY, July 2, 2023

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| 8:00 AM | For the People of our Parish living/deceased |
| 10:00 AM | Julio Archeval, r/o Family |
| 12:00 PM | Ruth Hawke, r/o Nancy Lanza |



The Bread & Wine have been offered in loving memory of Adam Schpakow from the Bacsik Family.

Weekend Mass Schedule

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| July 1 ST : | 5:00pm | Fr. Bob |
| July 2 ND : | 8:00am | Fr. John |
| | 10:00am | Fr. Bede |
| | 12:00pm | Fr. Jay |

Rectory Summer Hours

Monday – Thursday
9am – 4pm, closed 12pm – 1pm for lunch
Closed on Fridays

The Prayer Corner

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

A TIME TO BAPTIZE

Rylie Hemhauser & Elizabeth Gallucci

TO WED

TO HEAL

Msgr. O'Neill, Robert Anderson, Gladys Schmidt, Rosa Julius, Henry & Joanne Sokoloski, Robert Jardines, Kathy Leary, Eileen Barrett, Margaret Anne Kerr, Slawomir Sielski, Douglas Castner, Maureen Horning, Trevor Horning, Bill Riley, Theresa Szablowski, Cody Brown, Dolores DiGangi, Harold Carney, Toni Feeney, Sue Zafian, Leslie Johnson, Rita Weissenburger, Alberta Clark, Therese Clark, Angelo Gallo, Heidi Egan, Carol Kolator, Rita Scarpone, Macario and Linda Yap, Michelle Gargiulo, Sonia Stefan, Harrison Chung, Maria Famiglietti, Kevin Pydeski, Connor Feeney, Doug Christie, Donna Sandklev, John & Maryanne Delutis, Joshua & Amelia Ford, Marie Novak, Jo Ann West, Denise Stanislawczyk, Catherine Buettel, Rose Campanelli, Kyle Brown, Dianne Campolargo, Collin Sciahetano, Dolores Waltsak, 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

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

Jeremiah 20: 10-13

Romans 5: 12-15

Matthew 10: 26-33

Weekday readings can be found on the parish website.

June 25, 2023

12TH Sunday in Ordinary Time

"...Whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me."

MATTHEW 10:38

Pope Benedict XVI said, "the world offers you comfort. But you were not made for comfort, you were made for greatness." "Comfort" puts me first. "Picking up your cross and following Jesus" puts God and others first. Why settle for comfort when you can achieve greatness! Pick up your cross, ask Jesus for guidance on using your gifts and live the life God intended for you!



Summer's Sacred Instruction

It comes without notice, like butterfly wings
that waft before your face, your cheeks,
the bump that ends your nose.

You catch the barest shift of breeze,
a quivering of light, you look up,
you realize something sacred just passed by.

It came from who knows where,
but along the way, it surely graced you.

And so it is with summer,
with those wisps and darts of weightless wing,
with the moments when the heaviness
of all year long is suspended,
when breeze blows through the window,
garden leaves flutter, light practically sparkles,
and you feel your shoulders drop their heavy load.

Where summer settles best is in the soul,
in the part of you
that remembers not to worry for the moment
and so to soothe the summer air
and to sense the grace-filled presence of God.

**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!**

**We currently are in need of more volunteers to
work this year's fair on Friday and Saturday. If
you would like to volunteer please sign up
using this SignUpGenius link:**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0b4daca729a2fd0-sjv20231#/>

Pre-Sale for Fair Wristbands!

From June 1st – July 6th you can purchase a wristband for this year's Fair for \$30 in advance, or for \$40 (this includes the \$2 service fee) at the fair July 11th – 15th. Pre-sale wristbands are available in the rectory office Monday – Friday 9am-12pm and 1pm-4pm.



Remember to return your Summer Splash 2023 50/50 Raffle tickets to the rectory! Our parishioners were sent a book of tickets in the mail, and we have more tickets available in the rectory. A full book contains 10 tickets at \$50 or you can purchase individual tickets at \$5 each. You can return your purchased tickets by dropping them off or mailing them, with a check/cash enclosed, to the rectory. The Summer Splash Raffle will go on as scheduled during the week of the Fair July 11 – July 15. So far, we have raised a total of **\$12,405.00** and it will continue to climb! Good luck to all who enter!

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 |
| 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 Leatham | 732-388-5512 |
| Track | Amanda Miller | 732-549-2356 |
| Ushers | Ray Morgan | 732-815-1037 |

2023 Couples Retreat**Hosted by Emerge Uninterrupted LLC****9am-5pm September 25, 2023****at St. John Vianney Church**

The 2023 retreat welcomes members and non-members of St. John Vianney Parish alike. All married couples are invited to deepen their bonds through spiritual growth. Reflect on the sacredness of your union, rekindle your love, and renew your commitment to each other and the Divine Love of Christ that binds you. To sign up, please contact JoAnne Diaz at 908-246-9174, either by call or text. The retreat fee is \$150 per couple, and you can make the payment via check written out to JoAnne Diaz or through Venmo: @EmergeJD. For those couples needing financial support, scholarships are available.

Bus Trip

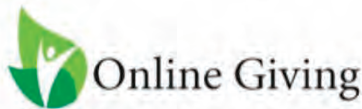
Join us for a bus trip to Wind Creek, PA on Monday, July 17th. The bus will be leaving the SJV parking lot at 10am and will return at 6:30pm. Cost is \$45 and get back \$35. For more information and to sign up please call Mary Lou at 732-710-3201.

JUNE 18, 2023 OFFERTORY:

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| Collection: | \$10,646.25 |
| On-line giving: | \$ 4,462.50 |
| | <u>\$15,108.75</u> |

JUNE 19, 2022 OFFERTORY:

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| Collection: | \$ 11,891.25 |
| On-line giving: | \$ 4,604.50 |
| | <u>\$ 16,495.75</u> |



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!


**Urgent Message from
The Society of St. Vincent de Paul**

There is an urgent need for our local food pantries. The need is real. Our parish assists the two local food pantries, St. Cecelia's in Iselin and St. James in Woodbridge. Because of the rapid increase of families in need, the local pantries are in dire need of basic food. The most needed items are: Canned meats e.g., tuna, chicken. Vienna sausage, Pasta, Tomato sauce, Canned vegetables, Canned and single serve fruit, Rice, Cake mixes, pudding and jello, Breakfast essentials e.g., cereal, oatmeal, and other single serve foods. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

The SVdP Society would like to thank you for your generosity to the local food pantries. The need continues for increased food donations.

**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

Scrip Program Update

The SJV School Scrip Program Fundraiser ended on May 31, 2023 and will be replaced with a different fundraiser next school year for a variety of reasons. We are in the process of selling off the remainder of our scrip gift card inventory at the rectory until they are gone.

While we will no longer have any gift cards available for purchase in the rectory office, the online program will still remain active. If you would like to continue to purchase e-gift cards or physical gift cards, please see below for further information.

Go to <https://www.raiseright.com/> and create a profile if you do not already have one. It will ask you to input an enrollment code that will give credit and a percentage of your total purchase back to SJV School. The enrollment code for SJV is: **34L9D9638273**. If you purchase physical gift cards, you will have to select the "ship to my address" option, so the cards will be sent directly to your home address. You will then be sent a confirmation email with any necessary information about the shipment, or with your e-gift card information if that's the type of gift card you purchase.

Thank you to everyone who has supported this school fundraiser over the years!

**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.

Children's Choir Summer Camp

August 21st to August 25th

The Cathedral of Saint Francis of Assisi's Office of Sacred Music, in conjunction with the Diocesan Office of Liturgical Music, will be hosting a Children's Choir Summer Camp program from August 21st to August 25th on the Cathedral's campus in Metuchen. All rising 3rd through 8th graders from any parish in the diocese are invited to participate. Participating Choristers will learn the basics of Music Theory, Gregorian Chant, do fun composer-based projects, and will sing for daily 12:10 Mass at the Cathedral. The week will end with a festive Ice Cream Party.

Silver & Gold Wedding Anniversary Celebration

You are cordially invited to celebrate your 25TH or 50TH Wedding Anniversary with the Church of Metuchen and renew your marriage vows with Bishop James F. Checchio at a special Evening Prayer Service at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi in Metuchen on Sunday, October 22, 2023 at 3:00pm. Registration is required. Please register online at <https://www.diometuchen.org/silver-and-gold-anniversary-celebration>. If you are unable to register online, please call the Family Life Office at 732-562-1543 or amarshall@diometuchen.org. Registration will close October 6, 2023.

Stress In Your Marriage?

Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage? Are you frustrated, hurt or angry with your spouse? Have you thought about separation or divorce? Does talking about it only make it worse? RETROUVAILLE is a Lifeline to Help Couples Heal and Renew their Marriages sponsored by the Office of Family Life, Diocese of Metuchen, NJ. RETROUVAILLE consists of a weekend experience for married couples (no group discussions) with six follow-up sessions. The upcoming weekend is August 18-20, 2023. All inquiries are confidential. For further information, please contact Rich Colasuonno 732-236-0671 or Annette Colasuonno 732-672-0748 or email 3024@helpourmarriage.org.

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.

Please refer to this link from the Diocese of Metuchen: <https://diometuchen.org/pregnancy-help>

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 : June 24 - 25, 2023

I hope all our fathers and grandfathers had a great day last Sunday. After Masses here and a Baptism, I went to see my mother. We had a nice dinner together.

Last week was filled with so many great things in our parish. The Forty Hours went better than I could possibly have imagined. It was so inspiring to see people in and out of the Church throughout the day and night, spending time in prayer.

The good number of people who came to the Evening Prayer Services was also great to see. It was wonderful to have so many priests come on the last night for the closing benediction. We heard some good homilies, too, from the priests who preached.

I cannot possibly thank all of you enough for supporting this prayerful endeavor. Whether you were part of the planning, helped organize or clean up afterward, or just took time to make a visit to our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, you helped make our Forty Hours a success. I am already looking forward to the next one!

Thanks also to the many people who came to Fr. Jay's anniversary Mass last Friday. There were lots of people from his family, as well as people from the many places he has served over his 25 years of priesthood. Our own parishioners made a great showing, too. Thanks also to everyone who helped with the reception afterward. It was a great celebration of the priesthood.

Many of you may recall the Parish Meeting over the winter at which our Finance Council made a nice presentation. Among the things discussed were some of our maintenance needs. Those present were asked to rank those needs in order of importance – and ranked the repaving of the parking lot as a high priority due to safety.

I am happy to report that our finance council has secured a grant of \$100,000 to help get this project moving. But – in order to have that grant paid to us – our parish has to show we can meet the remaining cost of over \$250,000. We have already begun making a plan to do this – with the assistance of our diocese.

While it will take time to put the whole plan into action, some people have already made donations to the parish for this purpose. I want to thank them from the bottom of my heart.

Recall that we are in the midst of our Bishop's Annual Appeal – with a goal of \$120,000. Fifty percent of any money donated to the appeal above that amount is rebated to the parish – and we have earmarked the parking lot as the recipient of that money. This means that gifts to the appeal can have the double effect of helping our own parish and the larger Church.

At this point, our parish has raised about \$110,000 towards the Bishop's Appeal. This means that we are very close to our goal – and can be pushed over it by last minute gifts. Keep in mind that our parish has benefitted greatly from the Bishop's Appeal in the past few years – making major repairs that would have been impossible without the help of our diocese. That's why it's a good idea for those of us who can to support the Appeal.

Please remember to pray a Hail Mary for me today – and every day. I keep all of you in my daily prayers, especially my Masses and Rosary. Let's also pray for peace – for good weather for our upcoming parish fair, and all those in need.

Have a great week!
Fr. John

Saint of the Week: St. Thomas

St. Thomas is often referred to as Thomas the Apostle, Apostle of India or doubting Thomas. The latter of the names he is often associated with, overlooks the role he played as one of Jesus' apostles. As Christians and

followers of Jesus, it's common to doubt and question. If you look at all the apostles, they all have their own weaknesses, but this is what makes them human. It's also important for us to remember that not one of Jesus' apostles were perfect, in fact, they were all rather imperfect. Though St. Thomas may be often remembered for being doubtful, he should also be remembered for his courage and willingness to always serve Jesus. Like St. Thomas, may we allow God to transform our weaknesses into strengths to better serve Him and spread the Gospel with others.

**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!

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 every Thursday at 7 pm. To Jesus through Mary. For information call Joan Wilson at (732) 548-3359 or email at

jhoynes.wilson@yahoo.com.


**Congratulations to the St. John Vianney
School Class of 2023!!!**

Julia Argasinski
Jimmy Barrientos
Kailyn Brown
Sofia Bucciol
Kaela Chin
Logan Costello
Brian Damanti
Juliana DeNault
Miranda Estime
JJ Frame
Sean Friedman
Colin Jackson
Nathaniel Johnson
Kaylee Kolb
Brandon Liu
Jack Marinello
Kaylie Mayta
Colin Ostrander
Samantha Po
Michael Powers
Aiden Pydeski
Anastasia Rachinsky
Andre Ramirez
Franco Reinoso
Malani Sabolchick
Victoria Sinchire
Abriyah Thompson
Ania Worosz
Elijah Zafra

Parish Library

Your parish library in the gathering area is open to you and contains over 700 books that will deepen your faith! They are listed by category on the parish website under Library and can be easily borrowed. Most of the books can simply be taken and returned when you are finished with them. There are also many faith videos including Bishop Robert Baron's series "Catholicism." These and certain books are in a locked cabinet and can be requested using the request cards. We invite you to check it out the weekend of June 24-25 when members of the Legion of Mary will be present to assist you around the masses. We will welcome your input on additions such as children's books.

Update from the Religious Education Program

Registration for 2023 – 2024

We still have fewer than 100 students registered for classes in the fall. Even if some families are moving before the fall, based on the enrollment for the past year, we are missing lots of registrations! We gained one first grader and now have eight (8) children registered for first grade. In a parish the size of St. John Vianney Parish, I am quite sure there are well more than eight children who will be in first grade in public school September.

Perhaps some of you know of children in your neighborhood. When you see their parents a friendly comment about registration for religious education may be just the reminder they need. Preparation for First Communion begins in 1st grade, so we want to be sure the 1st grade children will be in classes as of September.

The 2-page form is posted on our website at www.sjvianney.com and two-sided copies are on the table by the doors in the entrance area of the Church. If you use printed copies, be sure to complete the back! If a child is coming to our religious education program for the first time, please provide a copy of the child's Baptismal certificate. Thank you to those who have submitted the form and fee already.

If mail or drop off the registration and payment to the rectory, please write Religious Education on the envelope.

Looking for Volunteers for the 2023 – 2024 year

We need catechists, aides, and substitutes. Please, won't you please think about volunteering and pray about it? God may be calling you. We hope you will say yes! Even though current registration is low, we must be prepared for the children who will be registered later.

Anyone age 18 or older who will be around children will need to be fingerprinted and take a class. Since the process takes a little time, it is important to begin now so volunteers are eligible to be around children in September.

If any of you have experience working with children with special needs, we would very much like to hear from you. Our students with special needs are truly amazing and everyone who has worked with them will tell you what a blessing it was to work with them. Our program needs additional people with experience working with these children so we can offer them the best experience possible.

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

This Week on FORMED : *the link for FORMED is on the parish website*

St. Josemaria Escriva | Catholic Saints

Called "the saint of ordinary life" by Pope John Paul II, St. Josemaria Escriva centered his ministry around a simple truth: each person can experience the extraordinary grace of holiness even in the ordinary events of day-to-day life.

St. Junípero Serra: A Man of God, A Mission of Love

In this documentary, learn about Father Serra's heroic missionary activity to Indigenous peoples in 18th-century North America.

Saint Irenaeus of Lyons | Catholic Saints

In this episode of FORMED Now, Dr. John Sehorn and Dr. Ben Akers discuss this second-century Church Father, explaining his importance to the history of Christianity and his title, the "Doctor of Unity."

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Gospel Today

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time | Matthew 10:26-33

God created everything on earth, and He knows us right down to the hair on our heads. He wants us to listen to the word of Jesus, and believe. Whoever accepts Jesus on earth, will be accepted by His Father in heaven. The works of the Apostles continues.

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SUMMER IS HERE!

Look around at God's world. What is your favorite summer activity?

Draw a picture of **you and Jesus** together. What are you doing?

Eating ice cream? Skating in the park?

Swimming at the lake, beach or pool?

Is your hair pulled up, or under a hat?

Don't forget to put sunscreen on!



SWEET as HONEY

Matthew 10:30

Even the hairs of your head are counted.

J.D., God
is smart!

Yes Honey,
He sure is.

I mean really,
really, really
smart!

I can't even
count how
many hairs are
in one curl, and
He can count
my whole head!

NICHOLAS MARKETS



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