

ST. JOHN VIANNEY – MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, Dec. 9

5:00 PM + Veronica Meurer 10th, Anniv. / Stan & Eileen Fautas

SUNDAY, Dec. 10

8:00 AM + Antonio Fiornascente / Marianne & Matt Cusa
10:00 AM + Catherine McCue / Mrs. Begley

SATURDAY, Dec. 16

5:00 PM + for Peace

SUNDAY, Dec. 17

8:00 AM + (for healing) Henry Magnusen/ Massenzio Family
10:00 AM + Parents

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE – MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, Dec. 9

5:00 PM + Bob Emmetts / Walter Endlicher

SUNDAY, Dec. 10

9:00 AM + Family & Friends of the Cokinos/Sullivan Fam.
Nick & Kathy Cokinos
11:00 AM + John T. Costa / Gabrielle & Michelle Meade

MONDAY, Dec. 11

7:30 PM + James T. Krasco / his family

TUESDAY, Dec. 12

8:00 AM + Lucy Cox / Gerry Stetz
7:00 PM – Rosary

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 13

8:00 AM + Vito Cali / Peck & Cali Family

THURSDAY, Dec. 14

8:00 AM + Christopher Cassini / Pat & Tom Barrett

FRIDAY, Dec. 15

8:00 AM + In thanksgiving for STA Choir / Eric & Jean Stroud

SATURDAY, Dec. 16

5:00 PM + Margaret Libonati / Elaine Keeler

SUNDAY, Dec. 17

9:00 AM + Family & Friends of the Cokinos/Sullivan Family
Nick & Kathy Cokinos
11:00 AM + Carol Angelucci / her husband Jim

THOSE CURRENTLY SERVING IN THE MILITARY

USAF Airman James Perez
Cpl. Michael Koval, USMC
PFC Jonathan Cuervo, USMC
PFC Anthony Imperato, USMC
Let us keep them in our prayers.

In honor of the Military serving our country at home and abroad, we invite you to remain after the Recessional Song at all weekend Masses to recite three Hail Mary's for their safety.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 10, 2017



Dear Parish Family:



Mark's Gospel begins by introducing us to John the Baptist, who prepared the way to Jesus by calling people to acknowledge their sins and receive a baptism of repentance. Are we prepared to welcome Jesus into the world? To do so properly, we need to acknowledge our sins and receive forgiveness for the wrong we have done. As we celebrate today's Liturgy let us keep in mind our failings and resolve to keep Jesus in our minds and hearts as we interact with others.

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Dec 23 – 5:00 pm at both Churches (for 4th Sunday of Advent Vigil)

Dec 24 10:00 am - both Churches (for 4th Sunday of Advent)

CHRISTMAS EVE (BOTH CHURCHES)

December 24 – 5 pm and Midnight (12:00 am)

CHRISTMAS DAY (BOTH CHURCHES)

December 25 – 10:00 am

NEW YEAR'S DAY – JAN 1ST 9:00 am (BOTH CHURCHES)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

- On Monday evenings during Advent the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated @ STA Church before and after the 7:30 pm Mass. Holy Hour begins at 6:30 pm.
- Before and after Masses on Saturdays.
- You can also call the Rectory for an appointment at any time during the day. (SJV: 973-697-6550, STA: 973-208-0090)



PRAYER FOR LIFE: That God's people, who proclaim that death has been conquered in Christ, may be active in defending His gift of life, we pray.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Brennan McCoy, Veronica Janssen, Kathy Brennan, Bill Povalitis, Aaron Alonzo, Tony Cabrera, Adela Glusiec, Sal Giello, Sal D'Arco, Marie Claude Jerome & Family, Msgr. Brendan P. Madden, Kevin Wickert, Betty Klein, Fumiko Lutz, Patricia Carapola & Bob Carapola, Courtney Sanchelli, Danny Scillieri, Gail Brennan, Fr. Michael Burke, Fr. Ron Sordillo, Louis "Louie" Panetta, Rich Day, Vicki Cardinali, Richard Lavelle, Marion Coleson, Chris Osborne, Rose Kelly, Stephen Vecchiotti, Devon Carbery, Bishop emeritus Frank J. Rodimer, Vincent Ottani, Kathleen Peterson, Mrs. Karas, Linda Albecker, Ernie Sudo, Gloria Fetter, Penny Sorokach (nursing home), and Brandon Wozniak.

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED: Carolyn Wright, Regina



McCartney, Bill Braccone, Michael Adams, Joseph Wyso, Jim Fierro, Loretta Perrucci, Theodore Ciesla, Lewis Kansas, Margaret Babich, John Mahon, Elvira Budesheim, Robert Olivieri, Pauline Diliberto, Sam Carabello, Alex D'Arco, Gene Keeler, Joan Cartier, John Habuda, Timothy Egan, Michael Kaiser, Margaret Godar, Anna Annucci, Eugene Ambrosio, Rosa Bascietto, Elena Galfo, George Dick, Elizabeth Minardi, Leah Mary Cummings, Jack Straus, Eileen Carbery, Stasia Wargo, Wladyslaw Kowalski, Marjorie (Peggy) Zajdel,

Evelyn Geary, Shirley Brown, Marge Endlicher, Gary Smitheman, Chris Hirsch, Joan France, Rev. Fr. William Michael George (nephew of Nancy & Jim Zajdel), Esther Benard, Vincent Ginella, Marguerite Socci, Chris Woop, Antoinette Sterlaci, Mark Hale, Esther Punturieri, Lucy Cox, Claire Reilly, Joseph Romano, Fr. Bob Hooper, Madeline Mae Greischel, James Geary, Fr John Kenney C.S.P., John Zboraj, Helen Rogers, William Noriega and Gary Feiner.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK? How can I prepare myself for Christ's presence?

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY: Anyone requesting a prayer shawl should fill out a form in the lobby of STA and leave the completed form in the basket. We will contact you with a time to pick up your shawl. For immediate need, please call Gabby Dyl at 973-713-0280. The Prayer Shawl ministry meets at STA at 7:30 pm the first Thursday of the month: next meeting is **Jan 4**, please join us. For more info. Call Renee Ferreri: 518-321-523.



FAMILY CONNECTION: The season of Advent invites us to renew our lives in preparation for the coming of Jesus. The people who heard the message of John the Baptist repented for their sins and were baptized as a sign of God's forgiveness. In Baptism, our sins are forgiven, and we receive the gift of the Holy Spirit, who helps us in our life of discipleship. Led by the Holy Spirit, we use this Advent season to renew our lives so that we, like John the Baptist, might prepare the way for Jesus.



Helping Hands is a combined parish community service group. If you are in need of any type of help, or if you know someone who needs help, please contact Gabrielle Dyl at 973-713-0280.



We are also searching for more volunteers! Open to all ages! This is a great way for the youth to get community service hours needed for Confirmation and Scouts.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE - ADOPT A FAMILY

Scott Reid will speak at all the masses this weekend. Names will be available the this weekend December 9/10 (of course the "leftovers" will be on the table throughout Advent)
Wrapping: NEXT Sunday, December 17 after 11:00 Mass.

SAINT JOHN VIANNEY – JESSE TREE

Gifts for the Jesse Tree need to be returned by NEXT Sunday, December 17, after



Baptism at STA
12/1/2017

MAXWELL JAY SPENCE

Parents: Jason Spence and Kathleen Barrett

12/3/2017

BENJAMIN PATRICK RHOADES

Parents: Daniel and Lauren Rhoades

GAVIN MICHAEL SMITH

Parents: Michael and Caitlin Smith

AUSTON ZEKE SLOOTMAKER

Parents: Robert and Leeann Sloomaker

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION (HOLY HOUR)

Eucharistic Adoration held in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel at STA on Monday evening at 6:30 p.m. is a wonderful opportunity for quiet contemplation. Several parishioners who have attended these holy hours expressed their contentment with it. Although you may not be able to attend every Monday evening try to come at least sometimes.

Come to all who are weary

This is a long time Saint Thomas the Apostle tradition. After Mass, there is a short novena to St. Peregrine said for those suffering with cancer and HIV/AIDS. The Lord is always calling: "Come to all who are weary and I will refresh you". Come join us.

PREPARE THE WAY "Prepare ye the way of the Lord."

In *Godspell*, John the Baptist blows his horn and announces his cousin's coming. But Jesus is not an actor or a clown-he is the Christ, the Messiah, the one whom the prophets said would put all things back in order and the one who baptizes not just with water but with the Spirit of God. Like John, his cousin, Jesus planted the seeds of our salvation when the two met on Jordan's bank. In God's own good time, it comes to flower. For our world, the Lord is a patient gardener, and the gardener's time is not ours. Thanks be to God! We are called to be ready for the harvest. *Text, Philip J. Sandstrom, STD © 1996, OCP. All rights reserved.*



Our wonderful annual Christmas Pageant is on

Sunday, Dec. 10th at 4pm.

The combined Children's' Choir and the Adult Choir will be joined by harpist Cecilia Parker, and strings all the way from Manhattan (Stony Brook)!

Our 5th graders will be in costume for our tableau, and Robert and the DPD-CARE choir will also be joining us! A delightful dessert reception follows the pageant.

YOU DID IT FOR ME



Catholic Charities USA is a member of [Caritas International](#), an international federation of Catholic social service organizations.^[4] Catholic Charities USA is the national office of more than 160 local Catholic Charities agencies nationwide.

Founded in 1910 as the **National Conference of Catholic Charities**, the organization changed its name in 1986 to **Catholic Charities USA (CCUSA)**.^[5] CCUSA's president and CEO, Sister Donna Markham OP, Ph.D., is the first female president to lead CCUSA in the organization's 105-year history. She has held this position since 2015.^[6]

PROJECT RACHEL: is a process that leads people to healing and reconciliation after an abortion experience. To talk to someone about beginning this journey, please call 973-777-8818, ext. 272. All calls are confidential.

CHOOSE LIFE The Christmas storytellers, Matthew and Luke



begin with Jesus' conception. When Matthew sets out to tell us about the Nativity, he first talks of events taking place during the pregnancy. Luke gives us even more details of the pregnancy. The

message? Jesus was conceived through the power of the Holy Spirit. He was God from the moment of conception. Life Date, The National Newsletter of Lutherans for Life, Winter, 1998.

Second Sunday of Advent

Sunday

Is 40:1-5, 9-11; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

Monday

Is 35:1-10; Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday

Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab; Lk 1:26-38 or

Lk 1:39-47

Wednesday

Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30

Thursday

Is 41:13-20; Mt 11:11-15

Friday

Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19

Saturday

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly

The letter of Peter and Isaiah's message in the gospel of Mark, provide a wonderful opportunity to begin this second week of advent. Somehow it is easy, or convenient, to forget or presume why Jesus came two thousand years ago. A lost people needed a savior, to bring them back to union with their creator. He came, revealed the Father's love for us and still invites us to respond to that love. Do I see my need today, and the needs of my family and our world?

Let's face it, our messed up world needs a savior, not a political leader or powerful military strength, but someone to free us from sin and all that divides us, the barriers which keep us from growing in holiness, in grace, or love of God and neighbor. Advent invites us to focus on our need from the Lord today. Advent, the great time of hope and expectation calls us to make ready, the way of the Lord, to have Him into our hearts and the hearts of others.

'COME LORD JESUS.'

BAPTISMS

At SJV: the last Sunday of the month either during the 10:30 am Mass **or at 11:45 am.** (Note the change in time)

At STA: the First Sunday of the month - either during the 11:00 a.m. Mass **or at 12:15 pm.** (Note the change in time.)

Couples desiring to have their child baptized **should be active parishioners, attending Mass regularly. Parents must attend a Baptism Preparation Meeting.**

The next meeting will take place at Saint Thomas the Apostle on Monday evening at 7pm January 8, 2018, March 19 - (CONFIRMATION is March 12 so the class had to be pushed back a week.) May 14 and July 9. To make baptismal arrangements contact the parish office by email: terry@ststthomasjohn.org or call Saint John Vianney at 973-697-6550 / Saint Thomas the Apostle at 973-208-0090.

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 Wiegand Farm – Department for Persons with Disabilities' meeting room. Both meetings start at 7:30 p.m.

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.

CONFESSIONS

Saturday Evening: 4:00 to 4:45 PM.

By request: contact the parish office.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

Saint John Vianney/Saint Thomas the Apostle

Director of Rel. Ed. - debbie@ststthomasjohn.org

CLASSES START: SATURDAY, SEPT 16, 2017

Grades K-8: Saturday mornings 8:30 – 9:45AM

September – April at White Rock Elementary School.

Combined Confirmation Classes (9th & 10th Grade)

September – April, Bi-Monthly on Sunday mornings at Saint Thomas – Grade 9 - 10:30 AM - Noon Grade 10 - 8:45 AM - 10:15 AM

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 community by attending mass regularly and by financially supporting your parish. In order for Baptism and 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.

