

ST. JOHN VIANNEY – MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, February 10

5:00 PM + Alan Weisfeld / Cox Family

SUNDAY, February 11

8:00 AM + Agnes Shelton / SJV Parish Family

10:00 AM + Fred Alfano, 4th Anniv. / Wife Lois

ASH WEDNESDAY – FEBRUARY 14

9:00 AM – For the people of the Parish

7:00 PM – For the people of the Parish

SATURDAY, February 17

5:00 PM + Ralph Benincasa, Sr, / Joan Hotchkiss

SUNDAY, February 18

8:00 AM + Elena Cannarozzi / Cannarozzi Family

10:00 AM + Louise & Paul / Fran & Frank Bagnati

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE – MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, February 10

5:00 PM + Carol Angelucci / her husband Al

SUNDAY, February 11

9:00 AM + John Zboraj, Sr. / Anna Strum

11:00 AM + George Dobbs / Helen Wyso

MONDAY, Feb. 12

7:30 PM + Joseph Wyso / his wife Helen

TUESDAY, Feb. 13

8:00 AM + Barbara Becks / John Murray & Desiree

Rosary: 7:00 pm

ASH WEDNESDAY Feb. 14

8:00 AM: Otto Melone / Hilda Sefjack

12:00 pm: Prayer Service & Ashes

7:30 PM – For the people of STA Parish

THURSDAY, Feb. 15

8:00 AM + Carol Ahearn / Ferrara Family

FRIDAY, Feb. 16

8:00 AM + Maria Gamboma / Galina Family

SATURDAY, February 17

5:00 PM + Andrew & Helen Surma / McLeod Family

SUNDAY, February 18

9:00 AM + Family & Friends of the Cokinos & Sullivan Fam./
Nick & Kathy Cokinos

11:00 AM + Michael Kaiser / his family

THOSE CURRENTLY SERVING IN THE MILITARY

USAF Airman James Perez

Cpl. Michael Koval, USMC

PFC Jonathan Cuervo, USMC

PFC Anthony Imperato, USMC

PVT Sebastian Geary, 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.

6th SUNDAY OF O.T.

FEBRUARY 11, 2018

Dear Parish Family:



Just over a month ago we were still celebrating the Christmas season. In another few days we will begin the season of Lent. This section of Ordinary Time is compressed. But it gives us enough time to complete the first chapter of Mark, which we do today. We meet the leper whom cured of his leprosy, cannot keep quiet about what Jesus did for him. He provides an example of the believer testifying to Christ's power.



PRAYER FOR LIFE That Church leaders may bear witness to God's gift and plan for marriage, and assist couples to live that vocation faithfully, we pray.



Lent Begins
Ash Wednesday

ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES

STA – 8 AM MASS & DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES

12PM (noon) – PRAYER SERVICE & DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES, 7:30 PM MASS & DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES

SJV – MASS AND DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES: 9:00 AM & 7:00 PM

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Brennan McCoy, Veronica Janssen, Kathy Brennen, 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, Lisa Laganella, Ann Gwornikowski and Darlene Kolakovic.

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, Sr., Helen Rogers, William Noriega, Gary Feiner, J. Glenn Beury, Shelia Rhoades, Fr. Laszlo Vas and Fred Wallenburg, Anthony E. Rosciszewski, Leonard Falchek, Alice Rose Witty, and Fr. Desmond O'Connor and Peter A. Kelly.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK: How can our compassion lead us to break barriers and bring healing to others, thereby giving glory to God?



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 **March 5**. Please join us. For more info. Call Renee Ferreri: 518-321-523.



FAMILY CONNECTION: Today's Gospel invites us to think about the choices we make as individuals and as a family. Jesus was faced with a choice in today's Gospel. By choosing to heal the man with leprosy, Jesus showed God's compassion for the sick and the outcast. The man knew that Jesus had a choice and that Jesus could reject his request. He may have expected that Jesus would not help him. The social taboos regarding leprosy certainly gave him little on which to base his hope. In the person of the man with leprosy, we see an image of all those in need. The sick and the outcast of our world are watching us, to see if we as Christians will choose to extend ourselves to others in need of healing and compassion.



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)



In the Blessed Sacrament Chapel at STA on **FIRST AND THIRD** Monday evenings at 6:30 p.m. It is a wonderful opportunity for quiet contemplation.

THINK OF THE CATHOLIC CHARITIES CLOTHES DONATION BOXES – FOR LENT

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.



SJV K of C Council #12649 will have a FISH N CHIP DINNER, scheduled for February 16, from 5 to 8PM at Madonna Hall.

Cost is \$12.00. – Take-outs available. We are only having Two Dinners this year the next one is on **March 23rd**



LIVING THROUGH GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP Sessions to Begin Tuesday, February 13th: **Facilitators:** Dorothy Laiosa, 973-697-8112 and Gerri Wilpert, 973- 714-0134

The death of a loved one is certainly one of life's most difficult moments. A time of grief and mourning is a normal, natural response to loss of someone you love. Many times, we need help with our grief process, and we invite those in need to participate in our Bereavement Group. We will have 6 sessions beginning on February 13th, 2018 in the music room

of St. Thomas the Apostle Church. Please call us with your name so we know how many to plan for. Allow us to support each other in this journey.

PENANCE FOR 7TH AND 8TH GRADE REL. ED. STUDENTS

–will be celebrated on **Saturday, February 10th** at St. Thomas the Apostle Church during regular class time.



LENTEN YOGA – Begins Wednesday Feb. 21st and continues to march 28, from 7-9 pm at STA classrooms.

Come and join us for a healthier and happier Lent.

"6th Grade PREP Classes: are offering a bake sale immediately following all masses on Saturday, February 10 and Sunday February 11 at both SJV & STA. 100% of the proceeds will go directly to help a family in need. Thank you in advance for your prayers and generosity!" – Linda Albecker.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS FOR THE LENTEN SEASON DATES AND PLACES TIME: 7:00 PM – STA/SJV

STA: 2/16; 2/23 (10TH GR.); 3/2; 3/9; 3/16 (Youth Ministry); 3/23.

SJV: 2/16; 2/23; 3/2 (9TH GR.); 3/9; 3/16; 3/23. GOOD FRIDAY (3/30): 3:00 PM - STA/SJV.

FRANCISCAN MYSTERY PLAYERS

Will be at STA on **Sunday, March 18th**. Presentation will begin at **8:00 p.m.** Please come and join us for this special Lenten Reflection.

"An Evening with Sisters" - Friday, February 23rd from 7 - 8:30 PM at Morris Catholic High School (200 Morris Avenue, Denville).

This event is open to high school and college aged women to enjoy an evening of conversation, prayer, food and fun! To RSVP and for more details, please email Sister Bernadette McCauley on or before February 20th: sbernadette@scecast.org

LENT BEGINS

During this Lenten season, the hard places in our spirits can loosen up and the Holy Spirit can flow through our days with more lightness and freedom. Every instance of spiritual growth must have at its beginning an openness to God's presence and love. When we invite that presence and say yes, the repentance and healing have already begun.

DISEASE AND SIN: The begging leper and the paralytic dropped in, and both wanted to be cured of their ailments, including their sin. Overcoming religious fears and social customs, they made their requests. Jesus replied, "Yes, of course," and then made the point that healing from sin and healing from disease are two sides of the same coin. Do we have courage enough to overcome worries and beg healing from the Lord in the church? If we seek sacramental reconciliation, Jesus will surely reply, "Yes, of course."

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Pope Francis has called on us to pray and provide support for our brothers and sisters who are migrants and refugees through the historic campaign, Share the Journey.

Follow his call by speaking out on behalf of young people in our communities who are facing an uncertain future because of the Administration's recent decision to end the Deferred Action on Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program.

"Do not tire of courageously living the Gospel, which calls you to recognize and welcome the Lord Jesus among the smallest and most vulnerable." - Pope Francis, Papal Message for the World Day of Migrants and Refugees, 2017.

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: With wisdom beyond her years, the 2011 winner of National Right to Life Pro-Life Essay Contest wrote: "In the teenage world, pregnancy is not seen as a beautiful gift, it is seen as something dirty and embarrassing. Abortion is a way out, and is even considered the loving option. But you can't solve problems by creating larger ones." Mariah Chiara Naegele, NRL News, June/July, 2011



READINGS FOR FIFTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Monday: Jas 1:1-11; Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18; Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20—6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt. 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Lk 5:27-32

THIS WEEK, WE BEGIN THE SEASON OF LENT, a time of renewal and repentance. We have a tendency to approach this time from a traditional posture. Ashes, meatless Fridays and Stations of the Cross. All are part of our practice and tradition.

Wait a minute. Picture the lonely leper, ill and isolated, but with firm faith and determination, violating the rules imposed through Moses, approaching Jesus, seeking much needed help. I am he!

Consider for a moment what it took for him to act. He was desperate, knowing the reality of His condition. He spoke 'If you wish...' He heard the will of Jesus, felt His compassion, was touched by the healer. I am he!

May I seriously consider how to begin Lent this year and live renewal and repentance with the leper to be healed, cleansed and enlivened! Lent is God's gift to me this year.

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 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.