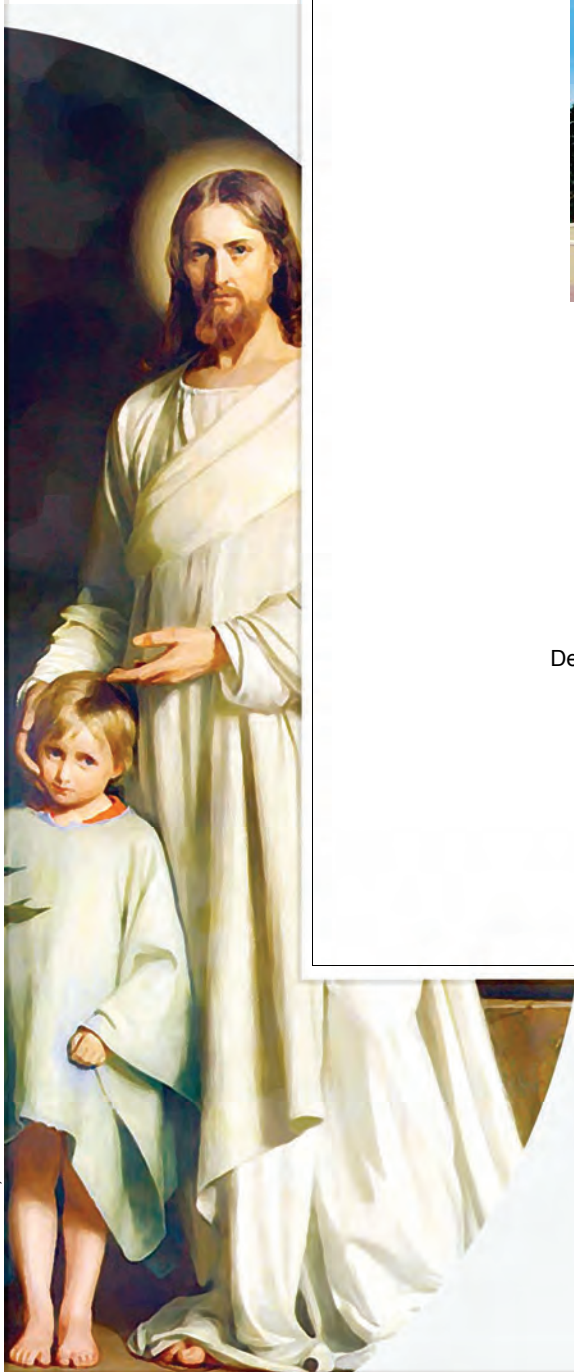




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St. John Vianney Church

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Rectory Hours: Monday-Friday 9am-4pm



Fr. John J. Barbella, Pastor
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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

Respect Life

*Jesus loves the
children of the
world, the born
and the unborn.*

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 – 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

MONDAY, October 2, 2023 – *The Holy Guardian Angels*

7:00 AM	Marie Wittmann, r/o Family
8:30 AM	June Lee Hadyniak, r/o Rose Marie Saraco

TUESDAY, October 3, 2023

7:00 AM	Anna Rybkiewicz, r/o Yosmanovich Family
8:30 AM	Louis Peragallo, r/o Family

WEDNESDAY, October 4, 2023 – *St. Francis of Assisi*

7:00 AM	Lori Zaro, r/o Jackie Cacchione & Sandra Foglia-Edmonds
8:30 AM	Mr. & Mrs. Edward Walsh Sr., r/o Walsh Family

THURSDAY, October 5, 2023 – *St. Faustina Kowalska*

7:00 AM	Richard Giannone, r/o Wife
8:30 AM	Alfred Carpio, r/o Vendiola Family

FRIDAY, October 6, 2023 – *St. Bruno*

7:00 AM	
8:30 AM	Eugene Heiser, r/o Family

SATURDAY, October 7, 2023 – *Our Lady of the Rosary*

8:00 AM	Robert Pero, r/o Rodas Family
5:00 PM	Steffie Riley, r/o Rhonda Sanchez

SUNDAY, October 8, 2023

8:00 AM	For the People of the Parish Living/Deceased
10:00 AM	Mr. & Mrs. Harry Long, r/o Walsh Family
12:00 PM	Msgr. Donald Enderbrock



**The Altar Flowers
have been offered
in loving memory of
Marie Wittmann
from Family.**



**The Sanctuary Light
has been offered
in loving memory of
Jose Vincent Sinchi
from the Sinchi Family.**



**The Bread & Wine
has been offered
in loving memory of
Jose Vincent Sinchi
from the Sinchi Family.**

The Prayer Corner

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

A TIME TO BAPTIZE

Isabell Gabrielle Snee

TO WED

Elizabeth Marano & Joseph J. Fugaro

TO HEAL

Bill Houston, Carol Oberdick, Frances Alencewicz, Robert Kilsby, Fr. Joseph Kubiak, Stanley Koberski, Justin Chiera, Bruce Horning, Caroline Stauffer, 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 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, 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

Patricia Gravish, Theresa Urso & Rose Meoni

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

Ezekiel 18:25-28

Philippians 2:1-11

Matthew 21:28-32

Weekday readings can be found on the parish website.

October 1, 2023

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Do nothing out of selfishness; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves..."

PHILIPPIANS 2:3

Pride and ego are hard things to control. We see how others act or dress and think we are superior to them. We idolize our own self-image. But, if we truly believe everything is a gift from God, we recognize all the people that God has put in our lives as gifts! We are grateful for how they enrich our lives. Pray every day for the people in your life: your family, your friends, and those who make you angry.

Respect Is

Respect is appreciating other people
Especially those outside your circle.

No one is better than you
We all have unique gifts, that is true.

So no matter what your status in life
Do not treat others with strife
Respect the role they play
What they do each and every day.

When you hold others in high esteem
The world will be brighter than it seems
We were all created with a purpose in mind
Respect and love and always be kind.

– Catherine Pulsifer

**Save the Date for the
Harvest Moon Dance on
Saturday, October 14th.**

***Tickets are now available for purchase in
the rectory office during their weekday
hours of operation.***

Weekend Mass Schedule

October 7 TH	5:00pm	Fr. Bob
October 8 TH	8:00am	Fr. John
	10:00am	Fr. Jay
	12:00pm	Fr. Greg

St. Vincent de Paul News

The Gospel today is a great example of saying "Action speak louder than words".

This month through your gifts the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to provide 3 wheelchairs to friends in need, we also provided rental assistance to a single mother with 4 children, this assistance helped a mother avoid eviction. Vincentians also helped to distribute food to more than 900 families.

SJV Seniors

The next meeting of the SJV Seniors will be held in the school cafeteria on Wednesday, October 4th, at 2:30 PM. Entertainment will be provided by Steve Berger, keyboard player and singer.

Our membership secretary, Agnes Larkin, will be collecting dues at ten dollars per person Fran O'Donnell will be collecting fees of \$95 per person for our bus trip on Thursday, October 12th, to Li Greci's on Staten Island for an Oktoberfest Celebration. Mary Nilan will be selling tickets at \$10 per person for our Thanksgiving Luncheon on Wednesday, November 1st.

Remember to bring a donation for the St James Food Pantry. Leave your contribution in the library conference room off the narthex in the church.



Please join Sr. Luciana D'Cruze this Sunday, October 1st, after the 12pm Mass for the very first Youth Group meeting! The meeting will take place in the Youth Group rooms in the rectory office from 1pm-2pm.

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
Finance Council	Mike Kaplonski	732-735-0184
	Jeanette Wilmanski	jwilmanski@gmail.com
HSA	Jaclyn Falzarano	sjvhsa@sjvs.net
	Lydia Guerrier	
Knights of Columbus	Bob Luban	732-382-6939
Lazarus Ministry	Ann Ruth	732-381-6815
Lectors	Deacon Tom Michnewicz	732-574-1651
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
SAC	Jeanette Wilmanski	jwilmanski@gmail.com
Secular Franciscans	Rev. J. Kubiak	732-494-3399
	Anna Zielski	732-325-7779
SJV Seniors	Bob & Mary Nilan	732-574-3427
St. Isidore's Garden	Maureen Jorgensen	732-778-8471
St. Vincent de Paul	Jim Leathem	732-388-5512
Track	Amanda Miller	732-549-2356
Ushers	Ray Morgan	732-815-1037
Youth Minister	Sr. Luciana D'Cruze	sruciana@sjvs.net

Saint of the Week: St. Francis of Assisi



St. Francis of Assisi, being the son of a wealthy merchant, survived severe illness and being a young prisoner of war. These experiences inspired him to devote his life to serving God and the poor. He traveled to restore churches and preach repentance to many. He recruited thousands of people to join him leading lives of poverty, simplicity, and humble service. He is widely known for his advice "Sanctify yourself and you will sanctify society." He gave up a life where he had seemingly all he could want and need, to be poor and humble so he could be more Christ-like. St. Francis expressed his devotion to God by showing his love for the earth and its animals. For this, he is the patron saint of animals and ecology. Here at St. John Vianney, we celebrate St. Francis by having a Blessing of the Animals each year around his feast day.

SEPTEMBER 24, 2023 OFFERTORY:

Collection:	\$ 11,932.45
On-line giving:	+ \$ 4,925.50
	<u>\$ 16,857.95</u>

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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!

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.



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.

Fr. Bede's Installation as Pastor of Our Lady of Victories Church in Baptistown, NJ will take place on October 15th at 9am.

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...

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If you are a man or woman affected by abortion, please check this website for information that may help you:

<http://www.silentnomoreawareness.org/>



Find help at one of these centers:

Life Choices Resource Center, Metuchen, NJ

Phone: 732-516-9111

First Choice Women & Resource Center.

New Brunswick, NJ

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>

An unwanted baby?

You can safely and anonymously give it away.

No shame. No blame

Call SAFE HAVEN HOTLINE:

1-877-839-2339

This Week At A Glance

Monday	Golf Outing Fundraiser at Metuchen Country Club CCD 6:15-7:15pm
Tuesday	Al-Anon – Classroom 7-8pm Franciscans Transitus – CH 7-9pm Cub Scouts – 5 Classrooms & CAF 6:30-7:30pm Boy Scouts – CAF 7:30-9:30pm
Wednesday	SJV Seniors – CAF 2:30-4:30pm Adult Choir – CH 7:30-10pm
Thursday	Legion of Mary – UBR 7pm Cheer – 2 Classrooms 4:30-9pm
Sunday	Youth Group Meeting – YG Office in Rectory 1-2pm Franciscans – UBR 1-3pm Blessing of the Animals 1:30pm around Mary's Island



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.



St. John Vianney School News

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

Welcome back! We are so excited to be back to school! 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!

Bus Trip

Join us for a bus trip to Wind Creek, PA on Monday, October 24th. 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.

Navex Ethics Point

Website URL: <https://diometuchen.ethicspoint.com>

Mobile URL:

<https://diometuchenmobile.ethicspoint.com/>

Hotline: 844-796-1296

Your understanding and support of this effort is greatly appreciated by Bishop Checchio. The successful implementation of Navex EthicsPoint will be a further way to ensure that our Diocese and all its entities are cooperating in the light to be authentically who we are called to be.

Pastor's Column Sept. 30 – October 1, 2023

Last Thursday I had the pleasure of visiting our old friend, Fr. Bede. We had dinner together and enjoyed a nice conversation. He is doing well and says hello to everyone.

Our bishop is going to install him as pastor of Our Lady of Victories Church in Baptistown, NJ, on Sunday, October 15th at 9 AM Mass. Please pray for him, especially that day. It's a long ride, but I told him that if I can possibly be there, I will.

Last week I told you that I will head to the seminary for my annual reunion this Wednesday. In addition to reconnecting with many brother priests with whom I studied years ago, I will also concelebrate a number of Holy Masses. Indeed, seminary reunions are a lot different from most college reunions – with Holy Hours and a couple of Masses. I will keep all of you in prayer during each of them – and will be home in plenty of time for next weekend's Masses.

I also told you that I will visit the Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, who is buried in Emmitsburg, MD – the same town in which my seminary is located. Some of you have already given me intentions to pray for while I am there, something I am happy to do. If you wish, you can write down your intentions on a piece of paper and give it to me by Tuesday afternoon. I always bring these papers to Mother Seton's tomb and mention each one of them in my prayers there.

Mother Seton was a constant source of inspiration while I was in the seminary, and my family has received many favors in answer to her prayers. Chief among these was the healing of one of my cousins who, as a young girl, had a life – threatening illness. My aunt made a pilgrimage to Mother Seton's Shrine to pray, and my cousin recovered beyond all expectations, and lived a relatively normal life. Being only about 11 or 12 at the time, I had never even heard of Mother Seton – nor did I have any idea that I would one day study in the same town where she lived and did so much good work! Indeed, it was all part of God's plan – and I am truly thankful for that.

Because this Tuesday is the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, we will have the traditional blessing of animals in his honor next Sunday, October 8th. It will be held in the parking lot near Mary's Circle at 1:30 PM. The blessing does not last very long – maybe 15 minutes at most. It consists of prayers, a brief reading from Scripture, and the blessing itself and is a way of thanking God for the gift of animals (pets and otherwise) and asking His blessing upon them. Everyone is welcome to bring their pets to this ceremony.

Today is Respect Life Sunday. Take time to consider God's gift of human life that day and think of those whose lives are so vulnerable and in need of protection. Unborn children, the terminally ill, those confined to their homes by illness or disability, the poor, and those elderly who live alone with limited income or mobility can easily 'fly under the radar' and go unnoticed. It's up to us to be aware of their needs and do what we can to serve them.

I am so grateful to our Parish Pro – Life Committee for all they do in this regard – and for everyone who brings diapers and other baby items for the basinet in the Church lobby to support this good work. You are true angels to those in need.

Finally, Sr. Luciana told me that the Youth Group will start meeting on Sundays following the Noon Mass. The meetings will be in the Youth Ministry rooms in the rectory. Thanks to Sr. Luciana for getting this started, and to all those who attended the Come and See gatherings a few weeks ago. This group is the first fruit of those meetings.

Please pray a Hail Mary for me today and every day! Let's also pray for those poor people affected by the many storms and floods around the country and the world - and for peace. Our prayers are a great gift to each other, and a powerful witness to our Faith in Jesus Christ.

Have a great week!

Fr. John

Update from the Religious Education Program**Special Welcome to Students in Grades 7 and 8**

With the 2023 – 2024 year we introduced “Mass Replaces Class” to encourage students to come to Mass with their families. This weekend, students in grades 7 and 8 are stopping at the Check- In table when they arrive for whichever Mass they selected. The attendance at Mass this weekend means these 7th and 8th grade students do not have religious education classes on Monday October 2. To provide a littler refresher for the students, Fr. John met with the 7th and 8th grade classes to review the Mass with them. Similar opportunities for the Mass refresher and “Mass Replaces Class” will be provided later this fall for students in other grades.

Grade 7 Parent Meeting

Preparation for Confirmation is a two-year journey, beginning in 7th grade and concluding with Confirmation in the spring of 8th grade. We will have a meeting with parents of all 7th grade students – whether the students attend the school or the religious education program, on Monday, October 16, 2023, beginning at 6:20 PM. The meeting will be held in the cafeteria. Parents as well as the 7th grade students are encouraged to attend.

Confirmation Retreat

As discussed during the 8th grade meetings last week, one of the requirements for Confirmation reparation is participation in a retreat. Please complete the retreat form selecting your preferred retreat date and return it as soon as possible so we can appropriately plan for each of the retreat days.

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******Faustina and the Spread of Divine Mercy | Divine Mercy | Episode 4***

This episode of Divine Mercy and the Second Greatest Story Ever Told, reveals how a saint from Poland embarked on one of the greatest missions in the history of the Church, becoming a catalyst for the message of Divine Mercy.

Brother Francis: The Barefoot Saint of Assisi

In this 10-part audio drama, listeners can dive into the life of St. Francis of Assisi as he goes from being a son of wealth and privilege to a man who gave up everything for the sake of Christ.

The Feast of St. Thérèse

In celebration of the feast of St. Thérèse, Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. Scott Hefelfinger sit down to discuss the life and writings of this great saint and Doctor of the Church

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Gospel Today

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time | Matthew 21:28-32

The older son in the parable first told his father no, I will not work, but had a change of heart and went to work in the vineyard. When we make poor choices, and have a change of heart, God forgives us and lets us try again.

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“I will not,” he answered, but later he changed his mind and went.”

- Matthew 21:29

BIBLE WORD SEARCH

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

Parable

Two

Sons

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