

**WELCOME TO  
OUR PARISH !**

# St. John Vianney Catholic Church



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**A MOST SINCERE WELCOME!**

Dear brothers and sisters,

Praised be Jesus Christ, our Savior.

It is my pleasure to welcome you to Saint John Vianney Church. I am happy that you have chosen to make our parish your spiritual home. Being a priest for you and the people of this parish is a great joy for me.

I believe that my most important job as a priest is to help people get to Heaven. One way that I do this is by encouraging you to participate in the life of this parish. Our different parish ministries and activities will help you grow in faith, stay close to Jesus, and ultimately, follow Him to Heaven.

Most important of these activities is the Sunday Mass. The Mass is the most powerful prayer we have. Listening to God's Word as it is read and preached at Mass keeps us attuned to Jesus and His Gospel. Receiving Holy Communion worthily nourishes us with Christ's precious Body and Blood – the food which feeds our souls and helps us follow Christ faithfully in this world.

Other parish activities help us live our faith in Christ in so many ways. Our school and CCD program pass our faith on to the next generation. Our Vincent de Paul Society offers many opportunities to help the poor, so that we can keep Christ's command to care for the 'least of His people.' The parish organizations, from the Knights of Columbus to the Rosary Society provide us with Christian fellowship and opportunities to serve.

Take some time to look through this welcome folder. I'm sure you will find a way to connect more fully with our parish and be spiritually nourished in the process. You will also become a blessing to the rest of us, by letting us get to know you and see your faith in action.

I do not want to close without saying a word about the Sacrament of Penance. Also called Confession and Reconciliation, this sacrament is a great blessing to us. Through it, Christ both forgives our sins and strengthens us with His grace to help us do better in the future. I encourage every member of our parish to make good use of this sacrament – offered every Saturday in our Church.

Feel free to give me a call at the rectory if you have any questions or wish to speak with me. It will always be my pleasure to speak with you. The same is true of the other priests, the deacons, and our entire parish staff.

Finally, I would ask that you pray at least one Hail Mary for me – each and every day. Pray that God will make me the priest He wants me to be for our parish – and be assured of my daily prayers for you.

Faithfully,

Fr. John J. Barbella  
Pastor



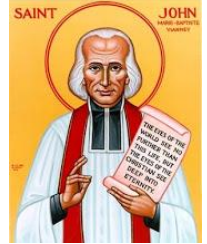
## **St. John Vianney Parish**

### **Mission Statement**

In the spirit of St. John Vianney's zeal and concern for people, we are a community proclaiming the Gospel in the tradition of the Roman Catholic Church. The community of St. John Vianney strives to utilize the gifts and talents of each parishioner to create a vibrant welcoming parish. Through our liturgies, ministries, and organizations, we encounter Christ and are empowered to bring Him to the world.

## Our Patron Saint - St. John Vianney

**Jean-Baptiste-Marie Vianney**, commonly known in English as **St John Vianney**, was a French parish priest who in the Catholic Church is venerated as a saint and as the patron saint of all priests. As a pastor of the church in Ars, a remote French hamlet, his reputation as a confessor and director of souls made him known throughout the Christian world. He was a wonderworker loved by the crowds, but he retained a childlike simplicity, and he remains to this day the living image of the priest after the heart of Christ. He heard confessions of people from all over the world for sixteen hours each day. His life was filled with works of charity and love. It is recorded that even the staunchest of sinners were converted at his mere word. St. John Vianney is universally known as the "Cure of Ars" and **Patron Saint of parish priests**. We celebrate his feast day on August 4<sup>th</sup>.



## St. John Vianney Parish History

In the spring of 1959, the Most Reverend George W. Ahr, Bishop of Trenton, established the parish of St. John Vianney from its parent parish St. Cecelia's in Iselin with Reverend Walter Radziwon, as Pastor. On June 21, 1959, the first Sunday Mass was celebrated at School # 20, Hoffman Boulevard and a short time later at Colonia Junior High School and School # 22, Lynn Oakes. The first ministries formed were the Ushers Association, Choir, the St. Vincent de Paul, Holy Name and Altar Rosary Societies. About 1200 grammar and high school students began receiving religious instructions in four public schools, with a teaching staff of 30. Nearly, 500 children attended St. Cecelia's Grammar School.

In 1960, a five acre tract was purchased on Inman Avenue, which once was a part of the original MacKenzie-Stillman farm around the turn of the century. The estate of Dr. Fredericks at 125 Dover Road was purchased for a Convent which was occupied by the Bernardine Sisters in the summer of 1962. A successful building fund drive took place during the years 1960 to 1962 leading to the ground breaking ceremonies on May 28, 1961 and the dedication of the Church, School and Rectory on August 19, 1962. Eight acres of property adjacent to the original five acres were purchased from Mr. Ritchie in 1966 by our pastor, Father Radziwon for future use and as an investment.

In July 1965, Bishop Ahr divided St. John Vianney Parish. All of the parishioners from Wood Avenue in Edison up to Tingley Lane, between New Dover Road and the Union County line became part of the new St. Helena Parish.

In January 1972, Reverend Edward Strano cleared and landscaped the far end of the property which became known as the Vianney Woods. The old Ritchie building was renovated and was used primarily by the Boy Scouts, Explorers and Cub Scouts. The Shalom House was also completed for use by the youth, basketball courts were erected and a soccer field. In addition, a convent was built on the parish property.

During the pastorate of Msgr. Francis Sergel a new parish center was built (which was renamed in his honor after his death) and purchased another building nearby which served as a Pre-School for many years. In August 1995, after the death of Msgr. Sergel, Fr. Edward O'Neill, previously an associate at St. John's, became our pastor. The latest addition to our parish, a four classroom school building opened in 2002, initially used for Kindergarten and now for the Pre-School. In 2004, our pastor was bestowed the honor of Msgr. Edward O'Neill.

In 2009, on our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, a major renovation was begun on our Church which improved the interior appearance and functionality and added a large gathering area with both upper and lower conference rooms. This renovated church was dedicated in August 2010 by Bishop Paul Bootkoski.

## Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil	5:00 PM
Sunday	8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 Noon
Weekday Masses	7:00, 8:30 AM - Monday Through Friday 8:00 AM Saturday
Holy Days	7:00 PM Vigil (day prior to holy day) Weekday or Saturday Morning Mass as scheduled 7:00 PM Holy Day

## Exposition of Blessed Sacrament

Weekly, Saturday after 8:00 AM Mass

## Sacramental Schedule

### Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

Saturday from 11:00 AM to 12 Noon  
Anytime in the rectory – CALL FIRST!!

### Baptism

We celebrate Baptism just about every Sunday at 1:30 PM, except Palm Sunday, Easter, and a few others. To make arrangements, you need only call the parish office. They will be happy to help you arrange this joyous celebration.

We ask that first time parents attend a Baptismal Preparation Session prior to Baptism. One of our deacons usually leads these sessions. It will help you renew your own appreciation of Baptism, answer any questions you may have, and prepare you for a meaningful celebration of your child's Baptism.

Please call the Parish office for more information or to schedule your child's Baptism.

Families with older children who have not been Baptized should speak with the pastor about their child's Baptism. We love Baptizing children of any age and do our best to make it as easy as possible. As Jesus said, "let the children come to me."

### First Communion of Children

First Holy Communion is one of the holiest and most joyful days in the life of a Catholic family. Children usually receive First Holy Communion in the Second Grade.

Children attending St. John Vianney School are prepared for First Holy Communion as part of their regular religion class. Children attending public schools should attend CCD (Religious Education Classes) to help them get ready for this most blessed sacrament. Ordinarily, children should attend both first and second grade of religious education before receiving First Holy Communion.

We realize that some families have children who are already passed second grade but have not yet received their First Holy Communion. We love to help these older children make their First Holy Communion. Please call our parish office to speak with one of our priests or our Religious Education Director about this. We will be very happy to help you.

## **Sacramental Schedule (Continued)**

### **Confirmation of Children**

Confirmation is an awesome sacrament in which we are strengthened by the Holy Spirit to live our Faith in Jesus Christ fully. Young people in our parish are usually Confirmed in the Spring of the 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

Students in St. John Vianney School are prepared for Confirmation as part of their regular religion classes. Public school students are prepared in throughout the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade in our CCD (Religious Education) program.

Ordinarily, students should attend Religious Education (or Catholic School) from grades one through 8 before receiving Confirmation. But we know that some families have had a hard time making this happen. For this reason, we are happy to work with you to prepare your teen for Confirmation.

If you have a student who is beyond the 8<sup>th</sup> grade but is not yet Confirmed, please call our pastor. He will be happy to speak with you to devise a plan for you child.

### **Adult Sacraments**

We love to help adults who wish to be Baptized in the Catholic Church. One of our priests or deacons will meet with you to discuss what is leading you to this momentous decision and guide you into the process, commonly called RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults). You may contact us through the parish office.

Adult Confirmation is offered annually for those adults (over the age of 18) who are baptized Catholic, have received First Communion and would like to receive Confirmation.

### **Matrimony**

If you are planning to marry soon, congratulations on your engagement. This is a happy and blessed time in your life, and we are happy to help you celebrate it according the Rites of the Catholic Church. Since scheduling this in advance is very important, please call our parish office as soon as possible to do so.

Couples who belong to St. John Vianney, their children or grandchildren, and others who have reason to want to be married here are welcome to celebrate the Sacrament of Matrimony at our Church – provided they are free to marry in the Church and willing to work with our priests and deacons to prepare for this sacrament.

Please see the section: Commonly Asked Questions About Marriage at St. John Vianney Church on our website ([parish.sjvianney.com](http://parish.sjvianney.com)) for more information.

### **Anointing of the Sick**

Anyone who is ill or homebound and would like to receive the Anointing of the Sick or Communion is asked to call the rectory. The Diocese assigns chaplains to each of the hospitals to serve Catholics in the hospitals.

### **Funerals**

The Funeral Mass and services are arranged and coordinated through the Funeral Home.

**Meet the Staff**

Rev. John Barbella	<i>Pastor</i>
Rev. Bede Kim	<i>Parochial Vicar</i>
Rev. Robert Gorman	<i>Parochial Vicar</i>
Rev. John Gloss	<i>Pastor Emeritus</i>
Rev. Monsignor Edward M. O'Neill	<i>Pastor Emeritus</i>
Deacon Joseph Ragucci	<i>Deacon</i>
Deacon Thomas Michnewicz	<i>Deacon</i>
Deacon Vincent Brigande	<i>Deacon</i>
Ellen DeRosa	<i>Parish Catechetical Leader</i>
Nancy Tannucilli	<i>SJV School Principal</i>
Jamie Frame	<i>Director of Sacred Music</i>
Stephanie Noto	<i>Administrative Assistant</i>
Paula Roibal	<i>Book Keeper Parish/School</i>



Rev. John Barbella  
Pastor



Rev. Bede  
Kim



Rev. Robert  
Gorman



Msgr. Edward  
O'Neill



Rev. John  
Gloss



Deacon Joe  
Ragucci



Deacon Tom  
Michnewicz



Deacon Vinny  
Brigande



**Contact Information**

St. John Vianney Church, 420 Inman Avenue, Colonia, NJ 07067

Parish Office (Rectory) (Monday thru Friday 9:00am-4:00pm) (Special Summer Hours as Posted)	732-574-0150 732-574-0050 FAX
SJV School	732-388-1662
SJV Pre-School	732-388-1662
Religious Education (Catechetical Office)	732-388-1424
Deacon Joseph Ragucci	732-548-3880
Deacon Thomas Michnewicz	732-574-1651
Deacon Vincent Brigande	732-499-8180
Director of Sacred Music - Jamie Frame	908-331-0471

Parish Website: <http://parish.sjvianney.com>

Email: [sjvparish@sjvs.net](mailto:sjvparish@sjvs.net)

School Website: <http://school.sjvianney.com>

**Parish Membership**

We are happy to welcome you to St. John Vianney Church and look forward to having you join us at Holy Mass and other parish events.

Those who wish to register officially in our parish may do so by contacting the parish office (or thru the parish website). Parish registration is helpful in several ways. It helps us keep in touch with everyone who calls St. John Vianney their spiritual home. Those who wish to receive offering envelopes (and thus receive a statement for tax purposes) should indicate that on their parish registration.

Whether you register officially or not, we are pleased to have you at St. John Vianney. Your presence is a blessing to us. We pray that your time in this parish will help you know, love, and serve God more deeply in your life.

## **Parish Ministry Opportunities**

There are many opportunities available at St. John Vianney Parish to use your time, talent, and gifts to live out your call to discipleship. We invite you to consider these ministry opportunities.

They are organized into the following categories:

- *Liturgical Ministries* - associated with our parish liturgical life
- *Adult Ministries* – associated with serving the adults of our parish
- *Youth Ministries* - associated with our parish youth
- *Social Ministries* - associated with serving a variety of needs within our community and the world
- *Special Interest Ministries* - associated with specific parish groups

### **Parish Pastoral Council**

The parish pastoral council is a consultative group, appointed by the pastor, that is charged to reflect on the direction of the parish including current opportunities and difficulties facing the parish and propose practical solutions to the pastor.

### **Parish Finance Committee**

The parish finance committee is a consultative group, appointed by the pastor, which is charged to assist the pastor in financial matters.

## **Liturgical Ministries**

### **Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (Eucharistic Ministers)**

Special ministers share the Eucharist with other worshipers in the assembly and with those who are confined to their homes, hospitals or institutions. Ministers are approved by pastor. Formal training is provided.

### **Lectors (Readers)**

A liturgical ministry that proclaims the Word of God to the Assembly of worshipers. It requires continued preparation and desire to understand the scriptures. Formal training and enrichment is provided.

### **Altar Servers**

An opportunity for Catholic boys and girls in Grades 5 to High School, to participate in a special way in Liturgical Celebrations. A training program is provided in the fall and is ongoing.

### **Ushers**

A ministry of hospitality to those attending services at SJV Church. Participation will coincide with individual's choice of Mass. Volunteers are welcomed and needed.

### **Music Ministry**

The music ministry, under the direction of the Director of Sacred Music, provides music for all our liturgical celebrations including weekday and Sunday Mass, weddings, funerals, and special occasions. Additional voices are always needed and welcomed. Choirs: Adult Choir, Children's Choir, Folk Group

### **Liturgy Committee**

A liturgy committee appointed by the pastor provides guidance and planning for the various liturgical rites of the parish.

### **Ministry to the Sick and Homebound**

Special ministers will bring Holy Communion to those who are confined to their homes, hospitals, or other institutions. Call the Rectory for more information.

### **Lazarus Ministry**

Members of the Lazarus ministry contact and assist families with planning the funeral liturgy. This companionship, support and care are so important at this difficult time for families. They also coordinate a yearly memorial Mass and luncheon in November.

## **Adult Ministries**

### **RCIA / Adult Confirmation**

The Rite of Initiation of Adults is a process through which adults are fully initiated into the Catholic Church. It is preparation for one or more of the Sacraments and include catechetical instruction and liturgical rites. It provides spiritual growth for the person as well as the faith community.

### **Bible Study / Adult Faith Education**

Various Programs provided throughout the year for the spiritual and personal development of our parish membership. Topic suggestions and leadership roles welcome. Programs announced in parish bulletin.

### **Pre-Cana Team**

Married parish couples who provide, in an informal session, the required marriage preparation sessions for engaged couples. Topics are presented by Team Couples. Two sessions during the year.

## **Youth Ministries**

### **Catechetical Instruction for Children (CCD)**

Religious instructions for elementary students who do not attend Catholic School including preparation for First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Teachers and aides always needed. Classes are held Monday & Thursday evenings in the SJV School Classrooms.

### **Youth Ministry**

The youth ministry meets on a regular basis for spiritual, social, and service events to foster community and to provide opportunities for youth to fully participate in the life of the Church. It involves high school age and Young Adult Advisors who form a dynamic part of our parish. Meets Sunday evenings in the Youth Trailer

### **Home School Association**

HSA is composed of all parents and guardians of students in SJV School. One of its objectives is to assist the administration in attaining its goals through active parental involvement. Class parents provide help in communication with parents. Volunteer aides are needed and welcome.

### **School Advisory Council**

Provides advice and support to the pastor and the school principal on issues related to the SJV school and pre-school.

### **SJV Athletics and Cheerleading**

A variety of sports and cheerleading opportunities are available to the school and parish children through the SJV Lancers athletic teams including basketball, cheerleading, track and soccer.

## **Social Ministries**

### **Social Justice**

A response to the social teachings of the Church which provides opportunities to reach out to those in need and to work for peace and justice. Meets monthly in the Church.

### **Saint Isidore's Garden**

Grows fresh produce to supply the local food pantries. Help is needed to plant, water and harvest the plants.

### **Society of St. Vincent De Paul**

Exists to bear witness to our love of Christ by serving our parish community through our prayers, spiritual and corporal works of mercy. We provide assistance to the needy.

### **Pro-Life Committee**

Provides needed assistance to expectant and new unwed mothers. It also creates awareness and supports legislative action regarding pro-life issues. Fund-raising to support our efforts as well as those of existing agencies.

## **Special Interest Ministries**

### **Altar Rosary Society**

Carries on the tradition of Rosary Devotion in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Spiritual and social events, care for the altar linens, active service to members in times of personal sadness, projects for the needy and fund raising fill the annual calendar.

### **Secular Franciscan Order**

Catholic lay men and women, married and single, who strive to grow in a deep personal relationship with Jesus, in the spirit of Saint Francis of Assisi and Saint Clair.

### **Senior Citizen Club**

An opportunity for seniors to gather socially, make new friends, and enjoy the company of peers. Meetings offer entertaining and educational programs. Trips are provided and participation in many volunteer programs. Eligibility for membership - 60 years of age and a SJV parishioner or local resident.

### **Knights of Columbus #6571**

Dedicated to developing the individual spiritual life of its members and to assist the church in its charitable works. Membership open to any practicing Catholic male.

### **Ladies Auxiliary K of C Council #6571**

Committed to works of charity and the support of seminarians. Female counterpart of the K of C.

### **Boy Scouts of America - Troop/Pack 523**

Organized to teach the principles of citizenship, as well as duty to God and to others through service projects for the community. Eligibility: Cub Scouts: boys 6-10½; Boy Scouts: 10½ to 18 years of age.

### **Annual Parish Fair**

Fun and community for all! Volunteers and helpers needed. Held the week after July 4<sup>th</sup>. Information through the Sunday bulletin.

## **SJV School and PreSchool**

### **A Word of Welcome**

We welcome you to Saint John Vianney Parish and invite you to visit our Catholic School.

For over fifty years, Saint John Vianney School has been living the mission of the Church by providing the families of the parish and local community with a faith-filled, quality education for their children. From our beginning, the school has provided an environment where children learn to understand their faith and their responsibilities by preparing them to become active, moral adults living Christ's message and sharing the Gospel values.

By building up the Body of Christ, our educators are empowered to form and sustain a learning community that fosters excellence. High academic standards, strong motivation, effective discipline, and an atmosphere of caring combine to ensure each child's success academically, spiritually, physically, emotionally, and socially.

Our parents, our children's first teachers, the administration, faculty, and staff work together to form a living community of shared values dedicated to fulfilling the needs of each child wholly and individually.

Our tradition and mission confidently continue today. We know that God's Loving Light Shines Through Us and Our Actions moving each of us within the community to strive for excellence in all that we do. We celebrate the presence of our loving God in each of us as He calls us to live, learn, love, and serve.

To find out more about our vibrant Catholic School visit our website at <http://school.sjvianney.com> or call for a personal tour.

Mrs. Nancy Tannucilli  
Principal

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### **School Mission Statement**

God fills us with His Love, Spirit, Light, and Energy so that we may live the mission of our school, which is to bring God's loving light to the world as disciples of Jesus Christ. We celebrate the presence of our loving God in us as He calls each of us to love and serve each other.



**School Office:** (732) 388-1662  
**Website:** <http://school.sjvianney.com>  
**Email:** [sjvschool@sjvianney.com](mailto:sjvschool@sjvianney.com)

## Directions to Parish Complex

**North on Garden State Parkway:** Exit 131. Go right at end of ramp onto Rt. 27 South. Right at first traffic light (Wood Ave). Wood Ave to Inman Ave (3 traffic lights) make a right on Inman Ave (go approx. 1 mile) to parking lot of St. John Vianney on left.

**North, on NJ. Turnpike:** Exit 11. Take Garden State Parkway North to Exit 131 - follow directions as given above.

**Driving North from Rts. 1 & 9 (Rt.35):** Rt. 1 & 9 merge with Rt. 35. Rt. 35 becomes St. Georges Ave. Travel North to Inman Ave. Left at W. Inman Ave. Travel approximately 2 miles. Make right into SJV parking lot.

**From Rt. 287:** Exit at Metuchen, left at end of ramp onto New Durham Rd. Left onto Rt. 27 North (at "T" end of road). Left at Wood Ave. Right onto Inman Ave, left into SJV Parking lot.

The Parish Office and Rectory is the first building along Inman Avenue. The School and Church are across the parking lot. The Msgr. Sergel Parish Center is at the far left, as is the Convent, the Youth Ministry trailers, and the Pre-School building.

## Map of Parish Complex

