

St. John Vianney Church

420 Inman Avenue – Colonia, New Jersey 07067
 (732)574-0150 – <https://parish.sjvianney.com>
 Rectory Hours: Monday-Friday 9am-4pm



FEAST
 OF THE
Archangels

Saints
Michael,
Gabriel &
Raphael

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. Greg Zanetti, 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 – 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**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 Kislan, r/o Eileen Walsh
12:00 PM	Lawrence Peurschner, r/o Catherine Young

MONDAY, September 25, 2023

7:00 AM	
8:30 AM	Dorothy Larocque, r/o Family

TUESDAY, September 26, 2023

7:00 AM	Frank K. Gong, r/o Loving Family
8:30 AM	Thelma Cruz, r/o Ana Paz

WEDNESDAY, September 27, 2023

7:00 AM	Timothy Rokose, r/o Barry Family
8:30 AM	Donald Benes, r/o Family

THURSDAY, September 28, 2023

7:00 AM	David Nisky, r/o Nisky Family
8:30 AM	William Dacey, r/o Egger & Maureen Lugo

FRIDAY, September 29, 2023

7:00 AM	
8:30 AM	Michael Angelo DePaola, r/o Eleonora Aloe & Family

SATURDAY, September 30, 2023

8:00 AM	Arlene Grinnell, r/o the Campione's
5:00 PM	Lynn Tumblety, r/o Stephanie Noto & Family

SUNDAY, October 1, 2023

8:00 AM	For the People of the Parish Living/Deceased
10:00 AM	Robert Zdanowski, r/o Gert Zdanowski
12:00 PM	Juan Atehortua, r/o Renata



The Altar Flowers
have been offered
in loving memory of
Donald Benes
from Family.



The Sanctuary Light
has been offered
in loving memory of
Frank K. Gong
from Loving Family.



The Bread & Wine
has been offered
in loving memory of
Timothy E. Rokose
from Mom & Dad.

The Prayer Corner

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

A TIME TO BAPTIZE

TO WED

TO HEAL

Fr. Joseph Kubiak, Stanley Koberski, Justin Chiera, Bruce Horning, Caroline Stauffer, Mary Nilan, Mariola Warzyniak, 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, 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, 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

Annie Panaccione, Raymond Zafian & Pietro Bagnato

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 55:6-9
Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a
Matthew 20:1-016a

Weekday readings can be found on the parish website.

September 24, 2023

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"THUS, THE LAST WILL BE FIRST, AND THE FIRST WILL BE LAST" Matthew 20:16

You've heard the saying "it's not where you start, but how you finish." This certainly applies to this Bible passage. We have a responsibility not only for our own lives, but for the lives of others as well. We are called to generously share our gifts with others, not hoard them for our own use. Our sincere gratitude and cheerful generosity will help us live "God-centered" lives and not "self-centered" lives.

Transitus is the annual celebration by Franciscans throughout the world to commemorate the meeting of St. Francis with Sister Death, his passing from earthly life to everlasting life. It is celebrated the night of October 3rd, the eve of his feast day. Since Francis spoke of dying as embracing Sister Death, the ritual is solemn but not sad, and inspires believers to share in the paschal transitus of Christ.

St. John Vianney Secular Franciscan Fraternity will have the Transitus on **October 3 at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday**, at St. John Vianney Church, Inman Ave., Colonia.

We invite parishioners to come and join us in reading this inspiring event of the death of St. Francis.

**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.**

Weekend Mass Schedule

September 30 TH	5:00pm	Fr. John
October 1 ST	8:00am	Fr. Jay
	10:00am	Fr. Greg
	12:00pm	Fr. John

St. Vincent de Paul News

On September 27, the Church celebrates the feast of St. Vincent de Paul, who knew that "God had sent him to bring good news to the poor." Together with your gifts, the members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul continue his work and mission in our parish.

Is there a neighbor or friend of yours who is in temporary need because of a loss of a job or an illness? Please leave a message for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul by calling the rectory at 732-574-0150...we want to help!

Thank you "O Princess of St. John Vianney."

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
Fair Coordinator	Joe Noto	sjv_fair @sjvs.net
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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-Can	Deacon Tom & Janice Michnewicz	732-574-1651
Pro-Life	Carolyn Glodek	973-349-4626
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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 Track	Jim Leathem	732-388-5512
	Amanda Miller	732-549-2356
Ushers	Ray Morgan	732-815-1037
Youth Ministry	Sr. Luciana	sruciana@sjvs.net

Saint of the Week: St. Vincent de Paul

St. Vincent de Paul is popularly known as the patron saint of charitable works, and we celebrate his feast day on September 27th each year. Although known for his acts of kindness and selflessness, he was also known to be a sometimes-grumpy man. He gave credit to intensive prayer and the commitment to his faith, for overcoming this. Letting go of his grumpy ways allowed him to put his time and energy into helping those less fortunate. St. Vincent DePaul is recognized for his charitable works and has a society named after him to carry on his legacy, started in 1833 by Blessed Frédéric Ozanam who greatly admired him. St. John Vianney continues this tradition with our own installment of the St. Vincent DePaul Society.

SEPTEMBER 17, 2023 OFFERTORY:

Collection:	\$ 8,759.25
On-line giving:	\$ +4,232.50
	<u>\$ 12,991.75</u>

Give with a grateful heart!



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!



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

This Week At A Glance

Monday	CCD 6:15-7:15pm SvdP meeting – LBR 6-7pm
Tuesday	Al-Anon – Classroom 7-8pm Pro-Life meeting – LBR 6:30pm Cheer – 2 Classrooms 4:30-7:30pm Cub Scouts – 5 Classrooms & CAF 6:30-7:30pm Boy Scouts – CAF 7:30-9:30pm
Wednesday	Adult Choir – CH 7:30-10pm
Thursday	Legion of Mary – UBR 7pm Cheer – 2 Classrooms 4:30-9pm
Saturday	Rosary Rally on Inman Ave. 12pm



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.



**A ROSARY RALLY WILL BE HELD ON
SEPTEMBER 30, 2023 at 12 PM IN FRONT OF
ST. JOHN VIANNEY CHURCH
Rain or Shine! Gather by 11:45 AM**

For Information Call: Denyse Giannone (732) 221-8931 or Joan Wilson (732) 548-3350

Over 100 years ago, Our Lady of Fatima requested "Pray the Rosary". As human efforts fail to solve America's key problems, we turn to God, through His Holy Mother, asking His urgent help.

Bus Trip

Join us for a bus trip to Wind Creek, PA on Monday, October 16th. 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.



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!

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!

Pastor's Column September 23 - 24, 2023

This is the time of year when many things start – or restart – in our parish. Both our parish school and CCD programs are back in session. Additionally, many parish groups have begun meeting again. All of this brings a sense of life to our parish.

Our annual Golf Outing, on October 1, and the Harvest Moon Dance, on October 14th, are two activities that are coming up quickly. For those who may not know, the Harvest Moon Dance is simply a good time social with food. While also a good time, the Golf Outing is also a major fundraiser by which we hope to continue raising money to repave our parking lot. People like me, who don't play golf, can attend and enjoy a nice dinner.

Among the many activities that come this time of year is the Blessing of Animals in honor of St. Francis of Assisi. We will celebrate this in the parking lot next to Mary's Circle at 1:30 PM on Sunday, October 8th. Every 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. We generally celebrate the Blessing of Animals on the Sunday nearest to the actual Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, which is October 4. Like most saints, his feast day is celebrated on the day he died – and was born into Eternal Life. The Blessing of Animals celebrates St. Francis' great love for God's creation – including animals. While many people know of St. Francis' great love of creation, we should not forget his even greater love for God's people. It was his belief in the God given dignity of every human person that led St. Francis to treat people with such kindness and respect – even when they did not do the same for him! St. Francis truly loved his neighbor – all his neighbors – as himself, just as Christ commanded. That love also caused St. Francis to be deeply concerned about the salvation of each person's soul. During the height of the Crusades, he went right to the battle ground, hoping to meet and convert the Muslims to Christ. St. Francis was able to meet with the Sultan of Egypt, Muhammed Al – Kamil. The Sultan was deeply impressed with the sincerity, humility, and obvious holiness of St. Francis, and made sure he got home safely! I have read that the sultan remarked that the world would be a better and more peaceful place if more people were like St. Francis. I'm sure we could all agree with that!

St. Francis respect for every human person is pertinent to us as Respect Life Sunday approaches. The first Sunday in October is designated as Respect Life Sunday to remind us of something St. Francis knew so well – that every human person is sacred in God's eyes. As such, they are deserving of our respect and protection. For this reason, there will be a public Rosary along Inman Avenue next Saturday, September 30. It will begin at 12 Noon. Everyone is welcome to come and pray along.

Whether you join the Rosary or not, try to do something to celebrate and promote the dignity of all human life. Do something to support those people whose human dignity is threatened by poverty, homelessness, abortion, or prejudice. At the very least, say a prayer asking God to plant deep within every heart a deep and abiding respect for His gift of human life.

I will be attending the reunion at my seminary – Mt. St. Mary's in Emmitsburg, Maryland – from October 4 – 6. During that time, I will pray not only at the seminary, but also at the tomb of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, who is buried in that town. As in the past, I will be happy to bring any of your special intentions with me and pray for them. I have always had a great devotion to Mother Seton and have received countless blessings and graces in response to my prayers at her shrine. If you have an intention for which you would like me to pray, just write it on a piece of paper and give it to me this or next weekend. It will be an honor and pleasure to keep your intentions in my prayers.

Please also remember to say a prayer for me – at least one Hail Mary each day.
Let's also pray for our parish, all those who are sick, and for peace.

Have a great week!
Fr. John

Update from the Religious Education Program

Classes for 2023 – 2024

We began classes on Monday the 18th with 21 catechists, multiple aides and volunteers, both adult and high school age, and 229 children. Thanks be to God, the volunteers, parents and children for a great start of this new year!

If you have a child that was for some reason not registered, and you would like to register him or her, it is late, but not too late. Since it is definitely preferable for the children to miss as few classes as possible, the sooner you submit the registration, the better. So, if your child heard from friends at school about coming to religious education class on Monday and your child asked if he or she can go too, the answer is yes. Please complete the registration form and get it to the rectory so I can add the new children to classes. With the 6:15 start time I am hoping any instances of late arrival will be minimal.

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.

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*

Who Are the Angels?

Dr. Ben Akers sits down with Dr. Mark Miravalle, Saint John Paul II Chair of Mariology at Franciscan University of Steubenville, to discuss the angels. What is an angel? What are the choirs of angels? How do we engage with our guardian angels?

St. Jerome | Catholic Saints

An early Church Father from the 4th century, St. Jerome translated the Bible into Latin with the desire to make Scripture more accessible. St. Jerome is the patron of biblical scholars, translators, and archivists and famously said, "Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ."

Who Are the Archangels?

Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. Elizabeth Klein discuss archangels and what role they have in our lives.

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Gospel Today

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time | Matthew 20:1-16a

Jesus compares the Kingdom of Heaven to the vineyard - the rewards are equal for all regardless of when the workers begin, or the faithful respond to the call of Jesus.

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The landowner went out at dawn to hire workers. The first workers agreed on a daily wage. Later in the day the next workers agreed to a just, or fair wage. The last workers only worked 1 hour. Though all the workers started at different times, the landowner paid them the same. Upon receiving the same daily wage, the workers who were in the vineyard all day were envious. The landowner said, "Take what I promised and go. I am free to be generous with my money."

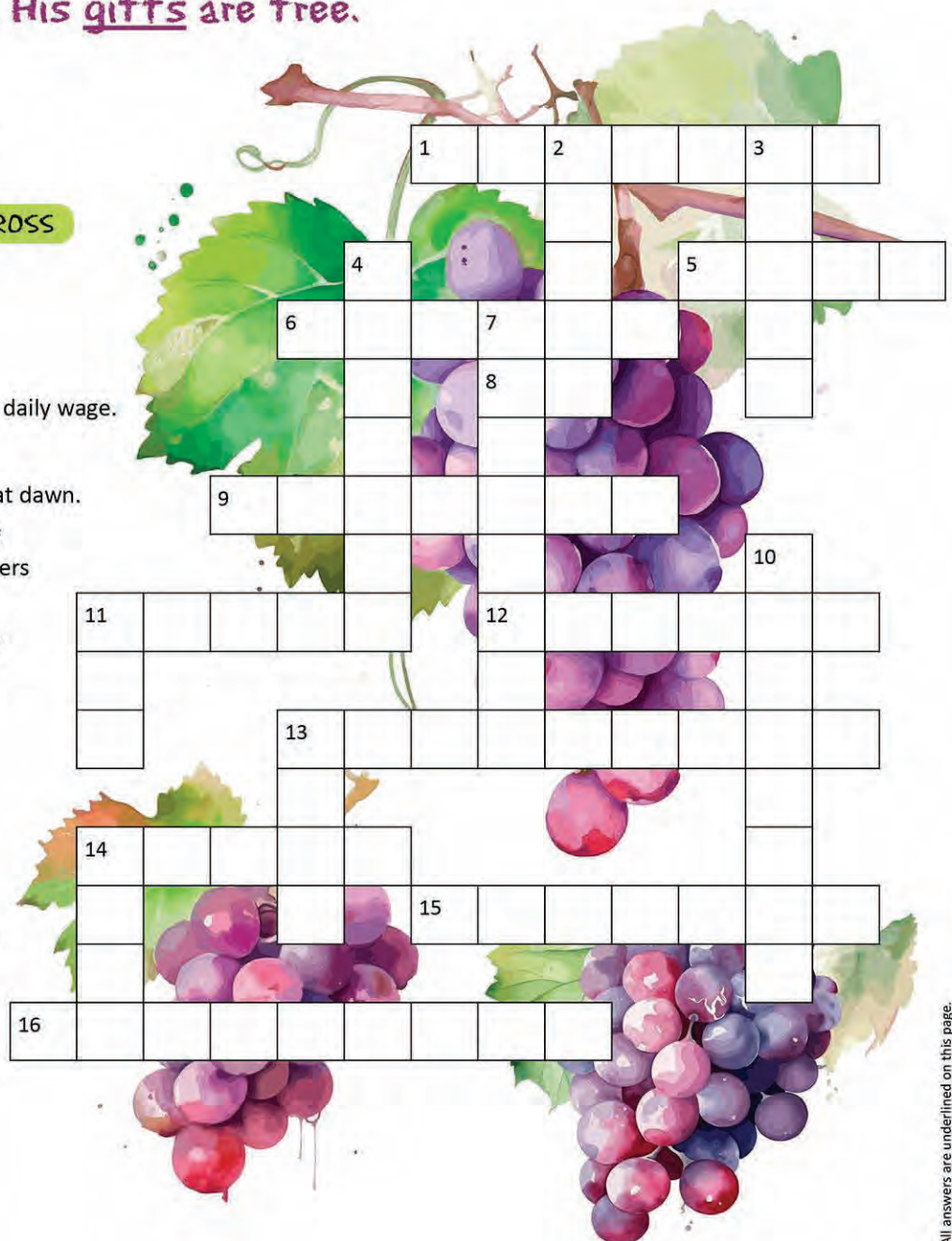
God is generous... His gifts are free.

- 1 Today's reading is from the book of ____
- 5 Word meaning "fair"
- 6 Kingdom of ____
- 8 Heaven ____ like...
- 9 People ready to do a job
- 11 God's ____ are free.
- 12 The workers ____ to the usual daily wage.
- 13 The ____ hired the workers
- 14 The ____ workers were hired at dawn.
- 15 The first workers were ____ of the wage paid to the last workers hired.
- 16 The first workers thought they would be ____ more money.

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- 2 The workers all started at different ____ of day.
- 3 The same, or ____
- 4 In Heaven, the ____ are equal for all.
- 7 A place to grow grapes
- 10 The landowner was ____ with his money.
- 11 Our Heavenly Father
- 13 The workers hired ____ were paid first.
- 14 No charge



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