

"For it is in  
giving that  
we receive."



# 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

## FEAST OF SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI

**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**

Sept. 27 <sup>TH</sup>	5:00 pm	Fr. John
Sept. 28 <sup>th</sup>	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
- Harvest Moon Dance – October 18<sup>th</sup>

**Sanctuary Light is in Memory of Frank K. Gong by  
 his Family**



**MASS INTENTIONS**

**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

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2025**

7:00 AM Angeline Falk r/o Gene & Geralyn Zannetti  
 8:30 AM Helen Leathem r/o Jean & Bill Stevens

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2025 – St. Pius of  
 Pietreclina**

7:00 AM Rita Kugelman r/o daughter  
 8:30 AM Pauline A. Pafchek r/o loving daughter

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2025**

7:00 AM Sandra Dallos r/o Grafke Family  
 8:30 AM Rusty Morris r/o The Feeney Family

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2025**

7:00 AM Frank K. Gong r/o The Gong Family  
 8:30 AM Dorothy Larocque r/o Family

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2025 – Saints Cosmas and  
 Damian**

7:00 AM Patricia Chere r/o Family  
 8:30 AM Lawrence Kugleman r/o Sister

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2025 – St. Vincent de  
 Paul**

8:00 AM The Purgatorial Society  
 5:00 PM For the People

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2025**

8:00 AM William Dacey r/o Egger & Maureen Lugo  
 10:00 AM Jose Vicente Sinchi r/o The Sinchi Family  
 12:00 PM David Nisky r/o The Nisky Family

**Bread and wine have been offered in Memory of  
 Pauline A. Pafchek and family by their Loving  
 Daughter and Frank K. Gong by his family**



**Flowers have been offered in Memory of  
 Timothy Rokose r/o Mom, Dad, and Jeff**

## The Prayer Corner

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

### A TIME TO BAPTIZE

Georgia Grace Everman

### 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

Doris Mark, Juana Dickson

### A TIME OF WAR & PEACE

S. Sgt. Keith D. Lee (Air National Guard), Major Brian McCartin (Army), 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant Phillip G. Faccione 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 9/27 and 9/28**  
*Weekday readings can be found on the parish website.*

Amos 6:1a, 4-7  
 1 Timothy 6:11-16  
 Luke 16:19-31

**September 21, 2025**

**25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*No servant can serve two masters. He will hate one and love the other or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon (wealth)."*

JOHN 3:16

Jesus knows that for many of us, God and money run "neck and neck" as top priority. Is money a "god" that you put before God? Giving money to support the Church and other charity is a pillar of our faith, just like attending Mass every Sunday and participating in parish ministry. Giving money frees us from becoming a slave to money. It increases our dependence on God and our trust that God will provide all that we need.

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### 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	Katie Negron	732-597-4401
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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Fair Coordinator	Joe Noto	sjv_fair@sjvs.net
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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
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Parish Life Comm.	Egger Lugo	732-801-6705
Pastoral Council	Suzanne MacIntyre	732-283-0731
Pre-Cana	Deacon Tom & Janice Michnewicz	732-574-1651
Pro-Life	Carolyn Glodek	973-349-4626
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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 Leatham	732-388-5512
Track	Amanda Miller	732-549-2356
Ushers	Ray Morgan	908-380-4263
Youth Minister	Sr. Luciana D'Cruze	srluciana@sjvs.net

**OFFERTORY September 14, 2025**

Collection: \$ 10,446.25  
 Peter's Pence \$ 3,101.00

**WIND CREEK BUS TRIP**

Join us for a bus trip to Wind Creek, PA on Monday, October 20th. 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 1,700<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](mailto:ederosa@sjvs.net)  
 732-423-5735

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**Diocese of Metuchen Filipino Apostolate  
 Feast of San Lorenzo Ruiz & Martyrs**

Festival Mass Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup>  
 5 p.m. at St. Francis Cathedral  
 32 Elm Avenue, Metuchen, NJ

**Celebrant: Most Rev. Pedro Bismarck Chau**





### St. John Vianney School News

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

#### *Learning today . . . Leading tomorrow*

The Saint John Vianney Class of 2026 is off to a great start in their final year at SJV. As is tradition, in addition to preparing for high school academically, the eighth grade serves as role models and helpers with the lower grades. We attended our opening of school Mass with our second grade buddies, and eighth grade students participated as altar servers, readers, and gift bearers. On 9/11, they led the school in a remembrance prayer service before attending the Woodbridge Fire Department parade as a school community. We look forward to more opportunities for the Class of 2026 to lead us in a great year.

Mrs. Damanti 8B

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

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### 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](mailto: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](http://optionline.org) (Pregnancy help online) to search for a pregnancy center near you.

For other assistance go to 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

#### First Choice Women's Resource Centers

Founded in 1985, we 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 September 20 - 21, 2025*

This weekend is Catechetical Sunday. It is a day to remember that we are all called to 'catechize' – or teach – the Faith to others. For this reason, we will have a special blessing for all our CCD and Catholic School teachers at the 10 AM Mass today.

As we ask God's blessing on those who teach the faith, we do well to remember that parents are always the primary religious educators of their children. When God blesses a couple with a child, he also gives them the mission of sharing their faith in Jesus Christ with that child. Teaching children to pray, taking them to Church, sharing age - appropriate Bible stories with them are all ways that parents – indeed the whole family – does this.

Speaking about taking children to Church – I love to see and hear children in Church. Some people tell me they worry that their little children will make too much noise and distract others at Mass. My advice to them is – don't worry about it. Personally – I like hearing children at Church. We belong to a Church that has always taught that children are a great blessing from God – and that parents should be open to welcoming every child God sends them. Hearing children in Church brings that Truth alive for me.

In the spirit of Catechetical Sunday, please remember to make sure that any school aged family member (grade 1 – 8), are enrolled in our CCD program or parish school. The lessons they learn in CCD or Religion class in school reinforce and build upon the things their family is teaching them about the Lord Jesus and the Catholic Faith He gave us. If you have any questions, or are not sure how to register, give me a call and I'll help you.

One of the Truths of our Faith is that every human person is created in the 'image and likeness of God' (Genesis 1:26ff). For this reason, every human being has a sacred, God given dignity that deserves respect and protection. Regardless of race, age, health, or any other factors – every human being possesses a God given human dignity.

Events in our country – and around the world – show how much we need to be reminded of this Truth. Ongoing wars with no end in sight, shootings of innocent people, and random acts of violence all reveal a gross disrespect for God's sacred gift of human life – as does the destruction of innocent human life in the womb.

With all this in mind, I want to mention two things. The first is that there will be a Mass and rally for life at St. Mary's Cathedral in Trenton this Thursday. Some of our parishioners are going – as are Fr. Greg and Fr. Jay. It will be a great opportunity to pray and call for an increased respect for human life. I encourage those who can do so to consider joining them – and all of us to join them in prayer.

The second is that I would like us to begin including a Prayer for Peace before each Mass on Sunday and Saturday evening. I will ask our Lectors to lead this prayer right after they make the announcements before the Entrance Chant at Mass. We will use the Prayer for Peace on the inside cover of the pew missals. Written by Pope Saint John Paul II, it is succinct and meaningful. My hope is that praying for peace will remind us of our call to be peacemakers – which, I believe, starts with respecting the God given dignity of every human person.

Speaking of prayer, I will be going to my seminary reunion in Emmitsburg, Maryland, from October 1 – 3. While there, I will visit and pray at the Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. I have spoken of my devotion to this great American Saint before. If you have people or intentions you would like me to include in prayer at Mother Seton's tomb, just write them on a piece of paper and give them to me before I leave. I will be happy to pray for you and any intentions you give me.

In the meantime, please keep praying that Hail Mary for me each day. Many of you have told me you are doing this, and I really appreciate it. God pours out many blessing to us in answer to our prayers for each other. Let's also pray for the sick and, of course, for peace.

Have a great week!  
Fr. John



Dear Youth and Parish Family,

I want to extend our heartfelt thank you to each and every one of you for making our Youth Holy Hour on Sunday, September 14th such a beautiful and spirit-filled experience. Your presence, prayers, and support helped create a truly special moment of encounter with Christ for our young people.

To our amazing youth – your reverence, joy, and openness to God continue to inspire us all. To the parents – thank you for encouraging and supporting your children in their faith journey. Events like these wouldn't be possible without your commitment and collaboration.

Let's continue to promote and grow our youth group – inviting more young hearts to experience the love of Christ and the joy of community. The Holy Spirit is at work, and there is so much more ahead!

Sr. Luciana D'Cruze, M.P.F.  
Youth Minister  
Email: [srluciana@sjvs.net](mailto:srluciana@sjvs.net)  
Phone: 732-574-0150

### **SJV Youth Group – September 2025 Calendar**

Let's grow in faith, friendship & service this fall!

- Thursday, Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> 7:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m.  
High School Youth Group Meeting
- Saturday, Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.  
Soup Kitchen Prep
- Sunday, Sept 28<sup>th</sup> 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.  
Food Delivery to People in Need

### **Special Events This Month Week 3**

- Saturday, Sept. 20<sup>th</sup> Car Wash Fundraiser 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM (Church Parking Lot)

Proceeds go toward retreats, trips & youth-led projects.

Reminders: Bring a friend to at least one event this month! Check the Youth Bulletin Board in the church hallway for updates, photos & sign-ups!

## **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

[ederosa@sjvs.net](mailto:ederosa@sjvs.net); 732-423-5735

**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](mailto: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.

### "Sacramentals"

**Come to the Patricians discussion to learn about Sacramentals and**

**their powerful impact on our lives.**

**Wednesday, October 8 th 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.**

**St. John Vianney Catholic Church  
(cafeteria))**

**420 Inman Ave; Colonia, NJ 07065**

**The Society of Patricians is sponsored by  
the Legion of Mary, Our Lady**

**of Mercy Presidium. The society of the  
Patricians is an informal group**

**of adult Catholics who meet under the  
direction of Fr. Gregory**

**Zannetti to learn about Catholic Faith.**

### 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 [VivianMouris@gmail.com](mailto:VivianMouris@gmail.com) 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@sjvs.net](mailto: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)*

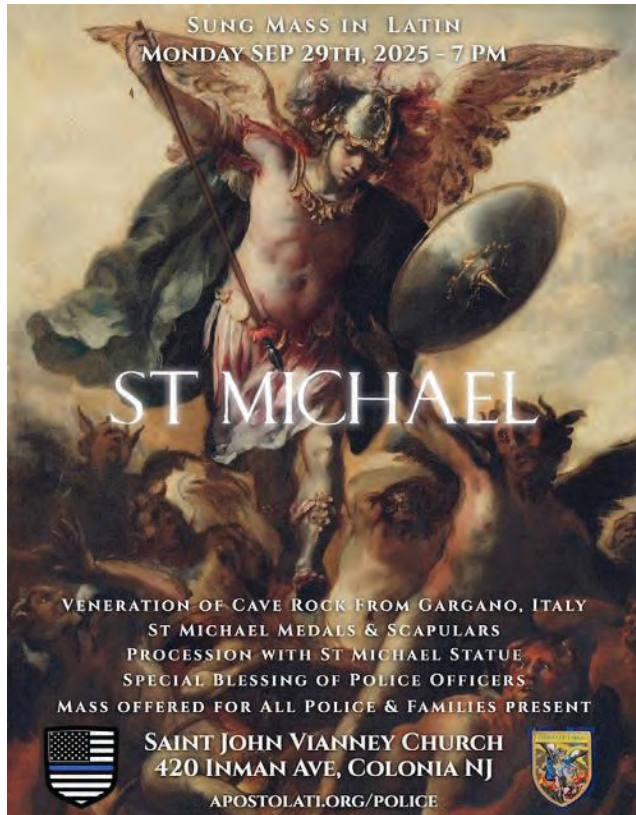
*Assist the Community of St. John Vianney to improve our campus facilities, to ensure that we continue to build upon this foundation that has been given to us. Bless, O Lord, the work of our hands and grant that we may be successful in achieving our goals, as we place our hope in you. Through Christ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

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

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



## Society of St. Vincent de Paul News &amp; 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](mailto:daddypamps@yahoo.com). In the subject please put "Pantry Volunteer"

**A special thanks:** Our sincere thanks to Fr. John Barbella for allowing us to have all of our different fund raisers. We would not be able to help the less fortunate without his support.

**Coat & Blanket Drive:** The Coat & Blanket Drive will start the weekend of September 20<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Food Pantry news:** The local food pantries are in desperate need of all types of food. Remember **if You like it, They like it**. Food supplies have never been needed more than they are needed now. Grocery store gift cards are very welcome. Gift cards may be placed in the Poor Box or placed in the weekly collection in an envelope marked "Food Pantry".

## 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:  
<https://fundraise.givesmart.com/form/WwXaqw?vid=1ldljy>



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## Gospel Today

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time / Luke 16:1-13

The person who is honest and trustworthy in small matters, will be honest and trustworthy in great ones.

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## WHAT DO YOU SAY?

- Circle your answers and talk about them -



# 1

If you eat more than your share...

YES, it was me -  
I ate all the cookies.

or

NO, I don't know who  
ate all the cookies.



# 2

If you break something  
that is not yours...

SORRY, I broke your  
pencil by accident.

or

I don't know how your  
pencil got broken.



# 3

If you find property  
that is not yours...

I saw my friend / classmate  
drop this, I am glad to return it.

or

I like this, I might  
keep it for myself.





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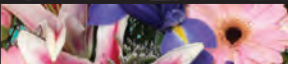
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