

ST. JOHN VIANNEY – MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1

5:00 PM + Thomas Moschberger / Pat & Patti

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2

8:00AM + Christopher Hirsch/ his family

10:00AM + Ann Gillman / Marguerite Meade

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8

**FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
(Holy Day of Obligation)**

9:00 AM For all Mothers

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT VIGIL MASS

5:00 PM +John & Veronica Meurer
/ Eileen & Stanley Fautas

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9

8:00AM + Johanna Schanckenberg
/ Fred & Dot McMenamin

10:00AM + Sal Ciuppa / Fran & Frank Bagnati

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE - MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1

5:00 PM + Eugene Pachucki / McLeod Family

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2

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

11:00AM + Catherine Sheehan / Eric & Jean Stroud

MONDAY, DECEMBER 3

7:30 PM + Joseph Wyso / his wife family

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4

8:00AM + Jay Cuervo
/ Maria, Joseph & Matthew Ojeda

Rosary: 7:00pm Chapel

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5

8:00AM + Hermina Minardi / Maria, Joseph & Matthew

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6

8:00 AM + Jay Cuervo / Knox Family

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7

8:00 AM ☞ Philip & Betty Ryan / Tess & Rich Martin
Mass of Healing

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11:00AM + Chester Pajor / Pajor Family



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 2, 2018

Dear Parish Family:

During Advent, we prepare for Christ's coming in three ways: as an infant who came into this world over two thousand years ago, as our Lord and Savior coming into our hearts right here and now, and as the Son of Man who will come into this world again at the end of time. We do not know when the last of these will occur, so this season is a good opportunity to focus on preparing our hearts for Jesus now, perhaps by looking for his face in those we encounter.



PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Brennan McCoy, Kathy Brennen, Aaron Alonzo, Sal D 'Arco, Msgr. Brendan P. Madden, Kevin Wickert, Betty Klein, Fumiko Lutz, Patricia Carapola & Bob Carapola, Courtney Sanchelli, Danny Scillieri, Gail Brennan, Fr. Ron Sordillo, Louis "Louie" Panetta, Rich Day, Richard Lavelle, Marion Coleson, Chris Osborne, Rose Kelly, Stephen Vecchiotti, Devon Carbery, Vincent Ottani, Mrs. Karas, Ernie Sudo, Penny Sorokach (nursing home), Brandon Wozniak, Darlene Kolakovic, Sophia Wolters, Fr. Dan Kelly, Bishop Frank J. Rodimer, Fr. Joseph Farias, Helen Turosky, David Diller, Joe Endlicher.

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED: Carolyn Wright, Regina McCartney, Joseph Wyso, Loretta Perrucci, Theodore Ciesla, Lewis Kansas, Elvira Budenheim, Pauline Diliberto, Sam Carabello, Alex D'Arco, Joan Cartier, Timothy Egan, Michael Kaiser, Anna Annuzzi, Leah Mary Cummings, Eileen Carbery, Marjorie (Peggy) Zajdel, Marge Endlicher, Chris Hirsch, Joan France, Esther Benard, Vincent Ginella, Marguerite Socci, Antoinette Sterlaci, Mark Hale, Esther Punturieri, Lucy Cox, Claire Reilly, Joseph Romano, Madeline Mae Greischel, James Geary, John Zboraj, Sr., Helen Rogers, William Noriega, Gary Feiner, J. Glenn Beury, Shelia Rhoades, and Fred Wallenburg, Anthony E. Rosciszewski, Leonard Falchek, Alice Rose Witty, Peter A. Kelly, Stephen Eltringham, Richard Hanratty, Maria Aranzullo, Susan Menke. Rev. Msgr. Martin Rauscher, Bill Povalitis, Sal Romano, Ann Marie Dwornikoski, Margaret Niven, Joan King, Anthony Bello, Natasha Culic, Patricia Galgano, Katherine "Kitty" Bowers, Lena Ferrara, Msgr. Charles Russo, Patricia A. Otto, Michael Halczli Sr., Kathleen Mitchell and Ryan Scott DeVito, Silvia G. Wickert, Helen Carabillo, Rita DeVito, Lucy Fitzsimmons, Johanna Schnackenberg, James Bottcher, John Ryan, Vicki Cardinali, Steve Corman, Frank Codioli, Jay Cuervo, Patricia Gott, Kenneth Schumann, Thomas Ingram, Jerry Busko, Angelina DeLucia, Fr. Leo Carey, Leonard Den Bleyker.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK?

How can I prepare myself for the coming of Jesus, at Christmas and at the end of time?

From Joey our favorite Seminarian

Suffering is part of life and God's advent or coming in the lives of the suffering takes numerous forms. From Luke's perspective, the sufferings of the present may well be the prelude to a new experience of the presence of God in the world. An attentive heart and constant prayer for the strength to withstand whatever comes-this is the proper stance for the Christian believer.

This gospel passage is best read against the backdrop of today's first reading from Jeremiah that looks to the fulfillment of God's promise of the "virtuous branch for David". The biological metaphor of the branch reminds us of the interconnectedness of God's people and of all being across the ages. The virtue of the expected descendant of David finds expression in honesty and integrity, literally "justice and righteousness/right relationship". Justice in the Hebrew tradition is about redress in the law courts for the most vulnerable. Righteousness is about right relationships as well as the equitable sharing and proper use of Earth's resources.

Justice and righteousness are two sides of the one coin. Where they are absent, there is no liberation. Our prayer and practical action this Advent might embrace the concerns of those who yearn for liberation from various forms of oppression, including those seeking asylum among us and those who have sought asylum yet still await resettlement. Our Advent could make a difference to their Christmas.

*Below is Joey's mailing address
if you would like to write to him:*

Joey Mactal
Mount St. Mary Seminary
16300 Old Emmitsburg Road
Emmitsburg, MD 21727
(Note Make sure you include Seminary)

FOR YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE NEEDS: Since 1930 the Benedictine monks of St. Paul's Abbey Christmas Tree Plantation located on Route 206 one mile south of Newton, plant and cultivate trees that will mature into full-grown trees.

At St. Paul's Abbey there are thousands of Christmas trees ready to choose 'n' cut 7 days of the week now until December 23, 9 AM to 4 PM.

They also have the Abbey Gift Shop with many items that make ideal Christmas gifts, including books, jewelry, statues and more.



You can get your Christmas Tree and support the Benedictine monks at the same time.

FAMILY CONNECTION: In today's Gospel, Jesus warns his disciples against the fatigue that can emerge if one becomes consumed by the anxieties of daily life. Many families are too familiar with the kind of fatigue Jesus refers to here. We may be concerned about a family member's health, our job security, our children's education, or any number of other concerns. All these are important matters. Jesus does not promise an end to daily worries and fears, but he does teach his disciples that they will have the strength to withstand anxiety if they stay focused on him, remaining vigilant for his return and praying for strength to endure all tribulations. Through prayer, God helps us stay focused on that which is most important in our lives.

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.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY: Anyone requesting a prayer shawl should fill out a form in the lobby of STA/SJV 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: **Thursday, December 7.** For more information call Renee Ferreri: 518-321-5236.

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.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Monday

Is 2:1-5; Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday

Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday

Is 25:6-10a; Mt 15:29-37

Thursday

Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27

First Friday

Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31

Saturday

Gn 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

ADVENT WOMAN'S RETREAT: Sisters of Charity are hosting an Advent Woman's Retreat

"Waiting to Receive"

Presenter – Jo Lynn Ryan Krempecki

Tuesday, December 11, 2018

9:30 a.m. – Coffee

10:00 a.m. – Opening prayer

1:45 p.m. Closing prayer

RSVP to Sister Maryanne Tracey, SC

mtracey@scnj.org / 973-290-5325

no later than December 6, 2018

DEVELOPING AN ACTIVE SHOOTER PLAN FOR SAINT JOHN VIANNEY AND SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE

Due to the tragic incident in Pittsburg and other shootings, the Diocese of Paterson and our local police departments have urged us to look at our security with regards to target hardening and safety practices. No precaution is guaranteed to prevent tragedy but we need to take steps to reduce risk.

At this time we are asking for volunteers, especially those with law enforcement experience to meet and work with the police to develop a strategy for responding to a shooting or other intruder during our gathering. (Masses and gatherings?). Please contact the parish office terry@ststthomasjohn.org (preferred), Saint John Vianney 973-697-6550 or Saint Thomas the Apostle 973-208-0090 if you are interested or need additional information.

Once a plan has been developed we will begin to educate and implement the policies.

YOGA- AUTUMN TO ADVENT: 7:00 – 8:15 PM. Saint Thomas the Apostle, Wednesdays in classrooms 3 & 4: December 5, 12, 19. For more information email Paula@NewtonScreen.com or patriciabarrett@dpd.org

Those currently serving in the Military

SGT Michael Koval, USMC
PFC Jonathan Cuervo, USMC
PFC Anthony Imperato, USMC
PFC Sebastian Geary, USMC
Michael Guarino, US Army
USAF Airman James Perez
Sgt. Antoino Lettizia, USMC

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 (3) Hail Mary's for their safety.

BAPTISM

At SJV: the last Sunday of the month either during the 10:00 am Mass **or at 11:15 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 **December 10, 2018 at 7:00 pm.** 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
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, Alternating weeks on Sunday mornings at Saint Thomas beginning with 9:00AM Mass until 11:30am.

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. 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.