

ST. JOHN VIANNEY – MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, Jan. 6

5:00 PM + John Pierce/ Cox Family

SUNDAY, Jan. 7

8:00 AM – George Dobbs / Marianne Cusa

10:00 AM + Sheila Rhoades / Skip & Judy Diller

SATURDAY, Jan. 13

5:00 PM – Guri Luchesi / Willemsen Fam.

SUNDAY, Jan. 14

8:00 AM – Shelia Rhoades / St. John Vianney Parish Family

10:00 AM – Biagio Pelggi / Mike & Bernadette Halczli

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE – MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, Jan. 6

5:00 PM Parish Family of St. Thomas & our Family & Friends / Jeannie & Eric Stroud

SUNDAY, Jan. 7

9:00 AM + Sophia Wolters / her son Theodore

11:00 AM – George Dobbs / Robert & Antoinette Schmidt

MONDAY, Jan. 8

7:30 PM – Joseph Frank Pitonzo / McCartney Fam.

TUESDAY, Jan. 9

8:00 AM + Eugene Ambrosio / Jeanette Geary

7:00 PM – Rosary

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 10

8:00 AM + Therese Grant / Sue & Sal Dispenziere

THURSDAY, Jan 11

8:00 AM + Dean O'Hare / Faith & Tom Cassidy

FRIDAY, Jan 12

8:00 AM + Lillian Brunetti / her family

SATURDAY, Jan 13

5:00 PM + Andrew & Helen Surma / McLeod Fam.

SUNDAY, Jan 14

9:00 AM + George Dobbs / Virginia Dobbs

11:00 AM + Ronnie Cali / Simonelli Family

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.



EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

JANUARY 7, 2018



Dear Parish Family:



We celebrate Epiphany today and hear how God's very self is revealed to people of all nations through the Incarnation. The emphasis today is on this revelation to foreigners: the foreign nations that will now pay tribute to the restored Jerusalem, the Gentiles who Paul recognized as now being copartners through the gospel, and the magi from the east who recognized the Messiah and paid him homage.

LITURGY & LIFE: *Because there is not a Sunday between the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord and the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time this year, the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord is celebrated on Monday, January 8th.*



PRAYER FOR LIFE: That the Manifestation of the glory of Christ will enable all nations to also recognize the sanctity of each and every human 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), Brandon Wozniak, and Lisa Laganella.

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, Gary Feiner, J. Glenn Beury and Shelia Rhoades.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK? Is there something I realize that I changed after encountering the Lord? Is there something I realize now that I should change?

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 **Feb. 8**. Please join us. For more info. Call Renee Ferreri: 518-321-523.



FAMILY CONNECTION: The tradition of giving gifts at Christmas is thought by some to be rooted in the gift giving of the Magi. In many cultures, gifts are not exchanged at Christmas, but rather on the feast of the Epiphany. Whenever you exchange your Christmas gifts, take some time to reflect on this tradition of gift giving at Christmas. Think of the best gift you have received. What was it? What made it special? Was it the gift itself, the thought that went into it, or the person who gave it to you?



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.

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.

BLESSING OF HOMES: This Sunday marks the time for the annual Blessing of Homes. If you would like to have your home blessed, please contact the Rectory at 973-208-0090 and speak to Fr. Matt or Fr. Dawid to set up an appointment, when we can come and bless your home:

Chalk is used to mark: **20 + C + M + B + 18** over doorways. The numerals consecrate the New Year. The initials remind us of the legendary names of the magi – Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar – and also stand for the Latin motto – *Christus mansionem benedicat* – (May Christ bless the house”).

THINK OF CATHOLIC CHARITIES CLOTHES DONATION BOXES

At this time of the year that saying “out with the old, in with the new” gets repeated again and again. Think of that saying as you start to put away all the new clothes, shoes and accessories you received this Christmas and perhaps place the old ones they will replace, into the Catholic Charities clothes donation bin in our parking lot. The clothing box revenues help to feed almost 9000 people every month in our pantries as well as fund other emergency services for the poor.

THE MAGI IN TODAY’S GOSPEL WERE LED TO JESUS BY A STAR! Who are the stars your children follow? Don’t let it be the tabloid stars. Resolve in this New Year to be the guiding star in the life of your children!

VENITE, ADOREMUS: Wise men came bearing gifts to confirm their star talk, for the infant Jesus is revealed as the mystery saving everyone—believers and pagans. All people are encompassed in the good news, the promise of the Gospel. All share the same inheritance. All share Christ’s body, the New Jerusalem that is the church mothering us to salvation. God’s brightness draws us close as a family. Daughters and sons share in God’s life. Come, let us adore him.



ANTIOCH WEEKEND: FEBRUARY 2, 3, AND 4, 2018—SACRED HEART CENTER, NEWTON, NJ. Confirmation retreat for the 10th Grade Confirmation class.

Announcement of Easter and the Moveable Feasts

“Know, dear brothers and sisters, that, as we have rejoiced at the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ, so by leave of God’s mercy we announce to you also the joy of his Resurrection, who is our Savior.

- On the **fourteenth day of February** will fall Ash Wednesday, and the beginning of the fast of the most sacred Lenten season.
- On the **first day of April** you will celebrate with joy Easter Day, and the Paschal feast of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- On the **thirteenth day of May** will be the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- On the **twentieth day of May**, the feast of Pentecost.
- On the **third day of June**, the feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.
- On the **second day of December**, the First Sunday of the Advent of our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom is honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.”

YOU DID IT FOR ME



Our Catholic heritage calls us to seek justice for newcomers. Our history as a faith community in the United States has been as an immigrant Church in an immigrant nation. We are singularly focused on serving the needs of poor and vulnerable individuals and families, providing compassionate care that respects the dignity of each person, as mandated by the gospel.

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 "Millions of Americans consider abortion the taking of human life. Viewed in that light, abortion "is an intrinsic evil. No euphemism, no perversion of language can change that essential truth." Bishop Jaime Soto, president of the California Catholic Conference."



First Week of OT

Monday – Baptism of the Lord

Is 55:1-11 or 1 Jn 5:1-9; Mk 1:7-11

Tuesday (1st Week in Ordinary Time)

1 Sm 1:9-20; Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11; Mk 1:40-45

Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19, 10:1; Mk 2:13-17

Epiphany

We hear the story of the visitors from the east, the magi, remember the three gifts and the guidance of the star. But St. Paul offers us something more for our consideration. God in His goodness has sent His Son, for the salvation of all people. Paul explained it clearly, as revealed now.

The 'now' in our time tells us the same awesome and meaningful message. We are 1) Co-heirs, - something special is offered to us. 2) Members of the same body – we belong to the Lord and His church, a holy people and 3) co-partners, called to do our part as Missionary Disciples.

These gifts have been given to us for our benefit, to be treasured and used for the building of His kingdom.



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 THIS COMING Monday evening at 7 pm, January 8 then 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.