

# St. John Vianney Church

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Rectory Hours: Monday-Friday 9am-4pm



Fr. John J. Barbella, Pastor  
Rev. John C. Gloss & Msgr. Edward M. O'Neill, Pastor Emeriti  
Very Rev. Jay Toborowsky, V.G. in Residence  
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  
Jessica Hicks, Vice Principal of St. John Vianney School  
Jamie Frame, Director of Sacred Music

**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	Karen Dudas
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 beginning 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 – The Transfiguration of the Lord**

**SATURDAY, August 5, 2023**

8:00 AM	Ollie V. DeRosa, r/o Ellen DeRosa
5:00 PM	Joseph F. Magliozzi, r/o Senior Friends from Evergreen

**SUNDAY, August 6, 2023**

8:00 AM	For the People of our Parish living/deceased
10:00 AM	Luke Dunbar, r/o Feeney Family
12:00 PM	Charles Truncala, r/o Melissa & Julia Ciampa

**MONDAY, August 7, 2023 – St. Sixtus & St. Cajetan**

7:00 AM	Arthur Ellermann & Robert Pero, r/o Family
8:30 AM	Robert A Pero Jr., r/o Handville Family

**TUESDAY, August 8, 2023 – St. Dominic**

7:00 AM	Charles & John Lazenby, r/o Attracta Lyndon
8:30 AM	Louis Peragallo, r/o Family

**WEDNESDAY, August 9, 2023 – St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross**

7:00 AM	Natale Buro, r/o Toni & Terry Feeney
8:30 AM	Bernard Kukulya, r/o Denise & Dean Kovalewich

**THURSDAY, August 10, 2023 – St. Lawrence**

7:00 AM	Florence Cerami, r/o Mike & Leia Cerami
8:30 AM	Hedy Moskwa, r/o Tony Moskwa

**FRIDAY, August 11, 2023 – St. Clare**

7:00 AM	Mary Pevarnik, r/o Gertrude Zafian
8:30 AM	Charles Mitchell, r/o Virginia & Lorraine Mitchell

**SATURDAY, August 12, 2023 – St. Jane Frances de Chantal**

8:00 AM	Miriam & Norman Jorgensen, r/o Jay & Maureen Jorgensen
5:00 PM	Matthew G. Plesher, r/o Bill & Marilyn Plastine

**SUNDAY, August 13, 2023**

8:00 AM	For the People of our Parish living/deceased
10:00 AM	Philip Shearman, r/o Renata
12:00 PM	Purgatorial Society

**Weekend Mass Schedule**

August 12 <sup>TH</sup> :	5:00pm	Fr. Bede
August 13 <sup>TH</sup> :	8:00am	Fr. Bob
	10:00am	Fr. Bede
	12:00pm	Fr. Bede

**Rectory Summer Hours**

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

**Save the Date for the Harvest Moon Dance  
on Saturday, October 14th.  
Details to follow!**

## The Prayer Corner

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

### A TIME TO BAPTIZE

Tallulah Bea Konarski, Cameron Victor Ernst, Krue Ray Seara, Jayden Singhbaba & Chloe Singhbaba

### TO WED

### TO HEAL

Stephen Jankowski, Christina Daliani, Msgr. O'Neill, Robert Anderson, Gladys Schmidt, 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, 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, Giovanni Caccamo, Mark & Victoria, Nancy Genna, Sherry Canavale, Domenic Canavale, Michael Canavale, Rose Currie, Nina Laico, Tommy Birkner, Ronald Harvey, Artie Schapiro, Tina DelAquila, 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

Salvatore Lavanpe

### 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

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

2 Peter 1:16-19

Matthew 17:1-9

*Weekday readings can be found on the parish website.*

**August 6, 2023**

### The Transfiguration of the Lord

*"...then from the cloud came a voice that said,  
'This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well  
pleased; listen to him.'"*

MATTHEW 17:5

When Peter, James and John heard this they immediately fell prostrate to the ground and they "were very much afraid." We, too, may respond the same way when we hear God's voice. How many times do you become fearful when invited to participate more fully in the life of the Church? Or, when someone says something negative about the Church, are you afraid to respond? Remember, we too, are beloved sons and daughters of God; Jesus is there to help us, but we need to listen.

### August

July has come and gone,  
With its trees and grass so green.  
August has now arrived,  
And more beauty it will bring.  
God created this month,  
With its summer sun aglow,  
And flowers red and gold;  
for all this is in His control.  
Summer is passing very fast,  
Think of its lovely floral design,  
And praise our Lord above;  
For giving us this special, lovely time.

– Shirley Hyde



### FAIR THANK YOU

THANK YOU to everyone who helped make this year's SJV Parish Fair such a success! We couldn't have done it without the hard work of our Fair Coordinator and Committee, Ride Company, Vendors, all of our volunteers who work the fair, and everyone who came out to support our Parish Fair Fundraiser that benefits our Church and School. This year's fair raised a total of \$91,762!

### St. Joseph's Senior Home (Woodbridge, NJ) Operated by the Little Servant Sisters

We are looking to hire Licensed Social Workers, dedicated LPN Nurses, Certified Nursing Aides (CAN's), (HHA), to work at the Senior Home. All shifts are available. We are also looking for kindhearted volunteers to help in the activity department, especially on the weekends. Please contact us for further information at 732-750-0077 or 732-634-0004 or by email at [jadwiga\\_zaremba@yahoo.com](mailto:jadwiga_zaremba@yahoo.com).

### Thoughts From God's Garden Sr. Gabriela of the Incarnation, O.C.D. Carmel in New Jersey

"PRAY FOR ME, SISTER!" People say this to us when they speak with a Nun at the Turn. They request it when they write to us in letters and emails. They speak it out loud in the voicemails they leave on our phone. They ask our prayers for themselves, for their families and friends, for hurting and broken families, for job difficulties and for any other situation that is burdening them.

People ask for our prayers because they believe that our prayers make a difference. And this trust in our prayers is shown in the expressions of gratitude that we receive and in the continuing support that people give us.

WHAT IS PRAYER? Why should we pray? Why have we Nuns cloistered ourselves so as to devote our whole lives to prayer? Prayer is simply entering into God's love and sharing that love with others. We pray for people because we believe that He loves them and that He wants what is best for them, and we join Him in willing for them what He wills. As St. Thomas More wrote, "we know that, whatever that be.... it shall indeed be the best."

### 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
Fair Coordinator	Joe Noto	sjv_fair@sjvs.net
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	Lydia Guerrier	
Knights of Columbus	Bob Luban	732-382-6939
Lazarus Ministry	Ann Ruth	732-381-6815
Lectors	Deacon Tom Michnewicz	732-574-1651
Legion of Mary	Joan Wilson	732-548-3359
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
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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

### Congratulations Fr. Bede!

Bishop Checchio has appointed Fr. Bede Kim pastor of the Churches of Our Lady of Victories in Baptistown (Frenchtown), and St. Edward in Milford, NJ, effective September 1, 2023. While we are sad to see him go, we congratulate him on this new assignment and assure him of our prayers.



### Welcome Fr. Greg!

Concurrent with Fr. Bede's move, Fr. Gregory Zanetti will join our parish as Parochial Vicar (Associate Pastor). Please welcome him and keep him in your prayers.



**JULY 30, 2023****OFFERTORY:**

Collection:	\$ 9,623.25
On-line giving:	\$ 5,118.50
	<u>\$ 14,741.75</u>

**JULY 31, 2022****OFFERTORY:**

Collection:	\$ 8,753.25
On-line giving:	\$ 5,297.50
	<u>\$ 14,050.75</u>



Online Giving

A Secure &amp; 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, peanut butter and jelly, 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 25<sup>TH</sup> or 50<sup>TH</sup> 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](mailto:amarshall@diometuchen.org). Registration will close October 6, 2023.

## Belong to Something Greater

### Calling all high school graduates!

It's overwhelming to be new on campus with no connections, no friends, and no group to call your own. With Newman Connection, graduating seniors can...

- Meet like-minded people
- Find their Church community
- Remain active in their Catholic faith

All before getting to campus! Get connected now.

[www.signupnc.newmanministry.com](http://www.signupnc.newmanministry.com)

## 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](http://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 : August 5 - 6, 2023*

We all know that, before ascending to Heaven, Our Lord Jesus Christ told His disciples to spread the Gospel to all people. Strengthened by the Holy Spirit, those disciples made a great start at this mission. Within a generation after Jesus' Resurrection and Ascension, the Gospel had been preached in most of the Roman Empire, and many people had been converted to Christ.

These days, the Church continues the mission that the apostles began in many ways. One of them is the annual Mission Co – op Plan. As part of this plan every parish in our country – and in many others, too – is visited by a missionary who preaches about the missions at Sunday Mass. A second collection is then taken to support the work of that missionary and his or her community.

On August 19 – 20, our parish will welcome a missionary priest who will preach at all of our Masses. His name is Fr. Matthew Munishi and he is a priest of the Diocese of Moshi – Kilimanjaro. Fr. Matthew's diocese is in Tanzania, East Africa – and includes Mount Kilimanjaro.

The diocese of Moshi – Kilimanjaro has a Catholic population of about a million people. It covers some 5,029 square kilometers. There are many seminarians and educating them is essential to the future of the diocese. A number of hospitals, health clinics, regular parishes, and mission stations are also served by this mission diocese. I encourage everyone who can to support the missionary work of the Church. Not all of us can go to the missions, but all of us can support them through our prayers and, in many cases, financial offerings. In doing so, we continue that great mission that Jesus gave to us through His first disciples.

Over the years, I have come to believe that the Mission Co – op Appeal should also make us think about ways we can be missionaries right here in our own community. One way is making sure that our children or grandchildren are enrolled in Religious Education (CCD) Classes or Catholic School. Another is encouraging others to come to Church with us. Still another is being ready to respectfully and politely share our Faith with others when the opportunity presents itself. With so many people who have fallen away from the Faith – or never been introduced to it – there is a lot of mission work to do right in our own backyard. Strengthened by the Spirit – Who came to us in Confirmation – we can do our part to spread the Gospel.

Speaking of missionary work and spreading the Gospel – remember that RCIA will begin again this autumn. RCIA is the process by which converts are welcomed into the Catholic Church. I am already working with one person and have another who is interested for this year. If you know of someone who has never been Baptized and would like to be – or who was Baptized in another denomination and wishes to become Catholic – or even someone who was Baptized Catholic but never received any other sacraments (First Communion or Confirmation) – RCIA is for them. You can either refer them to me or call me on their behalf. I will be very happy to help them!

This Monday morning, I will be leaving for my vacation. I will be taking a road trip way out west – to North Platte, Nebraska. If you like freight trains, it's a great place to go. On the way there and back, I will stop at some other train watching locations. I will be back in time for the Mission Co – op Appeal the weekend of August 19 – 20.

I always have lots of quiet time for prayer on these road trips and will include all of you in my prayers each day. Please remember to say a Hail Mary for me today – and every day. Let's also pray for Fr. Matthew and the missions and all the prospective converts among us. Finally, let's pray for our parish and for peace.

Have a great week!  
Fr. John



**Saint of the Week:**  
**St. Jane Frances de Chantal**



St. Jane Frances was married with six children and lived a happy life. When her husband died, she fell into intense mourning for a long time. It was when she met St. Frances de Sales that her heart was softened again, and she got back to living a very devout life.

St. Jane Frances served under the wisdom of St. Frances de Sales and founded the Congregation of the Visitation for women who wished to live a religious life like her which eventually turned into a convent. Over her lifetime, through many hardships, St. Jane Frances was intensely committed to her faith in God. By the time she died St. Jane Frances has founded about 85 convents. May we look to St. Jane Frances de Chantal whenever we feel overwhelmed by the circumstances of life, for like her we can overcome anything through our faith in the Lord.



**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](mailto: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!

**Bus Trip**

Join us for a bus trip to Wind Creek, PA on Monday, August 21st. 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.

**2024 MASS BOOK**

We will be opening the 2024 Mass Book on Monday, August 21st. Please see the below information regarding the Mass Book prior to the 21st and share with whoever you think would like to know this information.

The rectory hours of operation are 9am-12pm and 1pm-4pm Monday-Thursday and is closed on Friday's until after Labor Day. There will be a limit of requesting 3 weekend Masses per person at a time, but weekday Masses will not have a limit. We do this so that many people will have the opportunity to get a Mass said in memory of a loved one, especially since it's easier for people to get here on the weekends, and those fill up for the year much faster. We thank you in advance for your patience and understanding.

**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.

**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](mailto:jhoynes.wilson@yahoo.com).





## Update from the Religious Education Program

### Looking ahead to September 2023

The 2023 – 2024 year will begin with a parent meeting for parents with children in grades 1 through 8. The meeting has been scheduled for Monday, September 11, 2023 beginning at 6:15 and will be held in the Church. We hope most of you can arrange to attend. Although classes have begun at 6:00 p.m. in prior years, it seems the 6:00 p.m. start time has been challenging for some parents and for some catechists. To help with the time challenges, the start time for classes for the 2023 – 2024 year will be 15 minutes later, with classes beginning at 6:15 p.m. The class end time will remain at 7:15 p.m.

### Calendar for 2023 – 2024 Year

The calendar for the 2023-2024 year was emailed on August 1, 2023 to all families whose children are registered to attend classes in September. Included with the calendar is information regarding coming to Mass and dates that Mass attendance will replace coming to class the following Monday. If you did not receive the email, please check spam and if it is not there, please send me an email. ([ederosa@sjvs.net](mailto:ederosa@sjvs.net)).

### Registration for 2023 – 2024

As of this writing, only 148 students have been registered. Please, if you have a child who will be attending 1st through grade in public school in September, the time to register him or her is now!

The St. John Vianney Religious Education Program is an eight-year program, beginning in grade one and continuing through grade eight. We encourage each child to begin attending classes in first grade and attend each successive year through eighth grade. With that said, we realize that for a variety of reasons, some children may not have attended for one or more years. If you have a child who has missed a year or more, please contact me or our Pastor, Fr. John. We will work with you to ensure your child is offered appropriate religious education.

### Contacting Me

The best way to reach me is by email at [ederosa@sjvs.net](mailto: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*

#### *Edith Stein: The Seventh Chamber*

This film is a moving, artistic portrayal of the life of Jewish philosopher, Catholic convert, and Carmelite martyr, Edith Stein. It powerfully captures the interior struggles of this extraordinary woman and her journey toward the Lord.

#### *Clare and Francis*

This outstanding movie is unique among films about St. Francis because of the historical accuracy of the story and its authentic spirit of joy and piety so characteristic of Francis, as well as the major role played by Clare. Both founded major religious orders, and together they inspired many to follow their radical call to live the Gospel.

#### *The Transfiguration | Sacred Art*

Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp sit down with Raffaello Sanzio's painting, "The Transfiguration," to discuss its theological meaning and how it can speak to us today.



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## Gospel Today

### The Transfiguration of the Lord | Matthew 17:1-9

On the mountain Jesus is Transfigured and appears with Moses and Elijah, who in the old testament both remind the people to "Obey God". Jesus tells Peter, James and John to believe and obey Him and keep this vision a secret until the resurrection.

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## BIBLE WORD SEARCH

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

On the mountain, a voice from Heaven is heard,  
"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to Him."

Matthew 17:5



Transfigured	H	T	R	B	S	P	E	T	E	R	N	E	B
Matthew													
Jesus	A	I	A	P	P	E	A	R	S	S	W	R	C
Mountain													
Peter	J	O	H	N	E	H	M	A	T	T	H	E	W
James													
John	I	M	O	S	E	S	U	N	T	H	I	R	I
Appears													
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