

**ST. JOHN VIANNEY – MASS INTENTIONS**

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 12**

5:00 PM + Kenneth Schumann / Mrs. Shuck

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 13**

8:00AM + Mary Quinn / Amy & Jim Ortiz

10:00AM + Jay Cuervo / Bernadette & Michael Halczli

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 19**

5:00 PM + Special Intentions

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 20**

8:00AM ☞ Parish Family of Saint John Vianney

10:00AM + Ken Hess / John & Judy Centrano

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

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 12**

5:00 PM + Jay Cuervo / Antioch Team

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 13**

9:00 AM + Edward Berg / The Wolfe Family

11:00AM + Marie Stroud / Eric & Jean Stroud

**MONDAY, JANUARY 14**

7:30 PM+ Joan Juengling / STA Parish Family

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 15**

8:00AM + Charlie Lee / Varetoni Family

7:00PM Rosary

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16**

8:00AM ☞ Special Intentions for Father Dawid

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 17**

8:00 AM ☞ Vocations

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 18**

8:00 AM Kitty & David Stirrat / Jean & Eric Stroud

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 19**

5:00 PM + Ernest Zappile / Tom & Pat Barrett

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 20**

9:00 AM + Edward Lodema / Michael & Maryann Smilek

11:00AM + Thomas Ingram / Mary & Tom Sheehan

*Below is Joey's (our favorite Seminarian) 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)



**BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

*January 13, 2019*

**Dear Parish Family:**



We conclude the Christmas season today with the feast of the Lord's baptism. Saint Luke has already told us how the angels, the shepherds, and the magi have attested to the holiness of this child. Today we hear God's call out from the heavens, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." Let us each reflect today on our own baptism, when we were recognized as child of God. May God be well pleased.

**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, February 7**. For more information call Renee Ferreri: 518-321-5236.

**QUESTION OF THE WEEK**

*How does my baptism affect the way  
I live my life?  
Does prayer help guide me?*

**BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND -Game Night at STA**

Whether you're an expert at cards or someone who doesn't play games that often, Game Night is for you! Bring a friend (or come by yourself) and join your fellow parishioners (adults only, please!) on Saturday, January 19, 2019, for a night of fun and games. It's close to home, it's free, and we're sure you'll have a good time. Try a new game or play your old favorites! You will be able to choose from the following games: Poker, Scattergories, Wits & Wagers, Guesstures and the new Trivial Pursuit for teams or if you have a favorite game, bring it along and teach it to us.

Game Night will run from 7:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. Doors open at 7:00. Games start promptly at 7:30. Snacks will be provided – BYOB!

In order to plan the evening, please RSVP by Monday, January 14, to Lynn McCartney either by phone (973-208-9303) or email ([dmccart4@optonline.net](mailto:dmccart4@optonline.net)).

**FAMILY CONNECTION:** Every family has a unique identity that is defined by the behaviors, attitudes, and expectations that govern a family's daily life. This identity is influenced by the family history of the parents, but each family's expression of this history is unique. In today's Gospel, we learn that Jesus' behavior, attitudes, and expectations were governed by his identity as God's beloved Son. In our Baptism, we were made children of this same heavenly Father. This identity as members of the family of God, and as brothers and sisters of Jesus, also shapes our family's daily life.

**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.

**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.



**HIS WORD TODAY** by Rev. William J. Reilly  
**The Baptism of the Lord**

**“The grace of God has appeared, saving all, and training us to reject godless ways and worldly desires and to live temperately, justly and devoutly in this age, and to await the blessed hope, the appearance of the glory of our great God and of our savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to deliver us from all lawlessness and to cleanse for himself a people of his own, eager to do what is good.”**

How fortunate for Titus to receive an encouraging letter from Saint Paul. As we bring the Christmas season to a close as Jesus' baptism takes place, we too are encouraged to make the instruction our own. Yes, Jesus has come and still lives among us. We are challenged each day to abandon godless ways and focus on keeping our eyes on Jesus.

If life was difficult for Paul's friends, how much more challenging it is for us, surrounded by the internet, porn, material and consumer attractions, drawing us in a different direction. How clear are Paul's words asking us to live temperately, when so many have nothing, to live justly, in a society which wishes to get ahead and put others down, and devoutly, when many look down on people with religious devotion, customs and traditions.

Paul knew his society and we are so aware of ours. Why not take the virtues Paul recommends and meditate on one each day. May this help us to become eager to do what is good.

***“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 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, Bob Carapola, Margaret Niven, Joan King, Anthony Bello, Natasha Culic, Patricia Galgano, Katherine “Kitty” Bowers, Lena Ferrara, Msgr. Charles Rso, 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, Joan Juengling, Bishop Frank J. Rodimer, Karen A. Tofilski, Angela Sperber and Bryan Carolan.

### **“ 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.

**READINGS FOR  
THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

**Monday**

Heb 1:1-6; Mk 1:14-20

**Tuesday**

Heb 2:5-12; Mk 1:21-28

**Wednesday**

Heb 2:14-18; Mk 1:29-39

**Thursday**

Heb 3:7-14; Mk 1:40-45

**Friday**

Heb 4:1-5, 11; Mk 2:1-12

**Saturday**

Heb 4:12-16; Mk 2:13-17

**BLESSING OF HOMES:** Now is the traditional time for the annual Blessing of Homes. If you would like to have your home blessed, please contact the Rectory at [terry@ststthomasjohn.org](mailto:terry@ststthomasjohn.org) or 973-208-0090 9(STA) or 973-697-6550 (SJV) 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 + 19** 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”).



**DOVE AS A SIGN OF PEACE**

The white dove is a symbol of the Holy Spirit and baptism. It is also the symbol of peace.

The dove is a gentle bird, easily trained and domesticated. For Egyptians, the dove symbolized peace and long life, and they used doves to announce the rise of a new pharaoh. The early Greeks and Romans felt the bird represented love, devotion and care of the family. The goddesses of love, Aphrodite and Venus, held the dove as sacred.

In the Book of Genesis, after the great flood, the dove carried an olive twig back to Noah, which told him land had been found.

In 1949, artist Pablo Picasso was asked to create an image to represent peace for the First International Peace Conference in Paris. Inspired by a picture of a dove given to him by his artist friend, Henri Matisse, Picasso drew a dove holding flowering branches. Picasso later named his daughter “Paloma,” which is the Spanish word for dove.

**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 **January 14, 2019 at 7:00 pm.** (Future dates: March 11, May 13, July 8, September 9, November 11) 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**  
**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, 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.