# The Feast of SAINTS PETER & PAUL

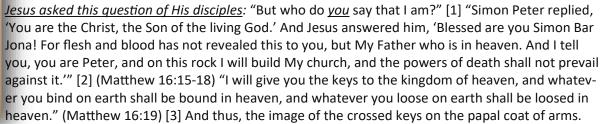


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# The Parish Communities of ST. JOHN VIANNEY & ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

# Pastor's Corner

# Solemnity of Sts. Peter & Paul, Apostles - 29 June 2025



According to the Daily Universal Prayer and Commentary by FAITH Catholic, "While preaching and spreading the Gospel after the Resurrection, Peter was arrested by King Herod. Meanwhile, prayer by the Church was fervently being made to God on his behalf. The early Church offers us an example of intercessory prayer that we should imitate by praying fervently for the successor of Peter, the pope" [4] – Pope Leo XIV.

According to Javier Soegaard in the Loose-Leaf Lectionary for Mass, "Today we might picture ourselves on the streets of Jerusalem, Antioch, or many cities traversed by [Sts.] Peter and Paul. Perhaps we are the recipients of funny looks as we gawk at the sights. In among this feast for the senses, we notice a mix of fear and excitement as new believers flock to our message of resurrection and salvation while others threaten with hostility. In these places, the mission Christ has given us is enormous. We have to spread the Gospel in a vast and diverse empire. We have to establish communities of believers, nurture faith, and keep those communities connected to one another. We have to help people understand the beauty of the mission that Jesus has given them in spite of their weaknesses. We might also imagine ourselves questioned, prodded, and imprisoned like Peter and Paul. Perhaps we can even place ourselves in the prison with Peter, feeling God's strength and care as chains fall from our wrists and the angel of the Lord leads us into freedom." [5]

"Our task today as a church has changed very little. We are called to those same ministries of healing, nurturing, proclamation, and community building – and to do these things whether the public sphere accepts us or decries us. In addition, we have the tremendous task of doing all this in spite of our imperfections, conscientious of our own constant need for conversion and healing, but also aware that God's grace continues to strengthen us." [6]

"In his letters, Paul acknowledges his former ways, writing, 'For you heard of my former way of life in Judaism, how I persecuted the Church of God beyond measure' (Gal 1:11-20, Vigil). But Paul also celebrates the new life and the mission he has been given in Christ, that through him 'the proclamation might be completed and all the Gentiles might hear it,' and that the Lord stands by him to give him strength to compete well, finish the race, and keep the faith (2 Tim 4:6-8, 17-18, Mass during the day)." [7]

Enzo Lodi in his book entitled, Saints of the Roman Calendar, "According to ancient tradition, Simon, whose name changed to Peter (meaning rock), died by crucifixion with his head near the ground, as was the Roman custom for the crucifixion of slaves. Recent excavations confirm that the martyrdom of St. Peter, around the year 67 [AD], took place on the Vatican Hill, where the basilica of Constantine was constructed." [8]

"Paul of Tarsus, whose name was originally Saul, was a Pharisee and a persecutor of Christians. He converted to Christianity after his extraordinary experience on the road to Damascus (Acts 9:1-19). After his second imprisonment at Rome, he was beheaded (around the year 67 [AD], according to Tertullian) not far from the basilica that was given to the care of monks in the sixth century." [9]

Thanks be to God that we do not have to face crucifixion or being beheaded because of our faith in the United States. However, we have the same role to play as St. Peter (to the Hebrews) and St. Paul (to the Gentiles). That role is to spread the Good News of the Gospel throughout the world so that all will come to know and realize just how loved they are by God Himself! We need to spread this message a widely as humanly possible! It just may bring others to the faith! Be well and may God bless you and your family abundantly!

Prayerfully, Fr. Ben

# Invite someone to church next week!

Catholics that no longer practice their faith / Non Catholics / People with no faith affiliation. Introduce them to us before or after Mass.

# ALL ARE WELCOME!

Hello parishioners of St. Thomas the Apostle and St. John Vianney.

Our Mass Intention book is open for dates now thru September 2025 only.

You can request mass intentions via email to <a href="massintention@ststhomasjohn.org">massintention@ststhomasjohn.org</a>.
Only dates thru September 30<sup>th</sup> will be accepted.

When requesting an intention, please include the following so we have all the information needed:

- Which church St. John or St. Thomas
- Intention for name(s)
- Deceased or Living
- Requested by name(s)
- Requested Mass date and time OR first available if the date requested has all ready been taken.

Each mass intention is \$20 and payment can be made by cash, check or online. Once request is accepted you will receive an email with an online payment link and an email receipt of your intention. Mass cards for intentions are available in the parish office.

# Saturday, June 28th

5:00 pm (St. John Vianney)

† Patricia Bell by Thomas & Ann O'Rourke

5:00 pm (St. Thomas the Apostle)

† For my Parents Maria Khoan Nguyen & Phaolo Loi Duc Chu by Thu Chu

# Sunday, June 29th

9:00 am (St. Thomas the Apostle)

† Rose Lenahan by Julia Schneider

10:00 am (St. John Vianney)

† Carolyn Wright by Natalie and Bob Perez

11:00 am (St. Thomas the Apostle)

† Emily Lenora Fleming by Grandma & Poppy Cokinos

# Monday, June 30th

6:30 pm (St. Thomas the Apostle)

**Eucharistic Adoration** 

7:30 pm (St. Thomas the Apostle)

† Dolly Petrosino by Deacon Jim & MaryLou Cammarano

Novena to St. Peregrine immediately following Mass

# Tuesday, July 1st

8:00 am (St. Thomas the Apostle)

Zboraj Family by Mom

Wednesday, July 2nd

8:00 am (St. Thomas the Apostle)

No intentions for this Mass

12:00 pm (St. John Vianney)

No intentions for this Mass

Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Help immediately following Mass

# Thursday, July 3rd

## FEAST OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

8:00 am (St. Thomas the Apostle)

Saint Thomas the Apostle

# First Friday, July 4th GOD BLESS AMERICA

8:00 am (St. Thomas the Apostle)

For the men & women who gave their lives for the freedom of the republic in which we live today.

Holy Hour immediately following Mass

12:00 pm (St. John Vianney)

No intentions for this Mass

# Saturday, July 5th

5:00 pm (St. John Vianney)

† Amy & Pat Snouffer by The Snouffer Family

5:00 pm (St. Thomas the Apostle)

† Louise Lombardo by The DeAngelo Family

# Sunday, July 6th

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am (St. Thomas the Apostle)

† Amy & Pat Snouffer by The Snouffer Family

10:00 am (St. John Vianney)

No intentions for this Mass

11:00 am (St. Thomas the Apostle)

† Charlotte Pachucki by Jeannie Stroud

# PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED FOR THE 4TH OF JULY

# FEAST DAY OF ST. JOHN VIANNEY - PARISH CELEBRATION ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 2ND

With great joy, we invite all parishioners, families, and friends to join us in celebrating the feast day of our patron, St. John Vianney, on Saturday, August 2nd.

We are especially blessed to welcome **Bishop Kevin Sweeney**, who will celebrate the **5:00 PM Mass** with us that evening. Following the Mass, we will gather for a **parish dinner in the church hall**.

This celebration is not just about food - it is about community. We would love to prepare the meal with our own hands and hearts, using our parish's talents, generosity, and spirit.

If you are willing to help set up, serve, or bring a dish to share, please contact:

Mary Lou Cammarano: (973) 570-8131; mlcamm2@yahoo.com

• Teresa Zinck: tzinck100@gmail.com

• **Pam Ankersen**: (973) 271-1500

Our **Knights of Columbus** will also be assisting in the preparations for this special event.

As we approach Independence Day, we extend our warmest 4th of July greetings to all! Please note that since this year July 4th falls on a First Friday, the Noon Mass will be celebrated as scheduled, but there will be no Holy Hour afterward.

Let us come together in faith and fellowship to honor our patron and strengthen the bonds of our parish family.

"The priesthood is the love of the heart of Jesus."

- St. John Vianney

Leace, Fr. Martin

# Exciting Parish Project at St. John! N

We are beginning a **new project to upgrade the sound system** in our church! Good sound is essential for prayerful liturgies, music, and preaching - and we want everyone, in every pew, to hear clearly and fully participate in the Mass.

# **6** Goal: A New Sound System

This project will involve raising funds and coordinating the installation of a new, high-quality system for St. John.

# X A New Committee is Forming

We are forming a Sound System Committee to help lead and oversee this project.

We are blessed to have parishioners Christine & Timothy Westra assisting in this important effort.

They are happy to speak with you and answer any questions!

# **CONTACT INFORMATION**

Christine Westra: 973-668-8768 | ✓ cwestra@yahoo.com Timothy Westra: 201-519-6898 | ✓ giallo5480@yahoo.com

Or feel free to reach out to me directly: Fr. Martin – 973-841-2947 | Martin@ststhomasjohn.org

Your support—through time, prayer, or donation—is greatly appreciated. Let us work together to ensure that the Word of God and the beauty of liturgical music continue to reach every heart.



# How well do you know St. Thomas Church?

How well do you know St. Thomas Church? Listed below are questions about the church. The areas are limited to the Sanctuary, the front entrance area and outside.

The Answer to last weekend's question



The Statue on the wall behind the altar depicts

- 1. Baby Jesus
- Crucified Jesus
- 3. Resurrected Jesus

The answer will be in next weekend's bulletin, along with a new question.

# SJV Knights of Columbus Council 12649 Scholarships

The St. John Vianney Knight of Columbus Council 12649 is offering four **\$1,000** scholarships for young adults pursuing further education in <u>college or trade school</u>. Selections will be based on an essay, submitted to the Council, explaining the applicant's educational goals and needs.



- Applicants must be at least 18 years old, morally upright Catholics, and attend St. John Vianney parish.
- Scholarships are available for College STEM degrees, Business, Roman Catholic Theology, Liberal Arts, or accredited Trade Schools.
- High School GPA is not a factor, however, admission to an accredited institution is required.
- The **deadline** for the essay submissions is **July 31**. The St. John Vianney Knights of Columbus will make the awards in September 2025.

If interested or have questions, contact Alex Verdes PGK (203.258.7766) or David Eltringham GK 1.572.7042)



Women's Spirituality Group

SAINT JOHN VIANNEY

"In the Image of Jesus: A Woman's Guide To Exemplifying the Life of Jesus And Making Virtuous Decisions In A Misguided World" will continue to meet throughout the summer. Please note our SUMMER schedule: we will meet on alternate Mondays at 6:30 pm.

Summer dates are June 30; July 14, 28, Aug. 13, 25. Call or text Janet Pfeiffer for more info: 201-213-8499 email Janet Pfeiffer Power Seminars.com

# CORPUS CHRISTI 2025 June 22, 2025

**SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE** 

Envelopes, Loose Check & Cash: \$1,545

Online Giving: \$630

TOTAL: \$2,175

Envelopes, Loose Checks & Cash: \$2,351

Online Giving: \$1,820

TOTAL: \$4,171

 Weekly Expenses:
 \$5,598
 Weekly Expenses:
 \$6,972

 Last Year:
 \$2,371
 Last Year:
 \$6,465

Sound System Fund: \$50

# THE BEREAVEMENT GATHERING



# Wednesday, July 2 at 7:00PM at STA Classrooms Future Dates: 7/16, 7/30, 8/13, 8/27

We're a place to find healing during this most difficult time. Let us help you through your grief journey. We understand as we are grieving with you. God's healing grace will be felt throughout our meetings. Let

God be with you on your journey to healing. Our fellowship is here to support one another in their time of need. Come join us in a safe, loving, spiritual, supportive and healing environment. If you have questions please call Maria Pasterchick at 201-506-3151 or sisco9458@gmail.com



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No admission fee. Please check our website for more detailed information. As always, it will be a fun night for the entire family.

Come join us!



In the Catholic tradition, a prayer shawl serves as a tangible reminder of God's care and love. It is

often created through a ministry where parishioners knit or crochet shawls, infusing them with prayers for the recipients, who are often in need of comfort and support. These shawls are given freely, symbolizing the community's love and prayers, and they are intended to wrap the recipient in warmth and spiritual solace.

For information on receiving a blessed shawl or lap blanket, To request a shawl or lap blanket (which come with the promise of continued prayer) you have four options:

- 1- Complete the form in the Narthex and put in envelope
- 2- Use the form on the parish website
- 3- Email to prayershawlstasjv@gmail.com
- 4- Use the QR code.

# How Does Online Giving Benefit Me and My Church?

- Convenient anytime, anywhere access through Secure and Confidential. Adheres to banking
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- contributions at any time.
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- member account information.
- Efficient. Participation saves time and expense
- Current. A tool for people who prefer to use

# Our Sunday Visitor Online Giving begins today!

Our parishes are migrating to Our Sunday Visitor (OSV) online giving platform this month.

The change will be completed in July at which time our old ParishSOFT online giving platform will no longer be available.

Sign up TODAY and enjoy all of the benefits of online giving.



Saint Thomas the Apostle

https://www.osvhub.com/ststhomasjohn/giving/funds

Saint John Vianney

https://www.osvhub.com/ststhomasjohnv/giving/funds



# "TO EVERYTHING THERE IS A SEASON" A TIME TO BE HEALED

Prayers for the sick: Kathy Brennen, Kevin Wickert, Fumiko Lutz, Patricia Carapola, Courtney Sanchelli, Gail Brennan, Richard Lavelle, Stephen Vecchiotti, Vincent Ottani, Darlene Kolakovic, Kenny Miscisak, Emily Schmidt, Tim Lambert, Nancy, Sebastian Drelick, Frank Weber, Carole DeCepoli, Bert DeLuca, Maryellen Leppard, Kelly Cokinos Fleming, Sophia Brandt, Elaine M., Joseph, Joey Dyl, Liz, John, Teresa Nussbaum, Antionette Volpe, Paul Pini, Jimmy Bariso, Joanne, Noreen Schuk, Katherine Kaiser, Danielle Peece, Chris Day, Carmela Houlihan, Sharon VanDyke, Karen McCarthy, Robert Martin, Ashlyn Lausch, Jim, Barbara Eckert and Sandor Heitler, Kevin Corman, Lily, Nicholas Falzarano, Paul Farruggia, Val Ciaburri, Thomas Sharkey, Lisa Litterri, Althea Ames, Lynn Hall, Norbert Kalokira, Terry Boonstra Anne Cooper and Michael Savage.

# A TIME TO MOURN

Prayers for the deceased: Joan DeVito, Al Cannarozzi, Jr., Angelina (Angel) Pappianne, Dr. Raymond Troiano, Frank Wilpert, Jeffrey Ryan, Frank Scillieri, Etzer Jerome, Rita Rugel, Alice Warren, Joseph T. Murphy, Joseph F. Dooley, Patricia (Pat) Snouffer, Amy Snouffer, Rosemarie Pichieri, Joan Myszka, Crescia (Chris) Osborne, Ray Troxell, Barbara Runz, Ray Troxell, Barbara Runz, Joseph Carabillo, John R. Gadbois, Elizabeth A. O'Donnel, Tommy Gigante, Thomas Joyce, Richard "Dick" Martin, James (Jim) Cerullo, Jr., Rev. Charles J. Brunick CSP. Mario Provenzano, Richard Alheidt, William H. Osbun, Lynn Padula Brennan, Daniel Morales and Mary Swerzenski, Joseph Spagna, Carol Corazza, Amy Alheidt and Dominick Restuccia, Helen Engle, Stanley Fautas, Robert Michael Allender II, Alfanso Bruccoleri, Anthony (Tony) Campana, Elaine J. Marone, Delores Carhart, Lynda McTigue, Karen Dulfer, Joe Carrier, William "Bill" Feuss John Golden, Noreen Nuzzo, William Marone and Ed & Grace Battaglia, Richard Sandervan, Rosina Gleeson, Mary Ann Castiglia, Rich Day, Dolly Petrosino and Dorothy Konner.

# A TIME FOR PEACE

We pray for those in our parish who are+ currently serving in the armed forces especially: Staff Sgt. Antoino Lettizia, USMC, OSSN(SW) Anthony S. Gambuti, US Navy, Captain Andrew Verdes, Haley Kerrison Lt1, Army, 2nd Lt. Clara Fetter, USMC, USAF Airman Andrew Babich, Chaplin Major Jhon Madrid, Airman Gianna Perez, USAF and Lt. Col. Colleen O'Brien, Army, Paul Letizia Sergeant USMC, Sergeant Thomas J. Soules III, US Army, PFC Thomas Young, Army National Guard and PFC Thomas Young, Army, PFC Kyle Peters, Army, Nicholas Roberts, US Navy, Petty Officer Miguel A. Rodriguez USN and Master Chief Miguel Rodriguez, USN In honor of the Military serving our country at home and abroad, we invite you to recite three (3) Hail Mary's for their safety. We also pray for the family and friends of those listed above.

## **BAPTISM**

Baptisms are held at both parishes. If you are a first time parents you must attend a Baptism Preparation class. Baptism Classes are held Mondays at STA 7:00pm and Saturdays at SJV 10:00am check the parish website for upcoming dates.

For more information and to register for Baptism: www.ststhomasjohn.org

# **MARRIAGES**

Prior to your booking of the reception, please call the Parish Office 1 year in advance of the wedding date to allow for proper pre-marital preparation.

# Knights of Columbus Council Meetings

**St. John Vianney Council #12649** meets at Saint John Vianney the 1st & 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7:30 pm.

<u>Joseph Lamb Council #5510</u> meets on the 1st & 3rd Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at Wiegand Farm.

# **PARISH MEMBERSHIP:**

A parishioner is one who belongs to the parish family. As such, they are registered and committed through participation in the life of the parish. In order for marriages to be administered and for Sponsor Certificates, recommen-



dations, etc. to be issued by the office, the person requesting must be a registered online: ststhomasjohn.org and active member of Saint John Vianney or Saint Thomas the Apostle.

We request that you register when you move into our community so that we may be of service to you. Please use the QR code register.

"If any person may have been abused by any priest, they should immediately contact their local County Prosecutor's Office and Diocese's Victims Assistance Coordinator: Dr. Ken McNeil at 973-879-1489. You may also be in touch with either of the Diocesan Response -Officers Rev. Msgr. T. Mark Condon, Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia, 973-777-8818 Ext. 205 or Sister Theresa Lee, FMA, Chancellor / Delegate for Religious, 973-777-8818 Ext. 248. The entire text of the Policy of the Diocese of Paterson in Response to Complaints of Sexual Abuse is available on the diocesan Web site: www.patersondiocese.org.

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