

The Parish Communities of: SAINT JOHN VIANNEY & SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT ~ MARCH 1, 2026

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Saint John Vianney

Liturgy Schedule

Weekend Mass

Saturday: 4:00PM
Sunday: 8:00AM & 10:00AM
6:00PM 1st & 3rd
Sunday of the month

Weekday

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

Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:00PM - 3:45PM

Saint Thomas The Apostle

Liturgy Schedule

Weekend Mass

Saturday: 5:00PM
Sunday: 9:00AM & 11:00AM

Weekday

Monday: 7:30PM
Tues., Wed. & Fri.: 8:00AM

Communion Service

Thursday: 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

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

SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE CHURCH & CEMETERY

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Oak Ridge, New Jersey 07438
973-208-0090

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973-697-6550

REV. MATTHEW J. TWIGGS YOUTH CENTER & THRIFT SHOP

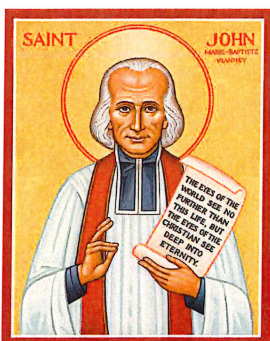
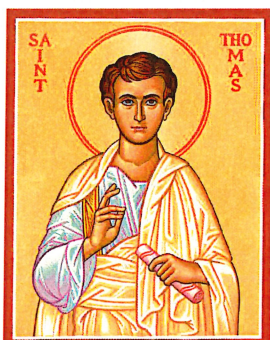
Thrift Shop Hours: Thursdays: 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Saturdays: 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
twiggscenterthrift@gmail.com

MADONNA HALL

For information about renting Madonna Hall
madonnahallrentals@gmail.com

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

- John 20:28



"Come now, my soul, if you work with God, it is you who will work, but God will bless your work. You will walk, but God will bless your steps."

- Saint John Vianney

Parish Website
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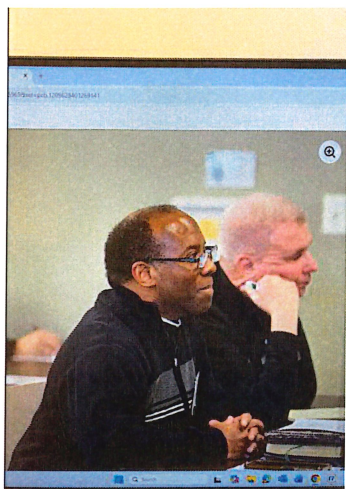
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SAINT JOHN VIANNEY & SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE

Pastor's Corner

The Second Sunday of Lent

1 March 2026



“The Transfiguration is a sign of hope.” [1] In the Transfiguration, Jesus Christ is revealed on Mount Tabor, in the splendor of His glory, as God the Father’s beloved Son. [2] St. Paul, in his Letter to the Romans, writes that the Risen Lord will surely intercede for each of us! [3] Therefore, we are to act as God’s children in the world by being His instruments for building God’s Kingdom right here on earth. [4]

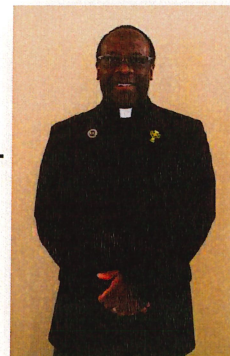
According to the Universal Prayer and Commentary by FAITH Catholic, “The Transfiguration is a sign of hope. When Jesus was transfigured before His disciples, they had a glimpse of the glorified future that awaits the faithful – [all of us]. Through the power of Jesus Christ, we can be transformed, leading the holy lives to which He calls us. Filled with his light and goodness, we will shine with His glory in this life and in the world to come [heaven itself].” [5]

“In the first reading, God calls Abram from his homeland and promises to make of him a great nation. The [second] reading from the Second Letter of Timothy explains that God calls us to holiness through the grace of Christ. In the Gospel, Peter, James and John see Jesus transfigured and speaking with Moses and Elijah.” [6]

Abraham (formerly known as Abram) is called our father in faith because he did not withhold his only son (Isaac) from God. This is the very son for whom he prayed to have for most of his life and finally received at a very advanced age (99 years old) with his wife Sarai (Sarah). Abraham’s faith and trust in God was total! This is why he was willing to sacrifice his only son as a holocaust to God! This faithfulness prefigures the sacrifice of God the Father’s only begotten Son. Jesus Christ’s sacrifice on the wood of the Holy Cross was done for our salvation! God the Son willingly submitted to crucifixion, for our sake, so that our debt, due to our sinfulness, could be paid, once and for all by God Himself (human beings are incapable of paying this debt)! God is always faithful – 100 percent of the time – without fail!

Even for the Lord, sacrifice does not come easily. Jesus Christ is the Suffering Servant. As the Messiah, the Savior of the world, Jesus would have to endure His Bitter Passion and death on a cross before He would experience the glorious victory of the Resurrection [Easter]. In the Gospel of St. Mark, we read, “...But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be the slave of all. For the Son of Man also came not to be served but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many.” (Mk 10:43-45) [7] “As a ransom for many” means that Jesus Christ’s life was sacrificed as expiation, or payment, for the debt of humanity’s sinfulness (both the Original Sin of Adam and Eve and each of our own actual sins – the sins that we commit).

Also note that at the Transfiguration, Jesus ties together both the Mosaic Law and the Old Testament prophecies. All is fulfilled in the Person of Jesus Christ who is True God and True Man, and as such, He is the perfect mediator between God and man. This is also why Jesus converses with both Moses (the representative of the Law) and Elijah (the representative of the prophets) at the Transfiguration on Mount Tabor. Through Jesus Christ, all is restored to the way that God had intended that it would be from the very beginning of creation, before the Fall of Adam and Eve.



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Saturday, February 28th

4:00 pm (St. John Vianney)

No intentions for this Mass

5:00 pm (St. Thomas the Apostle)

The Family & Friends of the Cokinos & Sullivan Family
by Nick & Kathy Cokinos

Sunday, March 1st

8:00 am (St. John Vianney)

No intentions for this Mass

9:00 am (St. Thomas the Apostle)

No intentions for this Mass

10:00 am (St. John Vianney)

No intentions for this Mass

11:00 am (St. Thomas the Apostle)

† Jeffrey Murphy by Walter Endlicher

6:00 pm - Mass (St. John Vianney)

† Adrien Kovacs and for all those who love her
by Alyssa Carolan

Monday, March 2nd

6:30 pm - Eucharistic Adoration (St. Thomas the Apostle)

7:30 pm (St. Thomas the Apostle)

† Salvatore, Frances & Salvatore Joseph Marinello
by Joe & Pat Barile

Novena to St. Peregrine immediately following Mass

Tuesday, March 3rd

8:00 am (St. Thomas the Apostle)

Healing of Darren Kretzmer by Joseph P. Hibrandt Sr.

Wednesday, March 4th

8:00 am (St. Thomas the Apostle)

† Robert Laufenberg

by Department for Persons with Disabilities

12:00 pm (St. John Vianney)

No intentions for this Mass

Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Help immediately following Mass

Thursday, March 5th

8:00 am - Communion Service (St. Thomas the Apostle)

First Friday, March 6th

8:00 am (St. Thomas the Apostle)

† Peter Kucinski by His Parents

Holy Hour immediately following Mass

12:00 pm (St. John Vianney)

No intentions for this Mass

Holy Hour immediately following Mass

Saturday, March 7th

5:00 pm (St. John Vianney)

No intentions for this Mass

5:00 pm (St. Thomas the Apostle)

† Arthur Pivrotto by Maria Pivrotto

Sunday, March 8th

8:00 am (St. John Vianney)

No intentions for this Mass

9:00 am (St. Thomas the Apostle)

† Jeffrey Murphy

by Deacon Jim & MaryLou Cammarano

10:00 am (St. John Vianney)

No intentions for this Mass

11:00 am (St. Thomas the Apostle)

† Jeffrey Murphy by St. Thomas the Apostle Choir

WELCOME HOME TO HEALING

YOU ARE INVITED TO CELEBRATE THE GIFT OF FORGIVENESS IN THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION).

THROUGHOUT THE DIOCESE OF PATERSON, NJ (MORRIS, PASSAIC & SUSSEX COUNTIES), EVERY CHURCH WILL MAKE AVAILABLE THE OPPORTUNITY FOR CONFESSION

Mondays: February 23 - March 30
from 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm



ENGAGE AND SUPPORT YOUR CHURCH

Online Giving will help sustain our church.

We currently live in a society that is always on the move. We are constantly traveling and looking for new places to adventure. Whether we are on a work trip, out of town for our kid's sporting event, or forget our checkbook, Online Giving gives you the opportunity to give anytime and anywhere with just the click of a button.

Online Giving allows you to make donations, payments, and pledges via your smart device or computer to our church.

SPIRITUAL BOUQUETS

Please offer up prayers for those whose name or intentions are on the Altar for the month of March.

Continued healing of Bill Bulwin by the Prescott Family

Jeffrey Murphy by Mary Buda

Jeffrey Murphy by Jeannie & Eric Stroud

For my best friend by Linda Osborne

For my parents, Claire & Vincent Pedone by Cheryl Prescott

My parents Arthur & Chris Osborne by Linda Osborne

For our Parents by Jeannie & Eric Stroud

Accepting Sanctuary Lamp(s) Intentions for Saint John Vianney & Saint Thomas the Apostle The weeks of March thru June

To reserve a week email: massintention@ststthomasjohn.org

or come to the parish office during business hours.

Intention dates will be on a first come first serve basis.

No intentions will be taken by phone.

*St. Thomas the Apostle and Saint John Vianney offers **SPIRITUAL BOUQUETS***

A spiritual bouquet is a tradition of offering prayers as a gift. It is a tangible way of letting others know that you prayed for them. This gift of prayer will be remembered at the weekend Masses at our parish and the names will be placed on the altar for an entire month. Visit the parish office for Spiritual Bouquet cards. We ask for a \$20 donation for each intention.

Choral Stations of the Cross

Friday March 6 7:30pm

Reception follows



Please join the combined Adult, Children, and Bell choirs of Saint Thomas as we sing Lenten music between the readings of the stations of the cross.

A Lenten reception (no meat) follows in the Social Hall to share fellowship and discussion.

All readings and music will be provided, please join us!

Please contact Eric Stroud for more information



Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross starts this Friday, February 20 and will be prayed every Friday through March 27. Here is the Stations schedule for both our parishes:

St. John Vianney
Fridays **3:00pm** and **7:00pm**

St. Thomas the Apostle
Fridays **7:30pm**

Each week at St. Thomas the Apostle, Stations will be lightly focused on a different theme; and everyone can get something out of each! Each week, we will be guided in prayer by members of a different parish ministry. Please see the schedule for these special stations below:

- February 20: Stations for Healing - Yoga and Prayer Shawl Ministry
- February 27: Stations for Strength - Bereavement Ministry
- March 6: Choral Stations
- March 13: Stations for Parents - Catechists
- March 20: Bl. Miriam Stations - The Chosen
- March 27: Community Prayer Stations - open to anyone who would like to read.

Lenten Monday Evening Conferences with Deacon Kevin!!
7:00 - 8:30 PM in the Church Basement
February 23, March 2, and 9

- "Understanding and Defending Our Catholic Faith I (Apologetics)"
- "Understanding and Defending Our Catholic Faith II (Apologetics)"

*Blessed Miriam Teresa Demjanovich
of New Jersey – Her Journey Toward Sainthood*
All are welcome to attend!

Grief, Faith and Healing
Finding Hope After Loss

Loss can be devastating and overwhelming filled with much pain and sadness.
The Lenten Season is a time of reflection, trust, prayer and renewal of our faith in God.
Let us meet to gain a better understanding of what loss means to you and how we can find healing through God.
Open to all losses from death, relationships, estrangements and major changes in life that loss has impacted your lives.

7:00 to 8:00 pm March 16, March 23, and March 30

Deacon Kevin will be presenting at St. Thomas the Apostle, Catholic Catechesis Sessions in March: Receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation and grow your faith knowledge.

Catholic Apologetics March 16, 2026 7:00 PM to 8:15

Ever wonder why we believe what we believe? Have you ever been approached by a Protestant Brother or Sister and been challenged on a key belief in our faith? Maybe even a Catholic? Apologetics translate to the word "defense". Learn how to defend your faith better.

Blessed Sr. Miriam Teresa Demjanovich, A NJ Woman on The Way to Sainthood

March 3, 2026 7:00PM to 8:15

Sr Miriam was born in Bayonne, NJ. She served the Sisters of Charity in Morristown. Learn about her inspiring experiences here in our home state of NJ as well as Her teachings to other Sisters and now to the world.

THE BOOK FOR MASS INTENTIONS FOR APRIL 2026—JUNE 2026 WILL BE OPEN THIS COMING THURSDAY, MARCH 5.
Intentions submitted before March 5 will not be accepted or held.

We invite you to prayerfully dedicate a Mass for your loved ones or special intentions.

Requests will be honored on a first-come, first-serve basis in the order in which the request is received in the Parish Office.

We accept Mass intentions by 2 methods: 1) email massintention@ststthomasjohn.org with the information below or 2) stop by the Parish Office during business hours.

When requesting an intention, please include the following as it is necessary to complete the intention in our system:

- Which church – St. Thomas or St. John
- Intention for – name(s)
- Deceased or Living ,an occasion (i.e. Anniversary) or general intention (i.e. For all the souls in Purgatory)
- Requested by – name(s)
- Requested mass date and time OR first available. Please note if the date requested has been taken we will email you an alternative date.
- Mass card requested can be picked up in the Parish office.

Mass Intentions are \$20 and can be paid by cash, check or online (a payment link will be emailed).

Thank you for your continued faith and generosity.

All that we have to do is have faith and trust in God. The faith and trust that Abraham had in God. The faith and trust that Noah had in God. The faith and trust that Moses had in God. The faith and trust that the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Joseph had in God. The faith and trust that Simeon had in God. The faith and trust that Elizabeth and later Zechariah had in God. If we have faith and trust in God, to that extent, we will not be far from our ultimate goal – our salvation! Have a prayerful and faith-filled Lenten Season.

Prayerfully,

Fr. Ben

[1] Daily Universal Prayer and Commentary, FAITH Catholic, Lansing, MI, 2025 Vol 59, No. 1, Pg. 89. [2] Daily Universal Prayer and Commentary, FAITH Catholic, Lansing, MI, January 2021, Pg. 88. [3] Ibid. [4] Ibid. [5] Daily Universal Prayer and Commentary, FAITH Catholic, Lansing, MI, 2025 Vol 59, No. 1, Pg. 89. [6] Daily Universal Prayer and Commentary, FAITH Catholic, Lansing, MI, 2025 Vol 59, No. 1, Pg. 90. [7] The Holy Bible, Revised Standard Version, Catholic Edition, Ignatius Press, San Francisco, CA, New Testament Copyright 1965, Old Testament Copyright 1966, Pg. 43 (New Testament).

Acts of Kindness ♥ Outreach to the Homebound

**Let's remember our parishioners who are homebound, in assisted living, or in nursing homes
with a card, visit, or phone call to brighten their day.**

Carmela (Mel) Houlihan 6 Aztec Trail, Oak Ridge, NJ 07438

Tess Martin 200 Bristol Glen Drive Apt. 414 Newton, NJ 07860

If you would like to add someone's contact information to this list, please email it to Lynn at dmccart4@optonline.net or call 973-970-5335.



Come join us in the Social Hall at St. Thomas the Apostle.

Save the Date

Wednesday, March 25,
at 6:00 pm
at St. Thomas

Fr. Paddy O'Donovan will give a Lenten talk

More details to follow.



St. John Vianney Parish - COR Program

The St. John Vianney Knights of Columbus, together with Father Martin, held our very first COR meeting on Sunday, February 8, following the 10:00 a.m. Mass. The gathering was well attended and warmly supported by many of our parishioners.

Every person is called to holiness. Each of us is on a journey to know, love, and imitate Jesus Christ more deeply, so that we may become more faithful husbands, wives, fathers, mothers, and friends to the ones we love and cherish.

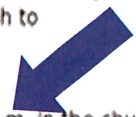
COR is a program that focuses on faith formation, prayer, a fraternal experience, and a deeper dive into your Catholic faith.

At St. John Vianney, our Knights of Columbus council has opened participation to the men and women of the parish. While we are always looking for good Catholic men to join us, we also encourage the ladies of our parish to participate with our council.

Lenten Opportunities:

- Rosary every Thursday from 7:00 to 7:30 p.m. in the church
- Adoration will be held on Fridays between Stations of the Cross

Come join us and learn more!



FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT — February 22, 2026

SAINT JOHN VIANNEY

SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE

FIGURES WERE NOT AVAILABLE AT TIME OF SUBMISSION

AS ALWAYS, THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT!

40 Days of Giving: A Lenten Practice

During Lent we are called to participate in the three pillars of Lent: prayer, fasting and almsgiving. One way to help others in this way is to participate in 40 Days of Giving. Each day during Lent, put aside one non-perishable food or paper item to donate to the Hope House Food Pantry to help feed the poor. On Sunday when you go to Mass, bring your week's donations and place them in the box for the food pantry. As you probably know, the number of families struggling with food insecurity has grown tremendously. Please be generous in helping those less fortunate than ourselves.

Catholic Charities **HOPE HOUSE**

If you can please, these are the items we are in most need of:

****RICE (1 OR 2 LB. BAGS) /
COFFEE / CEREAL / PASTA /
PASTA SAUCE**

**** URGENT NEED FOR RICE**

Donations can be dropped off when you come to Mass at St. Thomas or during the week at the STA Rectory Door under the overhang. 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

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 /
SOUP/**

**PAPER PRODUCTS/
JUICE 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.***



Grave Palm Crosses: Honor Your Loved Ones

GRAVE PALM CROSSES—24” (with stake)



The Knights of Columbus Council #5510 will be selling Grave Palm Crosses beginning the weekend of March 7/8 thru Palm Sunday, April 28/29 after all the Masses at St. Thomas the Apostle.

As we approach the sacred season of Easter, we invite you to partake in a heartfelt tradition that will illuminate the resting places of our dearly departed.

The Palm Cross can be placed lovingly at the grave of your cherished loved one(s). This symbolic gesture not only honors their memory but also infuses the spirit of renewal and hope.

These Palm Crosses will not only adorn the final resting places with grace and reverence but will also be a visual testimony to the enduring love and connection we share with those who have left us.

The Knights of Columbus Council #5510 is pleased to announce despite rising costs this year, we have decided to hold our prices steady to support our parish family and honor those who have passed.



Sale Details

Crosses will be available after all Masses at St. Thomas the Apostle starting the weekend of March 7th / 8th and continuing through Palm Sunday, April 28/29.



Pricing & Payment

- \$13.00 – Cash or Check
- \$14.00 – Venmo (includes transaction fee)



Contact Information

For more information or questions, please reach out to: Jim Zajdel at 862-322-2196 or jimzrtc@gmail.com

St. John Vianny
Knights of Columbus
Council #12649
Church Basement

**SUNDAY,
MARCH 15
ET TU,
BRUTE?**

After 8am & 10am Mass



**PANCAKE
BREAKFAST**



The Knights hold Pancake breakfasts the 3rd Sunday of each month.

Off 34th
BOUTIQUE

You're Invited

Sip, Shop & Socialize

Featuring a silent auction for all,
clothing of distinction for women,
prizes, small fashion show, &
small bites.

When: March 7th 2026
12pm-4pm | 6pm-10pm

Where:
St Thomas the Apostle Church
5635 Berkshire Valley Rd.
Oak Ridge, NJ

Benefiting St. Thomas Music
Ministry and Religious Education

Info:
Kathleen (201) 281-4673



***Snow Day March 8th**

THE BEREAVEMENT GATHERING



Next Meeting **Wednesday, March 4** at
7:00PM STA Classrooms

Additional Meeting: Wednesday, March 18.

If you have questions please call
Maria Pasterchick at 201-506-3151
or sisco9458@gmail.com

"Exercising the body for the sake of the soul"

Focusing on gentle movements enhances
concentration improving prayer and reflection.

We meet Thursday mornings at 9:30 at
St Thomas the Apostle in the classrooms.

Dates: **March 5, 12, 19 & 26**

April 2, 23, & 30



*Women's Spirituality Group "In the
Image of Jesus: A Woman's Guide To
exemplifying the Life of Jesus And
Making Virtuous Decisions In A
Misguided World" Please bring a
passage from Scripture that is
meaningful for you or relevant to a
situation you're dealing with. We meet
the First and Third Mondays,
6:30-7:30 pm.*

*Call or text Janet Pfeiffer
for more info: 201-213-8499 Or email
Janet@PfeifferPowerSeminars.com*

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**OPEN
THURSDAYS
6PM-8PM
SATURDAYS
10AM-2PM**



For information on receiving a blessed 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

Consider joining our ministry to create items made with love and to pray for all our recipients. You
can craft at home and drop off your gift, and if you'd like, **join us for optional meetings at 7 pm
on the second Thursday of each month in the STA classroom.** For more information see the
"Prayer Shawl Ministry" tabs on the parish website, or email at prayershawlstasjv@gmail.com.

SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE **DIOCESAN ASSESSMENT—\$45,060**

Outstanding Balance:
\$11,851.00

This is the outstanding balance of our Diocesan Assessment \$11,851.00.

NEXT WEEKEND, March 7/ 8 is our last of six 2nd collections (Oct.—March) to meet our financial obligation of \$45,060.00 to support the Mission of the Diocese of Paterson.

THE DIOCESE OF PATERSON IS NOT A BUSINESS OFFICE.

When you go online to the Diocesan website it states its mission: ***"EVANGELIZATION IN ALL THAT WE DO! We believe that the Diocese of Paterson is called to serve those in need and to be the local expression of the universal Church in faith, worship and service. As such, we are committed to building a community that is Catholic, united in our adherence to our faith and committed to the service of all people. We aim to serve all through our parishes, Catholic schools, Catholic Charities agencies and various diocesan ministries and programs."***

When you contribute to the Diocesan Assessment second collection you are supporting the mission of our Diocese. It is a building of a Catholic community here in Morris County. We ask that those who haven't been able to contribute so far, pray about what you are able to do to support Saint Thomas the Apostle's financial obligation to the Diocese of Paterson and it's mission next weekend.

To those who have been able to contribute to the Diocesan Assessment thank you!

Batar Da'An — Timor-Leste

Prep Time: 15 min Cooking Time: 20 min Servings: 4



Ingredients

Preparation

Batar Da'An is a satisfying stew made of squash, beans and corn and is beloved in Timor-Leste. Though it uses simple ingredients it is packed with flavor and healthy nutrients. It is perfect for the cooler weather and couldn't be easier to make.

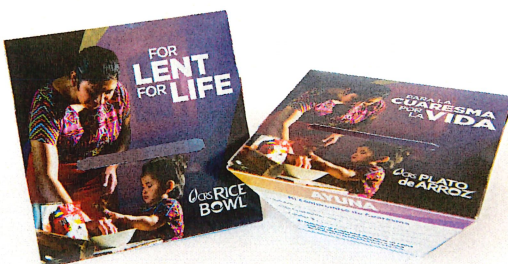
Ingredients

- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 large onion, diced
- 5 cloves garlic, minced
- 3 cups water
- 1 butternut squash, peeled, seeded and cut into cubes
- 1 10-ounce bag frozen corn
- 1 15-ounce can red kidney beans, rinsed and drained
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 2 cups cooked rice

Preparation

In a large pot over medium heat, heat the oil. Add onion and garlic and sauté until tender. Add water and squash, and increase heat until water is simmering. Add corn and kidney beans and cook stirring occasionally for 15-20 minutes until squash is tender. Add salt and pepper to taste. Serve with rice.

Eating a simple meal during Lent helps us reflect on the hunger that many people face worldwide. Make a Lenten donation to help ensure all the members of our global family have access to enough nutritious food.



"TO EVERYTHING THERE IS A SEASON"

A TIME TO BE HEALED

Prayers for the sick: Kathy Brennen, Kevin Wickert, Fumiko Lutz, Patricia Carapola, 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., Joey Dyl, 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, Sandor Heitler, Kevin Corman, Lily, Nicholas Falzarano, Paul Farruggia, Val Ciaburri, Thomas Sharkey, Lisa Litterri, Lynn Hall, Norbert Kalokira, Michael Savage, Guy Bakera, Shannon Murphy Flannery, Brenda, Debra Williams Robarge, Joe Stanley Karen (Karre) Hagman and Al Nichols.

A TIME TO MOURN

Prayers for the deceased: Joan DeVito, Al Cannarozzi, Jr., Angelina (Angel) Pappianne, Frank Wilpert, Jeffrey Ryan, Frank Scillieri, Etzer Jerome, Rita Rugel, Alice Warren, Joseph T. Murphy, Joseph F. Dooley, Patricia (Pat) Snouffer, Amy Snouffer, Joan Myszka, Crescia (Chris) Osborne, Ray Troxell, Barbara Runz, Joseph Carabillo, John R. Gadbois, Elizabeth A. O'Donnel, Tommy Gigante, Thomas Joyce, Richard "Dick" Martin, James (Jim) Cerullo, Jr., Mario Provenzano, Richard Alheidt, William H. Osbun, Lynn Padula Brennan, Daniel Morales, Joseph Spagna, Carol Corazza, Amy Alheidt, 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, Andy Dambach, Rick DeYoung, John Gleason, Dolores M. Urcinole, Angela Feldman, Brenda Nussbaum, Frank Bagnati, Anthony Tran, Zdzislaw Lewicki, Jack Furman, Lillian Agovino, Courtney Sanchelli, Joan Castringnano, Robert Paiva, Adreinn Kovacs, Jim Hastings, Krzysztof J. Sek, Mrs. Lopez, Agapita Espinosa and Michael Smith.

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 Ret. 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 our website for dates.

For more information and to register for Baptism: www.ststthomasjohn.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.

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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, recommendations, etc. to be issued by the office, the person requesting must be a registered online: ststthomasjohn.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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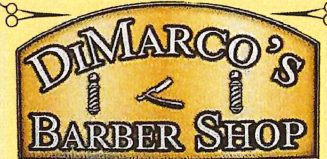
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