

First
SUNDAY OF

LENT



St. John Vianney Church

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Rectory Hours: Monday-Friday 9am-4pm



Fr. John J. Barbella, Pastor
Rev. John C. Gloss & Msgr. Edward M. O'Neill, Pastor Emeriti
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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
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Jamie Frame, Director of Sacred Music

**The time is fulfilled, and the
kingdom of God has come
near; repent, and believe in
the good news.**

MARK 1:15



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

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 – 1ST Sunday of Lent**SATURDAY, February 17, 2024**

8:00 AM	Carol Ann Turk, r/o Joan & Bob Strich
5:00 PM	Joseph Martino, r/o Gillespie Family

SUNDAY, February 18, 2024

8:00 AM	For the People of the Parish Living/Deceased
10:00 AM	Purgatorial Society
12:00 PM	Robert Leinweber, r/o Donna Sloan

MONDAY, February 19, 2024

7:00 AM	Healing of A.J. Papamero, r/o Ann Louise Bongiovi
8:30 AM	Celia Lugo, r/o Egger & Maureen Lugo

TUESDAY, February 20, 2024

7:00 AM	In Thanksgiving for Jania Malinowski & Family, r/o Teresa Malinowski
8:30 AM	Eugene O'Donnell, r/o Family
7:00 PM	<i>Lenten Mission</i>

WEDNESDAY, February 21, 2024 – St. Peter Damian

7:00 AM	Fr. Charles Scillieri, r/o Fr. John Barbella
8:30 AM	Teresa Ciani, r/o Toni & Terry Feeney

THURSDAY, February 22, 2024

7:00 AM	Bertha Kovacs, r/o The Zebrowski's
8:30 AM	Sr. Josene & Sr. Rose, r/o Joanne Streck

FRIDAY, February 23, 2024 – St. Polycarp

7:00 AM	Msgr. Joseph Shenrock
8:30 AM	Steven Blaha Jr., r/o In-Laws
3:00 PM	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>
7:00 PM	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>

SATURDAY, February 24, 2024

8:00 AM	Katherine Golden, r/o Mike & Jess DeCrosta
5:00 PM	Kevin McCartin, r/o Suzanne

SUNDAY, February 25, 2024

8:00 AM	For the People of the Parish Living/Deceased
10:00 AM	Susan M. Cavallo, r/o Linda Adolph
12:00 PM	Richard Walsh, r/o Pat Walsh



The Bread & Wine have been offered in loving memory of Teresa Ciani from Kelly & Kim Feeney.

Weekend Mass Schedule

February 24 TH	5:00pm	Fr. Greg
February 25 TH	8:00am	Fr. Bob
	10:00am	Fr. Jay
	12:00pm	Fr. John



The Prayer Corner

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

A TIME TO BAPTIZE

Leonardo Angelo Vittiglia

TO WED

TO HEAL

Declan Hegarty, Patrick McCartin, Bob Nilan, Ruth Kopec, Kelly Yeo, Maria Villacreses, Barbara Monaco, Florence Peragallo, Patricia LaBruto, Mary & Anthony Virrazzi, Claire Jazikoff, John Farawell, Agnes Chisvetti, Eileen O'Donnell Ammon, Michael Baron, Alicia Deborgia, Bill Houston, Carol Oberdick, Frances Alencewicz, Robert Kilsby, Stanley Koberski, Justin Chiera, Bruce Horning, Caroline Stauffer, Mariola Warzyniak, Msgr. O'Neill, 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, 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, Susan Sepedy, Aymee Iannacone, Jean Nych, Gregory Kolaranda, Johanna Esposito, 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

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), 1LT Ryan Feeney (National Guard)

Weekend Readings

Genesis 9:8-15

1 Peter 3:18-22

Mark 1:12-15

Weekday readings can be found on the parish website.

February 18, 2024

1ST Sunday of Lent

"After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God..." -MARK 1:14

Have you ever thought about how difficult it must have been for Jesus to go to Galilee, knowing that John had just been arrested for teaching the same message that He was proclaiming. It took great love and trust for Jesus to do what the Father had sent Him here on earth to do. In the same way, living a stewardship lifestyle takes great love and trust from us. We must be willing to surrender completely to God, trusting that He will always give us all that we need to fulfill His plan for us.



The image for the first Sunday of Lent is a Rooster, which symbolizes the conviction of sin, also often referred to as "convicto." The Rooster also refers to the account of Peter denying Jesus three times before the Rooster crows in all four Gospels.

Lenten Book Study with Fr. John

Fr. John will lead a book study on the following Fridays of Lent following the 3 PM Stations of the Cross: March 1st, 8th, and 15th. It is not necessary to register, nor is there any cost – but please call the rectory or see Fr. John for a copy of the book. The book is called: Real Presence: What does it mean and why does it matter? Father will consider offering this book study in the evening as well, if there is sufficient requests for that.



Hello St. John Vianney Parish community!

Happy First Sunday of Lent! During these 40 days, you will face temptation just like Jesus. This Gospel passage, "The Temptation of Christ," can be found in Matthew 4:1-11. I encourage you to re-read it again because it will help prepare you in your own personal fight against the devil

during this Lenten season and thus aid you in overcoming the temptation to sin. After you finish reading the story, summarize the three ways the devil tempted Jesus in the

desert, and then answer these two questions:

1. Which of these temptations would be hardest for you to resist and why?
2. In your opinion, what is Jesus' best response? Why is this Scripture passage important to you?

I am hoping you will do your best to make this Lent very fruitful for you and for your family. At last Sunday's mass, our pastor, Fr. John mentioned that there are many different ways to give alms, make sacrifices, and pray. I am so proud of our Youth Group members. Last Sunday, they gave up their weekend afternoon to come to clean and dust the inside of the church. It was a wonderful day with them. They were so happy and joyful to undertake these tasks for their parish. My one and only prayer this Lent is to have more young people from our parish and school community join the Youth Group. I am asking our parish and school parents to please support and encourage your son/daughter/nephew/niece/Godchildren to join our Youth Group. Trust me; they won't regret coming. It's a 100% safe place for our young people to nourish and increase their faith beside the typical settings of the Mass, our religious education classes, and school.

We are looking for high school students to join our High School Youth Group. If you know someone interested in joining our Youth Group, please feel free to share my contact information, Sr. Luciana D'Cruze, MPF. Phone: (732) 574-0150. Email Address: srluciana@sjvs.net. I would greatly appreciate your help and support!

Have a Blessed Lent,
Sr. Luciana D'Cruze, MPF
Youth Minister

PARISH MINISTRIES & CONTACTS

Organization	Contact	Phone/Email
Altar Rosary Society	Jane Bianco	732-382-1512
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Basketball	Tim Miller	athletics@sjvs.net
Bible Study	Deacon Joe & Rose Ragucci	732-548-3880
Cheerleading	Jennifer Grasso	732-943-2409
Communion/ Homebound	Joanne Streck	732-382-4147
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Legion of Mary	Joan Wilson	732-548-3359
Music Ministry	Jamie Frame	908-331-0471
Parish Life Comm.	Egger Lugo	732-801-6705
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SJV Seniors	Bob & Mary Nilan	732-574-3427
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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	srluciana@sjvs.net

Saint of the Week: St. Cyril & St. Methodius



St. Polycarp was bishop of Smyrna, a disciple of John the apostle and friends with Ignatius of Antioch. St. Polycarp is well known as one of the Fathers of the early Church. He was martyred at 86 and it's known as the "Acts of

Polycarp", which is also the first reliable account of a Christian Martyr's death. This was in the year 155. May we be inspired by the way he witnessed his faith and seek to be the kind of great leader of faith St. Polycarp was.

FEBRUARY 11, 2024 OFFERTORY:

Collection:	\$ 13,031.25
On-line giving:	\$ 4,769.50
	<u>\$ 17,800.75</u>

Thank you for giving with a grateful heart!



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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
URGENT UPDATE**

The food supply for the St. James and St. Cecelia's Food pantries has fallen to critical levels. The demand for food has continued to increase. Fortunately, your generosity has continued to increase. If you could continue to donate one extra food item per week, the supply would meet the demand. Rising food prices and demand for necessary food have caused this problem.

Needed item update: peanut butter, jelly, coffee, tea, cake mixes, tuna, SPAM, canned chicken, rice (1 or 2 lb. bags), personal hygiene products are always needed. 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

A SEASON FOR REFLECTION

During this holy time, we are called to pause and pay closer attention to our relationship with God and our relationship with God and our neighbors. Reflect on how the Lenten pillars of prayer, fasting and almsgiving can guide your journey and how the Eucharist helps us to live in solidarity with our sisters and brothers around the world. Visit www.csricebowl.org to learn more and read this week's Story of Hope.

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.

This Week At A Glance

2/19 – 2/25

Monday	RECTORY & SCHOOL CLOSED – President's Day
Tuesday	RCIA – EMR 11am Cheer – GYM 4:30-7:30pm Al-Anon – 7pm Classroom CubScouts – CAF 6:30-8pm Lenten Mission – CH 7-8pm Boy Scouts – GYM 7:30-9:30pm
Wednesday	Basketball – GYM 4:30-9pm Buildings & Grounds Comm. Mtg. – Rec. 7pm Scout Comm. Mtg. – CL 7pm
Thursday	Basketball – GYM 3-4:30pm Cheer – GYM 4:30-7:30pm Scout Fundraiser – CAF 4:30-9:30pm Ignatian Spiritual Exercises – LBR 7- 8:30pm Legion of Mary UBR 7pm Basketball – GYM 8-9pm
Friday	Basketball – GYM 5-9pm Stations – CH 3pm & 7pm 8th Gr. Dance – CAF 7-10pm
Saturday	Basketball – GYM 8am-4pm Carmelites – UBR 9am-12pm YG Activity – UBR 6pm
Sunday	YG Soup Kitchen Trip 12-2pm Baptism – CH 1:30pm Bible study UBR 6:30pm

Upcoming Second Collections

February 18th	Catholic Spirit
March 24th	Retirement for Diocesan Clergy
March 29th	Holy Land/Good Friday

2024 Bishop's Annual Appeal

**Stay With Us, Lord: Renew our Hearts and
Send Us on a Mission**

"Were not our hearts burning within us while He spoke to us on the way and opened the scriptures to us?" (LUKE 24:32) Just as the two disciples on the Road to Emmaus "set out at once" to share their experience of the Risen Lord with others, we too are inspired to go out into the world and tell everyone we meet of His love and grace. Your gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal supports the work of the Vicariate for Evangelization and Communication. Responsible for our website, social media platforms, videos, podcasts and written content about our Catholic faith, the Evangelization & Communication ministry is essential to how we expand our effort to share the Gospel message and make His love known to all. More and more, we have come to understand that these tools are necessary for reaching people where they live and work. A gift of any amount is important and greatly appreciated.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL 2024-2025**TUITION ASSISTANCE****ONLINE APPLICATION PROCESS OPEN**

Families interested in applying for tuition assistance to attend an eligible Diocese of Metuchen elementary or high school may apply online now through FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment at <https://online.factsmtg.com/aid>. Online applications must be completed (including all required documentation) by no later than March 31, 2024. Applications are available in English and Spanish. Families that need assistance completing the online application or need access to a computer to apply should contact their school.

The Pro-Life Corner

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

**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



St. John Vianney School News

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

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!

ATTENTION

Anyone wishing for a record of their Church contributions for the year 2023 is asked to send in a stamped self-addressed envelope with their envelope number to the Rectory or drop it into the collection basket.

IGNATIUS SPIRITUAL EXERCISES

St. Ignatius Loyola developed the Spiritual Exercises to help people enhance their prayer life and deepen their relationship with God. Learn and experience this wonderful form of prayer in a special 8-week program at our parish. The Spiritual Exercises will be held on Thursday evenings in Library Room in the Church from 7-8:30pm, beginning February 15, 2024. For more information, or to sign up for the Exercises, contact Jay Jorgensen at jaymaur@aol.com.

Bus Trip

Join us for a bus trip to Wind Creek, PA on Monday, February 19th. 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.

40 cans for 40 days

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat"
- Matthew 25:35

The Knights of Columbus council 6571 will again sponsor 40 cans for 40 days to benefit our local food pantries from Ash Wednesday till Easter Sunday. This lent Give something, rather than give something up- one food item for each of the 40 days of Lent. Baskets will be in the gathering area. Thank you for your generosity.

Update from the Religious Education Program

Sign Board Contest

The children suggested some outstanding text to post on the sign board. Over the next few weeks, you will see several of the winning entries on the board. The first-place entry that you will see as you leave the parking lot this weekend was submitted by Calleigh, one of our sixth-grade students. "Spend some time in a pew and realize God loves you!"

Respect Life Contest

I hope you stopped to look at the Respect Life posters that were on display in the gathering area last weekend. All of the children were very creative. Congratulations to the children whose posters are moving forward to the Diocese.

Operation Rice Bowl

During Lent the students in the religious education program will participate in Operation Rice Bowl. The rice bowls were distributed to the children on February 12, 2024, and should be returned after Easter.

Coming Up on the Calendar

February 24/25, 2024, is one of the option weekends for Mass Replaces Class. Children who check-in for Mass that weekend will not have to come to class on Monday the 26th. Remember, each child can select one of the option weekends. Thus, children who used the option in December or January are not eligible for this option in February. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction will be available for our Monday evening classes on February 26 and March 4. The children will have the opportunity for Confession on March 11, 2024, and Stations of the Cross on March 18, 2024.

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.

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

Pastor's Column : February 17 - 18, 2024

Today is the First Sunday of Lent. The word Lent means spring – and it is an appropriate name. Just as nature comes alive again each spring, so we should try to pump some new life into our friendship with Jesus each Lent.

The many devotions and activities of Lent are designed to help us to do just that. The Stations of the Cross on Fridays and the Lenten Mission on Tuesday evenings are especially good ways to pump some new life into your friendship with our Lord. So is going to Daily Mass if you can do so. I personally suggest that – in addition to the Mass you attend on Sunday (or Saturday evening) – you try to attend at least one weekday Mass each week of Lent. You'll be happy you did.

Speaking of the Eucharist, I will be leading Book Study on a book about the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. It will be another good opportunity to grow spiritually this Lent. More details can be found elsewhere in this bulletin.

The book we will read is called *Real Presence: What it is and Why it Matters*. I have already begun reading it and find it very good – and easy to read. If you want a copy of the book, let me know. I will be happy to give you one. Even if you cannot attend the book study, I think you will benefit from reading this book.

Also, regarding the Eucharist – please mark your calendars for this year's Forty Hours Devotions. Like last year, we will begin on Corpus Christi – which falls on June 2 this year – and continue through the evening of June 4. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for adoration and prayer during that time. There will also be Evening Prayer, a homily, and Benediction each evening. Let's make this year's Forty Hours as successful – or even more so – than last year's.

I am happy to share some wonderful news with you. Randy Gamboa Espinosa, a seminarian who was stationed for a time in this parish, will be ordained deacon on Thursday, February 22nd at 7 PM at Mary, Mother of God, Church in Hillsborough, NJ. All are welcome to attend.

Randy was also stationed with me in my previous parish, where I learned to appreciate his genuine goodness and deep spirituality. He will be a great deacon – and after that, a great priest. Please pray for him as he takes this step on the road to the priesthood.

Last Sunday evening I had the pleasure of going to my sister Natalie's home for the Superbowl. She and my brother-in-law had a bunch of friends over, and we enjoyed a nice evening. The food was especially good – with many people bringing different things. It was nice to be with some of my family and friends that evening.

Please remember to make a good Confession this Lent. Confessions will be heard not only on Saturdays (as usual) this Lent, but during the Lenten Mission on Tuesday evenings. Making a good Confession is one of the most important things we can do to pump new life into our friendship with Jesus this Lent!

Finally, please pray for me – at least one Hail Mary a day. Let's also pray for the grace to make a good Lent – and for peace.

Have a great week!
Fr. John



LENTEN MISSION

Our Parish Lenten Mission will take place at 7pm on the Tuesday evenings of Lent, according to the schedule below. Every evening will include Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, a Lenten Homily, time for quiet prayer and reflection, and Benediction. Confessions will also be heard each evening – as we will have a priest in the Confessional while the service is happening. A different priest or deacon will preach each evening – giving a variety of perspectives on ways to grow in faith this Lent. Everyone is encouraged to come to as many of these prayerful evenings as possible.

Tuesday, 2/20 at 7pm	Fr. Bob
Tuesday, 2/27 at 7pm	Fr. Greg
Tuesday, 3/5 at 7pm	Fr. Bede
Tuesday, 3/12 at 7pm	Fr. Jay
Tuesday, 3/19 at 7pm	Fr. John

2024 Lenten Obligations

1. The days of fast and abstinence are Ash Wednesday (February 14) and Good Friday (March 29).
2. All other Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence (Feb. 16 & 23, Mar. 1, 8, 15 & 22).
3. Fasting in the Roman Catholic tradition means to limit oneself to one full meal with two smaller meals which together do not equal the size of your full meal. The obligation of fasting applies only to Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59.
4. Abstinence in the Roman Catholic tradition means to abstain from eating meat (beef, chicken, pork, turkey, etc.). The obligation of abstinence applies to all Catholics who have reached the age of 14.

Note: This year, be aware that Ash Wednesday falls on February 14 (also Valentine's Day). The obligation to fast does remain in effect, so it is suggested that those who are planning a special dinner make that their one main meal of the day.

Lent 2024 at St. John Vianney

We invite you to join us for our many parish Lenten activities as a way to prepare for the great feast of the Lord's Resurrection at Easter.

Stations of the Cross – Fridays during Lent at 3:00pm and 7:00pm in the Church. (February 16 & 23, March 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29)

CRS Rice Bowl – Ash Wednesday – Easter Sunday Rice bowls are available in the gathering area of the Church.

40 Cans for 40 Days – Ash Wednesday – Easter Sunday. Baskets to collect can donations in gathering area of the Church.

Palm Sunday – March 24 – with the Reading of the Passion and blessing Palms – regular Mass schedule – Saturday at 5:00 and Sunday at 8:00am, 10:00am, and 12:00pm.

Confessions – every Saturday from 11:00am to 12:00pm and 4:15-4:45pm. Tuesday evenings from 7:00-8:00pm.

Blessing of Easter Food – Holy Saturday – March 30 at 12:00pm in the Church.

Holy Week – Special Masses/Services – no 7:00am or 8:30am morning Mass on Holy Thursday or Good Friday. No 8:00am Mass on Holy Saturday.

Holy Thursday – March 28 - Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00pm – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 11:00pm.

Good Friday – March 29 - Service of the Lord's Passion, adoration of the Cross and Communion at 3:00pm.

Holy Saturday – March 30 - Great Easter Vigil 7:00pm (NO 5:00 pm Masses this night).

Easter Sunday – March 31 – regular Mass schedule – 8:00am, 10:00am & 12:00pm. Note – no 5:00 Mass on Saturday night – only Great Easter Vigil Mass at 7:00pm. Easter Egg Hunt after 10am Mass!

< KID'S > KORNER

Gospel Today

First Sunday of Lent | Mark 1:12-15

The Spirit sent Jesus to the desert for 40 days where He prayed and fasted and angels took care of Him.

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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Like Jesus, we too will spend 40 days praying and fasting.



Give us New Life, O Lord.

My plan for Lent, one week at a time...

This week I will pray for _____

This week I will give up/do without _____

This week I will do this act of love/good deed _____

(Sundays optional)

LET'S MAKE PRETZELS

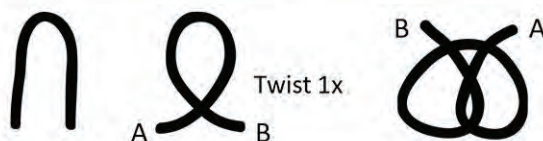
INGREDIENTS

1 package dry yeast
1 1/2 cups warm water
1 tsp. sugar
1/2 tsp. salt
4 cups flour
Kosher salt
Water to hold salt on

Latin - Bracellae "Little arms", the original Lenten bread dating back to the 4th century.

Place yeast, sugar & warm water in a large bowl and let stand. Add flour & salt, mix well and knead to form smooth ball.

Divide into 12 pieces and roll each into a "rope" about 10-12 inches long. Form into a pretzel and place on baking sheet, brush with water and sprinkle with kosher salt. Let rise slightly and bake at 425° about 12-15 minutes.



Flip ends over to resemble arms crossed over chest - praying little arms

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