

ST. JOHN VIANNEY – MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, Aug 26

5:00 PM + Louise Ferrante / Fran & Frank Bagnati

SUNDAY, Aug 27

8:00AM + Christopher Hirsch / his family

10:30AM + Elizabeth Kelly Petterson / Mom, Dad & Janie

SATURDAY, Sept 2

5:00 PM + Marguerite Socci / Al & Annette Bruccoleri

SUNDAY, Sept 3

8:00AM + Rita Fitzgibbon / Bill Cox

10:30AM + Peter Cofrancesco / Parish Family of SJV

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE – MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, Aug 26

5:00PM + Stasia Wargo / Eileen Keeler

SUNDAY, Aug 27

9:00 AM + Augustina Bacchetta / Mary Bacchetta

11:00 AM + John & Mary Moss / daughter Anna

MONDAY, Aug 28

7:30 PM + Joan France / Al & Duane

TUESDAY, Aug 29

8:00 AM + Eugene Zajdel / Zajdel Family

7:00 PM – Rosary

WEDNESDAY, Aug 30

8:00 AM + Christopher Hirsch / Family

THURSDAY, Aug 31

8:00 AM + Chris Woop / Kaiser Family

FRIDAY, Sept 1

8:00 AM + Leonard Stroud, 8th Anniv. / Eric & Jean Stroud

SATURDAY, Sept 2

5:00PM + Friends & Family of Cokinos & Sullivan Family / Nick & Kathy Cokinos

SUNDAY, Sept 3

9:00 AM + Kelly McKenna / her family

11:00 AM + George Dick / Bill & Betty Meyer

THOSE CURRENTLY SERVING IN THE MILITARY

USAF Airman James Perez

Cpl. Michael Koval, USMC

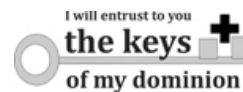
PFC Jonathan Cuervo, USMC

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

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN O.T.
AUGUST 27, 2017



Dear Parish Family:



We are called Christian because we choose to follow Christ. It might be good to reflect on who Christ is for us, just as he asks the question in today's Gospel: "Who do you say that I am?" the answer that we give will tell us much about who we need to be in this world. Let us pray for the grace to live up to the name of Christ with which we identify ourselves.

MISSION CO-OP SUNDAY – SJV – Sister Servatrix (COLU) a member of the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Usambara in Tanzania will be speaking at all the Masses at St. John Vianney this weekend. A Second Collection will be taken up at all the Masses for the missionary work of the missions.



PRAYER FOR LIFE: That the Church, will work with confidence to eradicate the injustices of abortion, infanticide, and euthanasia, we pray.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Brennan McCoy, Veronica Janssen, Fr. Kenneth Hewitt, 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, Lucy Cox, 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, Gail Sherba, Richard Lavelle, Marion Coleson, Chris Osborne, Rose Kelly, Stephen Vecchiotti, Barbara Tully, Devon Carbery, Bishop emeritus Frank J. Rodimer, Vincent Ottani, Kathleen Petersen, and Mark Hale.

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, Fr. William Santeliz, Anna Annuzzi, Eugene Ambrosio, Rosa Bascietto, Elena Galfo, George Dick, Elizabeth Minardi, Leah Mary Cummings, Fay Rusconi, Fr. Charles Parr, , Jr., Jerzy Bradtke, Jack Straus, Eileen Carbery, Stasia Wargo, Wladyslaw Kowalski, Marjorie (Peggy) Zajdel, Nilsa Cruz, Theodore Vanak, Jack Hirleman, Cecilia Donkersloot, Evelyn Geary, , Shirley Brown, Marge Endlicher, Gary Smitheman, Chris Hirsch, Anita Frisco, Joan France, Rev. Fr. William Michael George (nephew of Nancy & Jim Zajdel), Esther Benard, Vincent Ginella, "Ted" McHugh, Marguerite Socci, Chris Woop, Antoinette Sterlaci, Peter Cofrancesco and Joseph Vozza.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK? How does Peter's continuing presence in the Church through the ministry of Pope Francis impact my life of witness?

PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA & LOURDES
NOVEMBER 7 – 17

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 **SEPT 7** please join us. For more info. Call Renee Ferreri: 518-321-5236



FAMILY CONNECTION: Today's Gospel reminds us that the Church is built on the foundation of faith in Jesus Christ. Peter announces the core of our faith, that Jesus is God's only Son. The family, as the domestic church, has this same faith as its foundation.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Washington D.C. Oct 21, 2017



Cost of the one day pilgrimage is \$49 per person – includes: transportation & gratuity, all day activities at the Shrine, Rest stop going, meal stop – return. Depart Washington at 4:15 pm .CONTACT: DIANE DEWAR @ 973-697-2042



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.



Paul Todd & Paul Todd Jr. CONCERT

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 7:00PM
ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CHURCH
TICKETS: \$20 PER PERSON, UNDER 18
ARE FREE
TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE AFTER MASS
AND AT THE RECTORY.

THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (R.C.I.A.) is the coming home of any adult into the full and warm embrace of God the Father and Holy Mother Church. It is a joyous time of growth, healing, and love in the life of any adult who comes to a relationship of faith, hope and love in God through Jesus Christ. Receiving the Sacraments of Initiation, namely Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist, the adult catechumen or candidate is welcomed into the full life of the Church and encouraged to engage in the life and ministries of the Church as faith leads to action.

The adult catechumen or candidate is also exposed to the life of holiness, a call from God experienced by all people, and the many ways he or she can live that call as a servant of Christ and His Church. The catechumen or candidate is exposed to the different spiritual traditions of the Church, as well as her charitable and liturgical activities and ministries, so that he or she can find a home in the life of the Church and contribute his or her gifts and talents to the building up of the kingdom of God.
~ Deacon Jim Cammarano

ANTIOCH 2018 AT SACRED HEART CENTER, NEWTON **FEBRUARUY 2, 3, 4 2018**

➤ **NEXT ADULT TEAM ANTIOCH MEETING**
Wed AUG. 27 at STA classroom AT 7 PM

Instagram: @ststhomasandjohnnyouthgroup
Twitter: @StsTJyouthgroup

REIGN OF GOD: Who is the Son of Man? "Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, Jeremiah or one of the prophets." Peter recognizes Jesus as "the Christ, the Son of the living God." The reign of God is a dynamic event. God exercises saving power among humanity in a new way. When God's presence and action are made visible in unconditional love and compassion for others, the reign of God is realized. Are you building up the church founded on the rock of Peter? Text, Philip J. Sandstrom, STD © 2001, OCP. All rights reserved.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Background on the Gospel Reading

It is important to read today's Gospel and next week's Gospel as two parts of a single story. These readings are a turning point in Matthew's Gospel. This week we hear Jesus name Simon Peter as the rock upon which he will build his Church. Next week we will hear Jesus call this same Simon Peter "Satan" when he reacts negatively to Jesus' prediction about his passion and death.

In today's Gospel, Jesus asks his disciples what people are saying about his identity. The disciples indicate that most people believe that Jesus is a prophet of Israel. Then Jesus asks his disciples who they believe that he is. Simon Peter answers, identifying Jesus as the Messiah, the Son of God.

Jesus commends Simon Peter for this profession of faith, indicating that this insight has come from God. Because of Simon Peter's response, Jesus calls him the "rock" upon which Jesus will build the Church. This is a word play on the name Peter, which is the Greek word for "rock." Peter is then given special authority by Jesus, a symbolic key to the Kingdom of Heaven. Peter will play an important role in the early Christian community as a spokesperson and a leader.

In today's Gospel, Peter's recognition of Jesus' identity is credited to a revelation by God. This will contrast sharply with Jesus' rebuke of Peter in next week's Gospel. When Peter rejects Jesus' prediction of his passion and death, Peter is said to no longer be thinking as God does but as humans do.

The use of the term *church* in today's Gospel is one of only three such occurrences in Matthew's Gospel. Peter in this Gospel is being credited as the foundation for the Church, a privilege granted to him because of his recognition of Jesus' identity. The Church continues to be grounded in the faith that Jesus Christ is Lord.



YOU DID IT FOR ME



During a post-disaster damage assessment, a local Catholic Charities agency visited the home of a 73-year-old disabled female, who was wheelchair bound. Her back door had been blown away, four windows were broken and the front door was damaged. Also, she couldn't leave the house because the exit ramp had collapsed. Her income was less than \$900 per month. Catholic Charities provided the funds for repairs, and volunteer labor did the work. They also helped her enroll in the SNAP program and Meals on Wheels. During a conversation with her case manager, the woman tearfully relayed that Catholic Charities had restored her human dignity.

In 2016, 86 Catholic Charities agencies provided disaster services across the nation.

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: Modern technology has opened many windows



into the womb—from ultrasound imaging to in utero fetal surgery. Now any pregnant woman can download an iPhone app and see for herself how much humanity is in

a so-called "clump of cells." At 14 weeks unborn babies begin moving in a purposeful manner and simple facial gestures like squinting and grimacing are visible. At 18 weeks gestation, babies begin yawning and hiccupping. The abortion industry's claim that an unborn child is a blob of tissue is refuted right before the mother's eyes, NRL News Today, 4/3/17

Twenty-First Week in Ordinary Time

Monday

1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday

1 Thes 2:1-8; Mk 6:17-29

Wednesday

1 Thes 2:9-13; Mt 23:27-32

Thursday

1 Thes 3:7-13; Mt 24:42-51

First Friday

1 Thes 4:1-8; Mt 25:1-13

First Saturday

1 Thes 4:9-11; Mt 25:14-30



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 SEPTEMBER 11, 2017 at 7:00 pm. Future dates are: November 13, 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

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.