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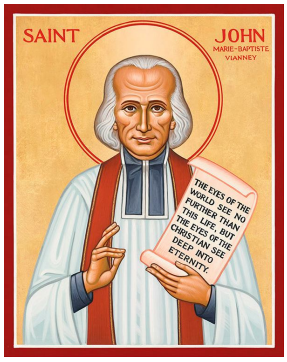
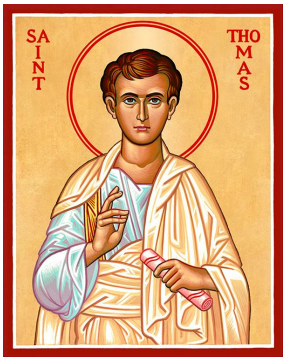
"Come now, my soul, if you work with God, it is you who will work, but God will bless your work. You will walk, but God will bless your steps."

- Saint John Vianney





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

- John 20:28

Sixth Sunday of Easter~ May 22, 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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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 22 MAY 2022

Pastor's Corner
Sixth Sunday of Easter ✞ 22 May 2022

There is an obvious change in the tone of Jesus' teachings as we draw nearer to Ascension Day and to Pentecost Sunday, which is the last day of the Easter Season. Jesus begins to prepare His Apostles and disciples for His imminent departure, from being physically seen on earth with bodily eyes, to only being physically seen in the fullness of His glory in heaven by the angels and the saints. However, before He leaves them physically, in the flesh, He promises to send them His Spirit – the Holy Spirit – the Paraclete - to be with them always to lead them and to guide them into all truth!

In this way, Jesus Christ fulfills His promise to never leave His disciples as orphans, but to remain with them always until the end of the age – until the end of time itself – at the Second Coming, the Parousia, when He will return as the Just Judge to judge both the living and the dead.

According to the Daily Universal Prayer and Commentary by FAITH Catholic, "As our Easter journey continues, may the promise of the Holy Spirit give us hope and strength." [1] "Our Gospel brings us back to the Last Supper. Knowing His disciples will need encouragement for the events that lie ahead, ***Jesus grants them the gift of peace and the promise of the Spirit. We also*** need those gifts as ***we*** strive to live the Gospel life and be faithful to Christ." [2]

In today's Sacred Scripture readings, "The early Church – under the guidance of the Holy Spirit – debates whether the Gentiles (Non-Hebrews) should be forced to abide by Jewish ways and customs. [Acts 15:1-2, 22-29] John describes a stunning vision of the holy city Jerusalem with its walls, gates, inscriptions, and the glory of God giving it light. [Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23] In the Gospel, Jesus grants His disciples the gift of peace and the promise of the Spirit, who will teach and remind them of all that He taught them." [John 14:23 -29] [3]

Jesus tells His disciples, "If you love Me, you will keep My commandments. And I will pray [to] the Father, and He will give you another Counselor, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; you know Him, for He dwells with you, and will be in you." (John 14:15-17) [4] Jesus also said to His disciples, "But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give [it] to you." (John 14:26-27) [5]

Jesus also tells His disciples, "When the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak, and He will declare to you the things that are to come." (John 16:13) [6] "A little while, and you will see Me no more; again a little while, and you will see Me." (John 16:16) [6]

Jesus' disciples back then, and up to this present day, were receiving Jesus' encouragement to "not let their hearts be troubled." ***Even though He could no longer be seen with bodily eyes, His Spirit would be with them always!*** We too can take to heart Jesus' encouragement to His disciples back then because ***we*** – you and me – ***we*** are His disciples ***right here and right now***!

Take heart, we are not to let our hearts be troubled because Jesus promised to be with us always even until the end of time itself. God never reneges on any of His promises! That is truth, and that is a fact! Be well and God bless you and your family. Happy Easter!

Prayerfully,

Fr. Ben

[1] Daily Universal Prayer and Commentary, FAITH Catholic, Lansing, MI, 2021, Vol. 55, No. 1, Pg. 213. [2] Daily Universal Prayer and Commentary, FAITH Catholic, Lansing, MI, 2021, Vol. 55, No. 1, Pg. 213.[3] Daily Universal Prayer and Commentary, FAITH Catholic, Lansing, MI, 2021, Vol. 55, No. 1, Pg. 213.[4] The Holy Bible, Revised Standard Version, Catholic Edition, Ignatius Press, San Francisco, CA, New Testament Copyright 1965, Old Testament Copyright 1966, New Testament Pg. 100. [5] The Holy Bible, Revised Standard Version, Catholic Edition, Ignatius Press, San Francisco, CA, New Testament Copyright 1965, Old Testament Copyright 1966, New Testament Pg. 100. [6] The Holy Bible, Revised Standard Version, Catholic Edition, Ignatius Press, San Francisco, CA, New Testament Copyright 1965, Old Testament Copyright 1966, New Testament Pg. 101.

MASS Intentions

SATURDAY, MAY 21
5:00PM
SJV + Helen Wyso / Janis Napolitano
STA + Louise Gerosa / Silbernagel Family

SUNDAY, MAY 22
SJV
10:00AM + Eugenio Valotto / Bubniak Family
STA
9:00AM + Madeline Buda / Dianna Hartman
11:00AM + John Moss, Jr. / his sister Anna

MONDAY, MAY 23
6:30PM EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
7:30PM + James "Jim" Smath / Jean & Eric Stroud

TUESDAY, MAY 24
8:00AM + Jim Bloom / Mary Buda
7:00PM Rosary

WEDNESDAY, MAY 25
8:00AM + Frank Revisore / Rita & Carmine Covello

THURSDAY, MAY 26
8:00AM + Helen Wyso

FRIDAY, MAY 27
8:00AM + Raymond Tierney
/ Vanessa Sanchez & Blake Vichengrad

SATURDAY, MAY 28
5:00PM
SJV + Ralph Benincasa, Sr. / Joan & Rich Hotchkiss
STA + Jack Kelly / Dot & Fred McMenamin

SUNDAY, MAY 29 SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION
SJV
10:00AM + Helen Wyso / Judy & John Cetrano
STA
9:00AM + Rudolph Parciasepe / Fett Family
11:00AM + John Zboraj, Jr. / from his Mom

Announcement Regarding the Solemnity of the Ascension
After a long discussion and period of reflection, the Latin-rite Diocesan Bishops of the Ecclesiastical Province of Newark ***have agreed to permanently transfer the observance of the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord Jesus to the Seventh Sunday of Easter, effective this Easter Season, 2022***. This Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord Jesus will be celebrated in all the Latin-rite dioceses of New Jersey on ***Sunday, May 29, 2022,*** replacing the liturgical celebration and readings of the Seventh Sunday of Easter.

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.

Prayer Shawl Ministry
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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 below.

One of our members will contact you for delivery.

Blessed Prayer Squares are available both at St. John's and St. Thomas. Feel free to take one.

READINGS OF THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 16:11-15; Jn 15:26—16:4a **Tuesday:** Acts 16:22-34; Jn 16:5-11 **Wednesday:** Acts 17:15, 22—18:1; Jn 16:12-15

Thursday: Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28, 10:19-23; Lk 24:46-53 **Friday:** Acts 18:9-18; Jn 16:20-23 **Saturday:** Acts 18:23-28; Jn 16:23b-28

SAINT JOHN VIANNEY

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

15 MAY 2022

Envelopes: $1,268.00

Loose Checks: $85.00

Loose Cash: $115.00

Online Giving: $680.00

TOTAL: $2,148.00

Last Year $2,440.00 - 5th Sunday of Easter 2021

SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 2022

15 MAY 2022

Envelopes: $3,619.00

Loose Checks: $760.00

Loose Cash: $382.00

Online Giving: $1,987.00

TOTAL: $6,748.00

Last Year $7,340.50 - 5th Sunday of Easter 2021

MEMORIAL DAY MASS MAY 30, 2022

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CEMETERY

Blessing of Graves at 10:00am, Mass at 10:30am.

At the Memorial Mass in the cemetery this year, we invite you to open your hearts in prayer for all the deceased of our families, our friends, and all military personnel. May this national holiday, which brings May to a close and begins summer activities, be an opportunity for prayer and blessing!

Please bring a chair for your comfort. If weather does not permit, the Liturgy will be held in the church.

Please gather at the grave of your loved one(s) at 10:00 a.m. If you do not have a loved one or friend interred in our parish cemetery, please remain in the Altar area and remember your loved ones interred elsewhere. The perimeter of the burial area will be incensed as a sign of our prayers rising to heaven. Each grave will be sprinkled with water by a family member as a symbol of our Baptism into the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. When this rite is completed, please return to the Altar area for the Liturgy.

WHY NOT RENT MADONNA HALL?

Having a family get together? First Communion or Confirmation? Bridal shower? Baby shower? A club or association dinner? **Saint John Vianney's Madonna Hall is your go to place.** For more information contact Cristin Gandy, email: Madonahallrentals@gmail.com

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"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 Fleming, Emily Schmidt, Mary Swerzenski (nursing home), Jessica Taylor, Tim Lambert, Nancy, Sebastian Drelick, Bill Horowitz, Frank Weber, Carole DeCepoli, Bert DeLuca, Maryellen Leppard, Kelly Cokinos Fleming, Sophia Brandt, Aurora Sangalang, Shaelynn Todd, Hazel, Andrea W, Elaine M., Joseph, Dominick Restuccia ,Tony Cabrera, William Osbun, Joey Dyl, Tran, Liz, John and Teresa Nussbaum

A TIME TO MOURN

Prayers for the deceased: Rosemary McHugh, Patrick P. Marttine, John Koslowski, Kathleen Peterson, Matthew (Matt) Rugel, Ralph Agovino, George Damerel, Claire Fitzgerald, Cheryl Miskimon, Joseph Minardi, Theresa Pachucki, Brendan Michael Dolaghan, Robert Neubig, William Osbun Sr., Molly DeLanoy, Bob Pacca, Frank Galtieri , Anne Marie Bottazzi, Will Barone, Tony Bonfiglio, Bernadette Johnson, Angelo Cianci, Rebeca Ruiz-Ulloa, Joseph Racke, Dr. Ed Fetter, Major Stanley Sciora (ret.) Heaven Davenport, MaryAnn Reinhardt, Thomas Fennell, Harold Hakans Vincent James (Jim) Fiorito, Dennis Romanelli, George & Mary Dick, Tom Kieren, Betty Sisson, Ethan Rodrigues, Carol Bentze, Joan Taran, Gustavo Gonzalez, Geraldine Karas, Vicky Gilliatt, Dan Sorokach, Rose Kelly and Patricia Donza, Jim Gleeson, Jim Smath, Henry Boonstra , Andrea W., Jack Kelly, Uncle Marcin, Edward Wynne, Elford Jennings, Edward Smilek, Grace Batelli, Thomas Hanston, Stan Sisson, June Cetro, Linda Musciotto, Gerard, Helen Wyso , Ann M. Biehler, Jason Haas, Gerald Holzchuh, Donald Scillieri and Glenn Hooks, Owen Saracka and William Meyer.

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 Sebastian Geary, USMC, 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.

BAPTISM

Baptisms are held at both parishes. If you are a first time parents you must attend a Baptism Preparation class. Baptism Class are 7pm June 13, August 8, October 10 December 12 at STA. Register at ww.ststhomasjohn.org Please contact the Parish Office: terry@ststhomasjohn.org for more information.

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays, 4:00pm-4:45pm

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 Church Hall the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month.

Joseph Lamb Council #5510 meets on the 1st & 3rd Thursday of each month at St. Thomas the Apostle. 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 that we may be of service to you.

"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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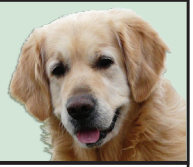

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