

**ST. JOHN VIANNEY – MASS INTENTIONS**

**SATURDAY, Jan. 13**

**5:00 PM** – Guri Luchesi / Willemsen Fam.

**SUNDAY, Jan. 14**

**8:00 AM** + Fr. Laszlo Vas / SJV family

**10:00 AM** + Biagio Pelggi / Mike & Bernadette Halczli

**SATURDAY, Jan. 20**

**5:00 PM** - William Bill Frey – Good health / Szusz Kowski

**SUNDAY, Jan. 21**

**8:00 AM** + Cannarozzi Family / Cannarozzi Family

**10:00 AM** +Lyn Lutkins / Jane & Dan Morgan

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE – MASS INTENTIONS**

**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 / Pat Snouffer

**MONDAY, Jan. 15**

**7:30 PM** + Marie & Louie Stroud / Jeannie & Eric Stroud

**TUESDAY, Jan. 16**

**8:00 AM** + Betty Foley / the Ryan Sisters, Kathleen & Mary

**7:00 PM – Rosary**

**WEDNESDAY, Jan. 17**

**8:00 AM** + Henry Magnusen / Pat Snouffer

**THURSDAY, Jan 18**

**8:00 AM** + Camille Aversa / Vito & Nereida

**FRIDAY, Jan 19**

**8:00 AM** + William Noriega / Vito & Nereida Addotta

**SATURDAY, Jan 20**

**5:00 PM** + John Zboraj, Sr. / his wife Anna

**SUNDAY, Jan 21**

**9:00 AM** + Theresa Bonante / Lori and Ron Kern

**11:00 AM** + Joe Buda (10 Anniv.) / Mary Buda

**THOSE CURRENTLY SERVING IN THE MILITARY**

USAF Airman James Perez

Cpl. Michael Koval, USMC

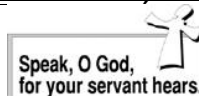
PFC Jonathan Cuervo, USMC

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.

**2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF O.T.**  
**JANUARY 14, 2018**



**FYI** – Finally, (it is 7:15 pm Monday eve.) The heat and boiler at SJV is being addressed. I hope and pray that this does not occur again. I am sorry for all that you had to endure this past weekend. When you Stay Close to Jesus you remain “warm and cozy.” mjt

**Dear Parish Family:**



Both today and next Sunday the Gospel readings describe Jesus calling his disciples. In today's passage from John, John the Baptist leads two of his disciples to Jesus. Jesus invites them to follow him and they do, choosing not only to remain with him but also to invite others in turn. In the first Reading, Samuel is called to serve the Lord and he too responds affirmatively. Each one provides an example to us today.

**LITURGY & LIFE:** *The liturgy in winter Ordinary Time is filled with gladsome light. Notice how it continues to echo the Epiphany with its images of the revelation of Jesus' identity, the ingathering of the nations, the summoning of disciples. We need cheer during these dark days. A traditional way to gladden the heart is with flowers.*



**PRAYER FOR LIFE:** That God grant us courage to embrace his precious gift of life, even in the most difficult of circumstances, 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 Annuzzi, 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, Shelia Rhoades, Fr. Laszlo Vas and Fred Wallenburg.

**QUESTION OF THE WEEK?** How do I respond to God's call? Am I willing to change my life to follow Christ?

**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:** In today's Gospel we learn about one of at least two family relations that appear among Jesus' first disciples. Andrew is the brother of Simon, whom Jesus renames Peter. In next week's Gospel, we will learn about the brothers James and John, the sons of Zebedee. We know from the letters of Paul and other witnesses to the early Church that it was a common occurrence for an entire household to be baptized together. From the very beginning of the Church, families helped one another to know and follow Jesus. We hope and pray that this continues to be true in our family life.



**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.

#### **THINK OF THE 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 9,000 people every month in our pantries as well as fund other emergency services for the poor.

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

**CHRISTMAS JARS:** Thank you to everyone who participated in the Christmas Jars project this year. Over 20 full Jars were returned to the church. These were given to the New Hope

Food Pantry who then distributed them to some of their most needy clients. Many Jars were given away anonymously to friends and neighbor also, continuing the tradition of sharing our blessings with others. May God bless you for sharing your blessings with others!

#### **MOVIE NIGHT**



The Spiritual Life Ministry invites you to join us for **"The Case for Christ"** (rated PG) on **Saturday, January 20**, at STA at 7:30 p.m.

In "The Case for Christ", an investigative reporter for the Chicago Tribune and self-proclaimed atheist uses his journalistic and legal skills to attempt to disprove the claims of his wife's newfound Christian faith. After completing a thorough investigation for almost two years, he finds convincing historical evidence for Jesus. These unexpected results change his life as he finds a new faith in Christ. Based on a true story.



#### **THE STUDENTS OF OUR CONFIRMATION PROGRAM**

will be hosting a pancake breakfast on Sunday, January 28th @ STA in the social hall after the 9 and 11 am masses. Come and support our Confirmation Class.

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS  
**HIS WORD TODAY** by Rev. William J. Reilly

**"John was standing with two of his disciples and as he watched Jesus walk by he said 'Behold the Lamb of God.' The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus. Jesus turned and saw them following Him and said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to Him, 'Rabbi...where are you staying?' He said to them 'Come, and you will see.'"**

The scene from John's gospel is simple and clear. John, the arrow, points out Jesus, with words we hear as we celebrate the Eucharist. It aroused the curiosity of Andrew. The conversation continues, as He asks, 'What are you looking for?' The same question is posed for the followers of Jesus today but we can change the "What to Who": 'Come and you will see.'

This encounter with Jesus led Andrew to bring Peter to Jesus, and the rest is history. Pope Francis in his beautiful book 'Walking with Jesus' points out for us today the way of Jesus. May we look and find Him.

**Thanks to all who stayed after the 11 am Mass this past weekend to remove the Christmas decorations from the Church. It only took about an hour to complete the work!**

**THE YOUTH OF OUR PARISHES THAT SIGNED UP TO BE ALTAR SERVERS SHOULD CONTACT FR. DAWID AT THE RECTORY TO SET UP A TRAINING SESSION:**  
[frdawid@ststthomasjohn.org](mailto:frdawid@ststthomasjohn.org)



## **YOU DID IT FOR ME**



### **HEALTHCARE AND FOOD:** Catholic Charities

believes that access to equitable and affordable health care and nutrition is a basic human right. We are committed to seeking the integral human development of each person, which includes a person's physical, mental, and spiritual well-being.

41 million Americans struggle with hunger, a number nearly equal to the 40.6 million officially living in poverty.

In the United States, 1 in 6 children may not know where they will get their next meal.

In 2016, SNAP lifted 3.6 million people out of poverty, school lunches lifted 1.4 million out of poverty, and WIC lifted 300,000 out of poverty.

**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:** 1973's Roe v. Wade decision was billed as a way to guarantee women's rights—but what about the right to be free from the coercion to abort their offspring? Scientific surveys have confirmed that most women are having abortions they don't want. Is



that a mark of women's freedom?" - Maria Vitale, public relations director for Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation

### **Readings for the Second Week of OT**

**Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23; Mk 2:18-22**

**Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13; Mk 2:23-28**

**Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Mk 3:1-6**

**Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9, 19:1-7; Mk 3:7-12**

**Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21; Mk 3:13-19**

**Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Mk 3:20-21**

### **CALL OF SAMUEL:**

Call stories not only explain how a person came to have a certain job – in this case, why Samuel is a prophet – but also (and more importantly) they act as a kind of validation for a claim to authority. Abraham is a patriarch because he followed the instructions of a voice in the desert. Samuel is a prophet on account of his fidelity to a call that he could not understand at first, but one to which he remained faithful nonetheless. Later on the writers of the New Testament will use these same kinds of patterns to describe the call of the disciples, of Paul, and of the whole community.

This particular story of the call of Samuel is all the more poignant because of the ironic assistance of Eli, who is a priest and judge at the shrine at Shiloh. Eli has two ne'er-do-well sons who would ordinarily be expected to inherit his office. They embezzled goods at the tabernacle and harassed women who came there for prayer and offerings. Samuel, on the other hand, is not Eli's natural son, but he acts as a good son should. He rises in the night when he hears the call, and listens to Eli's counsel.

## **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 7 pm 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](mailto: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](mailto:debbie@ststthomasjohn.org)**

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

September – April at White Rock Elementary School.

**Combined Confirmation Classes (9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> 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.