# THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS



# St. John Vianney Church

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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. Ple\*ase 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

Sept. 20 <sup>TH</sup>	5:00 pm	Fr. John
Sept. 21st	8:00 am	Fr. Jay
	10:00 am	Fr. John
	12:00 pm	Fr. Grea

#### **Upcoming Parish Events!**

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



Sanctuary Light is in Memory of Fernando Archeval by his Family

#### **MASS INTENTIONS**

#### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2025- St. John

Chrysostom

8:00 AM Patrick McCartin r/o Siblings

5:00 PM Pietro Bagnato r/o Josephine Bagnato &

Family

#### **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2025**

8:00 AM Raymond Zafian r/o Gertrude Zafian

10:00 AM For the People

12:00 PM Christian F. Araujo r/o Irene Araujo

#### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2025 – Our Lady of

Sorrows

7:00 AM Martin Kearney r/o Family 8:30 AM Emily Tramutola r/o Daughter

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2025 – Sts. Cornelius and

Cyprian

7:00 AM Michael Moran r/o Walsh & Negron Family 8:30 AM Michael DePaola r/o Geri DePaola &

Family

#### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2025

7:00 AM Walter Mulyk r/o Society of St. Vincent de Paul SJV Conference

8:30 AM John Romanauskas-Ramand r/o Joan Sciahetano

#### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2025

7:00 AM Joseph Bucchieri r/o Phyllis Ali & Family 8:30 AM Marilyn Dacey r/o Egger & Maureen Lugo

#### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2025

7:00 AM Kathleen Patuto r/o Matt Germek

8:30 AM Anna & Michale Blisco & Family r/o Loving

Niece

#### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2025 - Sts. Andrew Kim

Tae-gon, Paul Chong Ha-sang and

Companions

8:00 AM Joseph Fugaro r/o Cindy Pero & Family 5:00 PM Timothy Rokose r/o Mom, Dad & Jeff

#### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2025

8:00 AM For the People

10:00 AM Marie Hamilton r/o Agnes Bacsik

12:00 PM Joan A. Sokolowski r/o The Frame Family

Bread and wine have been offered in Memory of Anna and Michael Blisco by their Loving Niece



# The Prayer Corner

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

#### A TIME TO BAPTIZE

Mia Sunshine Cannon, Leo Andujar, Laila Andujar

#### **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 lannacone, 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), 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant Phillip G. Faccone Jr. (Marines), Bryan Alexander Perez (Army), Brandon Haynes (Army), Jared Endler (National Guard), LTJG Liam Keenan (Navy), Mas. Sgt. Michael Primavera (Air Force), 1LT Ryan Feeney (National Guard)

#### Readings for Next Weekend 9/20 and 9/21

Weekday readings can be found on the parish website.

Amos 8:4-7 1 Timothy 2:1-8 Luke 16:1-13 or 16:10-13

# September 14, 2025 EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only son."

JOHN 3:16

God created us to be in relationship with Him. Sin broke that relationship. Jesus came to earth so that we may reconcile our relationship with God. Following Jesus' example, we can be blessed with a joy-filled life on earth and eternal life in Heaven. These four points are known as the "kerygma" – the first proclamation of the Gospel. This core message is the basis of our Catholic faith. How do you live this out in your daily life?

#### **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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#### **OFFERTORY September 7, 2025**

Collection: \$ 11, 749.25 Online giving: 5,100.00 \$ 16.849.25

#### WIND CREEK BUS TRIP

Join us for a bus trip to Wind Creek, PA on Monday, September 15<sup>th</sup>. The s 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 1,700<sup>th</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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

Our next parish breakfast will be held in the cafeteria on September 14<sup>th</sup> following the 10:00 AM Mass. This month's breakfast will be hosted by our Religious Education Dept.





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

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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.

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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 September 13 - 14, 2025

This weekend we celebrate the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. It is one of those holy days that is so important that its celebration takes precedence over the regular Sunday Mass. For this reason, the prayers and readings are those for the Feast of the Holy Cross, rather than the 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time.

While this feast day has a long history, going back to the fourth century. Saint Helena, the mother of the first Roman emperor to convert to Christianity and grant religious toleration to the Church, travelled to the Holy Land. There she venerated the True Cross, from which countless relics were taken. While that history is interesting, the relevance of this Feast Day for us is that it is a day to acknowledge that it is through the Cross that Christ saved us. Celebrating His Cross also reminds us to carry our crosses faithfully, with His help, through life. Indeed, it was knowing and believing in the power of Christ's Cross that led St. Helena to search for it long ago.

I am happy that our Athletics Program has added two new soccer teams. May they be the first of many. I was able to stop by and watch a bit of last Saturday morning's game – and hope to see much more of the upcoming ones. Seeing the children of our parish engaged in healthy, team building activities. A special thank you is owed the coaches and parents who are making this happen, and Paul Tannucilli, our Athletic Director, and Physical Education and Health teacher.

Next weekend a group of our parishioners will join our bishop, and Fr. Greg, on a pilgrimage to the National Shrine Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC. They are participating in a special Jubilee Year pilgrimage. Please pray for them – as I have asked them to pray for us while at the Shrine.

Next weekend we have been asked to take a one-time second collection to support the Shrine. Anyone who has been there knows the Shrine is a place of faith and inspiration. In addition to the awesome main Church, there is a large crypt Church below. Countless smaller chapels line the sides of the building. Each of these chapels honors our Blessed Mother under titles by which she is known in different countries and cultures.

The Shrine opened in the 1950's. Its construction was such a big deal that my mother's high school senior trip – with her all-girls Catholic High School – was to the Shrine. Interestingly, it was only completed in 2017! Our collection next week is a mark of appreciation for the place the Shrine plays for Catholics of our country. You can find more information on this week's bulletin insert.

Speaking of collections, I want to again thank everyone who has thus far supported our Campaign. The money received has paid for our parking lot repairs and repaving. Money still coming in will pay for many other repairs to our Church and school. If you have not yet made a gift or pledge, please consider doing so. At the very least, please pray for our parish – that we can meet our obligations to care for our spiritual home.

Please also say a prayer for me – at least a Hail Mary each day. I pray for you daily and appreciate all of your prayers. Let's also pray for peace, and for the sick of our parish.

Have a great week! Fr. John



Dear Youth and Parish Community,

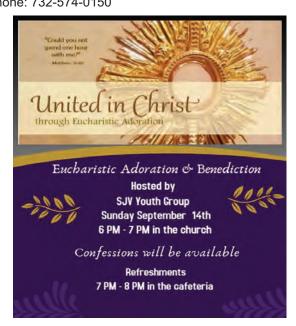
We pray you all had a blessed and joyful first week of school! As we begin this new season, let us continue to keep Christ at the center of our days. I invite you and your families to join us for **Holy Hour this evening from 6:00–8:00 PM**, followed by refreshments and fellowship together.

I also humbly ask for your prayers and support for our SJV Youth Group as they prepare for their very first fundraising event, a Car Wash on Saturday, September 20th, from 10:00 AM-1:00 PM in the church parking lot. Your encouragement means so much as our young people grow in faith, friendship, and service to our parish family.

Thank you for walking with our youth and for always keeping them close in prayer.

Sr. Luciana D'Cruze, M.P.F Youth Minister

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#### **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.

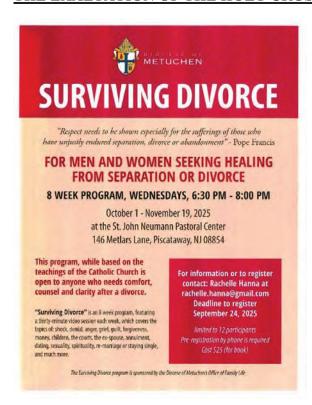
We will start meeting in late August. Based on the availability of the folks who have already expressed interest, it looks like we will meet on Sudays after the noon Mass. If you are away on vacation, not to worry, we can get you caught up.

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



### SJV CHEERLEADING FINAL REGISTRATION

Tuesday, September 16<sup>th</sup> from 4:30–6:00 PM @ SJV GYM

All participants must attend St. John Vianney CCD, Religious Education or be a student at SJV School.

#### **Bereavement Group**

The St. John Vianney Bereavement Support Group for anyone dealing with the loss of a loved one will start a new season on September 10, 2025. The group meets every 2 weeks from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. Should you have any questions, feel free to call or email Vivian Mouris at <a href="wdv.vivianMouris@gmail.com">vivianMouris@gmail.com</a> or call/text 267-626-8329.

#### **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:

☐ 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)

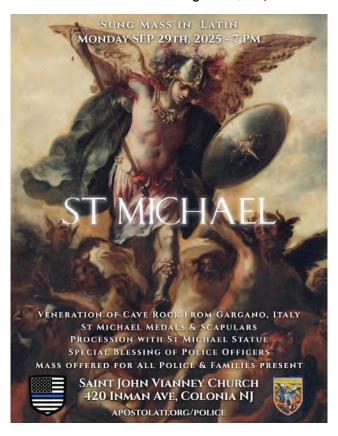
Assist the Community of St. John Vianney to improve our campus facilities, to ensure that we continue to build upon this foundation that has been given to us. Bless, O Lord, the work of our hands and grant that we may be successful in achieving our goals, as we place our hope in you. Through Christ our 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: \$837,440.00

**COLLECTED SO FAR: \$408,981.00** 

**EXPENDITURES: Parking Lot - \$282,183.00** 

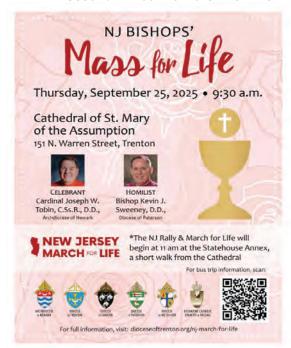


# Society of St. Vincent de Paul News & more...

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"

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#### **Second Annual NJ March For Life**



Bus available. Leaves Diocesan Ctr, Piscataway 7:15 am, \$20 per person. If you would like to ride on the diocesan bus to the Trenton Mass and NJ March for Life on September 25<sup>th</sup>, please visit the link below: <a href="https://fundraise.givesmart.com/form/WwXaqw?vid=1ldljy">https://fundraise.givesmart.com/form/WwXaqw?vid=1ldljy</a>

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Gospel Today | The Exaltation of the Holy Cross | Jn 3:13-17

Jesus reminds us that "the Son of Man must be lifted up", and all who believe in Him will be with Him in Heaven.

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## **EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS**

**Exaltation:** to raise high - to elevate by praise, glorify

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Color the cross and put it somewhere special.

and of the Holy

Spirit. Amen

We pray before it

We hope in it

We bless ourselves in the sign

It is a symbol of love

We are signed in it

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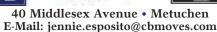
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