

St. John Vianney Church

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Rectory Hours: Monday-Friday 9am-4pm



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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	Stephanie Noto
School Administrative Assistant	Sandy Gambotto
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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 – 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**SATURDAY, September 16, 2023**

8:00 AM	Emily Tramutola, r/o Family
5:00 PM	Iris Wirth, r/o Mary Migacz

SUNDAY, September 17, 2023

8:00 AM	For the People of the Parish Living/Deceased
10:00 AM	Purgatorial Society
12:00 PM	Mark Cavallero, r/o Mr. & Mrs. Connie O'Donnell

MONDAY, September 18, 2023

7:00 AM	Nellie Cruz, r/o Lisa Hudak & Family
8:30 AM	Michael DePaola, r/o Geraldine DePaola

TUESDAY, September 19, 2023

7:00 AM	Anetta Criscovage, r/o Gerardo & Maria Famiglietti
8:30 AM	Robert John Berzito, r/o & Pichirallo Family

WEDNESDAY, September 20, 2023

7:00 AM	Carmen Chisvetti, r/o Colonia Pharmacy
8:30 AM	Marilou Kiss, r/o The Clifford Family

THURSDAY, September 21, 2023

7:00 AM	Patrick Tanzola Sr., r/o Tiffany Vitollo
8:30 AM	Andrew Bukowski, r/o Wieslawa Drobik

FRIDAY, September 22, 2023

7:00 AM	Steffie Riley, r/o Rhonda Sanchez
8:30 AM	Helen Leathem, r/o Leathem Family

SATURDAY, September 23, 2023

8:00 AM	Timothy Rokose, r/o Emily Shisalli
5:00 PM	Elena Schwerfeger, r/o Mr. & Mrs. Connie O'Donnell

SUNDAY, September 24, 2023

8:00 AM	For the People of the Parish Living/Deceased
10:00 AM	Richard Kislán, r/o Eileen Walsh
12:00 PM	Lawrence Peurschner, r/o Catherine Young



The Altar Flowers
have been offered
in loving memory of
Helen Leathem
from her Jean & Bill Stevens.

**Save the Date for the
Harvest Moon Dance on
Saturday, October 14th.
Please find the information flyers in the
gathering area of the Church and on the
Parish website.**

The Prayer Corner

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

A TIME TO BAPTIZE

Adrian Noel Andrade

TO WED

TO HEAL

Stanley Koberski, Justin Chiera, Bruce Horning, Caroline Stauffer, Mary Nilan, Mariola Waryniak, Stephen Jankowski, Christina Daliani, Msgr. O'Neill, 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

June Morrison & Joseph Juzefyk

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

Sirach 27:30 – 28:7

Romans 14:7-9

Matthew 18:21-35

Weekday readings can be found on the parish website.

September 17, 2023

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's." ROMANS 14:8

This is the essence of stewardship – everything we have and everything we are is a gift from God. We aren't "owners" anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts that God has given us, especially our very own lives. Pray to God, daily, and ask Him how He is calling you to live the life that He intended for you.

Reflection

Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. This year, the Church celebrates Catechetical Sunday this weekend on Sunday, September 17th. Those who the parish community has designated to serve as catechists will be called forth to be commissioned for their ministry.

The Seeds of Faith in Prayer

May the seeds of faith blossom
as you nurture God's young disciples,
and may our ever-present
connection to Christ through prayer
be a joyful blessing for you
and the children in your care.



Weekend Mass Schedule

September 23 RD	5:00pm	Fr. Greg
September 24 TH	8:00am	Fr. Bob
	10:00am	Fr. Greg
	12:00pm	Fr. John

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

Praised be Jesus Christ!

THE CLOISTER IN OUR MONASTERY here in Flemington isn't as grand as the Cloisters in New York, but it serves a similar purpose. It is a square courtyard, covered over with a skylight instead of being open to the sky, and from it radiate the various corridors leading to different parts of the Monastery. We often pass one another in the cloister and corridors, and when we do we exchange a greeting: "Praised be Jesus Christ!" "Now and forever."

WE PRAISE HIM each time we meet one another because He is the one who brings us together. He brings us together in the Church, He brings us together as a religious community, and He brings us together in His Father's love.

IN A WORLD AND A SOCIETY that seems to be splintering apart, our simple greeting is an act of trust that true unity is possible in God. We can be one in Him as He asked of His Father. May this unity spread more and more among us.

PRAISED BE JESUS CHRIST in each of you who read this!
 Visit: www.flemingtoncarmel.org

**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
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	Jeanette Wilmanski	jwilmanski@gmail.com
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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
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	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
Youth Ministry	Sr. Luciana	sruciana@sjvs.net

Saint of the Week: St. Matthew

St. Matthew is one of the most known saints, as he is one of Jesus' apostles and wrote the book of Matthew in the Bible. Prior to this, St. Matthew was a tax collector. During this time tax collectors were seen as awful people and sinners, which

made people confused as to why Jesus was associating with such a person. Through St. Matthew's relation to Jesus, we witness a message that Jesus shares with us quite frequently, that loving others is more important than judging them. St. Matthew is known for being open and honest and also for bringing other sinners, like himself, to Jesus. May we look to St. Matthew as an example of someone who gave their life fully to God's service.

SEPTEMBER 10, 2023**OFFERTORY:**

Collection:	\$ 10,481.25
On-line giving:	\$ 5,309.50
	<u>\$ 15,790.75</u>

Peter's Pence Collection was \$3,603.25

Give with a grateful heart!



Online Giving

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**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 has been replaced with a different fundraiser for this school year for a variety of reasons. We still have some of our scrip gift card inventory at the rectory, and are selling them 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! Shotgun start – Golf Packages and Dinner Packages will be available. Event includes lunch, a cocktail hour, dinner, auction, and prizes. Please find the sign-up forms in the gathering area of the Church, rectory office, 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 meditation 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

The next Pro-Life Committee meeting is Tuesday, September 26th at 6:30pm in the meeting room left of the church foyer, we welcome new people and new ideas.

Pastor's Column : September 16 - 17, 2023

Last Thursday evening I had the pleasure of attending the Pride in Priests Dinner sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. All our parish priests were there, as was our bishop and many priests from around the diocese. We even saw Fr. Bede, who came with the Knights from his new parishes.

Honoring priests by means of this dinner is only one of the many good works of the Knights of Columbus. They do a great deal of Charity, raising money for food pantries and shelters. They're also very active promoting each and every person's right to life – especially by supporting places like Life Choices that help mothers in all kinds of ways.

In doing such things the Knights of Columbus are following the good example of their saintly founder, Blessed Fr. Michael McGivney. He was a parish priest in Connecticut who founded the Knights in the 1800's to provide support and fraternity for Catholic men who wanted to live their faith. Remember that many Catholic men at that time were immigrants who only got the most dangerous and low paying jobs, and that anti – Catholic sentiment was rampant. The fraternity and mutual support provided by the Knights of Columbus helped these men keep the faith and raise their families.

I encourage every Catholic man in our parish to consider joining this wonderful group! Doing so is a great way to meet other Catholic men, grow in your faith, and do those good works that are essential to the Christian life.

This weekend is Catechetical Sunday. It is a day to remember that we are all called to 'catechize' – or teach – the Faith to others. For this reason, we will have a special blessing for all our CCD and School teachers at the 10 AM Mass today.

As we ask God's blessing on those who teach the faith, we do well to remember that parents are always the primary religious educators of their children. When God blesses a couple with a child, he also gives them the mission of sharing their faith in Jesus Christ with that child. Teaching children to pray, taking them to Church, sharing age -appropriate Bible stories with them are all ways that parents – indeed the whole family – does this.

Speaking about taking children to Church – I love to see, and hear children in Church. Some people tell me they worry that their little children will make too much noise and distract others at Mass. My advice to them is – don't worry about it. Personally – I like hearing children at Church. We belong to a Church that has always taught that children are a great blessing from God – and that parents should be open to welcoming each and every child God sends them. Hearing children in Church brings that Truth alive for me.

In the spirit of Catechetical Sunday, please remember to make sure that any school aged family member (grade 1 – 8), are enrolled in our CCD program or parish school. The lessons they learn in CCD or Religion class in school reinforce and build upon the things their family is teaching them about the Lord Jesus and the Catholic Faith He gave us. If you have any questions, or are not sure how to register, give me a call and I'll help you.

Finally, please keep praying that Hail Mary for me each day. Many of you have told me you are doing this, and I really appreciate it. God pours out many blessing to us in answer to our prayers for each other. Let's also pray for the sick, and for peace.

Have a great week!
Fr. John

This Week At A Glance

Sunday	Catechetical Sunday Parish Breakfast after the 10am Mass Youth Ministry Meet & Greet in UBR after all Masses
Monday	CCD 6:15pm-7:15pm 8th grade CCD meeting – CAF 6:30pm
Tuesday	Back-to-School Night & HSA meeting 7pm in CAF & Classrooms
Wednesday	Fair Committee follow up meeting in UBR 7pm Adult Choir – CH 7:30-10pm
Thursday	Legion of Mary – UBR 7pm
Saturday	Carmelite Group – UBR 9am-12pm

**St. John Vianney School News**

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

Welcome back! We are so excited to be back to school! Before and aftercare are available. We hope you had a wonderful summer! We've missed you!

Registration for the 2022-23 school year is open! Please see our school website or call the school office for more information.

So many great ideas and suggestions have come in! 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!

**Youth Ministry Meet & Great!**

Please join us after all Masses this weekend in the upstairs room of the Church to meet Sister Luciana and others involved in our Youth Ministry program here at St. John Vianney Parish! This is a great time to meet other teens and families, and there will be light refreshments. Stop by with any questions and ideas you may have, or just to find out more information!



The Blessing of the Animals will be held on Sunday, October 8th at 1:30pm around Mary's Island. Everyone is welcome to bring their pets (or other animals) to be blessed that day. Doing so is a way to thank God for your pets, and to ask his protection upon them.

**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.

**Bus Trip**

Join us for a bus trip to Wind Creek, PA on Monday, September 18th. 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.

Update from the Religious Education Program

Classes for 2023 – 2024

Thank you to all the parents and Catechists who made arrangements to attend the Parent Meeting on Monday.

We are looking forward to the start of classes on Monday the 18th. Thanks be to God, we have 21 catechists, multiple aides and volunteers, both adult and high school age, and over 220 children.

With the 6:15 start time I am hoping any instances of late arrival will be minimal.

Remember, first and second grade classes are assembling and departing from the Church. Children in all other grades will enter and depart through the doors closest to the Parish Center. I have requested an off-duty police officer to assist with the parking lot as well as be a presence in the building during the class sessions. The officer's presence is a safety measure, not an indication there is anything happening that would be of concern.

Absences

Remember, if your child will miss a class, it is important to notify us of the absence in advance of the class. The best way to notify us is to send an email to ederosa@sjvs.net. Include the name of the child, grade and reason for the absence. If you cannot send an email, you can leave a message, with the same information, on the following number: 732-3388-1424

Opt-Out.

As mentioned during the parent meeting, the website includes information from the NJ Catholic Conference regarding the process parents can use to opt-out of certain health and physical education lessons presented in public schools.

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. **To apply for a mail-in ballot**, use the link below to print the form that can be mailed in: <https://www.state.nj.us/state/elections/assets/pdf/forms-vote-by-mail/vote-by-mail-english-middlesex.pdf> For **general vote-by mail information** including deadline dates, go to this link: <https://www.state.nj.us/state/elections/vote-by-mail.shtml#applications>

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

Padre Pio: Miracle Man

This movie captures the Capuchin friar's intense faith, devotion, and deep spiritual concern for others, as well as his great compassion for the sick and suffering. It reveals the amazing details and events in Padre Pio's life as a boy and throughout his fifty years as a friar, dramatizing the frequent attacks from the devil, as well as the persecution he suffered at the hands of people, including those in the Church.

The Calling of Matthew

Dr. Tim Gray provides an extended analysis of Caravaggio's The Calling of St. Matthew.

The Reluctant Saint: The Story of St. Joseph Cupertino

This film portrays the life of St. Joseph of Cupertino, the humble Franciscan friar who literally rose to sainthood. In the impoverished village of seventeenth century Cupertino, Italy, Joseph's peasant mother convinces the reluctant abbot to accept her son into the monastery. With the support of the kindly local bishop who sees in him a great deal more than others do, and by a series of miraculous incidents, the simple but pious Joseph is ordained a priest.

< KID'S > KORNER

Gospel Today

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time | Matthew 18:21-35

Jesus says there should be no limit to the times we forgive, from our hearts, those who treat us unfairly.



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JESUS REMINDS US TO BE FORGIVING

Think of
someone you
need to forgive.

What symbol
would best show
what you are feeling?

Love, peace, hugs &
kisses or prayer; or are
you just proud to be in
America.

Design and color your own
FORGIVENESS FLAG.

With the symbols below, or
your own ideas, design a
larger flag on a separate
piece of paper and
hang it in a
window.



*Forgive from
the heart flag*



American flag



Peace flag



Praying hands flag

SAMPLE FLAGS

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