St. John Vianney Church

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





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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 Fridays from 7:30am - 8:20am; and following Stations of the Cross during Lent.

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 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. At the request of our parishioners, we now have the New Catholic Bible for sale for \$20.

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Weekend Mass Schedule

Aug. 30 TH	5:00 pm	Fr. John
Aug. 31 ST	8:00 am	Fr. John
	10:00 am	Fr. Jay
	12:00 pm	Fr. Greg

Upcoming Parish Events!

- SAVE THE DATE- NJ March for Life -Thursday, Sept. 25, 2025...more info to follow
- September 20th Pilgrimage to National Shrine of Immaculate Conception
- Harvest Moon Dance October 18th

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 23, 2025

8:00 AM Thomassine Cipas r/o Patty Krug 5:00 PM Lou Vicidomini r/o Wife & Family

SUNDAY AUGUST 24, 2025

8:00 AM For the People 10:00 AM Pam Sisco r/o Family

12:00 PM George Manzella r/o Maureen & Tony Morella

MONDAY, AUGUST 25, 2025

7:00 AM Timothy Wiliam r/o Jean & Bill Stevens 8:30 AM Anthony Virazzi r/o Mary Nilan

TUESDAY, AUGUST 26, 2025

7:00 AM Lewis Pearce r/o Cynthia Pearce 8:30 AM Organ Donor Families r/o Colette

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27, 2025

7:00 AM Arnold McCormick (Living Intention) 8:30 AM Joseph Curry r/o Handville Family

THURSDAY, AUGUST 28, 2025

7:00 AM Joan Marconi r/o Colonia Pharmacy 8:30 AM Maryann Soberg r/o Carmelite Community OLG

FRIDAY, AUGUST 29, 2025

7:00 AM Ronald & Pauline Syslo r/o Ellen
DeRosa
8:30 AM Arnoldo Franco & Virgilio Campos r/o
Aderito & Maria Campos

SATURDAY, AUGUST 30, 2025

8:00 AM Felicity Binnier r/o Eunice Reid 5:00 PM Joan & Vincent Kenny r/o Neal & Jeanne Wagner

SUNDAY, AUGUST 31, 2025

8:00 AM Lily Stevens r/o Jean & Bill Stevens 10:00 AM Violetta Boguszewski r/o Family 12:00 PM For the People



Flowers are in Memory of Timothy William and Lily Stevens from Jean & Bill Stevens

The Prayer Corner

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

A TIME TO BAPTIZE

Caleb Almase, Jace Hatt, Alexander Philip Matias

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TO HEAL

Bethany Ciccarelli, Kathy Spreitzer, Richard Lee Bilon, Barbara Peron, Judy Innamorato, Amber Carey, Delores DiGangi, Debbie Littcholt, Michael Macaoay, Carmen Hurtado, Anne Shearman, Ramon Padilla, Patrick Feeney, Kevin Gillespie, Lois Tanzi, Teresa Benn, Margaret Shaughnessy, Eryk Zienkiewicz, Marge Morrison, Ben Leary, Brianne Skriloff, Tanner Browne, AnnMarie Nappi, Bernie & Amy Wisniewski, Alba Froat, Declan Hegarty, Ruth Kopec, Maria Villacreses, Barbara Monaco, Patricia LaBruto, Mary Virrazzi, Claire Jazikoff, Eileen O'Donnell Ammon, Alicia Deborgia, Frances Alencewicz, Robert Kilsby, Stanley Koberski, Justin Chiera, Bruce Horning, Mariola Warzyniak, Msgr. O'Neill, Robert Jardines, Kathy Leary, Margaret Kerr, Maureen Horning, Trevor Horning, Bill Riley, Theresa Szablowski, Cody Brown, Harold Carney, Sue Zafian, Leslie Johnson, Rita Weissenburger, Alberta Clark, Heidi Egan, Carol Kolator, Macario & Linda Yap, Michelle Gargiulo, Maria Famiglietti, Connor Feeney, Doug Christie, John & Marvanne Delutis. Joshua & Amelia Ford, Marie Novak, Jo Ann West, Denise Stanislawczyk, Catherine Buettel, Rose Campanelli, Kyle Brown, Collin Sciahetano, Giovanni Caccamo, Mark & Victoria Sherry, Dominic & Michael Canavale, Rose Currie, Nina Laico, Tommy Birkner, Ronald Harvey, Artie Schapiro, Tina DellAquila, 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 Jannacone, Jean Nych, Gregory Kolaranda, Johanna Esposito, Vincent Dellaguila, Joe Vitello, Arlon Roth, Edward O'Brien, June Laub, Nick Troiano, 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), 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), 1LT Ryan Feeney (National Guard)

Readings for Next Weekend 8/30 and 8/31

Weekday readings can be found on the parish website.

Sirach 3:17-18,20, 28-29 Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a Luke 14:1, 7-14

August 24, 2025 TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"For behold, some are last who will be first and some are first who will be last."

LUKE 13:30

Our cultural standards are different from God's standards. We often rank people by what they have, how powerful they are, or how successful they are. Jesus reminds us that God will not judge us by the same earthly standards. When God asks you, "What have you done with the gifts I have given you?" How will you respond?

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.

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WIND CREEK BUS TRIP

Join us for a bus trip to Wind Creek, PA on Monday, September 15th. The bus will be leaving SJV parking lot at 10 am and will return at 6:30 pm. Cost is \$45 and get back \$35. For more information and to sign up please call Mary Lou at 732-710-3201

Society of St. Vincent de Paul News & more...

Christmas in July update. This year's food drive was very successful. More than 150 bags of groceries and personal hygiene products were collected. All of these items were delivered to the very thankful food pantries at St. Cecelia's and St. James. A real shortage of food continues. Donations of nonperishable food are always welcome, food gift cards are also welcome.

Help wanted. Each month volunteers from St. John Vianney participate in food distribution at the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry in Perth Amboy. We are currently looking for a few volunteers to help with this rewarding project. This is an opportunity to join dedicated members of the 3rd Saturday Pantry Team. If your child needs community service hours this might be just the thing to participate in with your child. The pantry operates from 9:30 until 12:45 on the third Saturday of every month. If you would like to help please contact Jim Leathem @ jimlee@verizon.net. Please include "pantry volunteer" in the subject of the e-mail.





St. John Vianney School News 732-388-1662 https://school.sjvianney.com/

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CCD NEWS

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Please scan the QR code or visit https://parish.sjvianney.com/catechetical-calendar for the latest St. John Vianney Religious Education information!





Next Healing Weekend Retreat: September 19 – 21, 2025

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 a local center:

Go to optionline.org (Pregnancy help online) to search for a pregnancy center near you.

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Pastor's Column August 23 – 24, 2025

It was nice to see so many people at the 7 PM Mass on the Feast of the Assumption. Having just returned from vacation, it was a pleasure to celebrate Mass with so many of you. Thanks for taking the time to honor our Blessed Mother on one of her Feast Days!

As you know, I returned from vacation just over a week ago. In addition to watching a lot of trains, I visited a museum and read some great books. The first was called, Becket, Martyr, by Jemal Evans. It was about the martyr, St. Thomas Becket, who was killed by a group of knights in 1170.

Thomas Becket had been the Archbishop of Canterbury. He was a close friend of the English king, who had, in fact, nominated him to be archbishop. But Thomas did not let friendship get in the way of defending the freedom of the Church. This greatly upset the king, who essentially goaded some of his trusted knights into killing Saint Thomas while he was leading monks in Evening Prayer.

One of the most amazing things about the story – a part that is little known – is the repentance of both the king and the knights involved. The king went to various places in England and allowed himself to be whipped by monks as penance. The knights who did the killing first went to Confession to the Pope, then went on Crusade to the Holy Land. While in the Holy Land, they walked barefoot when visiting holy places around Jerusalem and Bethlehem and lived truly repentant lives.

Many modern people who seem to think that going to Confession and saying a few prayers is too much of a challenge should give this some thought! While those knights committed a terrible sin, they also knew the Good News: Jesus forgives sins! Moreover, they had the wisdom and humility to seek that forgiveness through Confession and penance.

The other books I read were about baseball. One was called Pinstripe Empire, by Marty Appel. As the name suggests, it is a history of the New York Yankees from their founding as the Highlanders through recent times. It was long, but very informative. The other book was called Why We Love Baseball. Written by a sportswriter named Joe Podsanski, it was a collection of great events, stories, and tidbits about our national pastime. Both were very enjoyable.

We are fast approaching the end of summer. Please be sure that your children are enrolled for CCD, if they are not in Catholic School. It seems that some families are not aware that children attending public school (as I did for most of my school years) must also attend CCD every year through 8th grade. This not only helps them prepare for Confirmation but also teaches them about our Faith. If you need help getting your children registered, please call the parish office and we'll be happy to help you.

Of course, students in our parish school have religious instruction woven into their everyday schedule. I am happy that both our school and CCD programs enjoy robust enrollment. It is good to know that our parish has many young members learning the Good News and preparing to receive the sacraments. Our parish school and CCD program are among the primary ways our parish heeds Jesus' command to 'teach all nations' about Him.

As always, I ask you to pray a Hail Mary for me today and every day. I pray for all of you daily – especially those of you who have asked for special prayers. It is a great comfort to me that so many of you do indeed pray a Hail Mary for me daily. Let's also be sure to pray for peace in our troubled world.

Have a great week.

Fr. John



Dear Youth and Parish Community,

I hope this message finds you all well and enjoying a restful, joy-filled summer! Whether you've been traveling, spending time with family, or just soaking in some quiet moments, I pray this season has brought you peace and renewal.

As we approach the final weeks of summer break, it's a good time to begin thinking ahead—and that includes making space for our parish youth group. Our ministry is all about helping young people grow in faith, build meaningful friendships, and discover the joy of serving others in Christ's name. And we need your help to make this mission visible and vibrant!

Let's work together to promote our youth group in our parish, schools, families, and neighborhoods. Whether it's through a simple invitation, sharing on social media, or word of mouth, your support can help more young people feel welcomed and inspired to join.

Stay tuned for exciting plans coming this fall, and in the meantime, enjoy these last weeks of summer. We can't wait to see what God has in store for us!

With prayers and gratitude, Sr. Luciana D'Cruze, M.P.F Youth Minister

Email: srluciana@sjvs.net Phone: 732-574-0150

OCIA

Have you noticed OCIA in the bulletin and wondered, what is OCIA? OCIA stands for the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults. That tells you what the acronym means, but more important is what might OCIA mean for you or someone you know. By the way, until a couple of years ago, OCIA was RCIA. If you have heard of RCIA, OCIA is really the same process.

Were you baptized in a Catholic Church, but for whatever reason never received First Communion and Confirmation? Through OCIA you can prepare to receive both First Communion and Confirmation. Or you were Baptized and received First Communion but for some reason you missed Confirmation. OCIA can prepare you for Confirmation.

Were you baptized in another Christian tradition (a few examples are Methodist, Lutheran, Presbyterian), but you have come to Mass at a Catholic Church with your spouse or fiancé or a good friend who is Catholic? Or you came by yourself to check it out.

You were never baptized. You may have been raised in a non-Christian family or in a family where no religion was practiced. Have you been searching, not sure what you have been looking for?

A question I am often asked is whether the adult is too old. No! What is the best age to participate? The age when you have a desire, when you think what you have been searching for is in the Catholic Church.

Are you interested in inquiring about the Catholic Church and possibly becoming Catholic? OCIA is the process that gives adults the opportunity to learn what it means to be Catholic, and if an adult wishes to become Catholic, provides the means to be received into the Catholic Church. Call or email if you have questions or think you might like to participate in our group this year.

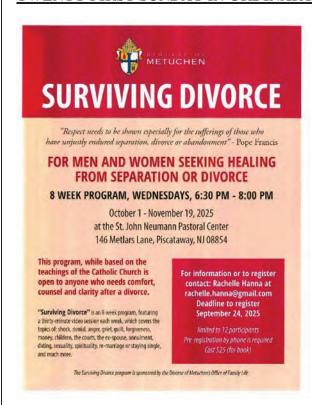
We will start meeting in late August. Based on the availability of the folks who have already expressed interest, it looks like we will meet on Sudays after the noon Mass. If you are away on vacation, not to worry, we can get you caught up.

An OCIA brochure is available in the entrance area of the Church. May God bless you as you explore whether the OCIA process is for you.

Ellen DeRosa

Director of Adult Faith Formation

ederosa@sjvs.net; 732-423-5735





We are looking for new Volunteers!

St. Joseph's Senior Home and Nursing Center, in Woodbridge, New Jersey is looking for dedicated Volunteers to help at the front desk especially weekends (Saturday's) afternoon from 12:30pm until 3:30pm or (Sunday's) from 12:30pm until 3:30pm. Duties include: answering phone calls, welcoming visitors and helping out at the front desk. We would be most grateful to you for your help. If you are available, please contact Sr. Jadwiga Zaremba via email: jadwiga_zaremba@yahoo.com.
Thanking you in advance for your response. We look forward to meeting with you!

Child Protection

Do you need to attend a **Protecting God's Children** for Adults session?

Upcoming sessions that will be held at St. John Vianney in the upper meeting room of the church have been scheduled for the following Mondays:

☐ August 25, 2025

☐ September 8, 2025

☐ October 6, 2025

☐ October 27, 2025

All sessions begin at 6:00 p.m.

Additional sessions will be added, as may be needed.

Registration for a session is required and must be done through the Virtus.org website. From the Virtus.org website select Diocese of Metuchen, and all scheduled sessions throughout the Diocese of Metuchen appear. To attend here, select St. John Vianney.

The parish website has been updated to include the above information with dates for Protecting God's Children along with detailed information to guide volunteers through the entire process of Child Protection. The following QR Code will bring you directly to the page.



The information addresses volunteers. Some of the requirements for employees overlap with the requirements for volunteers. If you have questions about the requirements for employees, please send an email to ederosa@sivs.net.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN CORNER

"FAITH IN OUR FUTURE: TOGETHER WE THRIVE"

We thank all families who have made a gift or pledge toward our campaign. We are also grateful to those who have kept this effort in prayers. Please continue to pray for the success of our campaign:

God, our refuge and our strength, be with us in our labors, for we remember "if the Lord does not build this house, in vain do its builders labor." (Ps. 127:1)

Assist the Community of St. John Vianney to improve our campus facilities, to ensure that we continue to build upon this foundation that has been given to us. Bless, O Lord, the work of our hands and grant that we may be successful in achieving our goals, as we place our hope in you. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Over the next few weeks, we invite all parish families who have not had the chance to support the campaign to please make a gift. Please contact the parish office for more information.

TOTAL PLEDGED: \$823,973.00

COLLECTED SO FAR: \$382,258.00

Diocesan Jubilee Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in **Washington DC**

With Bishop James Checchio

Saturday, September 20, 2025

Departure at 7:00 AM from St. John Vianney parking lot.

Return approximately 8:00 PM.

Mass will be celebrated - Confession will be available

Call the Rectory (732.574.0150) to sign up. Seats are limited.

Diocesan website for information:

https://diometuchen.org/jubilee-2025



The Society of St. Vincent DePaul is asking for donations of new backpacks and school supplies, help us ensure we do not overlook the needs of the children of our community.

Assignment books, notebooks, rulers, pens, pencils, highlighters, book covers, binders/filler paper, day planners, pencil sharpeners, colored pencils, crayons, calculators, folders glue sticks, washable magic markers, erasers. staplers....

Monetary donations are always accepted. Please bring your donations to the church **no later** than August 24th

Please contact Donna Worosila at 732-713-3107 or Barbara Morrisev at 732-501-2195 with any questions.

Thank you in advance for making Back to School cool for the children of our community!

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Celebrate Black Catholic History Month November 8, 2025

Please join us to celebrate Black Catholic History Month on Saturday, November 8, 2025 at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, 146 Metlars Lane in Piscataway, NJ. The morning begins at 9:00 AM with a welcome followed by a 9:30 AM Mass celebrated by Reverend Patrick Winbush, O.S.B. which will them be followed by brunch and fellowship. There is no charge for this event, but registration is required. Deadline for registration is October 24th. Please register at: https://diometuchen.org/multiculturalministr y If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Sr. Miriam Perez at mperez@diometuchen.org or 732-529-7933.

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Gospel Today

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time / Luke 14:1, 7-14

Jesus wants us to "give" with unselfish kindness, putting others needs before our own. Being compassionate, and not expecting anything in return, puts us first in God's eyes.

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Jesus says...

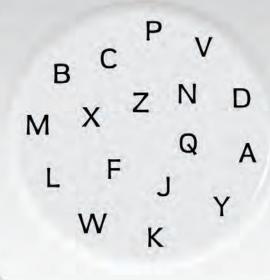
"When you hold a lunch or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relations or your wealthy neighbors, in case they may invite you back and you have repayment."

-LUKE 14:12





Write the alphabet letters **NOT** found on the plate.



Unscramble the letters above and fill in the blanks to complete the sentence below.

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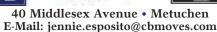
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