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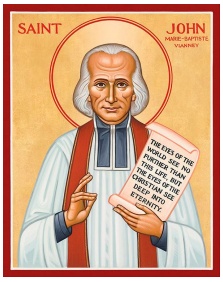
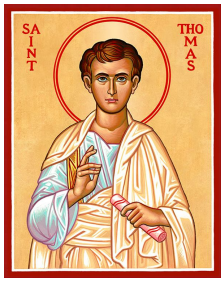
SAINT JOHN VIANNEY & SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE

"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





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

- John 20:28

Fourth Sunday of Advent~ December 18, 2022

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Liturgy Schedule

- Weekends -

St. John Vianney

Saturday---------- 5:00 p.m.
Sunday----------10:00 a.m.

St. Thomas

Saturday---------- 5:00 p.m.
Sunday---------- 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

- Weekdays -

St. Thomas

Monday---------- 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday-Friday ----------8:00 a.m.
Monday----------6:30 p.m. Holy Hour

Eucharistic Adoration Every Monday 6:30 p.m.

First Friday Eucharistic Adoration right at the end of Mass

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"For this time of Advent is a time of waiting for the Lord, who will visit us all on the feast, but also, each one, in our own hearts. The Lord is coming! Let us wait for him!"

— Pope Francis

Fourth Sunday of ADVENT

Love

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Pastor's Corner
Fourth Sunday of Advent
18 December 2022

You can take it to the bank - *God is always faithful!* God always keeps every one of His promises! There is no falsehood or duplicity in God! According to the Daily Universal Prayer and Commentary by FAITH Catholic, "Through the prophet Isaiah, the Lord reaffirms the promise of a Savior for His people. {This Savior], born under unusual circumstances, would clearly be God's Chosen-One!" [1]

"After many years had passed since that promise – years in which the Lord continued to guide and prepare His people – we hear of its fulfillment in Matthew's Gospel. In this final week of Advent, let us rejoice and praise God for He is ***faithful*** and ***[always]*** keeps His promises!" [2]

Sin and death entered the world through Adam and Eve's disobedience. However, God promised to redeem the human race by sending a Savior, born of a woman, into the world to offer his human life as payment [expiation] for man's sinfulness. God knew that human beings, on their own, could not pay the price for The Fall in order to make things right once again. It would have to be God Himself that would pay this price for humanity by taking all of the sins of the world upon Himself and nailing them to the wood of the Holy Cross. By this sacrifice, willingly given, and steeped with **Agape love**, humanity is redeemed through Christ's sacrifice on Good Friday! We are all washed clean by the Blood of the sinless, spotless, Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world!

If we truly believe in our Savior and His sacrifice, we must be kinder to one another, more loving to one another, more giving to one another, more forgiving to one another, more tolerant of one another, just as Jesus Christ is to each of us without fail! How many times have we asked God to forgive us our sins? Ten times? Fifty times? One hundred times? More than one hundred times? ***You bet!*** Then, why are we not as tolerant and forgiving to one another?

God's faithfulness to us, and His love for us is unmatched and eternal. Let us each ask ourselves, "What would Jesus Do (WWJD)?" When we arrive at the correct response to this question, then let us do what the Savior would do if we want to be a part of the solution to world ills versus part of the problem! Let us all enter the Christmas Season with renewed love and kindness for others. Let us all bring the love of the Christ Child to our homes, and the places where we gather, during this Christmas Season and throughout the upcoming New Year! Be well and God bless you and all those whom you hold dear!

Prayerfully,

Fr. Ben

[1] Daily Universal Prayer and Commentary, FAITH Catholic, Lansing, MI, January 2022, Pg. 530.

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SAINT JOHN VIANNEY

Saturday, December 24: The Nativity of Our Lord (Christmas Eve)

5:00PM & 12Midnight

Sunday, December 25: The Nativity of Our Lord (Christmas Day)

10:00AM

Saturday, December 31: Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God Vigil (New Year's Eve)

5:00PM

Sunday, January 1: Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (New Year's Day)

10:00AM

SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE

Saturday, December 24: The Nativity of Our Lord (Christmas Eve)

5:00PM & 12Midnight

Sunday, December 25: The Nativity of Our Lord (Christmas Day)

9:00AM &11:00AM

Saturday, December 31: Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God Vigil Mass

5:00PM

Sunday, January 1: The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (New Year's Day)

9:00AM & 11:00AM

This Christmas invite a family member, relative, friend, co-worker to join you and us as we worship the Messiah of God's people

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17
5:00PM
SJV + Frank Hasko / Jim & Fran Tarsitano
STA + Helen Wyso

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18
SJV
10:00AM + Jim & May Gilroy / Judy & Skip Diller
STA
9:00AM + Lucia O'Meara, 30year anniversary / her family
11:00AM + Eileen Carbery / Carbery Family

MONDAY, DECEMBER 19
6:30PM Eucharistic Adoration
7:30PM + Theresa & Joseph R. Wickham / Julie & Lou Tatti

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20
8:00AM + Theresa & Joseph Wickham / Mary Buda

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21
8:00AM + Carol Angelucci / her husband Al

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22
8:00AM + Special Intention / Fr. Dawid

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23
8:00AM Robert Walker / Department for Persons with Disabilities

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24 (Christmas Eve)
Saint John Vianney
5:00PM + Teresa & Louise Ferrante / Fran & Frank Bagnati
12:00 MIDNIGHT: + Gene Frieling / his parents

Saint Thomas the Apostle
5:00PM and 12:00 MIDNIGHT
Family & Friends of Saint Thomas the Apostle Living & Deceased

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25 - CHRISTMAS DAY
Saint John Vianney
10:00AM+ Albert Cannarozzi III & Albert & Elena Cannarozzi, Sr. / their family

Saint Thomas the Apostle
9:00AM and 11:00AM
Family & Friends of Saint Thomas the Apostle Living & Deceased

The Parish Communities of St. John Vianney & St. Thomas the Apostle

SAINT JOHN VIANNEY

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT 2022

11 DECEMBER 2022

Envelopes: $1,687.00

Loose Checks: $60.00

Loose Cash: $105.00

Online Giving: $787.00

TOTAL: $2,639.00

Last Year: $3,171.00 3rd Sunday of Advent 2021

SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT 2022

11 DECEMBER 2022

Envelopes: $3,076.00

Loose Checks:$1,285.00

Loose Cash: $197.00

Online Giving: $2,652.00

TOTAL: $7,210.00

Last Year: $7,799.00 3rd Sunday of Advent 2021

Please help a family in our community!

In September, we asked for prayers in the Flocknote Prayer Chain for a local family: baby Saul, his parents, and his siblings. Saul's parents are parishioners at St. Thomas the Apostle, and his siblings are students in our religious education program. His big sister will be making her First Eucharist in May!

When we requested prayers back in September, Saul had just turned 1 year old, and he was about to undergo a colonoscopy and food stent surgery at the Children's Hospital in Philadelphia. Thanks to Saul's strong will to live, the love of his family, the miraculous expertise and care of the doctors and hospital staff, and our prayers, Saul survived the surgery and at the end of October he was able to go home after a year in the hospital. Unfortunately, after just 4 days at home, Saul was admitted again and has been at the hospital ever since. Saul has been hospitalized for the majority of his 15 months on this earth. Usually Saul's mother tries to be with him in Philadelphia, his father goes to work, and a grandmother helps out with the other two children.

We ask everyone to continue praying for Saul and his family, but we're also asking for tangible support for the family. We will be collecting gift cards—specifically **gift cards for gas** to help with the expense of driving to and from Philadelphia or **Acme gift cards** so the family can order their groceries locally.

If you would like to donate a gift card, please **put it in an envelope, label it "For Saul" and then put it in The Box or in the collection basket at both churches**.

Thank you for any help you are able to give to support this local family!
- The Spiritual Life Ministry

Sunday: Is 7:10-14; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

Monday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Lk 1:5-25

Tuesday: Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Lk 1:39-45

Thursday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56

Friday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1:57-66

Saturday: Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Lk 1:67-79

You have 3 ways to request a Blessed Prayer Shawl or Lap Blanket.

1. Complete a paper request form which is available in both the Narthex of either St. John or St. Thomas. Complete the form and place in the manila folder at the same location. We check both folder frequently. 2. Complete the online form located on the Parish website, www.ststhomasjohn.org, under Ministries/Prayer Shawl Ministry. After you press submit, the form will be delivered to our Prayer Shawl members

3. Use the QR Code.

One of our members will contact you for delivery.

Help Feed the Hungry this Advent Using a Reverse Advent Calendar

What is a reverse Advent calendar? Typically, Advent calendars are filled with candy and you open one window each day beginning on December 1 and ending on Christmas Day. A reverse Advent calendar encourages you to give or donate something each day of Advent—thus giving instead of receiving.

We invite everyone from St. Thomas the Apostle and St. John Vianney to help feed the hungry as we count down to Christmas using a Reverse Advent Calendar. Each day during Advent, place one food item aside as a donation for the food pantry. When you go to Mass, bring your week's donations and place them in the box for the food pantry ***or*** you can drop your items off any time by the Rectory door. A list of suggested items to donate is attached. Feel free to substitute items if you wish.

Encourage your children to participate by having them help gather the items or decorate the bag you're using to collect the items each week. They can also enclose a hand-made card or picture with the food. Any involvement can help them understand that Christmas is about sharing and helping others, not just about receiving gifts.

At this Christmas when Christ comes, will He find a warm heart?
Mark the season of Advent by loving and serving others with God's own love and concern."
Mother Teresa

Reverse Advent Calendar

November 27 - Jelly
November 28 - Canned Fruit
November 29 - Toilet Paper
November 30 - Cookies
December 1 - Coffee
December 2 - Pasta Sauce
December 3 - Toothbrush (Individual)
December 4 - Spam
December 5 - Boxed Jello
December 6 - Oatmeal
December 7 - Body Wash
December 8 - Crackers
December 9 - Tea
December 10 - Juice Boxes
December 11 - Rice (1, 2 or 5 lb. bags)
December 12 - Canned Chicken
December 13 - Can Openers
December 14 - Toothpaste
December 15 - Cereal
December 16 - Single Serve Fruit Cups
December 17 - Shampoo
December 18 - Beans (black, red, kidney, garbanzo)
December 19 - Coffee
December 20 - Canned Chicken
December 21 - Rice (1, 2 or 5 lb. bags)
December 22 - Soap Bars
December 23 - Canned Fruit
December 24 - Side Dishes

"TO EVERYTHING THERE IS A SEASON"

A TIME TO BE HEALED

Prayers for the sick: Kathy Brennen, Kevin Wickert, Fumiko Lutz, Patricia Carapola, Courtney Sanchelli, Gail Brennan, Rich Day, Richard Lavelle, Marion Coleson, Chris Osborne, Stephen Vecchiotti, Vincent Ottani, Penny Sorokach (nursing home), Darlene Kolakovic, Don King, Kenny Miscisak, Emily Schmidt, Mary Swerzenski (nursing home), Jessica Taylor, Tim Lambert, Nancy, Sebastian Drelick, Frank Weber, Carole DeCepoli, Bert DeLuca, Maryellen Leppard, Kelly Cokinos Fleming, Sophia Brandt, Shaelynn Todd, Elaine M., Joseph, Dominick Restuccia ,Tony Cabrera, William Osbun, Joey Dyl, Tran, Liz, John, Teresa Nussbaum, Antionette Vople, Jacqueline Lausch, Brenda Nussbaum, Paul Pini, Jimmy Bariso, David W., Joseph Neubig, Joanne, Noreen Schuk and Jack Schaffhauser.

A TIME TO MOURN

Prayers for the deceased: Kenneth Neumann, Jr., Rosemary McHugh, Patrick P. Marttine, Kathleen Ryan Peterson, Matthew (Matt) Rugel, Ralph Agovino, George Damerel, Claire Fitzgerald, Joseph Minardi, Theresa Pachucki, Robert Neubig, Molly DeLanoy, Anne Marie Bottazzi, Will Barone, Tony Bonfiglio, Bernadette Johnson, Angelo Cianci, Rebeca Ruiz-Ulloa, Dr. Ed Fetter, Thomas Fennell, Harold Hakans, Vincent James (Jim) Fiorito, Dennis Romanelli, George & Mary Dick, Ethan Rodrigues, Carol Bentze, Joan Taran, Gustavo Gonzalez, Vicky Gilliatt, Rose Kelly and Patricia Donza, Jim Gleeson, Jim Smath, Henry Boonstra , Andrea W., Jack Kelly, Edward Wynne, Elford Jennings, Grace Batelli, Stan Sisson, June Cetro, Linda Musciotto, Gerard, Helen Wyso, Ann M. Biehler, Jason Haas, Gerald Holzchuh, Donald Scillieri, Owen Sarwatka, William Meyer, Rev. Msgr. (Fr. Fitz) John E. Fitzpatrick, John Link, John A. Wilpert, Joseph R. Wickham, Dorothy Dyl, Roy DeFranco, Robert Walker, Emily Fleming, Msgr. Wherlen, Fr. Kearns, Terry Koontz, Aurora Sangalang, Msgr. John Wehrlen Theresa Kott, Linda Thompson, Rev. Matthew (Fr. Matt) Twiggs, Linda M. and Ed Pfeil, Delores Clancy, Fr. Kevin Lynch, C.S.P., Joan Arvidson, Kat Pachucki , Gene Scognamiglio, Vincent O'Rourke, Grace Wargo , Edward S. Kotarski, Herb Stevens, Joan DeVito and Robert (Bob) Feldmann.

A TIME FOR PEACE

We pray for those in our parish who are currently serving in the armed forces especially: Sgt. Jonathan Cuervo, USMC, PFC Anthony Imperato, USMC, Cpl, Sgt. Antoino Lettizia, USMC, OSSN (SW) Anthony S. Gambuti, US Navy, Lance Cpl Ryan Leyden, USMC, USAF Airman Matthew Cannarozzi, 2nd Lt. 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.

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 Class are held every month at STA. Register at www.ststhomasjohn.org Please contact the Parish Office terry@ststhomasjohn.org for more information.

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays, 4:00pm- 4:45pm

Knights of Columbus ~ Council Meetings

St. John Vianney Council #12649 meets at Saint John Vianney Church Hall the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month.

Joseph Lamb Council #5510 meets on the 1st & 3rd Thursday of each month at Catholic Charities' Wiegand Farms

Both meetings start at 7:30 p.m.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

Saint John Vianney/Saint Thomas the Apostle
Please contact: **alyssa@ststhomasjohn.org**
973-208-0096.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP: A parishioner is one who belongs to the parish family. As such, he/she is registered and is committed through participation in the life of the parish. Marriages to be administered and Sponsor Certificates, recommendations, etc. to be issued by the office, the person requesting such must be registered and an active member of Saint John Vianney Parish or Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish community. We request that you register at the rectory when you move into our community so

"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 JCD, Vicar General and Moderator of the curia, 973-777-8818 Ext. 248 or Sister Joan Daniel Healy, SSC, Chancellor / Delegate for Religious, 973-777-8818 Ext. 247. 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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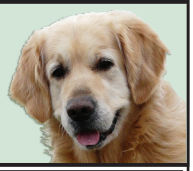

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