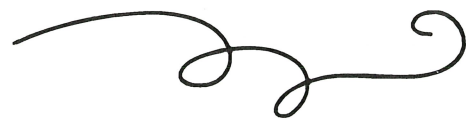




Palm
SUNDAY



HOSANNA IN
THE HIGHEST.

- MATTHEW 21:9

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Pastor's Corner
Palm Sunday (Passion Sunday)
29 March 2026

We need to follow Jesus' lead – to follow His example to love and to sacrifice willingly with Him. [1]

The Daily Universal Prayer and Commentary by FAITH Catholic asks us to, "Consider our King. [He entered] the world in poverty [as a newborn, then as a grown man] Jesus made His triumphal entry [into Jerusalem] riding a colt. Rather than [being armed with] worldly power, [swords, lances, and clubs], Jesus was armed with [the] love [pouring forth from His Sacred Heart]. **This extraordinary King calls for extraordinary followers.** Let us not be in step with this world, seeking glory and riches, but seek to follow Jesus, even to the cross, as we desire to join in His resurrection." [2]

Life is all about the choices that we make every day. We have to ask ourselves: Do the choices that we make usually reflect our will or God's will? Are we steadfast and faithful, or are we sometimes untrustworthy and fickle? "Estimates say that human beings make as many as 35,000 choices each day. Through his sin of pride, the first man, Adam, attempted equality with God. Through humility and docility, Jesus put aside pride and accepted death on a cross for the salvation of humankind. In each moment, we have a choice – will we follow the example of Adam or the example of Jesus [Christ who is known as the New Adam]?" [3]

The human race is often quite fickle. There is a plethora of both "highs" and "lows" that are experienced during the course of most peoples' lives. The question that we need to ask ourselves is: "Are we just as fickle as the crowd in the Passion Narrative in the Gospel of St. Matthew?" Recall that the crowd, at one point, is singing the Lord's praises during His triumphant entry into Jerusalem upon the colt of a donkey. Palm branches, and even their own cloaks, were laid on the ground before Jesus as he entered Jerusalem to shouts of, "**Hosanna!**" [4] and "**Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**" [5] "**Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is to come!**" [6] "**Hosanna in the Highest!**" [7] Unfortunately, only a few days later, **this very same crowd shouted, "Let Him be crucified!"** [8] Even His own disciples abandoned Him on Holy Thursday evening as Jesus was being arrested and then brought firstly before the Sanhedrin (Jewish leaders), and then before the Procurator or Roman Governor, Pontius Pilate in the Praetorium. Even Peter, one of His closest Apostles, denied knowing Jesus three times. The very same crowd that shouted Jesus' praises as He entered Jerusalem just days before, **mocked** Jesus saying, "Prophecy for us, Christ: who struck You?" [9] The crowd continued mocking Jesus by saying, "He saved others; He cannot save Himself. So He is the king of Israel! Let Him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in Him." [10] Am I part of that crowd? Are we part of that crowd?

Where do we fall on this spectrum of emotions? If we are honest, we have all been members of the **cheering and adoring crowd** with our willingness to help others, to support others with our empathy, our words and actions of encouragement (building people up), our love, our kindness and our good-will for others and genuine goodness. However, we have also all been members of the **jeering and hateful crowd** with our apathy, mean-spiritedness, rancor, vile and hateful words (putting people down), brutality, lack of compassion, lack of love, lack of forgiveness, hatred, envy, prejudices and general wickedness. We have all sometimes been saintly (like God) on the one hand and sometimes ugly, mean and nasty (like the devil) on the other hand. →

Saturday, March 28th

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

Sunday, March 29th Palm Sunday

8:00 am (St. John Vianney)
No intentions for this Mass
9:00 am (St. Thomas the Apostle)
† John Moss Jr. by his sister Anna by Anna Zboraj
10:00 am (St. John Vianney)
† Stacy Harje by The Neubig Family
11:00 am (St. Thomas the Apostle)
† Thomas Kearney by Marianne Kocher

Monday, March 30th

6:30 pm - Eucharistic Adoration (St. Thomas the Apostle)
7:30 pm (St. Thomas the Apostle)
† For all souls in purgatory for my family
by Daniela Szaflarski

Novena to St. Peregrine immediately following Mass

Tuesday, March 31st

8:00 am (St. Thomas the Apostle)
† For the most forgotten souls in Purgatory
by Daniela Szaflarski.

Wednesday, April 1st

8:00 am (St. Thomas the Apostle)
† Helen Whittle by Dan & Lynn McCartney
12:00 pm (St. John Vianney)
† Chrissy Cowan by Alyssa Carolan & Jason DiPietro
Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Help immediately
following Mass

Thursday, April 2nd HOLY THURSDAY

10:00 am Morning Prayer (St. John Vianney)
7:00 pm - Liturgy of the Lord's Supper (St. John Vianney)
Eucharistic Adoration immediately following until 10:00 pm
7:30 pm – Liturgy of the Lord's Supper (St. Thomas the
Apostle)
Eucharistic Adoration until 12:00 am

Friday, April 3rd GOOD FRIDAY

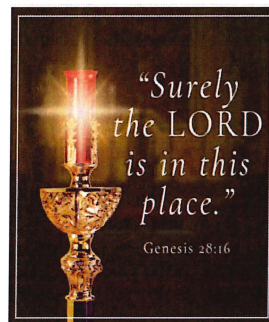
10:00 am Prayer Service (St. John Vianney)
12:00 pm Stations of the Cross (St. Thomas the Apostle)
3:00 pm Veneration of the Cross - Communion Service
(St. Thomas the Apostle)
3:00 pm Stations of the Cross (St. John Vianney)
7:00 pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion
(Saint John Vianney)

Saturday, April 4th Holy Saturday

10:00 am Morning Prayer (St. John Vianney)
8:00 pm - Easter Vigil (St. Thomas the Apostle)
Congratulations to our Newly Initiated
8:00 pm - Easter Vigil (St. John Vianney)
The Parish Family of St. John Vianney Living &
Deceased

Sunday, April 5th Easter Sunday

8:00 am (St. John Vianney)
The Parish Family of St. John Vianney Living & De-
ceased
9:00 am (St. Thomas the Apostle)
The Parish Family of St. St. Thomas the Apostle Living
& Deceased
10:00 am (St. John Vianney)
The Parish Family of St. John Vianney Living & De-
ceased
11:00 am (St. Thomas the Apostle)
The Parish Family of St. Thoams the Apostle Living &
Deceased
12:00 pm - Mass (St. John Vianney)
The Parish Family of St. John Vianney Living & De-
ceased



**The Living Flame Sanctuary Lamps
at Saint Thomas the Apostle
for the week of March 29 through April 4
burns for**

**Bill Bulwin
for his recovery following a
serious heart attack
& complication**

by Cheryl Prescott

From Fr. Martin...

Dear Parishioners,

I would like to sincerely 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. This brings the total cost of snow removal this season to more than \$40,000. Your generosity has already helped tremendously, and I am very grateful. Donations toward this expense can still be made through the end of the month, and every contribution truly makes a difference.

As we approach Palm Sunday this weekend, we begin the sacred journey of Holy Week. The liturgical color for **Palm Sunday** is **red**, and all who wish are warmly invited to wear red as a simple and visible way of entering more deeply into the beauty of the liturgy.

Please also note that our **Parish Penance Service** will take place this Monday, March 30 at 7:00 PM.

Visiting priests will be available to assist with confessions so that everyone has the opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** will take place during confession time. All are welcome to come to pray even if you won't come to confession.

I warmly invite all of you to join us for the celebrations of the Holy Triduum and Easter. For those who find it meaningful, you are also invited to reflect the liturgical colors in your attire on these sacred days:

- Holy Thursday (White or Gold)
- Good Friday (Red)
- Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday (White)

Morning Prayer will be celebrated at 10:00 AM from Holy Thursday through Holy Saturday.



PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- There will be **no Sunday 6:00 PM Masses** until September.
- **No First Friday Mass in April** due to Good Friday.
(There is no regular Mass on Good Friday.)
- **Easter Vigil** will be celebrated at 8:00 PM, beginning outside the church.
- **Easter Sunday Mass schedule:**
8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 PM
- **Easter Egg Hunt** for children after the 10:00 AM Mass on Easter Sunday.
- On Easter Sunday, there will be **no Coffee & Donuts**.
- On **Divine Mercy Sunday** (April 12), an additional Mass will be celebrated at **3:00 PM** by Fr. Martin.



Thank you for your understanding and prayers.

A FEW ADDITIONAL REMINDERS:

- Rice Bowl donations are due back this Sunday (online donations may be made until April 12).
- Easter flower envelopes are available in the vestibule and may be placed in the regular collection basket by this Sunday. As last year, the flowers will be marked with your names, and you will be able to take them home after Easter. I hope those planted last year are already beginning to grow beautifully in our Mary's Garden.

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

God bless you, Fr. Martin



<--SCAN TO JOIN OUR
YOUTUBE CHANNEL

GRIEF, FAITH AND HEALING

7:00 to 8:00 pm March 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

Palm Sunday

Mar. 28/29

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 VICIL

• **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



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
7:00 PM – 8:30 PM Welcome Home Reconciliation
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)

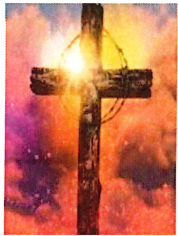
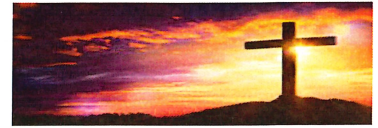
3:00 PM Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Veneration of Divine Mercy, Benediction

Lenten Monday Evening for Grief, Faith and Healing at Saint John Vianney -March 30, 2026 7:00PM

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

The Lenten Season is a time for reflection, trust, prayer and renewal of our faith.

Let us meet to gain a better understanding of what loss means to you and how we can find healing through God.



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 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.

THE BEREAVEMENT GATHERING

Next Meeting **Wednesday, April 1** 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



Young Widow & Widowers Support Group

**2nd Wednesday of each month
beginning on April 8
7pm**

**Held at the White Rock Pavilion
42 White Rock Blvd., Oak Ridge**

Free to attend. Confidential. Come as you are.
No pressure to share - listening is welcome too.

Losing a spouse or life partner earlier than expected can feel isolating.
If your person was taken suddenly...
If you thought you had decades left together...
If you are rebuilding a life you never planned for...
You are not alone.

This group is for individuals approximately 60 and younger who are navigating life after the loss of a spouse or long term partner.

**For more information please contact:
MaryAnne Cuervo
973-713-6918 or mjcuervo90@gmail.com**



WOMAN'S SPIRITUALITY GROUP

**Women's Spirituality Group "In the Image
of 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**

Catholic Charities **HOPE HOUSE**

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

- **RICE (WHITE, 1 OR 2 LB. BAGS)**
- / Toilet paper / Pasta sauce/**
- Pasta / Instant Coffee /**
- Toothpaste/Body wash/**
- Crackers Cookies**
- ** 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.



TWIGGS CENTER THRIFT SHOP
2823 ROUTE 23 STOCKHOLM, NJ
BASEMENT OF THE TWIGGS CENTER
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CLOTHES, JEWELRY, CRAFTS, HOME GOODS, BOOKS, GAMES, TOYS

VOLUNTEERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOMED CONTACT CRISTIN
@ 973-670-3523



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



FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT — March 22, 2026

SAINT JOHN VIANNEY

Envelopes, Loose Check & Cash: \$2,701

Online Giving: \$1,070

TOTAL: \$3,771

Weekly Expenses: \$5,598

Last Year: \$3,270

Plowing: \$25

SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE

Envelopes, Loose Checks & Cash: \$5,154

Online Giving: \$1,730

TOTAL: \$6,884

Weekly Expenses: \$6,972

Last Year: \$7,400

Diocesan Assessment: \$10

Rice Bowl: \$50

AS ALWAYS, THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT!

Once again, life is all about the choices that we make every day. Are we steady and steadfast in our love for God and neighbor, or are we rather fickle? We have to ask ourselves: Do the choices that we make usually reflect our will or God's will? I have often mentioned that we will all ultimately end up, for all eternity, with whom we have the most in common. Either with God in heaven (paradise) if we try to live saintly lives here on earth that are filled with agape love, care, compassion and forgiveness, or with Satan if we prefer to live selfish, self-serving lives here on earth devoid of compassion, mercy, love, forgiveness and caring for others. We will all be judged in the same way. No one has an inside track to salvation. Our actions in this life will determine where we will ultimately end up. Let us get right with God so that we will all, God willing, be together again someday in heaven (paradise), gazing upon God face-to-face in all His glory!

Enjoy the springtime and have a blessed, renewing and faith-filled Holy Week as we prepare for the upcoming Paschal feast days! If you can come, please participate in all of the liturgies during the Paschal Triduum. During this solemn three-day period, the high holy days of the Roman Catholic Church, we will participate in all of the events that make us Catholic, and have forever changed the world! Remember, the Lenten Season lasts for 40 days, however, the Easter Season lasts for 50 days! There is indeed a silver lining in the sometimes dark clouds of life. Be well, take care and God bless!

Prayerfully,

Fr. Ben

[1] Daily Universal Prayer and Commentary, FAITH Catholic, Lansing, MI, 2025 Vol 59, No. 1, Pg. 89. [2] Ibid. [3] Daily Universal Prayer and Commentary, FAITH Catholic, Lansing, MI, January 2021, Pg. 130. [4] Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion, Loose-Leaf Lectionary for Mass, Liturgical Press, Order of St. Benedict, Collegetown MN, 2020, Pgs. 2012-2024. [5] Ibid. [6] Ibid. [7] Ibid. [8] Ibid. [9] Ibid. [10] Ibid.



Lynn & I would like to thank everyone for another successful potluck at St. Thomas this past Sunday.

Third time was a charm and the weather was beautiful as people showed up with trays of delicious food. We spent a few hours catching up with one another and it was wonderful to see some of our friends from St. John Vianney in attendance!

We appreciate all the delicious food and the time that was spent cooking. We also want to thank everyone who helped set up and stayed to clean up. It's not an easy job but the more hands we have the lighter the work. —Michelle Rosiek



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 DECORATING
FRIDAY, APRIL 3 2026
AFTER 3:00PM
VENERATION OF THE
CROSS SERVICE**

We will be decorating our church for Easter Friday, April 3 after 3:00PM Veneration of the Cross.
"Thanks for any help you can provide."

"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 26**
April 2, 23, & 30



The Beacon

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Jefferson bereavement group stays anchored to comfort in Christ

By Michael Wojcik

<https://beaconnj.org/jefferson-bereavement-group-stays-anchored-to-comfort-in-christ/>

March 14, 2026

Categories: News



After Joseph, her husband of 35 years, died of a pulmonary embolism on Thanksgiving Day in 2024 at age 80, Mary Beth Osiecki felt numb. A lifelong Catholic, she continued praying daily, though a month later, her grief made her question her faith.

“I was so tender in my own mourning — in the loss and loneliness. Joseph was my everything,” Osiecki, who retired as religious education director of Our Lady Queen of Peace

Parish in the Hewitt neighborhood of West Milford, N.J., in 2019. “I went to church on Sundays, but I wasn’t sure if I still believed that the Resurrection was true.”

Last year, Osiecki’s strong faith began to return after she joined a Bereavement Ministry group at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish in the Oak Ridge neighborhood of Jefferson Township, N.J., and St. John Vianney Parish in the Stockholm neighborhood of Hardyston, N.J. She gathers with other men and women in mourning—including spouses, parents, siblings, children, and friends—to help each other navigate grief, share their loss, and find hope and comfort in Jesus.

[Click here to subscribe to our weekly newsletter.](#)

The Bereavement Ministry has grown to more than 30 people a month since it was founded more than four years ago by Maria Pasterchick, a retired social worker. She lost her husband, Jose, to colon cancer 21 years ago when he was 45 years old, leaving her with two children, ages 10 and 11. The group meets every other Wednesday from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at St. Thomas. The next meeting will occur on March 18.

Osiecki said Pasterchick leads the group by “letting the spirit guide her,” even though she follows a set schedule. Members pray, reflect on related Scripture, and share stories, often focusing on life’s blessings. In one activity, they pass around photos or treasured objects, such as a fishing pole, while sharing memories of loved ones. Members also discuss practical topics, such as when to clean out a loved one’s closet.

“Through the group, I realized there are different ways to grieve. I understand now that I will never get over my grief. I will always miss Joseph. Yet my Catholic faith and prayer can be part of the process,” said Osiecki, who spoke to the group about cleaning up Joseph’s large collection of computers and parts. “Maria helps people process their grief and bring out compassion in other members. She listens so well. She gets to know the members’ stories and puts them into context,” Osiecki said.

Members come from St. Thomas and St. John Vianney, as well as from other parishes and communities up to 40 minutes away. The Bereavement Ministry also holds periodic social gatherings for lunch or dinner to encourage fun and fellowship. The group receives support from Father Benjamin Williams, pastor of the two parishes, and Deacon Kevin Combs.

“The group is faith-based. You can’t get through grief without God. He is our anchor,” Pasterchick said. “Some leave the group and return. Some members come back to Mass. Also, we talk about how our roles have changed in grief. Are we still wives and husbands? The meetings affirm who we are now.”

In recognition of her efforts, Pasterchick, who is now also a grandmother, received the Vivere Christus award from the Paterson Diocese in New Jersey.

“When I lost Jose, I was angry at God. I would kneel and pray at Mass and wanted to scream,” Pasterchick said. “Then, one time at Mass, I looked at the crucifix. Peace came over me. I realized everything was going to be alright. Jose is in heaven. Once we surrender, Jesus will embrace us and grieve with us.”

Email Pasterchick at Sisco9458@gmail.com (<mailto:Sisco9458@gmail.com>) to get more information about the Bereavement Ministry group or to ask her a mentor other churches seeking to start a group.




Pictured above left is Maria Pasterchick, a retired social worker, who started a Bereavement Ministry at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish in the Oak Ridge neighborhood of Jefferson Township, N.J., and at St. John Vianney Parish in the Stockholm neighborhood of Hardyston, N.J. Next to her in the photo is her late husband, Jose, who died of colon cancer 21 years ago when he was 45 years old, leaving her with two children, ages 10 and 11. Their sons, Joseph and Matthew Ojeda, are also pictured. In the photo to the right is Mary Beth Osiecki, who lost her husband, Joseph, to a pulmonary embolism in 2024. Osiecki credits her participation in the growing Bereavement Ministry group for helping her regain her strong Catholic faith.

From Father Ben and the Safety & Security Ministry:

For the safety of our parishioners the church doors will be kept locked at all times. Before masses please wait for the usher to open the door.

Please be patient while we work out the details. Thank you

The poster is decorated with several colorful Easter eggs. At the top left is a red egg with white horizontal stripes and dots. At the top right is a green egg with yellow wavy lines and dots. On the left side, from top to bottom, are an orange egg with white wavy lines and dots, a teal egg with white floral patterns, and a blue egg with white wavy lines. On the right side, from top to bottom, are a blue egg with white wavy lines, a red egg with white horizontal stripes and dots, and an orange egg with white wavy lines and dots. At the bottom left is a yellow egg with white floral patterns, and at the bottom right is a teal egg with white floral patterns.

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN THE
ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE & ST. JOHN VIANNEY
FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM FOR AN

Easter Egg Hunt

April 5 2026

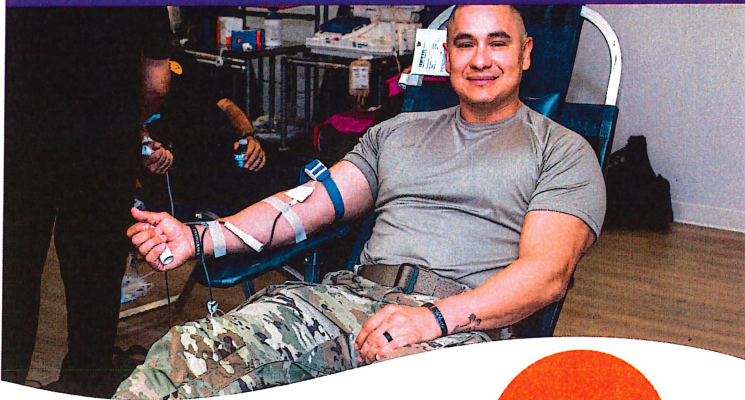
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING
10:00AM EASTER SUNDAY MASS
AT ST. JOHN VIANNEY

There will be separate hunts for
ages 6/under and 7/up In the Twiggs
Center & Madonna Hall yards.

Bring your own basket!

Rain or Shine!

Because of you, life doesn't stop.



Saint Thomas R. C. Church K of C #5510



Friday, April 10, 2026
2:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.



Social Hall
5635 Berkshire Valley Road
Oak Ridge, NJ 07438

Donate April 6-30 and you'll be entered for a chance to win one of two \$10,000 gift cards! That's enough to buy groceries for a year! Find out more and book your appointment today at vitalant.org/GroceryGiveaway.

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Cemetery News:

Now that the snow has melted landscaping work has begun. Sunken ground is being refilled and even seeding has started.

In order to keep the cemetery pristine please be advised that updated rules for decorations will be posted.

This will include candles, solar or regular are prohibited.

Cigars or cigarettes are prohibited.

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

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

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

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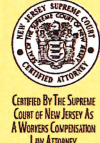


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