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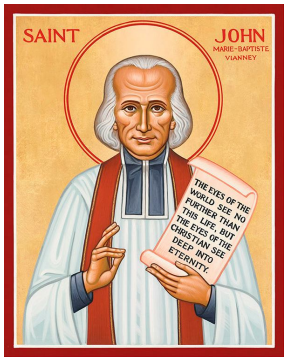
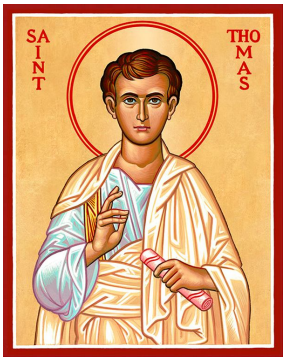
"Come now, my soul, if you work with God, it is you who will work, but God will bless your work. You will walk, but God will bless your steps."

- Saint John Vianney





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

- John 20:28

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time~ July 10, 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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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDIANARY TIME -10 JULY 2022

Pastor's Corner
Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
10 July 2022

The Great Commandments: Love of God and love of neighbor! These are the greatest Commandments given to us by God. However, Jesus Christ did not end there! He then gave us the New Commandment before He ascended above the clouds out of the sight of bodily eyes: "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; *even as I have loved you*, that *you also love one another*. By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another." (John 13:34-35) [1]

I truly believe that a lack of love causes all of the problems both in our society and throughout the world. A lack of love of God, oneself and others causes a plethora of ills and evils both at home and abroad. A change of viewpoint that is in line with the teachings of Christ would have us view others as brothers and sisters who have the same creator instead of rivals or enemies. Today's world is so rife with trickery, dishonesty, violence, meanspiritedness and ugliness that we have to be constantly on our guard lest we become victims of another person's treachery. No one wants to fall victim to an ambush! Nevertheless, there is hope for change! Change can occur within individual homes and local churches! Small pockets of compassion and love will be able to change the world home by home, parish by parish, community by community so that the situation will become increasingly better instead of increasingly worse!

Faith, hope and love are the three theological virtues from which all other virtues come. **Without hope, one is lost**. Without hope, one is already defeated before the contest has even begun. There ***is*** hope for the human race. The changes that we long for may take a while, but with faith, hope and trust in God, anything is possible! How can one be so sure of this? Despite humanity's best efforts at self-destruction, somehow, the human race is not extinct! What has prevented the human race from becoming like the dinosaurs? Blind luck? Perhaps, there is a **Power [God]** at work here preventing such a tragedy!

According to the Universal Prayer and Commentary by FAITH Catholic, "Both the Old and New Testaments emphasize the centrality of loving God and our neighbor. In the First Reading [from the Book of Deuteronomy], we hear Moses stressing the importance of this in one of the final speeches of his life. In the Gospel [passage from St. Luke], Jesus' parable of the Good Samaritan expands the understanding of 'neighbor' to include those we might consider strangers or even enemies, and 'love' modeled on His example of selflessness and sacrifice." [2] It bears repeating! **Agape love** is ***true*** love! The love that God has for each of us ***is*** agape love. This type of love is counter-cultural because it is ***pure love*** solely for the well-being, the good of another. It is not selfish or self-absorbed in any way.

This type of love is counter-cultural because we are bombarded with the constant message of happiness being obtained by "getting ahead" by accumulating wealth and possessions. It is as if we can truly find satisfaction in life by surrounding ourselves with possessions no matter who gets hurt in the process. Ultimately, one discovers that things alone do not satisfy the longings of the human heart. St. Augustine of Hippo once said it very well: "You have created us for Yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in You." [3]

Engaged couples for their wedding Mass repeatedly choose a particular Sacred Scripture passage: "Love is patient, love and kind; love is not jealous or boastful; it is not arrogant or rude. Love does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice over wrong, but rejoices in the right. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, [and] endures all things. Love never ends." (1 Corinthians 13:4-8) [4]

If every human being truly took these words to heart, we would have heaven on earth, which is exactly the way that God intended it to be, from the beginning, when He created the human race as the best of His creation! "With God, all things are possible!" (Matthew 19:26) [5] In order for love to endure, and in order for things to get better, one must start with the virtue of hope in order to believe that a better world filled with true love, agape love, is indeed possible!

Prayerfully,

Fr. Ben

MASS Intentions

SATURDAY, JULY 9
5:00PM
SJV + Judy Sherlock / Cox Family
STA + Maureen Lang / Silbernagel Family

SUNDAY, JULY 10
SJV
10:00AM + Phyllis Bell'Aquila / Judy & Skip Diller
STA
9:00AM + Devon Carbery / Carbery Family
11:00AM + Robert Pacca / his Family

MONDAY, JULY 11
6:30PM: EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
7:30AM + Robert McCartney / McCartney Family

TUESDAY, JULY 12
8:00AM Mass of Healing: Philip Ryan / Tess & Richard Martin
No Rosary until the end of September

WEDNESDAY, JULY 13
8:00AM + Ryan DeVito / Ellen Schmidt

THURSDAY, JULY 14
8:00AM Joan & Kathy Rivera (Living)/ from Mom 25th Wedding Anniversary

FRIDAY, JULY 15
8:00AM + Frank Malzone / Helping Hands Ministry

SATURDAY, JULY 16
5:00PM
SJV + Gerald W. Holzschuh / Cox Family
STA + Joseph Wyso / from his family

SUNDAY, JULY 17
SJV
10:00AM + Helen Wyso / Jeanine Christine
STA
9:00AM + George & Naomie Rodriguez, Anna Perez & Loi Chu / Thu Cho
11:00AM + Dolores Stanol / Jean & Eric Stroud

HELP!!!!!!
OUR VISITING MISSIONARY
NEEDS A PLACE TO STAY
THE WEEKEND OF AUGUST 13/14
(WE ARE REQUIRED TO PROVED HOUSING)

Sr. Kathy Doyle of the Saint Elizabeth Mission Society will be visiting Saint Thomas the Apostle the weekend of our Missionary Cooperation Plan Collection, August 13-14.

All missionaries visiting the parishes through out the Diocese of Paterson have submitted their Letter of Good Standing / Suitabilty from their Bishop or Superior with the proper seal. They all have proof of completed COVID - 19 Vaccination.

If you are interested and able to give Sr. Kathy a place to stay please email Terry at terry@ststhomasjohn.org.

2023 MASS BOOK IS OPEN
ALL DATES REQUESTED MUST BE EMAILED
terry@ststhomasjohn.org OR SUBMITTED IN WRITING.
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[1] The Holy Bible, Revised Standard Version, Catholic Edition, Ignatius Press, San Francisco, CA, New Testament Copyright 1965, Old Testament Copyright 1966, New Testament, Pg. 99. [2] Daily Universal Prayer and Commentary, FAITH Catholic, Lansing, MI, January 2022, Pg. 288. [3] *Confessions* by Saint Augustine of Hippo, Bishop and Doctor of the Church. [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. 159. [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. 19.

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Any donation of any kind is always gratefully welcomed.

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.

READINGS OF THE WEEK

Monday: Is 1:10-17; Mt 10:34—11:1

Tuesday: Is 7:1-9; Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday: Is 10:5-7, 13b-16; Mt 11:25-27

Thursday: Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Mt 11:28-30

Friday: Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Mt 12:1-8

Saturday: Mi 2:1-5; Mt 12:14-21

This weekend's bulletin had to be submitted Friday, July 1st so we do not have the figures for last weekend's collection

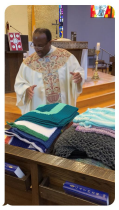
You have 3 ways to request a Blessed Prayer Shawl or Lap Blanket.

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.*

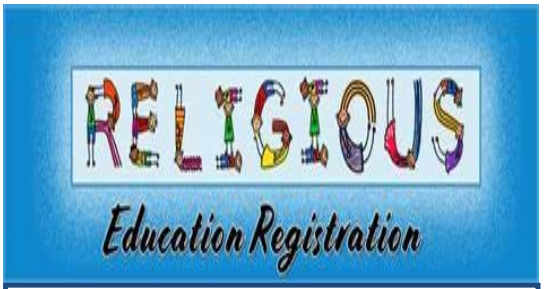
2. *Complete the online form located on the Parish website, www.ststhomasjohn.org, under Ministries/ Prayer Shawl Ministry. After you press submit, the form will be delivered to our Prayer Shawl members*

3. *Use the QR Code.*

One of our members will contact you for delivery.



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



It's time to register for Religious Education at St. Thomas the Apostle and St. John Vianney! Registration is online again this year, and you can enroll your children by using the QR Code, flocknote link or on our website:

"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, Aurora Sangalang, Shaelynn Todd, Elaine M., Joseph, Dominick Restuccia ,Tony Cabrera, William Osbun, Joey Dyl, Tran, Liz, John and Teresa Nussbaum, Antionette Vople, Jacqueline Lausch.

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, Robert Neubig, Molly DeLanoy, Anne Marie Bottazzi, Will Barone, Tony Bonfiglio, Bernadette Johnson, Angelo Cianci, Rebeca Ruiz-Ulloa, 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 Sarwatka, William Meyer, Rev. Msgr. (Fr. Fitz) John E. Fitzpatrick, John Link, John A. Wilpert, Joseph R. Wickham, Dorothy Dyl, Roy DeFranco, Robert Walker and Emily L. Fleming.

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.

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 7pm August 8, October 10 December 12 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 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.

Registration for 2022 - 2023 is open. Register online: www.ststhomasjohn.org
Or use the QR Code below

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"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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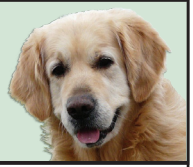

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