

The Parish Communities of:

SAINT JOHN VIANNEY & SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT ~ MARCH 22, 2026

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Saint John Vianney

Liturgical Schedule

Weekend Mass

Saturday: 5:00PM

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: 4:00PM - 4:45PM

Saint Thomas The Apostle

Liturgical 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

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Saturdays: 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

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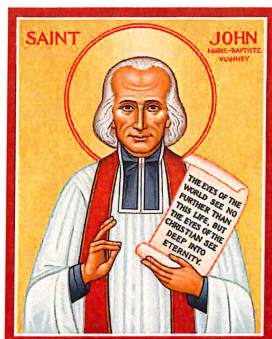
MADONNA HALL

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

- John 20:28



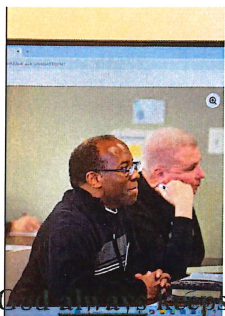
"Come now, my soul, if you work with God, it is you who will work, but God will bless your work. You will walk, but God will bless your steps."

- Saint John Vianney

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SAINT JOHN VIANNEY & SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE



Pastor's Corner Fifth Sunday of Lent 22 March 2026

His promises! That is precisely why the faithful boldly proclaim: **In God, We Trust!** **“I trust in the Lord; my soul trusts in His word!”** [1]

According to the Daily Universal Prayer and Commentary by FAITH Catholic, “It takes **courage** to **truly believe** in God’s promises. [God] promises to **raise the dead from their graves** and [to] **put His own Spirit in us so that we may live.**” [2] In the *Magnificat* we read, “From time immemorial God has promised, ‘O my people, I will open your graves and have you rise from them. Then you shall know that I am the Lord.’” [3] “Those who have the Spirit of Christ belong to Him and will share His resurrection. Today’s Gospel is not just about the resurrection of Lazarus. **It is also about ours.** Because the Spirit lives in us, death has no power over us. **We, too, will share Christ’s resurrection.**” [4]

Dominus flevit – The Lord wept! “But this **will not** happen [having the faithful rise from their graves] before Jesus weeps. [Jesus] weeps in front of **doubt**: ‘You want to go back there?’ He weeps in front of **nihilism** [5]: ‘Could He not have done something?’ He weeps in front of **fatalism** [6]: ‘Lord, by now there will be a stench.’ This is the optimum moment for God to have Lazarus rise from his grave, for then the event will teach us just how far we must go in trusting the power of Jesus’ love for us. Although ‘dead because of sin, the Spirit of the One who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also, through His Spirit dwelling in you.’” [7]

According to Rev. Ronald Patrick Raab, CSC, “In John 11:1-45, Mary and Martha lose their brother Lazarus to death. Their grief overwhelms them because they have known the love of Jesus’ presence in their family. Mary washed Jesus’ feet and dried them with her hair. Martha, too, knew the intimacy of Jesus’ presence. **They question** why Jesus is not present in their grief, especially after having seen Him accomplish various miracles. **Loss overwhelms the living** in this sacred text. **The chaos of death brings uncertainty** about how to live, how to grieve, and **how to believe** in the healing touch of Jesus.” [8]

“As we enter the scene of the Gospel, we feel the turmoil of grief and the desire for Jesus to stand with them in love. We all stand before doorways of death and often wish life had turned out differently. We may question everything when death is at our doorstep, even the very presence and existence of God [Himself].” [9]

“The Lenten season invites us into the reality that **death is inevitable.** However, the Lenten season challenges us to be patient with loss. Suffering and death are at the core of faith in Jesus Christ. **Eternal life, the belief that death is not the end, is our victory.** On this side of the grave, we grow more honest in each death that comes our way, **each time we let go of our control over life.** Grief carves a deep place for God in our hearts. Our personal tears are dried only in the tenderness of Jesus’ Passion, Death, and Resurrection.” [10]

“Faith comes to us when we acknowledge every dark tomb in everyday life. We face the darkness of recent job loss... We admit the loss of a parent with dementia through the years and years of letting go of the familiar personality. We know in our daily lives the dark doorways of death to self and the suffering of loved ones that changes every aspect of life.” [11]

Saturday, March 21st

5:00 pm (St. Thomas the Apostle)
† Mary J. Ernst by The Rowe and Young Families
5:00 pm (St. John Vianney)
† Anthony Litterini by Maria Pasterchick

Sunday, March 22nd

8:00 am (St. John Vianney)
† Dylan Padula by The Such Family
9:00 am (St. Thomas the Apostle)
† Dorothy Dyl by The Dyl Family
10:00 am (St. John Vianney)

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11:00 am (St. Thomas the Apostle)
† Matthew Dewar by Marianne Kocher

Monday, March 23rd

6:30 pm - Eucharistic Adoration (St. Thomas the Apostle)
7:30 pm (St. Thomas the Apostle)
God's protection, guidance
and favor over Jozef Szaflarski by Daniela Szaflarski
Novena to St. Peregrine immediately following Mass

Tuesday, March 24th

8:00 am (St. Thomas the Apostle)
† Jeffrey Murphy by Fred & Dot McMenamin

Wednesday, March 25th

8:00 am (St. Thomas the Apostle)
Lorenzo Angelo Guarino 6 years Anniversary by his family
12:00 pm (St. John Vianney)

Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Help
immediately following Mass

Thursday, March 26th

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

Friday, March 27th

8:00 am (St. Thomas the Apostle)
† Jeffrey Murphy by Mr. & Mrs. Dan Cioffi

Saturday, March 28th

5:00 pm (St. Thomas the Apostle)
† Marge Endlicher - 9th year anniversary
by Walter Endlicher
5:00 pm (St. John Vianney)

Sunday, March 29th - Palm Sunday
8:00 am (St. John Vianney)

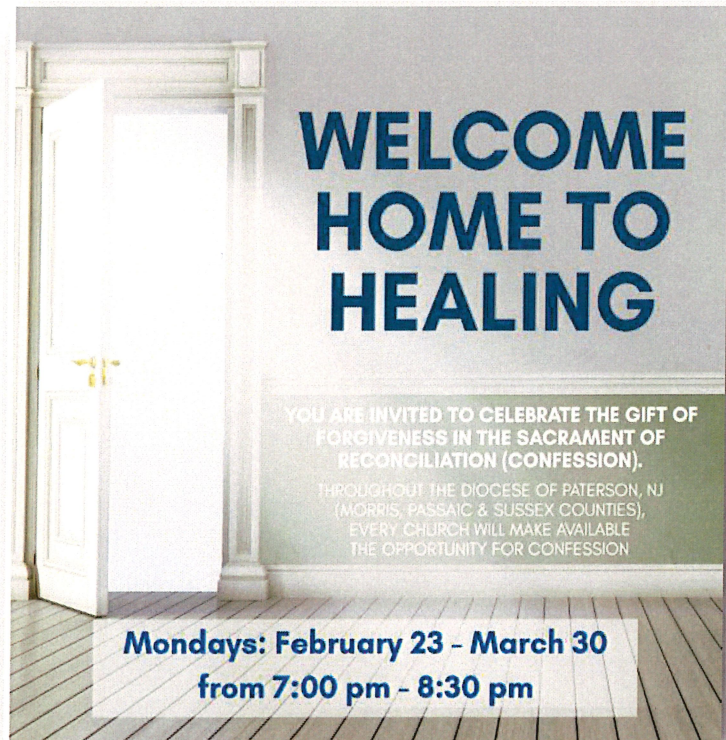
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9:00 am (St. Thomas the Apostle)
† John Moss Jr. by his sister Anna Zboraj
10:00 am (St. John Vianney)
† Stacy Harrje by The Neubig Family
11:00 am (St. Thomas the Apostle)
† Thomas Kearney by Marianne Kocher



**The Living Flame Sanctuary Lamps
at Saint Thomas the Apostle**

for March 22 thru March 28

**The Prescott Family
by Cheryl Prescott**



You are invited to celebrate the Gift of Forgiveness In Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession).

EVERY Church throughout the Diocese of Paterson, NJ (Morris, Passaic & Sussex Counties) offers Confession every Monday during Lent from 7:00PM— 7:30PM.

From Fr. Martin...

Dear Parishioners,

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to everyone who helped keep our parish running smoothly while I was away. I am very thankful to those who assisted with the liturgies, maintained the church, and generously gave their time in so many ways behind the scenes. Your dedication and generosity are truly appreciated, and they are a beautiful sign of the strong faith and commitment within our parish community.

During this season of Lent, I would also like to remind everyone of several opportunities for prayer and spiritual support here at the parish. **The Stations of the Cross** are prayed every Friday of Lent at 3:00 PM and 7:00 PM. **The Rosary** is prayed every Thursday of Lent at 7:00 PM. Confessions are available every Monday evening from 7:00 to 8:30 PM. We also continue to offer **Bereavement Gatherings** with Maria on Mondays from 7:00 to 8:00 PM in the church basement for anyone who is grieving the loss of a loved one.

I would also like to thank everyone who has contributed toward our **snow plowing** expenses this winter. We have just received what I hope will be the final bill for February, totaling over \$11,000, which brings the total cost of snow plowing this winter to more than **\$40,000**. Your generosity has already helped tremendously. **Donations toward this expense can still be made through the end of the month**, and every contribution truly helps.

A gentle reminder that this month has five Sundays, so **next weekend** will be our **maintenance collection**. These additional offerings allow us to continue caring for our parish buildings and property, and they are always deeply appreciated.

Next Sunday we will celebrate **Palm Sunday**, which marks the beginning of Holy Week. The liturgical color of the day is **red**, and parishioners who enjoy coordinating their attire with the season are welcome to do so as a way of helping our senses experience the beauty of the liturgy.

At the 5:00 PM Mass on Saturday and the 10:00 AM Mass on Sunday, we will begin with a **procession** from Mary's Garden, where the opening prayers will take place weather permitting.

Finally, please note that our **Parish Penance Service** will take place on Monday, **March 30 at 7:00 PM**. Visiting priests will be present to help with confessions so that the lines move more smoothly and no one has to wait as long as last year.

The **schedule for the Holy Triduum** is printed in this bulletin to help everyone plan ahead and participate in these most sacred celebrations of our faith.

Thank you again for your continued support, generosity, and prayerful participation in the life of our parish.

God bless you.



<--SCAN TO JOIN OUR
YOUTUBE CHANNEL

GRIEF, FAITH AND HEALING
7:00 to 8:00 pm March 16, 23, and 30th.

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.

LEAD BY MARIA PASTERCHICK

if you have any questions reach out: sisco9458@gmail.com

201-506-3151

5th Sunday of Lent

Mar. 21/22

Please join us for a Lenten Workshop Series at both our parishes this Lent!

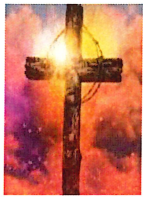
ST. JOHN VIANNEY (Church Basement)

March 23 - **Grief, Faith, & Healing** with Maria Pasterchick, 7pm-8:15pm

March 30 - **Grief, Faith, & Healing** with Maria Pasterchick, 7pm-8:15pm

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE (Classrooms)

March 23 - **Bl. Miriam Teresa Demjanovich** with Deacon Kevin Combs, 7pm-8:30pm



Lenten Monday Evenings for Grief, Faith and Healing at SJV

Loss can be devastating and overwhelming filled with much pain and sadness.

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We invite everyone, especially those who have experienced losses from death, relationships, estrangements and major changes in life that loss has impacted your lives.



March 23 and 30 from 7:00 to 8:15 PM at St. John's Vianney. Questions please reach out to Maria Pasterchick, at sisco9458@gmail.com or call 201-506-3151.

Fr. Paddy O'Donovan - Lenten speaker

Wednesday, March 25

St. Thomas the Apostle 6:00PM

Fr. Paddy O'Donovan will return to St. Thomas as a Lenten speaker on March 25, at 6 pm. His warm, engaging, and entertaining talk during Advent was enjoyed by all who attended. Unfortunately, we had "winter weather" that night and many didn't venture out to hear Fr. Paddy, so we've invited him back. He will share his views on the Lenten season and how it prepares us for Easter.

An opportunity for fellowship and light refreshments will be provided afterwards.



THE BEREAVEMENT GATHERING

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

Additional Meetings: April 1, 15, 29,
May 13, 27, June 10, 24,

If you have questions
please call Maria

Pasterchick at

201-506-3151

or sisco9458@gmail.com



Grief has no timeline

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, in the STA classroom, 6:30-7:30 pm.

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



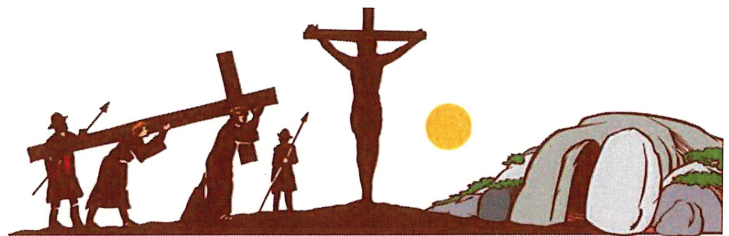
Saint John Vianney Rosary Prayer in the Church

Every Thursday during Lent at 7:00PM the SJV Knights of Columbus will be leading the Rosary in the Church.

We invite everyone to join us in prayer.

Saint John Vianney

Fridays: 3:00pm & 7:00pm



STATIONS *of the* CROSS

Saint Thomas the Apostle

Fridays: 7:30pm

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

March 27: Community of Prayer Stations: Readers Needed Our final Stations of the Cross at St. Thomas before Holy Week and we would like to open the reading parts to anyone from the parish who would like to read. Each Station consists of about 6 lines of text to be read. You will receive a copy beforehand so you can practice. If you would like to be a reader, please call or text Lynn at 973-970-5335.



The St. John Vianney Knights of Columbus #12649 **ANNUAL LENTEN FISH FRY.**

Our last Fish Fry is **this Friday March 27**. We will be serving eat in / take out dinners in Madonna Hall.

Doors open at 5PM, take out or eat in Madonna Hall.

Come join us for our famous beer battered fish, delicious steak fries, slaw and soft drink, coffee or tea.

Cost of each meal is \$20 the proceeds support charitable needs Everything is prepared and served by the brother Knights. As always, THANK YOU to everyone for your generous support.

† 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 thru Palm Sunday, March 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.

💰 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.

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.



ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CHURCH

PALM SUNDAY (MARCH 29)

Blessing of Palms Outdoors with Procession at the beginning of All Masses
(weather permitting)

HOLY MONDAY (MARCH 30)

6:30 PM Eucharistic Adoration
7:30 PM Mass as per Schedule

HOLY TUESDAY (MARCH 31)

8:00 AM Mass as per Schedule
Chrism Mass in the Cathedral at 7:00 PM

HOLY WEDNESDAY (APRIL 1)

8:00 AM Mass as per Schedule

HOLY THURSDAY (APRIL 2)

7:30 PM Liturgy of the Lord's Supper
Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 12:00 AM

GOOD FRIDAY (APRIL 3)

12:00 PM Stations of the Cross
3:00 PM Veneration of the Cross and Eucharistic Service

HOLY SATURDAY (APRIL 4)

11:00 AM Easter Food Blessing in English
8:00 PM Easter Vigil

EASTER SUNDAY (APRIL 5)

9:00 AM Mass
11:00 AM Mass

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY (APRIL 12)

3:00 PM Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Veneration of Divine Mercy, Benediction

2026 HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

ST. JOHN VIANNEY CHURCH

- **PALM SUNDAY (MARCH 29)**
 - BLESSING OF PALMS OUTDOORS WITH PROCESSION TO THE CHURCH AT THE BEGINNING OF ALL MASSES (EXCEPT 8AM & WEATHER PERMITTING)
- **HOLY MONDAY (MARCH 30)**
 - PARISH PENANCE SERVICE AT 7:00PM (INDIVIDUAL CONFESSIONS & VISITING PRIESTS WILL BE AVAILABLE)
 - ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT DURING CONFESSIONS
- **HOLY TUESDAY (MARCH 31)**
 - CHRISM MASS IN THE CATHEDRAL AT 7:00PM
- **HOLY WEDNESDAY (APRIL 1)**
 - 12:00PM MASS AS PER SCHEDULE
- **HOLY THURSDAY (APRIL 2)**
 - 10:00AM MORNING PRAYER
 - 7:00PM MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
 - ADORATION UNTIL 10:00PM
- **GOOD FRIDAY (APRIL 3)**
 - 10:00AM MORNING PRAYER
 - 3:00PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS
 - 7:00PM CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION
- **HOLY SATURDAY (APRIL 4)**
 - 9:30AM EASTER FOOD BLESSING IN POLISH
 - 10:00AM MORNING PRAYER
 - 10:30AM EASTER FOOD BLESSING IN ENGLISH
 - 8:00PM EASTER VIGIL
- **EASTER SUNDAY (APRIL 5)**
 - 8:00AM MASS
 - 10:00AM MASS
 - EASTER EGG HUNT AFTER 10AM MASS
 - 12:00PM MASS
- **DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY (APRIL 12)**
 - 2:00PM ADORATION WITH PRERECORDED MEDITATIONS + CONFESSIONS
 - 3:00PM CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY, BENEDICTION, MASS

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT — March 15, 2026

SAINT JOHN VIANNEY

Envelopes, Loose Check & Cash: \$2,550
Online Giving: \$710
TOTAL: \$3,260
Weekly Expenses: \$5,598
Last Year: \$3,270

SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE

Envelopes, Loose Checks & Cash: \$4,606
Online Giving: \$2,270
TOTAL: \$6,878
Weekly Expenses: \$6,972
Last Year: \$5,701
Diocesan Assessment: \$552
Rice Bowl: \$150

AS ALWAYS, THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT!

“Jesus arrives to the tomb also burdened with loss. He is frustrated with everyone who does not understand that *He brings eternal life to those who believe. Jesus weeps* at the loss of human death, but He also weeps because His friends struggle to *believe* in the kingdom of God. Jesus says to the family, ‘**I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die.**’ Jesus speaks this message not just to people at the tomb of Lazarus but also to all of us who ache for new life. Jesus then asks a question: ‘**Do you believe this?**’” [12]

Do we, or do we not? Do we truly believe in the Lord? Do we truly trust in the Lord? **Through Jesus Christ comes the fulfilment of God’s promises to the human race!** Through Jesus Christ comes an abundance of the grace, healing and peace, which this world cannot give! Through Jesus Christ, the Divine Physician comes comfort, healing and wholeness to repair what is often damaged, and even sometimes destroyed, by the cynicism and the lack of compassion oftentimes experienced in our world.

God **always** keeps His promises! **Do we believe this?** That is precisely why the faithful boldly proclaim: **In God, We Trust!** **“I trust in the Lord; my soul trusts in His word!”** [13]

Prayerfully, Fr. Ben

[1] *Daily Universal Prayer and Commentary*, FAITH Catholic, Lansing, MI, January 2022, Pg. 127. [2] *Daily Universal Prayer and Commentary*, FAITH Catholic, Lansing, MI, January 2022, Pg. 127. [3] *Magnificat*, Magnificat, Inc., Yonkers, NY, Copyright 2023, Pg. 381. [4] *Daily Universal Prayer and Commentary*, FAITH Catholic, Lansing, MI, 2025 Vol 59, No. 1, Pg. 121. [5] **Nihilism**: *Philosophy* – An extreme form of skepticism: the denial of all real existence or the possibility of an objective basis for truth. *Webster’s New Universal Unabridged Dictionary*, Copyright 1996, Random House Value Publishing, Inc., Pg. 1300. [6] **Fatalism**: The acceptance of all things and events as inevitable; submission to fate. *Webster’s New Universal Unabridged Dictionary*, Copyright 1996, Random House Value Publishing, Inc., Pg. 701. [7] *Magnificat*, Magnificat, Inc., Yonkers, NY, Copyright 2023, Pg. 381 [8] *Loose-Leaf Lectionary for Mass*, Liturgical Press, Collegeville, MN, Copyright 2022, Order of St. Benedict, Pgs. 17h-18h. [9] *Loose-Leaf Lectionary for Mass*, Liturgical Press, Collegeville, MN, Copyright 2022, Order of St. Benedict, Pgs. 17h-18h. [10] *Loose-Leaf Lectionary for Mass*, Liturgical Press, Collegeville, MN, Copyright 2022, Order of St. Benedict, Pgs. 17h-18h. [11] *Loose-Leaf Lectionary for Mass*, Liturgical Press, Collegeville, MN, Copyright 2022, Order of St. Benedict, Pgs. 17h-18h. [12] *Loose-Leaf Lectionary for Mass*, Liturgical Press, Collegeville, MN, Copyright 2022, Order of St. Benedict, Pgs. 17h-18h. [13] *Daily Universal Prayer and Commentary*, FAITH Catholic, Lansing, MI, January 2022, Pg. 127.

PRAY, FAST and (alms)GIVING

Next weekend as we reflect on the Passion of Christ, we remember that more than 40 million people in the United States are living in poverty and 692 million live in extreme poverty globally



While 75% of your Lenten Folder donation to Operation Rice Bowl support Catholic Relief Services’ programs around the world making a difference in millions of people suffering from poverty and hunger, 25% of your contributions remain in our diocese to support local hunger and poverty alleviation efforts.

Your **prayer, fasting, learning and (alms)giving** for Operation Rice Bowl makes a significant difference in the lives of people in our own community and around the world.

Next weekend, Passion Weekend, March 28/29 we will be taking up a collection for Operation Rice Bowl. Please bring your Rice Bowls or monetary donations next weekend. You can donate online as well.

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.

SOUPS

/ COFFEE (SMALL JARS)

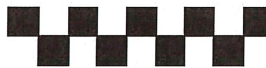
/CEREAL / PASTA

/ PASTA SAUCE

*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.***



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BASEMENT OF THE TWIGGS CENTER
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@ 973-670-3523



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



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 (which come with the promise of continued prayer) you have two 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
Easter Spring Cleaning
FRIDAY, MARCH 27 at 9:30 AM**

"We will be Spring Cleaning our beautiful St. Thomas Church for Easter on **FRIDAY, March 27 at 9:30 AM.**



If you can, please join us.
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FRIDAY, APRIL 3 2026
AFTER 3:00PM
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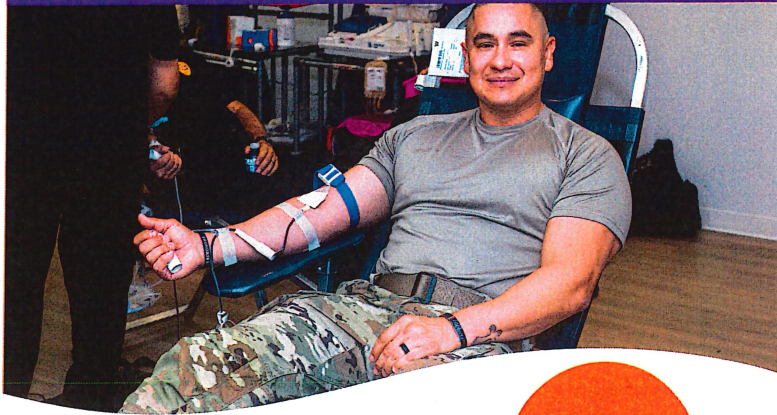
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We meet Thursday mornings at 9:30 at St Thomas the Apostle in the classrooms.

Dates: **March 26**
April 2, 23, & 30



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Loving God, we pray for peace to prevail over conflict,
understanding to triumph over hatred,
and compassion to conquer division.

Grant wisdom to leaders, so they may seek paths of reconciliation and unity. Strengthen the hearts of those who work tirelessly for peace, and comfort those who have lost loved ones in the midst of turmoil.

May your grace be felt by all who call these areas home, and may they find strength in their shared humanity to build bridges of understanding and cooperation.

We ask this through Jesus who calls us daily to be peacemakers. Amen.



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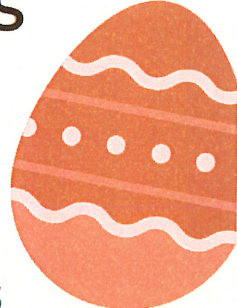
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April 5 2026



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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, Norbert Kalokira, Michael Savage, Guy Bakera, Shannon Murphy Flannery, Brenda, Debra Williams Robarge, Joe Stanley Karen (Karre) Hagman, Al Nichols, Helen O'Neill, William O'Neill & Chrissy O'Neill.

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, Michael Smith and Rick Karas.

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.

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, 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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