

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 Zannetti, Parochial Vicar
Deacons Joseph Ragucci, Thomas Michnewicz & Vincent Brigande
Katie Frame, 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
Sr. Luciana D'Cruze MPF, Youth Minister
Parish Administrative Assistants, Maureen Lugo, Joe Noto
School Administrative Assistant, Sandy Gambotto
School Office Assistant, Laura Gruenling
Parish/School Bookkeeper, Karen Dudas
Maintenance Supervisor, Poncho Julius

A graphic illustration for 'Back to school'. It features a wooden desk with a black chalkboard in the center. On the chalkboard, the words 'Back to school' are written in white chalk. To the left of the chalkboard is a large red apple with a green leaf. To the right is a red cup filled with colorful pencils. In the background, there are more books and a yellow measuring tape.

Back to
school

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.

Weekend Mass Schedule

Sept. 6 th	5:00 pm	Fr. Greg
Sept. 7 th	8:00 am	Fr. Greg
	10:00 am	Fr. Jay
	12:00 pm	Fr. John

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 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 Violette Boguszewski r/o Family
 12:00 PM For the People

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2025

7:00 AM Annette Ritzer r/o Colonia Pharmacy
 8:30 AM Tony Virazzi r/o Sheila Williams

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2025

7:00 AM Alberta June Williams-Fisher r/o Phyllis
 Ali
 8:30 AM Annette Griscavage r/o Family

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2025

7:00 AM Roman Drop, Sr. r/o Felicia Mills
 8:30 AM Edward Foti r/o Margie Foti

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2025

7:00 AM Anthony Pirozzi, Jr. r/o Phyllis Ali
 8:30 AM Arnoldo Franco & Virgilio Campos r/o
 Aderito & Maria Campos

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2025

7:00 AM Thomas Latin r/o Nancy Lanza
 8:30 AM Baltazar Hilvano r/o Viernes Family

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2025

8:00 AM Laura Megna r/o Zangari Family
 5:00 PM Castner & Gibbs Families r/o Family

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2025

8:00 AM For the People
 10:00 AM Anthony Pagano r/o Children &
 Grandchildren
 12:00 PM Annie & Louis Panaccione r/o Noto
 Family

**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

Aliyah Marie Acosta

TO WED

TO HEAL

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 & 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, 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 Iannacone, Jean Nych, Gregory Kolaranda, Johanna Esposito, Vincent Dellaquila, 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 9/6 and 9/7
Weekday readings can be found on the parish website.

Wisdom 9:13-18b
 Philemon 9-10, 12-17
 Luke 14:25-33

August 31, 2025 TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you."

LUKE 14:13-14

One of the main principles of living a stewardship lifestyle is to give without expecting anything in return. This is difficult for some to comprehend in our "consumerist" culture that we live in. This is even difficult for many parish communities that have become heavily dependent on parish fundraising events to support the mission and ministry of their local parish. Generally speaking, at a parish fundraiser, you pay money and receive something in return, it's just a financial transaction. This is opposed to our parish offertory at Holy Mass, where you unite your sacrifice with Jesus', renewing our covenant relationship with Him.

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.

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
Cheerleading	Jennifer Grasso	732-943-2409
Child Protection	Ellen DeRosa	ederosa@sjvs.net
Communion/ Homebound	Joanne Streck	732-382-4147
Cub/Boy Scouts	Dave Anfora	dave_anfora@yahoo.com
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	Mike Kaplonski	732-735-0184
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	Katie Schmidt	
Knights of Columbus	Bob Luban	732-382-6939
Lazarus Ministry	Ann Ruth	732-381-6815
Lectors	Deacon Tom	732-574-1651
	Michnewicz	
Legion of Mary	JoAnn Worosila	908-420-5083
Music Ministry	Jamie Frame	908-331-0471
O.C.I.A.	Ellen DeRosa	ederosa@sjvs.net
Parish Life Comm.	Egger Lugo	732-801-6705
Pastoral Council	Suzanne MacIntyre	732-283-0731
Pre-Cana	Deacon Tom &	732-574-1651
	Janice Michnewicz	
Pro-Life	Carolyn Glodek	973-349-4626
Religious Education	Katie Frame	kframe@sjvs.net
SAC	Jeanette Wilmanski	jwilmanski@gmail.com
Secular Franciscans	Rev. J. Kubiak	732-494-3399
	Anna Zielski	732-325-7779
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	908-380-4263
Youth Minister	Sr. Luciana D'Cruze	sruciana@sjvs.net

OFFERTORY AUGUST 24, 2025

Collection: \$9,804.25
 Online giving: 4,357.00
 \$14,161.25

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

Series- The Nicene Creed

Every Sunday we profess our faith as we pray the Nicene Creed. This year marks the 1,700th anniversary since the Council of Nicea during which the bishops who gathered proclaimed the central doctrines of the faith. The name Nicene comes from the location of the gathering in Nicea, in what is now northern Turkey.

Have you ever thought about the words we pray every Sunday? What are we actually saying we believe when we pray these 1,700-year-old words? And what do begotten and consubstantial mean anyway?

We will offer a six-week series to unpack the Nicene Creed. We will use Bishop Robert Barron's book, *What Christians Believe Understanding the Nicene Creed*, excerpts from the Catechism of the Catholic Church (Part One is dedicated to the Profession of Faith), selected sections from Bishop Barron's video presentations on the Creed and some other resources.

When? Tuesday evenings, 7:00 pm until around 8:00 pm *Sep 23, Sep 30, Oct 7, Oct 14, Oct 28, Nov 4* (These are consecutive Tuesdays, skipping Oct 21st due to a scheduling conflict)

Where? Upstairs Meeting Room of the Church
 If you have a copy, please bring your Catechism of the Catholic Church.

Please email or call no later than September 19, 2025 to let me know if you plan to come.

Ellen DeRosa
ederosa@sjvs.net
 732-423-5735



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

Learning today . . . Leading tomorrow

Did you know:

Our parish school is accredited by the nationally recognized Advanced – Ed School System Accreditation. This agency conducts rigorous, on site and external reviews of Pre – K – 12 school systems to ensure academic growth.

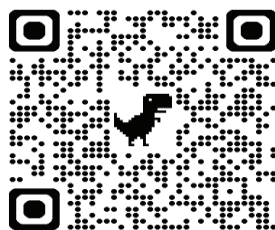
Catholic Schools in our diocese have a 99% graduation rate, and more than 85% of our students go on to college.

Catholic schools instill a strong sense of social responsibility in their students. Studies show that graduates of Catholic Schools are more likely to vote when they are adults!

St. John Vianney School, where God's Loving Light shines through Us and our Actions.

CCD NEWS

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



The Catholic Parent

Parents are invited to a new group which will meet 2 Fridays a month at 6:30 p.m. on Zoom beginning on September 26th. Meetings will include watching a brief video on a topic particular to Catholic parenting and discussing as a group. Topics will include desiring holiness for your child, child temperaments, family culture, strong marriage, and being an effective witness, among others. The group is intended for those with children in the home and new parents are particularly welcome as developmental stages will be discussed! If interested, please contact Cristina at cdaverso@diometuchen.org

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.

Please refer to this link from the Diocese of Metuchen for other assistance: <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

Founded in 1985, **First Choice Women's**

Resource Centers serve over 5,000 women, babies and students each year. Some come to their centers in Jersey City, Montclair, Morristown, Newark and New Brunswick, while others participate in their interactive Real Talk sexual risk avoidance presentations in their high school. With an estimated 13,100 abortions performed each year in their service area, First Choice's mission is to protect the unborn by empowering women.

Some of the many free services provided to their clients include: pregnancy tests and individual peer counseling, ultrasound exams to medically confirm pregnancy, abortion pill reversal, the Real Talk sexual risk avoidance presentation, after-abortion support and care, and an Earn While You Learn parenting program. If anyone you know is struggling with an unplanned pregnancy or a past abortion, please refer them to our website for clients. First Choice would be glad to serve them.

For information on First Choice's ministry, please go to their website for donors. For information on volunteer opportunities, [click here](#)

Pastor's Column August 30 - 31, 2025

This Monday is Labor Day – a day to honor all those who work for a living. As Catholics we believe that work is part of God's plan for us. St. Paul – in one of his letters – tells us to 'earn the food we eat by working quietly.' He also admonishes those 'who do not keep busy – but act like busybodies.' He even goes so far as to say that 'those who do not work should not eat.'

In this St. Paul is certainly not putting down those who cannot work due to age, disability, or circumstance. Neither is he, who constantly commands us to practice charity, discouraging us from helping those who truly are in need. But St. Paul is reminding us that work has a place in God's plan – and we do well to reflect prayerfully on the good we can do by working according to His will.

St. Joseph is our model in this. The different kinds of work he did are an example to each and every one of us. He worked as a carpenter to provide a home for Jesus and Mary – reminding us that working to support a family is pleasing in God's sight. He worked at being a faithful husband and loving foster father to Jesus – a vitally important kind of work that is all too often overlooked. Finally, St. Joseph worked at his own faith (remember how he and Mary brought Jesus to the Temple, and things like that?). On this Labor Day, let's look to the example of St. Joseph and follow it as best as we can.

After Labor Day comes the beginning of a new school year. It is hard for me to believe that the summer is over, and school is about to start again. The beginning of the school year is also the beginning of the Religious Education year. News about both our Parish School and CCD program can be found elsewhere in this bulletin. Please read it carefully.

There was a very nice article in the Catholic Spirit about Patrick Rasimowicz – the seminarian who spent last year in our parish. The article described the positive impact that Patrick had on our 8th grade students, whose religion class he taught last year. It was a nice read.

For those who may not know, the Catholic Spirit is our diocesan newspaper. It covers news about parishes and such in our diocese and has columns from several priests and Catholic columnists. A bunch of copies are sent to us each month, and I put them in the narthex for those who wish to read them. You can also find it on the Diocese of Metuchen website. It is well worth reading.

This weekend we are having a hastily arranged special collection to assist the Church in the Holy Land and Gaza. People living in that area have obviously been affected by the ongoing war. Churches have been damaged, and I am sure that schools and charitable institutions have been, too. Today's second collection will help Catholic Relief Services and Catholic Near East Welfare Association – agencies who do much good work in such situations – to provide much needed assistance.

Our next second collection will be the weekend of September 13 – 14. It will be the annual Peter's Pence – which supports the work of our Holy Father, Pope Leo. I will tell you more about the history and purpose of this collection next week.

After Mass and Baptisms last Sunday, I had dinner with my mother. We went to a diner she enjoys and had a good time. As always, it was good to spend time with her. I hope many of you take the opportunity to enjoy time with your family on Sundays. It is a great way to honor the Lord's Day, after going to Mass.

Please keep me in your prayers – at least one Hail Mary a day. Please also pray for the students and teachers returning to school and for peace.

Have a great week.

Fr. John



Dear Youth and Parish Community,



Happy Labor Day weekend! I hope this time gives you a chance to slow down, enjoy some well-deserved rest, and share meaningful moments with the people you love before the busy season begins.

As I mentioned in last weekend's bulletin, we're getting ready to kick off a brand new year of Youth Group next month—and I'm truly filled with excitement and gratitude for all that's ahead. We have some wonderful events planned, but one I'd love to invite you to personally is our very first SJV Youth Group Car Wash Fundraiser!

Date: September 20th, 2025

Time: 10 AM - 1 PM

Location: Church Parking Lot (Pre-K/Convent)

Bring your dirty cars and generous hearts! A \$10 donation per car is gladly accepted, and every dollar will go toward supporting our youth retreats, service projects, and ministry events—helping our teens grow in faith, friendship, and service. Even if you're unable to attend, your prayers and support mean more than you know. Thank you for being a constant source of encouragement to our young Church. You are truly a blessing—to them and to me.

Lastly, a gentle reminder: we're welcoming new members to both our Middle School and High School Youth Groups! If you—or someone you know—is interested in joining, or if you'd like more information, please don't hesitate to reach out. I'd love to connect with you!

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.

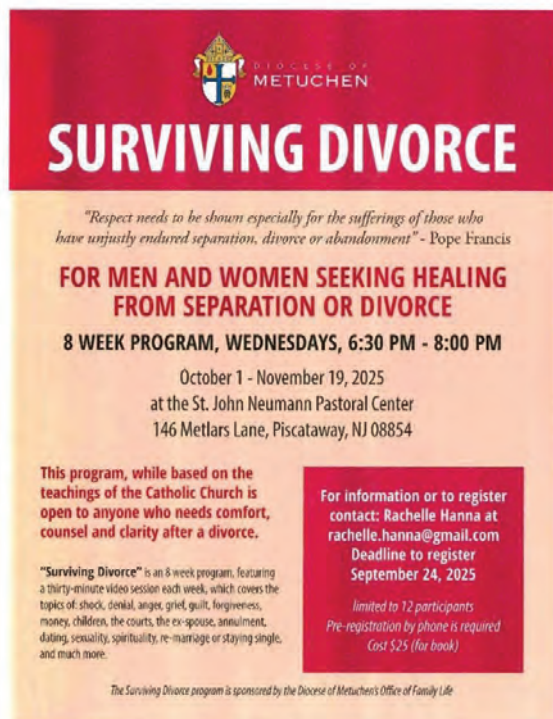
We will start meeting in late August. Based on the availability of the folks who have already expressed interest, it looks like we will meet on Sundays after the noon Mass. If you are away on vacation, not to worry, we can get you caught up.

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

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DIocese of METUCHEN

SURVIVING DIVORCE

"Respect needs to be shown especially for the sufferings of those who have unjustly endured separation, divorce or abandonment" - Pope Francis

FOR MEN AND WOMEN SEEKING HEALING FROM SEPARATION OR DIVORCE

8 WEEK PROGRAM, WEDNESDAYS, 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

October 1 - November 19, 2025
at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center
146 Metlars Lane, Piscataway, NJ 08854

This program, while based on the teachings of the Catholic Church is open to anyone who needs comfort, counsel and clarity after a divorce.

"Surviving Divorce" is an 8 week program, featuring a thirty-minute video session each week, which covers the topics of shock, denial, anger, grief, guilt, forgiveness, money, children, the courts, the ex-spouse, annulment, dating, sexuality, spirituality, re-marriage or staying single, and much more.

For information or to register contact: Rachelle Hanna at rachelle.hanna@gmail.com
Deadline to register September 24, 2025
limited to 12 participants
Pre-registration by phone is required
Cost \$25 (for book)

The Surviving Divorce program is sponsored by the Diocese of Metuchen's Office of Family Life



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@sjvs.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: \$828,373.00

COLLECTED SO FAR: \$408,981.00

**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>

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

Back Pack School Supply Drive. This weekend back packs and school supplies will be distributed at the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry in Perth Amboy. Because of the generosity of the St. John Vianney Parish Family students will start off the school year with the supplies that they need to be successful in school. Thank you.

Help Wanted. Volunteers are needed to help at the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry in Perth Amboy. If you are interested in helping please contact Joe Pampalone by email. His contact information is daddypamps@yahoo.com. In the subject please put "Pantry Volunteer"

**AED Fund Drive update.
"Mission Accomplished"**

Thank you for your generosity. Your generous donations allowed us to buy three AEDs. Training will take place in either September or October. Please keep your eye on the bulletin for more information.

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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 then 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/multiculturalministry> 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.

For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the

_____.

Luke 14:14



answer: righteous

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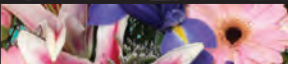
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