

ST. JOHN VIANNEY – MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22

5:00 PM + Jay Cuervo / Valentine Family

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23

8:00AM + Johanna Schnackenburg
/Joe & Debbie Wickham

10:00AM + May & Jim Gilroy / Judy & Skip Diller

MONDAY, DECEMBER 24

5:00 PM + Louise & Theresa Ferrante
/ Fran & Frank Bagnotti

12:00 MIDNIGHT + Gene Frieling / his family

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25

10:00AM + Elena & Albert Cannarozzi Sr. & Albert
Cannarozzi, III / Cannarozzi Family

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 29

5:00 PM + Ralph Benicasa, Jr. / Hotchkiss Family

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30

8:00AM + Mary Quinn / Jim & Barbara Ciatto

10:00AM + Sal Ciuppa

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE - MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22

5:00 PM + Carol Angelucci / her husband Al

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23

9:00 AM + Ryan Scott DeVito / Ginny Dobbs

11:00AM + Lucia O'Meara / Pat Snouffer

MONDAY, DECEMBER 24

5:00 PM Parish Family of Saint Thomas the Apostle
Living and Deceased

12:00 MIDNIGHT Parish Family of Saint Thomas the
Apostle Living and Deceased

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25

10:00AM Parish Family of Saint Thomas the Apostle
Living and Deceased

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 26

8:00AM + Ellen Harvey / Ellen Begley

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27

8:00 AM + George F. Geary III
7 yr Anniversary /Gerald & Jeanette Geary

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28

8:00 AM + Joan Juengling / Joe & Debbie Wickham

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 29

5:00 PM + Christopher Ashman

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30

9:00 AM + Irene & Bob Sylsbury/Debbie & Joe Wickham

11:00AM + Christopher Ashman / his family
4th Anniversary

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 23, 2018

Dear Parish Family:



As we enter the homestretch of this season of preparation, we hear Mary's visit to her cousin Elizabeth. Their Visit is filled with joy, expressed wonderfully by Elizabeth's baby (John the Baptist) leaping in her womb at the sound of Mary's voice. May these last days before Christmas full us with joy as we prepare to welcome Christ into our hearts once again.

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, January 3.** For more information call Renee Ferreri: 518-321-5236.



QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Earlier in Luke's Gospel, an angel appeared to Elizabeth's husband, Zechariah, and told him that his son would "be filled with the Holy Spirit even from his mother's womb" (Luke 1:15) Mary's arrival at Zechariah and Elizabeth's home may be the very moment which John the Baptist (and Elizabeth) received the Holy Spirit. Since Jesus was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, the Spirit could then be received by others in the presence of Jesus, even while still in womb.

***Do I, like Elizabeth and her baby, realize that I am
in the presence of the Lord here today?
Do I react with joy?***

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.



From Joey our favorite Seminarian

Instead of a Noisy Party, we could use a little bit of silence to hear the voice of God

Christmas is you, when you decide to be born again each day and let God into your soul. The Christmas pine is you, when you resist vigorous winds and difficulties of life. The Christmas decorations are you, when your virtues are colors that adorn your life. The Christmas bell is you, when you call, gather and seek to unite. You are also a Christmas light, when you illuminate with your life the path of others with kindness, patience, joy and generosity. The Christmas angels are you, when you sing to the world a message of peace, justice and love. The Christmas star is you, when you lead someone to meet the Lord. You are also the wise men, when you give the best you have no matter who. Christmas music is you when you conquer the harmony within you. The Christmas gift is you, when you are truly friend and brother of every human being. The Christmas card is you, when kindness is written in your hands. The Christmas greeting is you, when you forgive and reestablish peace, even when you suffer. The Christmas dinner is you, when you sated bread and hope to the poor man who is by your side. You are, yes, Christmas night, when humble and conscious, you receive in the silence of the night the Savior of the world without noise or great celebrations; you are a smile of trust and tenderness, in the inner peace of a perennial Christmas that establishes the Kingdom within you. A very Merry Christmas for all those who look like Christmas.

FAMILY CONNECTION: In the encounter between Mary and Elizabeth described in today's Gospel, we learn that other people can help us recognize God's presence and action in our lives. Mary traveled to see Elizabeth because Elizabeth's pregnancy was a sign that everything the angel told Mary would truly happen. Elizabeth recognized Mary as the mother of her Lord because her unborn child, John the Baptist, leapt at the sound of Mary's greeting. Elizabeth and Mary rejoiced together at the wonderful things God was doing in their lives. We too are blessed when we have people who help us recognize God's action in our lives. We pray that our family can be this for one another.

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.

"TO EVERYTHING THERE IS A SEASON, A TIME FOR EVERY PURPOSE UNDER HEAVEN."
ECCLESIASTES 3:11

" A TIME TO BE HEALED "

Prayers for the sick: Brennan McCoy, Kathy Brennan, 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, Fr. Joseph Farias, Helen Turosky, David Diller, Joe Endlicher.

" A TIME TO MOURN "

Prayers for the deceased: Carolyn Wright, Regina McCartney, Joseph Wyso, Loretta Perrucci, Theodore Ciesla, Lewis Kansas, Elvira Budesheim, 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, Patrica Gott, Kenneth Schumann, Thomas Ingram, , Jerry Busko, Angelina DeLucia, Fr. Leo Carey, Leonard Den Bleyker and Bishop Frank J. Rodimer.

" A TIME FOR PEACE "

For national and world leaders and those currently serving in the armed forces especially:

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

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

READINGS FOR THE FOURTH WEEK OF ADVENT

Monday

Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Lk 1:67-79

Tuesday

Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25;
Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25

Night: Is 9:1-6; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14

Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20

Day: Is 52:7-10; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

Wednesday

Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22

Thursday

1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Friday

1 Jn 1:5—2:2; Mt 2:13-18

Saturday

1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35

Final Reflection of Silent Night: . . . *Sleep in heavenly peace . . . The story of Christmas is the story of something beautiful*

The marriage of Joseph and Mary was nearly broken, but their plans and their dreams were for the birth of the child. Their plans and logistics in Bethlehem were broken, and out of that came the most beautiful birth ever.

My faith at Christmas time is the belief that out of brokenness that cannot seem to be fixed, something beautiful can come. Not one in million, or by chance but day to day because of God.

My words in those broken situations don't have to be great. My actions don't have to be epic, just true. And the music that I write to make do in broken lives doesn't have to be Handel's "Messiah," just true.

I may never know in this life, and other, may not know its greatness either, but as with "Silent Night," something simple coming from something broken, truly in the hands of God, can become beautiful.



CHRISTMAS CRECHE:

Although Saint Francis of Assisi probably wasn't the first to create a crèche at Christmas; he is credited with spreading its popularity. In 1223,

Francis set up a manger scene in the small cave near

the Italian village of Greccio, using a live ox and a donkey, by the end of the 18th century, nativity scenes began to appear in village squares and homes, as they became popular among the people.

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 **January 14, 2019 at 7:00 pm.** (Future dates: March 11, May13, July 8, September 9, November 11)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.