

Third
SUNDAY OF

LENT



St. John Vianney Church

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(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 Zannetti, 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

**Destroy this temple,
and in three days I
will raise it up.**

JOHN 2:19

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 – 3RD Sunday of Lent**SATURDAY, March 2, 2024**

8:00 AM Oscar Pena, r/o Mike & Jess DeCrosta
5:00 PM Deceased Members of the Worosila Family, r/o Worosila Family

SUNDAY, March 3, 2024

8:00 AM For the People of the Parish Living/Deceased
10:00 AM June Morrison, r/o Jeffrey Dispensa
12:00 PM Joseph Klimko, r/o Jennie Esposito

MONDAY, March 4, 2024 – St. Casimir

7:00 AM Eleanor LoPrete, r/o SJV Pre School
8:30 AM In Thanksgiving for Teresa Malinowski & Family

TUESDAY, March 5, 2024

7:00 AM Mark Gervel, r/o Fr. Greg Zannetti
8:30 AM Louis Saparito, r/o Lizanich Family
7:00 PM *Lenten Mission*

WEDNESDAY, March 6, 2024

7:00 AM Carole Trotzinka, r/o Trotzinka Family
8:30 AM Gladys Schmidt, r/o Tom & Janice Michnewicz

THURSDAY, March 7, 2024 – St. Perpetua & St. Felicity

7:00 AM George V. Wilde, w/love from Diana Wilde
8:30 AM John Karabin, r/o Gertrude Karabin

FRIDAY, March 8, 2024 – St. John of God

7:00 AM Angelina Tomasetta, r/o Margie Foti
8:30 AM Pat Specchio, r/o Wife, Adeline Specchio
3:00 PM *Stations of the Cross*
7:00 PM *Stations of the Cross*

SATURDAY, March 9, 2024 – St. Frances of Rome

8:00 AM Melany Pross, r/o Nancy Lanza
5:00 PM Gladys Russo, r/o Family

SUNDAY, March 10, 2024

8:00 AM Richard Cioni, r/o Michael Sildatke
10:00 AM Madelyn Reckfort, r/o The McGovern Family
12:00 PM For the People of the Parish Living/Deceased



**The Sanctuary Light
has been offered
in loving memory of
Fr. Robert A. Pachana
from Aunt Joan & Uncle Bob.**

**The Bread & Wine
have been offered
for the healing of
George V. Wilde
from Diana Wilde.**

**Weekend Mass Schedule**

March 9 TH	5:00pm	Fr. Bob
March 10 TH	8:00am	Fr. Greg
	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

Meghan Leah Doctor, Madison Abigail Doctor &
Nicholas Englehardt

TO WED

TO HEAL

Bernie & Amy Wisniewski, Alba Froat, Declan Hegarty, 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

Dorothy Kruse

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

Exodus 20:1-17
1 Corinthians 1:22-25
John 2:13-25

Weekday readings can be found on the parish website.

March 3, 2024 3RD Sunday of Lent

"You shall not carve idols for yourselves in the shape of anything..." EXODUS 20:4

How many "gods" do you put before God? "Idols" do not always take the shape of physical things, things we can touch and feel. Those are easy to recognize. Many times, they take the form of things we cannot touch and are much harder to spot like pride, power, ego, time, comfort, or health. Pray for God's help to prune our vices and to grow in virtue.



This 3RD Sunday of Lent our image is a lily, which is a symbol that a soul of the departed has received restored innocence after death. Lilies are also a symbol of new life coming forth during Spring.

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, in the upper room of the Church. 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 Family!

We're now on the Third Sunday of Lent! In today's Gospel reading, Jesus goes to Jerusalem for the Passover celebration. He sees the merchant's selling animals for the Jewish Temple sacrifices and the money changers. He makes a whip and chases the animals and traders out of the Temple, thereby cleansing it of those who defiled the House of God. The disciples recall the words of Scripture that say, "Zeal for your house will consume me." The Temple leaders demand a miraculous sign that Jesus has done this under God's authority, to which he most famously answers, "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up." Due to this historical trauma, the collective grief shared by the Jewish people over Nebuchadnezzar's destruction of the First Temple built by Solomon, they are greatly concerned and deeply troubled over the physical existence of the Second Temple, which at the time of Jesus, had still been under construction for 46 long years and counting. They are filled with rage that someone would make such a seemingly flippant statement with regards to the most sacred site in all of Judaism—a magnificent sanctuary marking the Holy of Holies—a building which levied heavy taxes upon the Jewish people in order to fund its continued construction. However, they are blinded by the material and what they see in front of them; they fail to recognize Jesus' divinity in the absence of an incredible spectacle and performance. Thus, they do not realize that He is talking about His body, which will be crucified by them, but resurrected on the third day. As always, here are your reflection questions:

1. Why do you think the leaders were disturbed and outraged that Jesus took it upon himself to clear the Temple, even though he was doing a righteous deed by restoring dignity back to the House of God?

2. We are Temples of the Holy Spirit. Ask Yourself: Do I recognize Jesus's authority over my own life and allow him to cleanse my heart and soul of everything that hinders God's presence in my life?

In conclusion, I just wanted to let you know that our Parish Youth Group is doing very well. I am happy to share with you that our Youth Group does a variety of community service, such as once a month cleaning the church and serving in a soup kitchen. If you know someone is interested in joining our Youth Group, please let them know that the Youth Group sign-up sheets for the Middle and High Schools are available on the Parish Office and Parish website. Feel free to contact me, Sr. Luciana D'Cruze, MPF, phone number (732-574-0150) and email sluciana@sjvs.net.

Sincerely in Christ,
Sr. Luciana D'Cruze, MPF
Youth Minister

PARISH MINISTRIES & CONTACTS

Organization	Contact	Phone/Email
Altar Rosary Society	Jane Bianco	732-382-1512
Altar Servers	Deacon Vinny	vbrigande@sjvs.net
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
Cub/Boy Scouts	Dave Anfora	dave_anfora@yahoo.com
Eucharistic Ministers	Ellen DeRosa	ederosa@sjvs.net
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Finance Council	Jeanette Wilmanski	jwilmanski@gmail.com
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	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-Caná	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	Jim Leathern	732-388-5512
Track	Amanda Miller	732-549-2356
Ushers	Ray Morgan	732-815-1037
Youth Minister	Sr. Luciana D'Cruze	sluciana@sjvs.net

Saint of the Week: St. Frances of Rome



St. Frances of Rome was attracted to religious life since she was a child, but during those times it was expected of women to get married and have children. While happily married and with children, St. Frances and her sister-in-law, both always seeking a religious life, began helping the sick and poor.

St. Frances made helping and caring for the sick and poor her life's work. When Plague struck, she lost two of her children, then her husband, which only made her cling to God more. She opened part of her house as a hospital and started caring for others as a Benedictine Oblate. St. Frances is known as the Patron Saint of widows. May we imitate her compassion for others and make a conscious effort to help those in need whenever we are capable.

FEBRUARY 25, 2024 OFFERTORY:

Collection:	\$ 11,627.25
On-line giving:	\$ 4,687.50
	<u>\$ 16,314.75</u>

"For it is in giving that we receive"
- St. Francis of Assisi



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
 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

**RAISING CHICKENS TO SUPPORT
 HER FAMILY**

Nowadays, in Morazan, El Salvador, it is very difficult to know when the rainy or dry seasons will be. The unpredictable weather puts the livelihood of Sandra's family in jeopardy. Despite the challenges, Sandra and her husband, Santos, remain dedicated to ensuring their children grow healthy and succeed in school. Learn how their strong family dynamic enabled Sandra to participate in a Catholic Relief Services' project on raising chickens and how her determination has helped her family and community. 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

3/4 – 3/10

Monday	Basketball – GYM 4:30-9pm CCD 6:15pm CubScouts – LBR 7-8pm
Tuesday	RCIA – EMR 11am Children's Choir – CH 3:45-5pm Cheer – GYM 4:30-7:30pm CubScouts – CAF 6:30-8pm AI-Anon – 7pm Classroom Lenten Mission – CH 7-8pm Boy Scouts – GYM 7:30-9:30pm
Wednesday	School Confessions – CH 12pm SJV Seniors – CAF 2:30-4:30pm Basketball – GYM 4:30-9pm Fair Meeting – UBR 7pm
Thursday	Basketball – GYM 3-4:30pm Cheer – GYM 4:30-7:30pm Ignatian Spiritual Exercises – LBR 7-8:30pm Legion of Mary UBR 7pm Basketball – GYM 8-9pm
Friday	School Early Dismissal 12:15pm Basketball – GYM 5-9pm Stations – CH 3pm & 7pm
Saturday	Basketball – GYM 8am-4pm YG Activity – UBR 6pm
Sunday	YG Soup Kitchen Trip 12pm Legion of Mary – CAF 12:30-4pm Baptism – CH 1:30pm Franciscans – UBR 1-4pm

Upcoming Second Collections

March 24th	Retirement for Diocesan Clergy
March 29th	Holy Land/Good Friday

**Annual Encounter with Christ
Metuchen Cursillo Movement**

Saturday, March 9th 8:30am-12:30pm
Mary, Mother of God Church
157 S. Triangle Rd.
Hillsborough, NJ

Speakers: Fr. Luke Fletcher, CFR & Deacon Sal Bonfiglio, OFS. Light Refreshments, Mass, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Reconciliation, Stations of the Cross. NOTE: No admission fee, but there will be a free will offering. To register, go to:
<http://www.metcursillo.org/events-encounter.htm> . All are welcome to attend. Make a friend, be a friend, bring a friend to Christ!

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.factsmgt.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!

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, March 18th. The bus will be leaving the SJV parking lot at 10am and will return at 6:30pm. Cost is \$45 and get back \$35. For more information and to sign up please call Mary Lou at 732-710-3201.

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

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 before Lent began and should be returned after Easter.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction

Students in Grades 3, 4 and 5 will be going to Church for Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction on Monday March 4.

Lent Confession Opportunity

Students in grades 2 – 8 will have the opportunity for Confession on Monday March 11, 2024.

Lent Station of the Cross

The students will be praying the Stations of the Cross on Monday, 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

Bereavement Facilitator Training

The Archdiocese of Newark's Office for Family Life Ministry is offering a virtual Bereavement Ministry Support Training Course. The 6 online sessions will begin Wednesday evenings from 7:00pm – 9:00pm on Zoom starting April 17 – May 22, 2024. This program is designed for those who wish to become facilitators for existing parish bereavement support groups or those who wish to begin a bereavement support ministry at their parish or online. The program can also benefit those who minister to the bereaved in parishes in other ways as well. For more information or to register, please visit: www.archdioceseofnewark.regfox.com/loss-transition. If you have any questions, please call 973-497-4327 or email familylife@rcan.org.

Pastor's Column : March 2 - 3, 2024

Last Thursday was truly a blessed day. I had the pleasure of making a pilgrimage with a group from our parish. We travelled to the Padre Pio Shrine in Barto, Pennsylvania. It was a day filled with prayer and the company of good people.

Fr. Greg and I concelebrated Holy Mass for our group shortly after we arrived. We prayed the Rosary together after Mass, then had a delicious lunch. After lunch we were treated to a movie and presentation about St. Pio, then visited a room filled with information and memorabilia of this wonderful saint. It was a very uplifting day.

After seeing the bus off, Fr. Greg and I drove to Mary Mother of God, Church in Hillsborough, NJ. There we met many priests and deacons from our diocese, and even a group from our parish. We were all there for the ordination of Randy Gamboa – Espinosa to the diaconate. Deacon Randy is a seminarian who spent time in our parish and is preparing for the priesthood. Please keep him in your prayers as he does.

After Mass last Sunday I had the pleasure of joining our Cub Scouts for their annual Blue and Gold Dinner. Such dinners always bring back memories of my days as a Cub Scout. For some reason – maybe the food – the Blue and Gold Dinners are always prominent memories of my childhood. Several boys 'crossed over the bridge' – meaning they moved up from Cub to Boy Scouts.

Later last Sunday I attended the Fundraising Dinner for Life Choices of Metuchen. It was a nice affair, and several other priests from our area were there – including Fr. Jay and Fr. Greg. Many of you are very good about bringing baby products to support the good work of Life Choices. They provide – with our help – all kinds of material, emotional, and spiritual support to help young mothers (and fathers) have and care for their babies. It was a pleasure to support these good people.

Earlier in this column I mentioned our parish pilgrimage to the Padre Pio Shrine. I am happy to announce that the relics of Padre Pio will visit our parish the weekend of May 18 – 19th. More details will be shared through the bulletin and parish website as the date gets closer. I am sure this will be a great occasion of grace for our parish.

Speaking of occasions of grace, remember to make a good Confession this Lent. An examination of conscience is inserted in this bulletin to help you prepare for Confession. Our good Lord instituted the sacraments as occasions of grace for us – as He pours His grace into our souls every time we receive a sacrament. Let's be sure to avail ourselves of the opportunity!

Confessions are heard not only on Saturdays, but also from 7 – 8 PM on Tuesdays as part of our Lenten Tuesdays Mission. A priest is also available after the Stations of the Cross on Friday evenings. We are also happy to make individual appointments with people who need a special time for Confession. Sharing God's mercy and forgiveness with people is one of the greatest and most blessed privileges of being a priest!

On March 19th, special devotions to Saint Joseph will be included in our Lenten Tuesday at 7 PM. The Knights of Columbus are bringing a special icon of St. Joseph, and there will be time for veneration and special prayers to during the Holy Hour. I hope many of you will be there.

Please remember to pray for me – at least one Hail Mary a day. You are always in my prayers – especially my daily Mass and Rosary. Let's also pray for the sick of our parish and for peace.

Have a great week!
Fr. John

P.S. Have you gotten to Confession this Lent?



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!



Gospel Today

Third Sunday of Lent | John 2:13-25

Jesus was upset people were conducting the “wrong business” in the temple. They were selling goods, not praying.

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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

We say our bodies are our temples - the Spirit of God is in us - eat & act healthy. Jesus also called His body a temple when He said “Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days”. *John 2: 19*

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)

BIBLE WORD SEARCH

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

- Jesus

Jerusalem

Temple

Table

Exchanging

Money

Stop

Father

House

Market

Sign

Disciples
- Believed

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