

ST. JOHN VIANNEY – MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, MARCH 16

5:00 PM – For the Homeless

SUNDAY, MARCH 17

8:00AM + Our Confirmandi

10:00AM + Angelina DeLuca / Karen & Greg Simone

FRIDAY, MARCH 23:

7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, MARCH 16

5:00 PM – Jan Jakacki / his wife & son

SUNDAY, MARCH 24

8:00AM + Albert Cannarozzi, III / his family

10:00AM + Joseph Begley / his wife Christina

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE - MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, MARCH 16

5:00 PM ✠ Catherine Lodota (Living) / Jeanette Geary
Birthday / In Thanksgiving

SUNDAY, MARCH 17

9:00AM + Walter Houlihan / Carmela Houlihan

11:00AM + Ante Culic & Jean Doherty
/ Eric & Jean Stroud

7:00PM – Confirmation Practice

MONDAY, March 18

8:00AM ✠ Our Confirmation Students

7:30PM ✠ CONFIRMATION

TUESDAY, March 19

8:00AM +Josefa & Stanislaus Pachucki
/ Jean & Eric Stroud

7:00PM Rosary

WEDNESDAY, March 20

8:00AM ✠ My Sister – Happy Birthday

THURSDAY, March 21

8:00 AM + John Mahon/ his wife Barbara

FRIDAY, MARCH 22

8:00 AM + Janice Barry / Mary Ryan Zanotti

7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, MARCH 23

5:00 PM + Jean Doherty / Ronnie & Jim Ingram

SUNDAY, MARCH 24

9:00AM + Frank & Conchetta Monti

/ Frank & Camilia Monti

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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Adoration is a time of silent reflection and prayer. It is a time to commune with God, emptying all worries and anxiety out of your heart, body, mind and soul. We invite you to join us at Saint Thomas the Apostle every 1st & 3rd Monday, 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

March 17, 2019

Dear Parish Family: In Luke's account of the



Transfiguration, which we hear in today's Gospel, a voice from the heavens calls out, "This is my chosen Son; listen to him." At

that, Peter John, and James fall silent, enabling them to listen to the Lord. Let us take this opportunity during our Lenten journey to listen to Jesus and reflect on what he is saying to us.



This is my Beloved Son!

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

How can I be a witness to God's grace in my life?



TAG SALE

YOU ARE NOW ABLE TO DROP OFF ITEMS IN THE GARAGE AT SAINT JOHN VIANNEY.

Items can be dropped off between 9 am and 4 pm.

IMPORTANT

BULK items may ONLY be brought to MH THE WEEK BEFORE THE TAG SALE.

Please make sure that the items you drop off are clean.

Important dates coming up:

Saturday, April 13th – move all Tag Sale items from the garage to Madonna Hall. *WE NEED AS MANY VOLUNTEERS AS WE CAN GET. This is a great opportunity for students to accumulate service hours.*

Tuesday, May 14th – LAST DAY TO ACCEPT DONATIONS.

Saturday, May 18th – Tag Sale Hours: 9:00 AM – 6:30PM

Sunday, May 19th – Tag Sale Hours: 9:00 AM – 2:00PM

Sunday, May 19th – **NEED VOLUNTEERS** to break down and clean up Madonna Hall. *This is a great opportunity for students to accumulate service hours.*

If you should have any questions or would like to sign up to volunteer contact Judy Diller at 973-697-8736

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.

FROM THE DESK OF OUR FAVORITE SEMINARIAN

What are the "rules" today? All healthy Catholics aged 18 to 59 are obligated to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. All kinds of exemptions are possible, for example for people who are traveling, or students. (I was thinking in particular of Filipino students, whose final examinations are appropriately timed during Lent.) Catholic fasting pales in comparison with the Muslims' Ramadan, where the faithful fast for an entire month, meaning no food or water from sunrise to sunset. The Catholic fast simply states that there should be "no full meal" during the day. Snacks, or if we prefer the more solemn sounding "collations," are allowed.

Besides fasting, Catholics aged 14 and above have to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent. It's interesting though that the rules issued by the Catholic Church also point out that all Fridays of the year, except for those on which a solemnity (holy day) falls, are days of penance and so voluntary abstinence is suggested. Vegetarians would cringe on how "meat" is defined. Fish is allowed. So are eggs and dairy products. And lard and margarine. And "meat juices," for example, chicken broth and consommé.

The circuitous rules here have led to all kinds of questions: Would whale meat be "meat"? (Whales are mammals, not fish, so...) What about turtles and frogs and insects? One article in the American Catholic website suggests that the best guide is to follow custom, whatever the local tradition is. I'm not sure how helpful that rule is, considering how, in so many Asian countries, we eat anything that moves.

Times do change and everywhere religions are moving toward an emphasis on substance rather than form, conscience rather than rules. Holy Week in the past was severely ascetic, but I wonder how much it contributed to our "holiness" as individuals or as a nation.

FAMILY CONNECTION: In today's Gospel, the voice from heaven speaks to the disciples saying, "Listen to him." The Transfiguration was a focused moment for the disciples when they heard God speaking to them and experienced Jesus in glory. They most certainly left this focused moment with a new appreciation for the importance of Jesus' words even if they did not yet understand everything that he had taught them. During Lent, we are invited to consider our attentiveness to Jesus and to one another. In the pace and noise that often characterizes family life, how well do we listen to one another? What opportunities do we have for quiet prayer?



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.

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, April 4.** For more information call Renee Ferreri: 518-321-5236.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Monday

Dn 9:4b-10; Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday

2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22;
Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Wednesday

Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28

Thursday

Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31

Friday

Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

MUSIC MINISTRY AT SAINT JOHN VIANNEY

Contact: Neil Perrotta (862) 266-2896

MUSIC MINISTRY AT SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE

· The Children's Choir gathers at 4:45pm in the sanctuary. All children with an interest in singing and learning music, grades 2-8, are welcomed.

The rehearsals have adult supervision, snacks, and are only 45 minutes long.

· The Adult Choir gathers at 7:30pm in the sanctuary. All adults with an interest in singing are welcome.

You do not need to read music or audition to join our wonderful music ministry. - Dr. Eric M. Stroud, Director of Music and Organist

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**"TO EVERYTHING THERE IS A SEASON"
"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, Fr. Dan Kelly, Fr. Joseph Farias, Helen Turosky, David Diller, Joe Endlicher, Joey Dyl, Don King, Nerieda Addotta, Kenny Miscisak, Emily Fleming and Pat Foley.

"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, 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 Codiroli, Jay Cuervo, Patricia Gott, Kenneth Schumann, Thomas Ingram, Jerry Busko, Angelina DeLucia, Joan Juengling, Bishop Frank J. Rodimer, Karen A. Tofilski, Angela Sperber, Bryan Carolan and Ante Culic, Jean Doherty, Sophia Wolters, Pat Esposito, Józef Zajecki, Janice Barry, Karen Newton, Catherine Feuss, Jan Jakacki and E. James Shaffer.

"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, PFT Ryan Leyden, 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 SVJ: 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 **May 13, 2019 at 7:00 pm.** (Future dates: July 8, September 9, November 11) To make baptismal arrangements contact the parish office by email: terry@ststjohn.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@ststjohn.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.