

Feast of  
**ALL  
SAINTS**



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## *St. John Vianney Church*

420 Inman Avenue – Colonia, New Jersey 07067  
(732)574-0150 – <https://parish.sjvianney.com>  
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. 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

*"If we died with Christ, we believe that  
we will also live with Him." - Romans 6:8*

**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 – 30<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME****SATURDAY, October 28, 2023 – St. Simon & St. Jude**

8:00 AM	Andrew Bukowski, r/o Peter & Christine Farbaniec
5:00 PM	Thomas W. Russinelli, r/o Janice & Tom Michnewicz

**SUNDAY, October 29, 2023**

8:00 AM	Paul Handon, r/o Adeline Specchio
10:00 AM	Michael A. DePaola, r/o Pagano Family
12:00 PM	For the People of the Parish Living/Deceased

**MONDAY, October 30, 2023**

7:00 AM	In Celebration of Ann Gonnella, r/o the Zannetti Family
8:30 AM	Marcel Bartels on the 3 <sup>RD</sup> Anniversary of Passing, r/o Family

**TUESDAY, October 31, 2023**

7:00 AM	Gail Mauriello, r/o Family
8:30 AM	Basil Guirguis, r/o Vivian Guirguis
7:00 PM	Glenn Sorgie, r/o the Anfora Family

**WEDNESDAY, November 1, 2023 – All Saints Day**

7:00 AM	Raffaelina Oliviero, r/o Lauren & Mike Clifford
8:30 AM	Eric Viernes, r/o Viernes Family
9:30 AM	Alan Bergman, r/o SJV Faculty, Staff & Students ( <i>School Mass</i> )
7:00 PM	Joseph Marinello III, r/o Lisajoy Marinello & Children

**THURSDAY, November 2, 2023 – All Souls Day**

7:00 AM	All Souls Novena
8:30 AM	Timothy Rokose, r/o Mom, Dad & Jeff
7:00 PM	All Souls Mass of Remembrance

**FRIDAY, November 3, 2023 – St. Martin de Porres**

7:00 AM	Carolyn Kearney, r/o Family
8:30 AM	All Souls Novena

**SATURDAY, November 4, 2023 – St. Charles Borromeo**

8:00 AM	All Souls Novena
5:00 PM	Michael & Florence Wolar, r/o Kay & Marlene

**SUNDAY, November 5, 2023**

8:00 AM	All Souls Novena
10:00 AM	Purgatorial Society
12:00 PM	For the People of the Parish Living/Deceased



The Bread & Wine  
have been  
offered in loving  
memory of  
Elizabeth & Paul  
Blasco  
from Family.

The Sanctuary Light  
has been offered  
in loving memory of  
Adeline Simonetti  
from Drena, Jimmy & Martha.



## The Prayer Corner

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

### A TIME TO BAPTIZE

Aria Skye Mantilla & Colin Edward Mulroe

### TO WED

### TO HEAL

Eileen O'Donnell Ammon, Michael Baron, Alicia Deborgia, Bill Houston, Carol Oberdick, Frances Alencewicz, Robert Kilsby, Stanley Koberski, Justin Chiera, Bruce Horning, Caroline Staufer, Mariola Warzyniak, Stephen Jankowski, Msgr. O'Neill, Gladys Schmidt, Henry & Joanne Sokoloski, Robert Jardines, Kathy Leary, 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, 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, Nick Troiano, Carl Walker, Dan Weiss, Arthur Shipiro, Christine Camping, Catherine Donahue, Marie Negri, Christiano Bianco.

### FOR THOSE WHO RECENTLY DIED

Gertrude Karabin, Nilda Sarroca & Palmira Vidal

### A TIME OF WAR & PEACE

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

### Weekend Readings

Exodus 22:20-26  
1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10  
Matthew 22:34-40

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

**October 29, 2023**

### 30<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart,  
with all your soul, and with all your mind."*

MATTHEW 22:37

Do you put other "gods" before God? Is your love of money, power, status, comfort or some personal possession greater than your love for God? Do you recognize that everything you have and that everything you are is a gift from God? Putting God first in everything helps keep us from becoming a slave to our possessions and to our pride.

### God the Creator

A crisp, cool autumn evening,  
Stars fill the night up high.  
God the great creator,  
Decking out the sky.  
A garden lit by the moonlight,  
A rose kissed by His hand.  
The beauty He created,  
Even the smallest pieces of sand.  
Petals of the roses  
Glisten in the night.  
The Master of creation,  
His colors are pure delight.  
From void He created beauty,  
From dark He created light.  
The Master of creation,  
And to man He gave them life.

— Debra L. Brown





**Weekend Mass Schedule**

November 4 <sup>TH</sup>	5:00pm	Fr. Bob
November 5 <sup>TH</sup>	8:00am	Fr. Jay
	10:00am	Fr. John
	12:00pm	Fr. Greg

**St. Vincent de Paul News**

Through your gifts to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul you are helping your neighbor who is hungry, hopeless, and frightened to know that they belong to God. Your donation of money in the "Poor Box" makes this assistance possible.

**COAT & BLANKET DRIVE**

The Coat & Blanket Drive is now under way. Please donate New or Lightly used coats and blankets to help those in need. These items will be distributed at The St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry in Perth Amboy on November 5, 2023. The 15th Annual Adopt –A-Turkey Food Drive will begin on the weekend of October 28-29, 2023. The flyer will be in next week's bulletin.

**The Turkeys are Back!  
15<sup>TH</sup> Annual Adopt-a-Turkey**

This is the time of year for the smell of roasting turkey to be in the air. Unfortunately, this is not true for all families. By donating to the 15th annual Adopt-a-Turkey you can make it possible for approx. 150 families to have a healthy, hearty, and holy Thanksgiving dinner. Each year the St. John Vianney St. Vincent de Paul Society partners with St. James to make Thanksgiving possible for those in need. Thank you in advance for your generosity. Please contact Jim or LeeAnn Leathem at 732-388-5512 if you have any questions.

**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

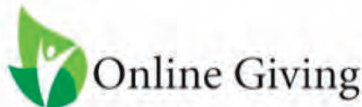
**Saint of the Week: St. Martin de Porres**

St. Martin de Porres was born in Lima, Peru to a Spanish knight and freed slave of Panama. He, along with his mother and sister, were seen and treated as outcasts in their society. At the age of 12 he began apprenticing to a barber and medical technician. Later, St. Martin applied to the Dominican order as a lay helper instead of a Brother, as he often felt unworthy throughout his life due to the way society had treated him. He became very well known for his dedication to God and constant work to help the poor, ill and misunderstood people and animals of his community. St. Martin is known for many selfless acts including founding an orphanage, providing a home for freed slaves, and performing healing miracles, to name a few. St. Martin is known as the patron saint of African Americans, Race Relations and Social Justice. May we learn from St. Martin de Porres to speak out for God in a society that has difficulty dealing with race, poverty and helping those who have been cast out.

**OCTOBER 22, 2023 OFFERTORY:**

Collection:	\$ 14,414.25
On-line giving:	\$ 4,913.50
	<u>\$ 19,327.75</u>

*"A generous person will prosper;  
whoever refreshes others will be  
refreshed. -Proverbs 11:25*



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**

The food supply for the St. James and St. Cecelia's Food pantries has fallen to critical levels. At one time the pantries had approximately one month's supply of food, now they have less than one week's supply. Rising food prices and demand for necessary food have caused this problem. Please donate one extra food item each week and the pantries can get some relief.

Needed items are: tuna, cereal, canned fruit, jelly, peanut butter, coffee, tea, all canned vegetables and all personal hygiene products. Remember if you need it they need it. Thank you.

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

*"Jesus said: My flesh is true food, My  
blood is true drink." John 6:55*

**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!



Please join Sr. Luciana D'Cruze this Sunday, October 29th, after the 12pm Mass ! The meeting will take place in the Youth Group rooms in the rectory office from 1pm-2pm. We are always welcoming new members! For more information, please call Sr. Luciana D'Cruze at the rectory at 732-574-0150.



### 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 – 9:30am. 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.

### SJV Seniors

The next meeting of the St John Vianney Seniors will be held in the school cafeteria on Wednesday, November 1, 2023, at 2:30 PM. This will be our Thanksgiving Luncheon Meeting. Table numbers will begin to be called at 2:30 PM so please be on time. 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.

-Bob Nilan, President

### Belong to Something Greater Calling all high school graduates!

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

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

All before getting to campus! Get connected now.

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

### The Pro-Life Corner

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

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



### Unplanned Pregnancy?

#### Find help at one of these centers:

Life Choices Resource Center, Metuchen, NJ

Phone: 732-516-911

First Choice Women & Resource Center,

New Brunswick, NJ

Phone: 908-561-0079

Life Choices Inc., Phillipsburg, NJ

Phone: 908-454-2066

Inspire Women's Resource Center, Warren, NJ

Phone: 908-615-9008

Bridge Women's Center, Old Bridge

Phone: 732-588-0999

**Or go to [optionline.org](http://optionline.org) (Pregnancy help online) to search for a location near you.**

**Please refer to this link from the Diocese of Metuchen: <https://diometuchen.org/pregnancy-help>**

### SAFE HAVEN INFANT PROTECTION

An unwanted baby?

You can safely and anonymously give it away.

No shame, No blame

Call SAFE HAVEN HOTLINE:

1-877-839-2339



### This Week At A Glance 10/30 – 11/5

Monday	CCD 6:15-7:15pm
Tuesday	Halloween: SJV School Early Dismissal & Trunk-or-Treat 1pm
Wednesday	All Saints Day – Holy Day of Obligation Rectory Office Closed for Holy Day SJV Seniors – CAF 2:30-4:30pm
Thursday	Legion of Mary – UBR 7pm Cheer – GYM 4:30-9pm
Friday	Pre-Cana – UBR 7pm
Saturday	Confirmation Retreat – CAF/CH 1-4pm
Sunday	RCIA – UBR 11:15-11:45am Youth Group meeting – YG Office inside Rectory 1-2pm



### St. John Vianney School News

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

Congratulations on a wonderful Walk-a-Thon!  
Everyone did a great job bringing in those pledges!

Please join us for All Saints' Day Mass on  
Wednesday, November 1st at 9:30am.

Come join us as we prepare for another season of  
Lancers Basketball! See our website for details.

So many great ideas and suggestions have come  
in! Continue to email us at [sjvhsa@sjvs.net](mailto:sjvhsa@sjvs.net) and  
someone will respond to your email within 24-48  
hours. Don't forget to visit our school website and  
follow us on Facebook!

### Ready to fully live your Catholic Faith? Join the Legion of Mary

The Legion of Mary will be  
meeting in the upper room of  
the Church every Thursday at 7  
pm. To Jesus through Mary. For  
information call Joan Wilson at  
(732) 548-3359 or email at  
[jhoynes.wilson@yahoo.com](mailto:jhoynes.wilson@yahoo.com).



### Bus Trip

Join us for a bus trip to Wind Creek, PA on  
Monday, November 20th. 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.

### All Souls Mass of Remembrance November 2, 2023

There will be a special Mass on Thursday,  
November 2nd at 7pm for all those who were  
buried from our parish between November 1, 2022  
and October 31, 2023. Immediately following the  
Mass, refreshments will be served in the cafeteria.

If one of your family members died this past year  
and was buried from another parish and you would  
like that person to be remembered during the mass  
on November 2nd, please call the rectory office at  
732-574-0150, **no later than Friday, October  
27th**. We will ask you to provide the following  
information: name of the deceased, date of death  
and the number of people who plan to come to the  
Mass and refreshments afterwards.

### Navex Ethics Point Anonymous Reporting

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 October 28 – 29, 2023*

One common way to think about the Church is as a big spiritual family. God is our Father, and in Baptism we become his adopted children – and brothers and sisters to each other. This week we celebrate, with Catholics around the world, two holy days that help us think about the whole family of God.

November 1st is All Saints Day – a day to honor all the saints in heaven. I like to think of the saints as our older brothers and sisters in God's family. We all know that you can learn a lot from watching and listening to your older brothers and sisters. That is especially true of our relationship with the saints. Their example and words teach us how to be good members of God's family – just as they were when they walked this earth. Moreover, just as a good older brother or sister is always happy to help us, so the saints help us with their prayers before God's throne.

We call this part of God's family the Church Triumphant. Saint Paul often compared the Christian life to a race or sporting event – and urged everyone to 'run so as to win.' The saints did that by leading holy lives on earth. They have 'won the race' and now live with God in Heaven.

All Saints Day is a Holy Day of Obligation. This means that every Catholic who is able to do so has a serious obligation to attend Mass that day. Accordingly, Masses for All Saints Day will be offered in our Church Tuesday evening at 7 PM and on Wednesday at 7, 8:30, and 9:30 AM and 7 PM. I look forward to praying and honoring the saints with many of you at Mass that day.

Thursday, November 2nd, is All Souls Day. It is a day to pray for another part of God's family: the souls in purgatory – who are on their way to Heaven. While not a holy day of obligation per se, many people like to attend Mass that day to pray for their loved ones who have died. Indeed, these souls are also our brothers and sisters in God's family, and we do well to assist them with our prayers.

We call this part of God's family the Church Suffering. They know they are on their way to Heaven – and are longing to be there. Our prayers can help them join the triumphant saints in Heaven.

Holy Mass will be offered in our Church on All Souls Day at 7 and 8:30 AM, and 7 PM. The Mass at 7 PM will be offered especially for members of our parish who died this past year. Everyone is welcome to join us in praying at this beautiful Holy Mass. Inserted in this week's bulletin is an article about Purgatory and praying for the dead. I would encourage everyone to read it in order to gain a deeper understanding of this beautiful part of our Catholic Faith.

Last Saturday I had a great time with about 40 of our parish 8th graders at their Confirmation Retreat. Fr. Greg, Deacon Tom, and some CCD teachers were also there and we kind of gave the retreat together. These forty people represent about half of those who are preparing for Confirmation in our parish this year. The rest will make their retreat next week. Please pray for them as they prepare to be strengthened by the Holy Spirit in Confirmation.

This weekend we are visited by Gifts From Bethlehem. The inspiring sacred art they bring is made from olive wood from the Holy Land. It is one of the only sources of income for much of the Christian population living in the Holy Land today. The Christian population of the Holy Land has suffered much over the centuries, to the point where they are less than 2 % - down from 25 % in 1922. Please keep them in your prayers – and support them if you can.

I will not be at today's noon Mass, because I will attend the installation of the new pastor of my home parish in South Amboy. He was kind enough to invite me, and I am happy to attend. Please pray for him as he takes on this pastoral responsibility. Next Sunday, our bishop will be here for the 12 Noon Mass at our Church.

Bishop Checchio likes to visit and offer Mass in the various Churches of the diocese, and we are please he will visit us next week. If you can come to that Mass and pray with our bishop, that would be great. It is always good to join our bishop at Holy Mass.

Please remember to pray for me – at least one Hail Mary a day. I pray daily for you! Please also remember to pray for the sick, and all souls of our brothers and sisters in Purgatory. Finally, keep praying for peace in the Holy Land, the Ukraine, and around the world.

Have a great week!  
Fr. John



## Update from the Religious Education Program

### Confirmation Retreat

One of the requirements for the second year of Confirmation preparation is participation in a retreat. The second Confirmation retreat date is Saturday, November 4th. Please keep the students in your prayers as they journey toward Confirmation.

### Absences

Please remember to send an email if your child will be absent from a Monday evening religious education class. The email should include the name of the child, the grade, and the reason for the absence. Thank you for your cooperation.

### 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](mailto: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 – NEW Information**

This year can be a time for change since all 120 State Senate and Assembly seats are up for election. Mail-in Voting or in-person Early Voting is being encouraged. **Mail-in:** The deadline to *request a mail-in ballot is October 31*. Completed ballots must be postmarked by Election Day (Nov. 7) or placed in the drop box at Town Hall or Main Library (Woodbridge) before 8 pm on Election Day. **In-Person Early Voting:** from Sat, Oct. 28 - Sun. Nov. 5 from 8am-6pm Mon-Sat & 10am-6pm Sun. To find a location for Early Voting, go to:

<https://nj.gov/state/elections/vote-early-voting.shtml>.

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

#### ***Saint Charles Borromeo: The Good Shepherd***

As the Cardinal-nephew of Pope Pius IV, Saint Charles Borromeo was one of the wealthiest and most powerful men in all of Rome. Yet he chose the extraordinary challenge of reforming the enormous Archdiocese of Milan to the pampered life of a Renaissance prince, and willingly spent himself in the service of his flock.

#### ***The Communion of Saints | Sacred Art***

In celebration of All Saints' Day, Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp sit down to discuss Giusto de' Menabuoi's "Paradise" and how the saints give us hope by showing us that holiness is possible.

#### ***Brother Francis - All Souls Day***

In this episode of Brother Francis, kids can learn about All Souls Day and how we take time to remember those who have passed away.

# < KID'S > KORNER

## Gospel Today

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time | Matthew 22:34-40

The Pharisees again tested Jesus asking, "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?"

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He said to them, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the greatest and first commandment. The second is like it: you shall love your neighbor as yourself." (Mt 22:35-39)

*You shall love God, and  
all God's people.*



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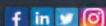


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