The Parish Communities of:

SAINT JOHN VIANNEY & SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ AUGUST 17, 2025

Very Rev. Benjamin J. Williams, *Pastor* frben@ststhomasjohn.org

Rev. John Foley, CSP, Weekend Assistant jfoleycsp@cs.com

Rev. Martin Bradtke, *Pastoral Assistance, SJV* frmartin@ststhomasjohn.org

Deacon Kevin L. Combs, *Deacon* parishdeacon@yahoo.com

Theresa A. Guarino, *Business Manager*, *Local Youth Protection*, *Safe Environment Coordinator* terry@ststhomasjohn.org

Alyssa Carolan, Director of Faith Formation & Youth Ministry/ Online Communications Coordinator alyssa@ststhomasjohn.org 973-208-0096

Eric M. Stroud, PhD, *Director of Music STA* eric@ststhomasjohn.org

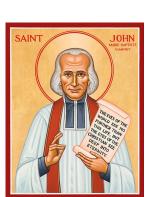
Neil Perrotta, *Director of Music SJV* cp23amb@warwick.net

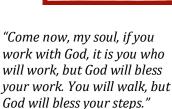
Gerry Geary, O.C.I.A gerry@ststhomasjohn.org

Michelle Rosiek, Parish Staff michelle@ststhomasjohn.org

"Take your finger and examine my hands." Thomas said in response: "My Lord and My God."

- John 20:28





- Saint John Vianney

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Weekends

Saint John Vianney

Saturday: 5:00PM Sunday: 10:00AM 6:00PM every first and third Sunday of

the month, September- March

Weekdays

Saint John Vianney

Wednesday: 12:00PM First Friday: 12:00PM **Eucharistic Adoration**

First Friday :immediately Following 12:00PM Mass

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Wednesday immediately following 12:00PM Mass

Saint Thomas The Apostle

Saint Thomas The Apostle

11:00AM

Monday: 7:30PM

Saturday: 5:00PM

Sunday: 9:00AM

Tuesday—Friday: 8:00AM

Eucharistic Adoration Monday :6:30PM First Friday: Immediately following 8:00AM Mass

Novena to Saint Peregrine Monday immediately following

7:30PM Mass

Reconciliation: Saturday: 4:00PM - 4:45PM and by appointment at

both parishes.

PARISH OFFICE: 5635 Berkshire Valley Road Oak Ridge, New Jersey 07438 website: www.ststhomasjohn.org

SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE CHURCH & CEMETERY

Location: 5635 Berkshire Valley Road Oak Ridge, New Jersey 07438 973-208-0090

SAINT JOHN VIANNEY CHURCH

Location: 2823 Route 23 South Stockholm, New Jersey 07460 973- 697-6550

REV. MATTHEW J.TWIGGS CENTER & THRIFT SHOP

Thrift Shop Hours: Thursdays: 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Saturdays: 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Saturdays: 10:00 AM - 2:00 PN twiggscenterthrift@gmail.com

MADONNA HALL

For information about renting Madonna Hall madonnahallrentals@gmail.com

Parish Website www.ststhomasjohn.org







THE PARISH COMMUNITIES OF

SAINT JOHN VIANNEY & SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE



Pastor's Corner Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time 17 August 2025

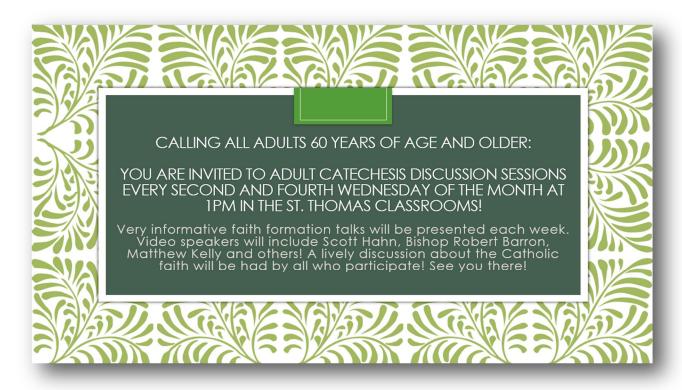
As faithful disciples of Christ, we must <u>persevere</u> and <u>persist</u> in our faith! Do we persevere and persist in our faith with patience and fortitude? On the other hand, do we quit when things begin to get a little bit rough in one way or another because of our faith?

According to the Daily Universal Prayer and Commentary by FAITH Catholic, "As Christians, we do not always fall in line with the ways of the world [nor should we]. In the Gospel [passage from St. Luke], Jesus warns us that following Him will not always bring peace into our lives. In fact, if we follow **His** ways, we might encounter division, even within our own families. Jesus taught His disciples a new way of living which is contrary to the 'ways of the world.'" [1]

"In our first reading, the Prophet Jeremiah is thrown into a cistern and left there to die because of his faithfulness to God. As he was sinking in the mud, he is rescued by a court official. St. Paul, in our second reading, encourages the Hebrews to **persevere** in running the race – keeping their eyes on the prize – **Jesus** Christ – who <u>Himself</u> faced persecution." [2]

Nearly everyone knows that in order to be successful – to attain something worthwhile – it takes <u>patience</u>, <u>persistence</u> and <u>perseverance</u>. Nothing truly worthwhile comes easily. **Faithful** disciples of [Christ] will face opposition for living the truth and the values of God's kingdom. When confronted [with opposition, ridicule, or worse] we must keep our eyes on the Prize - the Lord Jesus, and persevere in running the race towards life everlasting. [3]

The theme of today's Sacred Scripture readings is captured beautifully by Fr. Richard Gribble, CSC in the Loose-Leaf Lectionary for Mass by Liturgical Press, "On...December 26, 2004, a massive earthquake registering 9.2 on the Richter scale struck the west coast of Sumatra. The earthquake itself did



Saturday, August 16th

5:00 pm (St. Thomas the Apostle)

† June Day by Patricia & Jack Schaffhauser

5:00 pm (St. John Vianney)

No intentions for this Mass

Sunday, August 17th

9:00 am (St. Thomas the Apostle)

† Arthur Towne by Montone Family

10:00 am (St. John Vianney)

No intentions for this Mass

11:00 am (St. Thomas the Apostle)

Healing Grace by Thu Chu

Monday, August 18th

6:30 pm (St. Thomas the Apostle)

Eucharistic Adoration

7:30 pm (St. Thomas the Apostle)

† John Zboraj, Sr. by Zboraj Family

Novena to St. Peregrine immediately following Mass

Tuesday, August 19th

8:00 am (St. Thomas the Apostle)

† Tammy Ahearn by George DeGraaf

Wednesday, August 20th

8:00 am (St. Thomas the Apostle)

† Peter Joyce by Ellen Schmidt

12:00 pm (St. John Vianney)

No intentions for this Mass

Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Help

immediately following Mass

Thursday, August 21st

8:00 am (St. Thomas the Apostle)

Jack Cerullo as he begins college by Mary Buda

Friday, August 22nd

8:00 am (St. Thomas the Apostle)

† Andy Dambach by Dan & Lynn McCartney

Saturday, August 23rd

5:00 pm (St. Thomas the Apostle)

† Cresecenia (Chris) Osborne by her daughter Linda

5:00 pm (St. John Vianney)

No intentions for this Mass

Sunday, August 24th

9:00 am (St. Thomas the Apostle)

♥Henry & Dottie Opat

in Celebration of their 60th Wedding Anniversary

by Bob & Andrea Gowans and Family

10:00 am (St. John Vianney)

No intentions for this Mass

11:00 am (St. Thomas the Apostle)

† Jose Luis Ojeda by Maria Pasterchick

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday: 9am-4pm Wednesday: 9am-1pm Friday: Office Closed

considerable damage, and the tsunami that it generated killed 230,000 people in eleven countries throughout the regions of Southeast Asia, the Indian Peninsula, and Indonesia. Yet, one family miraculously survived this ordeal intact even though they were literally in the eye of the storm." [4]

"The Alvarez family from Spain: Quique, the father, Maria his wife, and their three children, Lucas, Tomas, and Simon, were guests at the Orchid Resort on the coast of Thailand when the tsunami struck. Maria and her eldest son, Lucas, were swept away by the raging waters. Miraculously, they survived, but Maria was severely injured. Meanwhile, Quique and his two younger sons, who were also swept away, wound up somewhat miraculously together on the upper floor of a resort hotel. Although battered and bruised, these three, along with the eldest son, Lucas, were not injured severely by the tsunami. Quique began to search for his wife and [eldest] son. Expressing his great faith, he was convinced that his wife and son were alive and that, with perseverance, he [would] find them [alive and well]. It took several days, but finally, the family was united. Perseverance and faith brought the family [back] together [again]!" [5]

"With God, all things are [indeed] possible!" (Matthew 19:26) [4] Do we truly believe this?

As faithful disciples of Christ, we must <u>persevere</u> and <u>persist</u> in our faith! Do we persevere and persist in our faith with patience and fortitude, or do we quit when it begins to get hard in one way or another?

Prayerfully, Fr. Ben

[1] Daily Universal Prayer and Commentary, FAITH Catholic, Lansing, MI, Vol. 58. No. 3, 2025, Pg. 335. [2] Daily Universal Prayer and Commentary, FAITH Catholic, Lansing, MI, January 2022, Pg. 340. [3] Loose-Leaf Lectionary for Mass, Liturgical Press, Collegeville MN, 2022, Pg. 3h. [4] Ibid. [5] The Holy Bible, Revised Standard Version, Catholic Edition, Ignatius Press, San Francisco, CA, New Testament Copyright 1965, Old Testament Copyright 1966, New Testament, Pg. 19.

From Fr. Martin's Desk

Mission Appeal - August 23-24

Once a year, our Diocese hosts the Mission Appeal, when a missionary visits to share about their work and invite our prayerful and financial support. After a pause of several years, we are glad to welcome this tradition back.

Sr. Jacinta of the Evangelizing Sisters of Mary will speak at all Masses the weekend of August 23-24. There will be a second collection for the Mission Appeal that weekend. Envelopes are included in your packet, and contributions can also be made online. If writing a check, please make it payable to SJV; all donations will be transferred to the Missions Office - nothing will stay in our parish.

The Evangelizing Sisters of Mary serve in some of the poorest communities, bringing the Gospel, education, and hope. Let us warmly welcome Sr. Jacinta and join in supporting their mission.

New Parish Maintenance Collection - 5th Sundays

Beginning this month, we will introduce a new tradition: every 5th Sunday of the month (about four times a year), there will be a second collection for parish maintenance.

Our parish has many small and large projects that need attention. Instead of making separate appeals each time (except for major projects such as our recent sound system upgrade), this collection will help us steadily care for our parish home.

There will be full transparency on how much is collected and exactly how it is spent. This month has five Sundays, so the first of these collections will take place the weekend of August 30–31. If you have not received an envelope for this in your recent packet, you will receive one in the next mailing.

Mass Intentions

Mass intentions for August and September are still available. To mark a birthday, anniversary, or to remember a loved one, please contact the parish office.

With gratitude, Fr. Martin

REQUESTING MASS INTENTIONS

You can request mass intentions drop by the Parish Office during business hours or via email to massintention@ststhomasjohn.org. No requests will be taken over the phone. All emails will be answered within 24 hours. (email received after 11am Friday will be answered by Tuesday morning.)

Only dates thru September 30th 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 not already 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.



Faith Formation Registration 2025 is live!

The first day of class for K-8 is Saturday 9/20 at 8:30 am.

The first day of High School Confirmation Preparation is Sunday 9/21 at 6:45 pm.



We are in need of catechists!
Please email Alyssa Carolan at
alyssa@ststhomasjohn.org if you
are interested in volunteering!

Having a family get together?

First Communion

Baptism?

Confirmation?

Bridal shower?

Baby shower?

A club or association dinner?

Consider renting Saint John Vianney's

Madonna Hall!

For more information about booking Madonna Hall, please contact Mrs. Cristin Gandy:

<u>Madonnahallrentals@gmail.com</u>
973-670-3523.





Gave the Qate!

St. Thomas the Apostle Church 75th Anniversary Celebration October 19, 2025

St. Thomas the Apostle Church, Oak Ridge, NJ

Beginning at **3:00PM** with a concert showcasing showtunes songs from each decade.

Followed at **4:00PM** with hors d'oeuvres and desserts.

You do not want to miss it!





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. 2. Tabernacle

If you are attending Mass in the Sanctuary, and you must evacuate, where are the PRIMARY exits?

- 1. Four Doors in the Narthex/ Vestibule, and two doors on either side of the organ.
- 2. Four Doors in the Narthex/ Vestibule, Kitchen Door, Entrance Door by Office.
- 3. Four Doors in the Narthex/ Vestibule, Classroom Door, two doors on either side of the organ.

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

Would you like more questions? Let us know by leaving it in "The Box" which is located in the Narthex.



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

Our Ministry meets monthly on the 2nd Thursday of every month at 7:00 PM at St. Thomas the Apostle. Meeting dates and times are included on the Parish Schedule of events. **Our next meeting is August 14th.**

Bring something you are making or come to learn some basic stitches. We provide the yarn and needles. You might go home with a prayer square made by you!.

We discuss any old or new business, such as inventory, supplies, new opportunities or when we need items blessed by Fr. Ben.

Meetings generally last from 1 to 1.5 hr. Lots of good chatter, time for recollection, especially when reading recipient names and getting to know other crafters.

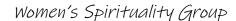
THE BEREAVEMENT GATHERING

Wednesday, August 27 at 7:00PM at STA Classrooms

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





"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 July 28, Aug. 13, 25.

Call or text Janet Pfeiffer for more info: 201-213-8499 email Janet Dpfeiffer Power Seminars.com



REGISTER ONLINE AT COMMUNITYPASS.NET

St. Thomas the Apostle Church 75th Anniversary Celebration



We are excited to announce that **St. Thomas the Apostle Church** will be celebrating **75 years of faith, fellowship, and service** to our community! Please join us as we honor this special milestone and give thanks for the blessings of our parish family.

Date of Celebration: Sunday, October 19, 2025 **Location:** St. Thomas the Apostle Church, Oak Ridge, NJ

As part of our celebration, we are inviting all parishioners, families, and friends to show their support by becoming a **75th Anniversary Sponsor**. Your name (or family/business name) will be proudly displayed on our **Anniversary Sponsor Board** during the event which will be prominently displayed:

- ♦ At the Anniversary Celebration on October 19, 2025
- ♦ At Church Masses surrounding the event
- In the Parish Bulletin for 4 weeks around the celebration
- Donor names will also be posted on the parish website and social media pages.

Sponsorship Levels:

- Platinum Donor \$75
- ¶ Silver Donor \$50
- **ö** Bronze Donor \$25
- * Patron Donor \$10

To become a sponsor or for more information, please contact:

You can fill out the Form below to indicate how you want your Business or name presented.

Checks can be made payable to: St. Thomas the Apostle

Thank you and God bless you!

Mail to: St. Thomas the Apostle.

ATTN.-75th Anniv. Comm.

5635 Berkshire Valley Road
Oak Ridge, NJ 07438



Let's come together to honor our past, celebrate our present, and build our future in faith. Your support will help make this celebration a memorable and meaningful event for all!

P.S. For Parishioners and those looking to attend our Celebration, more details will follow, so..."Save the Date" of the afternoon of Oct. 19, 2025!

Name of Donor:

Phone number:

How do you want your submission to appear (one line only):

Amount enclosed:

Check #

Gruenert Through The Years Talent Show SEE YOU THERE WHERE: ST. THOMAS CHURCH, 5635 Berkshire Valley Rd Oak Ridge, NJ 07438 WHEN: Friday, Sep 12th, 2025

From Michelle's Desk

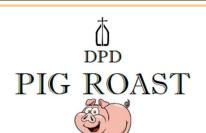
RE - Contribution Envelopes

To our parishioners of St. Thomas and St. John,

If you contribute using envelopes then you should have received your August/September set by now. If you still haven't received this last set or would like to start receiving contribution envelopes please contact me in the Parish office at michelle@ststhomasiohn.org.

In your email, please include your full name and address, your envelope number, if you know it, and your contact info including email and phone number.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding as we navigate our new database platform.



TIME: 7 PM TO 9 PM ALL ARE WELCOME

September 6th, 2025 3:00-7:00 PM Rain date - September 7th If raining on Sept. 6th, call: 862-596-1755

> GAMES, PRIZES, MUSIC ***AND***

GREAT FOOD

DPD VOLUNTEERS FREE!

ADULTS \$10

Bring a field chair if you have one! POOL IS OPEN! CHILDREN 4-17 yrs old \$5 CHILDREN UNDER 4 yrs old - Free PET THERAPY DOGS WELCOME & FREE, too!

> "AT THE FARM" Wiegand Farm 1 Catholic Charities Way

Oak Ridge, NJ 07438 Questions - Robin Roodenburg Robin@dpd.org or call 973-935-0875

Detach here

Make checks payable to DPD & return by August 25th to DPD, PO Box 2539, Oak Ridge, NJ 07438

, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,		
Volunteer Name (Free):	DPD Program:	
Number of Adult Tickets @ \$10 each:	_	
Number of Child Tickets @ \$5 each:	_	
Total Amount Enclosed: \$	Total # of People Attending:	



To register for your child's or children's Baptism go online

www.ststhomasjohn.org

Sacraments and choose Baptism on the drop down menu, There you can register and find answers for some questions you may have.

Summer is the time of the year where the need for food assistance is the greatest. One reason is school summer vacation, the children do not have access to the School Lunch program during the summer months.

We hope that you are able to continue with your generosity this summer.



SAINT JOHN VIANNEY

Thank you to everyone who have been so generous. We ask for your continued support. The shelves are dangerously low.

"I used to pray that God would feed the hungry, or do this or that, but now I pray that He will guide me to do whatever I'm supposed to do, what I can do. I used to pray for answers, but now I'm praying for strength. I used to believe that prayer changes things, but now I know that prayer changes us and we change things." St. Theresa of Calcutta

Catholic Charities **HOPE HOUSE** If you can please, these are the items we are in most need of:

PASTA SAUCE/ PASTA /SMALL INSTANT COFFEE / JUICE BOXES / CRACKERS

Donations can be dropped off when you come to Mass at St. Thomas or during the week at the <u>STA Rectory Door under the overhang</u>. You do not have to ring the door bell as the front door is checked throughout the day. The food doesn't stay there for long!

Catholic Charities Community Service, Partnership for Social Services

MEALS ON WHEELS / FOOD PANTRY

During these uncertain economic times our food pantry is having a hard time keeping up with needs of those who struggle to put food on their table please help.

PASTA SAUCE / PASTA / CANNED TOMATOES / SOUP/ JUCIES BOXES

You can drop off your donation of non perishable food items or monetary donations at St. John Vianney Church OR at the Food Pantry, Location: 48 Wyker Road, Franklin, NJ Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 10:00am - 2:00pm

Flip top or easy open cans and or containers work best most homeless people cannot open cans.

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—August 3, 2025

SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE

Envelopes, Loose Check & Cash: \$1,853		Envelopes, Loose Checks & Cash: \$4,311	
Online Giving:	\$585	Online Giving:	\$1,425
TOTAL:	\$2,438	TOTAL:	\$5,736
Weekly Expenses:	\$5,598	Weekly Expenses:	\$6,972
Last Year:	\$2,551	Last Year:	\$7,109
Gift/Donation:	\$45	Visiting Missions:	\$1,682

"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, 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, Lynn Hall, Norbert Kalokira, and Michael Savage.

A TIME TO MOURN

Prayers for the deceased: Joan DeVito, Al Cannarozzi, Jr., Angelina (Angel) Pappianne, Dr. Raymond Trojano, 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, 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, Dorothy Konner, Diana J. Matthews, June Day, Joseph Farawell, Anne Cooper, Peter Joyce, Tommy Klein and Andy Dambach.

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

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.

Joseph Lamb Council #5510 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.

The Schools of the Catholic Academy of Sussex County --- 973-729-6125 ext. 3055





Joshua Donovick, Esq. Peace of mind for you and your family.

973.970.9583 SPARTA, NJ



Your Voice Matters... VOTE







Give blood.





Old School Barber Shop Featuring Today's Styles - Beard Trim, Hair Cut & More!

973-810-3646

770 Route 15 South Lake Hopatcong, New Jersey

"The Leak Stops Here!" Est. 1986

McCOLLUM ROOFING & SIDING

Proud Parishioners of St. Thomas the Apostle

1-877-604-ROOF (7663)

www.mccollumroofingandsiding.com

mccollumroofingandsiding@gmail.com

Ask about our **Gutter Cleaning** Program!







973-862-7985
speidelandsonssepticservice@gmail.com

One Main Street · Franklin, NJ 827-7050

PAUL D. FERGUSON, MGR., N.J. LIC. NO. 3746

F. 10HN RAMSEY FUNERAL HOME

Septic Pumping • Septic Cleaning Repairs • Installations

99 Route 94 • Vernon, NJ 07462

Mention this ad and get 10% off any service!

loyce A. Soltesz, Mgr. N.J. Lic. No. 4607 Todd N. Soltesz, N.J. Lic. No. 3619 Entrusting Your Loved One To Us ... Because We Care Monuments and Inscriptions · Burial and Cremation Services 187 La Rue Road Newfoundland, NJ 07435 www.sticklesolteszfuneralhome.com (973) 697-6700

THE WEST MILFORD ANIMAL HOSPITAL

ROBERT J. ASHMAN, V.M.D.

 Consultation By Appointment Hours: Monday Thru Saturday 9:00-12:00PM · Tuesday & Friday 1:00-3:30PM Monday & Wednesday & Thursday 5:00-7:00PM

45 OAK RIDGE ROAD, OAK RIDGE • 697-8890

CONVENIENT HOURS FOR BUSY PEOPLE ROOFING • CHIMNEYS **MASONRY • GUTTERS**

Get The "Sensational Smile" You Deserve!! A Certified "LUMINEER" Office

Michael J. Ilardi, DMD, LLC

(An Active Parishioner)

2713 Route 23 South (Lakeland Plaza) • 973-697-8383

We Find & Fix Leaks!



\$1100 OFF Any New Roof Replacement

20% OFF Any Roof, Chimney, Gutter, Masonry Repair & SENIORS

Family Owned/Operated • Lic. #13VH0934200, Bonded & Insured • 20+ Yrs. 732-589-9967 Serving All of New Jersey

Don't be afraid...Be Ready

CENTURY 21

Crest Real Estate, Inc.

REALTOR®

BROKER-SALES ASSOCIATE

973-809-3970 cell 973-646-7466 direct

ACheff98@gmail.com www.AnthonyCheff.com

142 ROUTE 23 N • POMPTON PLAINS NJ

Every Veteran has earned help and support.





Don't wait. Reach out. VA.GOV/REACH





U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs



Family Restaurant

Fine Italian Cuisine

Catering Available

Tuesday-Sun 11am - 10pm

973-697-5680 **@TONYSON23**



2771 Route 23S • Stockholm

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR **ADVERTISERS**

THEY SUPPORT **OUR PARISH**

ROOFING • SIDING **SKYLIGHTS • GUTTERS**





For A Free Legal Consultation *

MARC J. BRENNER ESQ. 973-326-8902

Personal Injury • Workers' Compensation • Social Security Disability lawmarcbrenner.comomarc@lawmarcbrenner.com

222 RIDGEDALE AVENUE · CEDAR KNOLLS, NJ 07927



J-I RENOVATIONS

Family Owned & Operated NJ Lic. #13VH11896900

\$1,200 OFF **NEW ROOF or SIDING** 20% OFF

862-462-0183 • www.jirenovation.us