

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 – 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**SATURDAY, August 26, 2023**

8:00 AM	Kevin Alencewicz, r/o Aunt Fran
5:00 PM	Timothy William Stevens, r/o Mom & Dad

SUNDAY, August 27, 2023

8:00 AM	Violetta Boguszewski, r/o Faily
10:00 AM	For the People of the Parish, Living & Deceased
12:00 PM	Josephine Iocabelli, r/o Bob & Carol Iocabelli

MONDAY, August 28, 2023 – St. Augustine

7:00 AM	Robin Whitehead, r/o Diane Fox
8:30 AM	Azuncia Razon, r/o Diana & Joe Pompeo

TUESDAY, August 29, 2023

7:00 AM	Eduardo Bernardo, r/o Son & Daughter-in-law
8:30 AM	Louis Peragallo, r/o Family

WEDNESDAY, August 30, 2023

7:00 AM	Felicity Reid, r/o Eunice Reid
8:30 AM	Beverly Orlowski, r/o Dindayal Family

THURSDAY, August 31, 2023

7:00 AM	Miriam & Norman Jorgensen, r/o Jay & Maureen Jorgensen
8:30 AM	Lily Stevens, r/o Grandma & Grandpa

FRIDAY, September 1, 2023

7:00 AM	Jeanne Y. Hodge, r/o Pagano Family
8:30 AM	Rosa Julius, r/o Noto Family

SATURDAY, September 2, 2023

8:00 AM	Antonio Santos, r/o Faculty, Staff & Students of SJV
5:00 PM	Castner-Gibbs Family, r/o Family

SUNDAY, September 3, 2023

8:00 AM	For the People of the Parish, Living & Deceased
10:00 AM	Kazimiera & Jozef Jania, r/o Granddaughter, Ashley
12:00 PM	Warren Devine, r/o Mr. & Mrs. Connie Odonnell



The Altar Flowers
have been offered
in loving memory of
Timothy William Stevens from
Mom & Dad.

**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

Bella Nicole Hajduk

TO WED

TO HEAL

Bruce Horning, Caroline Stauffer, Mary Nilan, Mariola Waryniak, Stephen Jankowski, Christina Daliani, Msgr. O'Neill, Robert Anderson, Gladys Schmidt, Henry & Joanne Sokoloski, Robert Jardines, Kathy Leary, Eileen Barrett, Margaret Anne Kerr, 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, 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 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

David Castner & Norma Glassmann

A TIME OF WAR & PEACE

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

Weekend Readings

Isaiah 22:19-23
Romans 11:33-36
Matthew 16:13-20

Weekday readings can be found on the parish website.

August 27, 2023

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Or who has given the Lord anything that he may be repaid?" -ROMANS 11:35

St. Paul reminds us of a central fact of stewardship. We cannot give God anything – He already owns it all. God made everything, including us. Since we are made in His image, we too, are called to be generous. How we use our God-given gifts becomes our gift back to Him. Gratitude for all we have been given opens our hearts to joyful generosity! And, through our generosity, we just may be the answer to someone else's prayer.

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



Weekend Mass Schedule

September 2 ND	5:00pm	Fr. Bob
September 3 RD	8:00am	Fr. Jay
	10:00am	Fr. Greg
	12:00pm	Fr. John

Rectory Summer Hours

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

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.

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
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Knights of Columbus	Bob Luban	732-382-6939
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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-Caná	Deacon Tom & Janice Michnewicz	732-574-1651
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	Anna Zielski	732-325-7779
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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.

AUGUST 20, 2023Collection:
On-line giving:**OFFERTORY:**\$ 9,782.00
\$ 4,828.50
\$ 14,610.50**AUGUST 21, 2022**Collection:
On-line giving:**OFFERTORY:**\$ 10,121.25
\$ 4,342.50
\$ 14,463.75

Online Giving

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, 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.

Eucharistic Adoration at St. John Vianney

We are looking for people to commit to spending a scheduled hour a week in the Blessed Sacrament at Adoration. Come adore the Lord for one hour or more in Eucharistic Adoration. The Blessed Sacrament will be on the altar of St. John Vianney Church each Saturday from 8:30am – 11:00am starting on September 9th. We must have at least two people present during each hour as the Most Blessed Sacrament may not be left alone while exposed. Please prayerfully consider giving Jesus an hour of your week in Adoration. If you are interested, please call Jo Ann Worosila at 908-420-5083 or Joanne Streck at 732-382-4147.

Eucharistic Adoration is a silent mediation in the presence of the exposed Host. One hour a week with Jesus, to recite your favorite prayers, read the bible, contemplate acts of faith, hope and charity, thanksgiving, reparation, pray a rosary or do whatever prayerful devotion that suits you before Our Lord. You can just sit and say nothing simply keeping Him company, just as you would with a dear friend.

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

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 : August 26 - 27, 2023

I want to begin my words this week by thanking Fr. Bede for all he has done for our parish. He is a wonderful priest who has served our Church very well these past five years. Please join us downstairs after the 10 AM Mass today (Sunday) to wish him well as he takes on the pastorate of two parishes in Hunterdon County.

On a personal note, I will always be grateful to Fr. Bede for welcoming me to this parish a little over a year ago. He was the calm in the storm of transition that goes with moving to a new parish. Since then, he has been a reliable brother priest who took on more than his share of funerals, sick calls, Holy Masses, and Confessions. He is more than ready to take on his own parish – and will do a great job.

While Fr. Bede's departure is certainly sad, I have some very good news for our parish. The Religious Teachers Filippini will be living and working in our parish and school. Two sisters will teach various grades of religion in our parish school, another will lead Youth Ministry in our parish, another will serve as superior of the convent and yet another be in residence. Most of them will also help to some degree with CCD.

Having religious sisters in our parish and school is a great blessing – as I'm sure many of you are aware. The Religious Teachers Filippini – in particular – are known for their dedication to teaching the faith. The sister who founded their order – St. Lucy Filippini – gave them the mission to 'go and teach', and they have been doing that ever since.

St. Lucy was born in 1672. She started out pretty much as what we might today call a catechist or religion teacher who trained other teachers. Cardinal Marcantonio Barbarigo asked her to begin schools, especially for poor girls, which she did. St. Lucy also gathered like-minded women into a community of sisters who worked together on this mission. She was even called upon by the pope to bring her work to Rome. In her lifetime, more than 50 schools were started by St. Lucy and her religious sisters.

You will see our new sisters around Church this weekend. Please say hello and make them welcome – which I know you will. Please also pray for them and their work in our parish – and that many young women from our parish will be inspired by the sister's example to answer God's call to be sisters.

Finally, I had a great time on my recent vacation. I say lots of trains in some beautiful settings. I also read some good books. The Church in the Dark Ages by Philip Campbell. It is part of a series of books published by Ave Maria Press whose aim is to 'reclaim Church history' by setting the record straight and refuting the many anti – Catholic myths that have often been uncritically accepted over the years. I wholeheartedly recommend it.

I also read a book called 'To the end' by former Yankees pitcher CC Sabathia, which was good – though I would caution you about some of the language in it. Finally, I listened to three other books while driving. The Zimmermann Note by Barbara Tuchmann was about an incident that helped propel our country into World War I. The Greatest Team Ever by Jack Curry was about the 1998 Yankees – from whom, as Yankee fans know, the current team could learn a lot. The final one, Baseball 1941 by Robert Creamer, was about the last baseball season before we entered World War II – a season filled with a tense National League pennant race, Joe Di Maggio's 56 game hitting streak, and Ted Williams .406 batting average. The World Series that year featured a memorable and unusual heads up play by our own Deacon Tom's favorite ballplayer – Tommy Henrich. All of these books were very enjoyable.

Planning ahead – please remember that our Golf Outing will be on October 2nd. Sign-up information can be found elsewhere in this bulletin or through the parish office. It was a good time last year, despite less than cooperative weather. I hope many of you join the fun.

Please remember to pray that Hail Mary for me today and every day. Our prayers are a great gift to each other. Let's also pray for our new sisters, for Fr. Bede, and for our new priest, Fr. Greg. Prayers for those dealing with the recent storms, wildfires, and other tragedies are also in order.

Have a great week!
Fr. John

Saint of the Week: St. Gregory

St. Gregory was born into wealth in Rome but later gave it up to become a monk. He was a deacon, papal ambassador, abbot and eventually pope. Many people have and still acknowledge St. Gregory as "the Great" for all the charity he did throughout his lifetime, as

well as his dedication to seek justice for those who couldn't for themselves. He is also known for his reform of the liturgy. May we all look to St. Gregory the Great as an example to always do God's work on earth, seeking justice and being a voice for those who do not have the luxury or opportunity to speak for themselves.

**St. John Vianney School News**

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

We can't wait to welcome everyone back! We will begin the 2023-24 school year on Tuesday, September 5th. Please see our website for more information. We can't wait to see you!

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!

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 opened 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.

**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.



Legion of Mary Day will be held at the Blue Army Shrine in Washington, NJ on Saturday, August 19, 2023 from 10am to 4pm. Father Barbella will be the celebrant of the Mass and 2 guest speakers will be giving talks on the Eucharistic Revival.

Update from the Religious Education Program

Registration for 2023 – 2024

As of this writing, 176 students have been registered. Please, if you have a child who will be attending 1st through 8th grade in public school in September, it is very important that you register him or her now!

Calling parents of children attending 1st grade in public school!!!! Preparation for First Communion begins and first grade and continues into second grade. Just as children are registered to attend first grade in public school, the children need to be registered to attend religious education classes.

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.

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. Classes will begin September 18 with the new time: Monday evenings from 6:15 – 7:15.

Calendar and Parent Handbook for 2023 – 2024 Year

The calendar for the 2023-2024 year was emailed 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.

The Parent Handbook has been updated for 2023 – 2024 to include the materials we will be using as well as the Mass attendance policy. The 2023 – 2024 calendar and Parent Handbook are posted on the website.

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.

Have a blessed week!
Ellen DeRosa

New Jersey Election, November 7, 2023

The news is filled with so much about the potential candidates for the presidential election in 2024 but, **for New Jersey, 2023** is a very significant year. All 120 State Senate and Assembly seats are up for election. It's an opportunity to support new, and like-minded people for these positions. It is extremely important for pro-life people to vote this year, and Mail-in Voting is being encouraged. Please keep sharing this message with like-minded friends and family. Change is possible, but only if citizens take action by voting.

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

Restless Heart: The Confessions of Augustine

This film on the life of St. Augustine offers a message of conversion and redemption. It is the story of a gifted man who pursues fame and fortune without a moral compass - and the dramatic changes that occur in his soul when challenging events lead him to see the light of truth.

Confessions of Augustine: Who Is St. Augustine? (Part 1 of 6)

Join these two patristic scholars as they help viewers learn how to read this classic text and draw from the riches of the spiritual life of the doctor of the Church, Saint Augustine.

St. John the Baptist | Catholic Saints

Join Dr. John Sehorn and Taylor Kemp as they talk about St. John the Baptist, the forerunner to Christ.

< KID'S > KORNER

Gospel Today | 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time | Mt 16:13-20

In today's gospel, according to **Matthew**, after receiving The Holy Spirit, Peter's **faith** was solid as a rock. When Jesus asked "Who **do** you say that I am"? Peter **responded** "You are the **Messiah**, The **Christ**, The **Son** of the Living **God**".

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Who do you say I AM?

Jesus told **Peter** he was the **rock** upon which He would **build** His **church**. Peter who was firm and dependable would begin the **formation** of the church and the **key**. The symbol of Authority, would be given to him.

- The **bold** words are found in the puzzle -

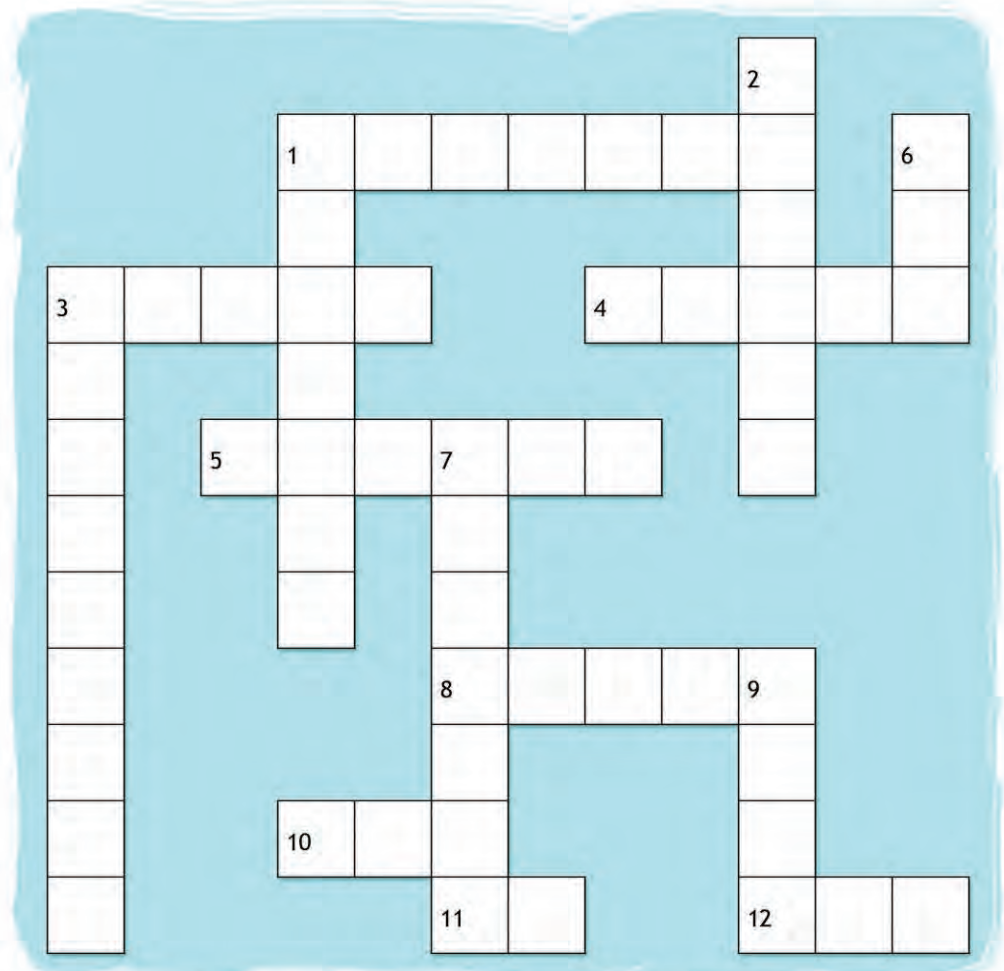


ACROSS

- 1] The Promised One
- 3] Peter's ____ was solid as a rock
- 4] To construct
- 5] A place we go to worship
- 8] The Apostle who responded to Jesus
- 10] Jesus is The ____ of God.
- 11] Jesus said "who ____ you say that I AM".
- 12] What we use to open a locked door

DOWN

- 1] Today we read the gospel of ____.
- 2] Jesus is The Messiah, or ____.
- 3] The act or process of forming
- 6] Our Father, The Almighty
- 7] To give an answer
- 9] Solid, natural mineral object



On this rock I will
build my church.



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