

# Infant Jesus Parish



St. John Vianney Church  
2901 Good Intent Road  
Deptford, NJ 08096

Reverend Joseph L. Pham, Pastor  
Reverend Alfred Mungujakisa, Parochial Vicar  
Reverend Jason Rocks, Weekend Assistant  
Deacon Frank Dunleavy  
Deacon Joseph Farro  
Sr. Michele DeGregorio, Principal  
Sr. Vilma Butron, Director of Religious Education



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**Monday-Friday**

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Please no calls between 4-7 PM

## MASS SCHEDULE

### Saturday Mass Schedule

4:00 PM at St. Margaret Church  
6:00 PM at St. John Vianney Church

### Sunday Mass Schedule

8:30 AM at St. Margaret Church  
10:00 AM at St. Margaret Church  
11:30 AM at St. John Vianney Church  
4:00 PM at St. Margaret Church

Holy Day Vigil: 4:00 PM at St. Margaret Church &  
6:00 PM at St. John Vianney Church  
Holy Days: 8:30 AM, 12 Noon and 7:00 PM at  
St. Margaret Church

Week Days :  
6:45 AM in St. Margaret Church  
8:30 AM in St. Margaret Church

## CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Saturdays: 9:00-9:30 AM; 2:30-3:30 PM at St. Margaret Church  
5:15-5:45 PM at St. John Vianney Church

**BAPTISM OF THE LORD**  
**January 10, 2021**

**Saturday, January 9**

- 4:00 PM** Chuck Fitzgerald req. by Joe & Marlene Hee  
**6:00 PM** Rudy Sciore req. by Nick & Sharon Sandone & family

**Sunday, January 10**

- 8:30 AM** Joseph Aversa, Sr. req. by the Philbin family  
**10:00 AM** Randy Roswell req. by Vivien & Rocco Aversa  
**11:30 AM** Joseph & Susan Saylor req. by Maureen Garrett  
**4:00 PM** Rita Scarpato req. by Loretta Petito & family

**Monday, January 11**

- 6:45 AM** Sr. Maria Giovanna Schimmenitti req. by the Franciscan Missionary Sisters of the Infant Jesus  
**8:30 AM** Intentions of Fr. Joseph Do req. by Sharon, Janet & Gena

**Tuesday, January 12**

- 6:45 AM** James F. Gayeski, Jr. req. by Carol Lemon  
**8:30 AM** For the well being of Nancy Curry

**Wednesday, January 13**

- 6:45 AM** Charles, Bernadette & James Young req. by Carol Lemon  
**8:30 AM** Johanna Walker req. by her godparents

**Thursday, January 14**

- 6:45 AM** Sr. Maria Severina Razionale req. by the Franciscan Missionary Sisters of the Infant Jesus  
**8:30 AM** All Essential Workers

**Friday, January 15**

- 6:45 AM** Paul Young req. by Carol Lemon  
**8:30 AM** Victims of COVID

**Saturday, January 16**

- 8:30 AM** Dorothy Schuckert req. by Joanne & Harry McConville  
**4:00 PM** Georgette Radlinski req. by the Holmstrom family  
**6:00 PM** Renato Luz req. by Edwin Abrenica

**Sunday, January 17**

- 8:30 AM** Anthony Petito req. by Loretta & family  
**10:00 AM** Perla Sauco req. by Herminia Capistrano  
**11:30 AM** Donna Auerswald & Frank Auerswald req. by Maureen Garrett  
**4:00 PM** Vince Sandone req. by Gena & Ron Deichert

**SANCTUARY LAMP**

The Sanctuary lamp at St. John Vianney Church is burning in loving memory of  
***Johanna Walker***  
req. by her godparents.



The Sanctuary lamp at St. Margaret Church is burning in loving memory of  
***Joesph Avallone***  
req. by the LoGiudice family.



Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

***Janine Hee***  
***Renato Luz***  
***Rev. Stanislaus J. Kolton***

**COME LET US ADORE HIM**

Adoration is held in Our Lady of Guadalupe Chapel on Fridays from **9:00 AM to 5:00 PM.**



The ***Legion of Mary*** meets every ***Wednesday*** morning at ***11:00 AM*** in Room B of the Ministry Center. The current limit is 8 people.



## OFFICE STAFF

Business Administrator...Sharon Sandone  
Parish Secretary.....Gena Deichert  
Parish Registrar.....Janet Autodore  
Religious Ed Secretary....Janet Autodore  
Maintenance Manager.....Mike Collins

### PASTORAL COUNCIL

Chairman.....Steve Graham

### FINANCE COUNCIL

Chairman.....Bob Law

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Please pray for our parishioners who are in the hospital, nursing home or who are homebound:  
*Chip Alberta, Eileen Aleksiejczyk, Anthony & Rose Apicella, Rossy Aquirre, Louise Avallone, Jack Bachman, Julie Barbetto, John Bertagnolli, Baby Mary Blocklinger, Samantha Boulden, Richard Thomas Carey, Patricia Carr, Bill Cassidy, Heather Ruple Chiaradonna, Mridul Chowdhury, Donna Chuba, Moira Connell, Ed Conway, Micaela DiPaolo, Jerry Donnelly, Bill Egan, Baby Emil, Neal Ewan, Anthony and Louise Falance, Anthony Faralli, Gina Fasolini, Dorothy Pennewell - Foster, Gerri Foster, Tony Galindo, Annemarie Gendron, Eileen H., Katie Hartey, Christine Hastings, John Havers, Jack Hee, Carmel Hopkins, Christine & Zachariah Huber, Tim Hutchinson, Baby Jake, Jean, Mackenzie Jones, Cathy King, Robert Kirkbride, Regina Lapp, Christine Lawrence, Michele Lott, Diane Mendel, Frank McCurdy, Jennifer McGlinchey, Karen and Joseph Medallo, Frances Santaniello Michels, Donna Mimplitsch, Linda Montone, Louis Nocella, Margaret O'Donnell, Ron Orrick, John Panepinto, Angela Paul, Susan Paul, Edmund Pilarz, Melony Popjoy, Alec Quantavalle, Joe Quintieri, Chuck Rabb, Kyle Riepen, Joel Rivera, Nora Joan Rush, Maria S., Karen Schoch, Gary Shephard, Melissa Sirlopu, David Sullivan, Dylan Vitucci, Coreen Welch, Jim Welch, Louise Wilusz, Helen Convery Witcraft, Baby Mark Zimmerman, Richard Zuber.*



### Saturday, January 16

4:00 PM Bob Law

6:00 PM Denise/Rob Dietrich

### Sunday, January 17

8:30 AM Kelly Puitz

10:00 AM Judy Hansen

11:30 AM Maria Schiavo

4:00 PM Walt Baraniewicz



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Today we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord which is also the end of the Christmas Season. Jesus took upon himself our human nature at Christmas in order to represent us and to act on our behalf before the heavenly Father. For this reason, He underwent baptism by water in order to sanctify the water, making it a sign of the purification of sins and restoration of new life in God.

However, Jesus' "real baptism" was not the baptism by water but the baptism by his own blood on the cross. At our Lord's Baptism, God the Father revealed himself through his voice testifying Jesus as his beloved Son who came to please Him by redeeming humanity from eternal damnation and restoring back man's holiness which was lost through original sin: "You are my beloved Son, with you I am well pleased" (Luke 3: 22).

Today we are also reminded of our own baptism, a divine gift freely given to us by God's infinite mercy. At baptism, there are a couple of things that happen: sanctification and transformation. Through baptism, one receives the sanctifying grace which "takes away" original sin as well as the likeness or holiness of God in one's soul which is also restored. As baptized people, we are chosen to know God and to love God in a very personal way. It is truly a divine gift freely given to us which enables us to be intimately united with God through our prayers and worship. Unfortunately, there are some taking this precious gift for granted by turning away from God or not worshiping Him regularly.

It is a blessing to know God in this life, a privilege to be baptized, it is always good to have God on our side whether in good times or in bad, in sickness or in health. Indeed, it is a necessity, a need to have God in our life especially in this finite and unpredictable world since there will come a day when no human beings are able to help us to change, to heal, or to make the impossible possible except God alone. - *Fr. Joe Pham*

**GOD BLESS AMERICA!**



We continue to pray for our men & women overseas especially:

*Johanny DelOrbe, Megan Dolan, Justin Gousha, Shawn Jarrell, Becky & Nick Johnson, Rob Solome, Sarah Turse, Joseph Raab, Charles LaGrossa, Anthony M. Ilisco and Lt. Colonel Christian Pajak.*

If someone has returned home, please let us know.

*Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform in our time of need. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.*

**VOCATIONS**



If you are a man between the ages of 16-35 and feel the possible call to the priesthood, this group can help you discern and pray with others who are also considering the priesthood.

The meetings this year will be held at the Parish offices of Our Lady of Guadalupe, 135 N. White Horse Pike, Lindenwold. The meetings begin at 2PM and end at 3:30PM. Following are the dates for the discernment group:

January 10, 2021  
March 14, 2021

February 21, 2021  
April 18, 2021



## CATHOLIC STRONG UPDATE & WORD OF GRATITUDE

First of all, in the Name of Our Lord Jesus Christ, I would like to express my profound gratitude to all of you for your generous donations to the Catholic Strong Campaign, also my great admiration for your love of God and His Church.

Your sacrificial gifts have provided critical funding for our parish's ministry and the 2020 capital projects: The Infant Jesus Youth Group, St. Margaret church carpet and church renovations as well as the blacktop of St. John Vianney parking lot and the carpet replacement.

To date, our total amount pledged is **\$801,575**. The amount collected as of September 30<sup>th</sup> is **\$478,397**. Therefore, we still have a balance of **\$323,178** for future collection. Our future capital projects such as the safety cement work around both churches and St. Margaret parking lot are totally depended on the funds of Catholic Strong.

Realizing the necessity of these future projects, **I earnestly encourage all of you to continue making payments on your pledges so that our above projects can be accomplished.** Although every one of us are facing and living in a very difficult and challenging time at this moment, our faith in God and our love for His church will not be diminished. With God's providential care, we will be repaid with plenty. Fr. Joe Pham.

### Super Bowl Fundraiser...

**70%** of the money raised directly supports **Infant Jesus Parish**  
Thank you for your generous support of the parish during these difficult times.



\$10,000!

The more quarters with matching numbers, the more you can win!

\$1,000

Any 3 quarters with a match

\$100

Any 2 quarters with a match

\$20

Any 1 quarter with a match

SAMPLE TICKET

At the end of each quarter of the football game...	American Conf. Score	National Conf. Score
First Quarter	7	3
Second Quarter	0	4 or 5
Third Quarter	1 or 2	3
End of Game	7	0

**Winner Example!**  
At the end of the 2nd quarter, let's say the score is...

American Conference Team's Score .....	20
National Conference Team's Score .....	14

If each team's score ends with the numbers on your card, then you win! The more quarters with a match, the more you can win!

Tickets: \$10

Online Special

6 tickets for \$50!

Win up to

\$10,000

Tickets available at the rectory, at Mass or online at:

[www.charitymania.com/give/RB008](http://www.charitymania.com/give/RB008)

Spread the word... share this link with your friends and family!

## HELP NEEDED

There are many state guidelines and requirements that we need to adhere to for COVID19. These include strict capacity restrictions and social distancing at the churches.

Your help is needed to prepare the churches for each Mass as well as to guide the faithful as they arrive for Mass. For **each** Mass we need:

6 volunteers at St. Margaret Church, and  
4 volunteers at St. John Vianney Church.

Thanks again on behalf of everyone at Infant Jesus Parish.

Please click the link below to sign-up.  
<https://signup.com/go/SVenKsF>

## **WITH PROFOUND GRATITUDE For YOUR WEEKLY SUNDAY OFFERINGS**

In the name of the Risen Christ, I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to all of you for your faithfulness of giving. Your Weekly Sunday Offerings are greatly appreciated especially during this difficult time. It is sad that our communal worship has to be suspended; however our parish's operational expenses are still incurred. Therefore, every financial offering is so meaningful and essential to the life of our parish. I am truly grateful to you for continuing your financial support during this tough time. Be assured that your financial sacrifices during this time will not be passed over without God's notice. May many graces and blessings be bestowed upon you and your families.

-Fr. Joe Pham.

## OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS



Christmas - \$26,662.00

December 27 - \$14,561.00

January 1 - \$2,537.00

January 3 - \$10,280.00

May God repay you for your sacrifices. Thank you for making your checks payable to:

*"Infant Jesus Parish"*



## **"GOOD SAMARITAN" NEEDED**

In the Gospel of the "Good Samaritan", a man asked Jesus: "Who is my neighbor?" Jesus responded by telling him the parable of the "Good Samaritan". Today, our "Neighbor" are those whose lives depend on **The House of Charity Fund**:

**Care and Education of Seminarians**

**Care of Elderly Priests**

**Social & Community Services**

**Compassion Outreach**

**Catholic Education**

**Youth and Campus Ministry**

**Vitality Catholic Healthcare Services**

These Ministries are absolutely dependent on the **generous sacrifices of your compassionate and caring hearts**. I am prayerfully and gratefully asking each one of you for **your generous sacrificial gifts to the 2020 House of Charity**. Your sacrifices certainly will make the **above Ministries** possible.

"Lord Jesus, please **multiply** my House of Charity

Gift to help my "Neighbor".

- Fr. Joe Pham

**Parish Goal - \$168,018.00**

**Received 231 gifts - \$91,556.23**

## **PLEASE SUPPORT OUR LOCAL ADVERTISERS**

*Edward Jones*

*Exley's Landscape Service, Inc.*

*Westwood Oral Surgery Associates, P.A.*



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## Sunday, Jan. 10

Ignite Youth Group 6-8 Grade - 5:30 PM (FSC)  
 Deeper Dimension - 7:00 PM  
 (via Zoom until further notice)

## Monday, Jan. 11

Prayer Group - 7:30 PM (B limit 8 people)

## Wednesday, Jan. 13

Legion of Mary - 11:00 AM (B)  
 (limit 8 people)

## Thursday, Jan. 14

K of C Officers - 7:00 PM (Virtual)  
 NA - Socially distancing outside as weather permits - 8:00 PM

## Saturday, Jan. 16

SVDP Sock Drive @ all Masses

## Sunday, Jan. 17

SVDP Sock Drive @ all Masses  
 Ablaze Youth Group 9-12 Grade - 5:30 PM (FSC)  
 Deeper Dimension - 7:00 PM  
 (via Zoom until further notice)

### NATIONAL LIFE CENTER/1ST WAY

686 N. Broad St  
 Woodbury, NJ 08096

1st Way/Life Center is in need of new or gently used boys and girls clothing sizes newborn to 2T. Also needed, diapers sizes 4 or 5.

Please contact 1st Way at [856-848-1819](tel:856-848-1819) to make arrangements.

Thank you for your support.

**1ST WAY/LIFE CENTER OFFERS FREE PREGNANCY TESTING AND ULTRASOUND IMAGING FOR ANYONE SUSPECTING PREGNANCY.**

**CALL: 800-848-LOVE (5683) 24/7**

## IJD Youth Ministry Faith on Fire



### Sparks: Grades 3-5

Sparks, our youth group for elementary students serves as an introduction to our parish youth ministry. The group will meet monthly for meetings and group service projects (completed on the parish grounds). Meetings will include a snack, prayer, games and activities all done in the light of our Catholic Faith. Due to covid 19 meetings take place in the convent courtyard or convent meeting room until we can go back to the parish meeting room. Sparks will meet one Wednesday each month (1/20, 2/17, 3/17, 4/21, and 5/19) from 4:30-5:30).

### Ignite: Grades 6-8

Ignite is our junior youth group, open to students in 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Ignite meets on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month from September through June at St. John Vianney in the Fr. Szolack Center from 5:30-7 PM. This will give people time to arrive after the 4PM Mass at St. Margaret Church. Meetings will include prayer, snacks, icebreakers and energizers, and small and large group activities, all in the context of faith and fun. Ignite members will have opportunities for service projects and volunteer work throughout the year.



### Ablaze: Grades 9-12

Ablaze is the group for those in 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade. Ablaze meets on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month at St. John Vianney in the Fr. Szolack Center from 5:30-7 PM. This will give people time to arrive after the 4PM Mass at St. Margaret Church. All those in High School are welcome to join. Meetings will include prayer, snacks, icebreakers and energizers, discussions and activities, all in the context of faith and fun. Service and participation in diocesan youth events are also part of the program.



**Questions? Please contact Sr. Dianna at 856-848-6049 or [ijpyouthonfire@gmail.com](mailto:ijpyouthonfire@gmail.com)**



## Introducing *Walking with Purpose Women's Catholic Bible Study*

- Do you desire to grow in your Catholic faith?
- Would you like to connect with other women in our Catholic parish community?
- Are you searching for something more in your life?

You are invited to consider joining *Walking with Purpose* via ZOOM (for now). Weekly group sessions are starting on Friday, 1/8/2021 @ 7-8pm.

*Living in the Father's Love*, a six-week study of God the Father, reveals how deeply relevant the Gospels are to our relationships, both with God and those we love.

No previous Bible study experience is necessary; come as you are as we discover just how much God loves us. Our mission is to help every Catholic woman and girl in America encounter Jesus Christ through our Bible studies. Interested in learning more? Please join us on Friday 1/8/2021 to find out what *Walking with Purpose* is all about!

Invite a friend to join us for this Infant Jesus Parish ZOOM meeting.

For questions or to register/RSVP, contact Ann at 856-430-6780 (cell) or [veritas007@comcast.net](mailto:veritas007@comcast.net)

Visit *Walking with Purpose* online at: [www.walkingwithpurpose.com](http://www.walkingwithpurpose.com) for more information. We hope to see you!



Thank you to all of our parishioners who contributed to our holiday food drives in any way. The pandemic posed many challenges to our ministry and we had to look to the Holy Spirit for inspiration on how to best serve our clients in a socially distant way. The Holy Spirit gave us a plan but we were dependent on our parishioners to help us carry it out and you answered in a big way. Thank you for your generosity, your kindness and your prayers! We were able to provide Thanksgiving & Christmas dinners, dessert and extras for more than 50 families and gift cards for more than 200 children. We couldn't do this without you!!! May our good Lord repay you and your families with many blessings and good health in the coming year. Thank you and God Bless you all!!!!

### MARY UNDOER OF KNOTS

#### **January 15th, 2021 (Friday) - Trivia Night**

Join us for virtual Trivia Night on Friday, 1/15/2021, from the comforts of your own home. Trivia will begin at 7:30 PM. As the event gets closer, you will be provided with a link to participate.

#### **January 24th, 2021 (Sunday) - Choosing Life Over Abortion**

Each January, the Catholic Church recognizes the "Right to Life Weekend." Please join us on Sunday, 1/24/2021 at 2 PM for a virtual presentation by Fr. Jakub Ciolak, Parochial Vicar, at Christ the King Church. Fr. Jakub will discuss why "Choosing Life Over Abortion" was a critical decision for one famous singer's Mother. As the event gets closer, you will be provided with the link.

In conjunction with the is Faith-Based activity, we will be collecting diapers for Good Counsel Homes, in Riverton, NJ. If you feel the call to donate, Good Counsel Homes requests diaper sizes 4, 5, and 6. The diapers can be brought directly to Good Counsel Homes, which is located at 116 Heulings Avenue in Riverton. If you would like to make a monetary donation, please write your check out to "Good Counsel Homes."

For information, please contact Rosanne - [persistent21@verizon.net](mailto:persistent21@verizon.net).





A Statement from Bishop Kevin Rhodes (Committee on Doctrine) and Bishop Joseph Naumann (Committee on Pro-Life Activities) regarding concerns expressed over the Morality of the Pfizer and Moderna COVID-19 Vaccines:

The Pontifical Academy for Life gives as an example the case of rubella (German measles): "We find, in such a case, a *proportional reason*, in order to accept the use of these vaccines in the presence of the danger of favouring the spread of the pathological agent, due to the lack of vaccination of children. This is particularly true in the case of vaccination against German measles."<sup>2</sup>

The Pontifical Academy does call for appropriate expressions of protest against the origins of these vaccines as well as for vigorous efforts to promote the creation of alternatives. "There remains a moral duty to continue to fight and to employ every lawful means in order to make life difficult for the pharmaceutical industries which act unscrupulously and unethically." The Pontifical Academy adds, however, that public health must not be sacrificed. "The burden of this important battle cannot and must not fall on innocent children and on the health situation of the population."

There appears to be some confusion in the media regarding the moral permissibility of using the vaccines for COVID-19 developed by Pfizer Inc. and Moderna. We would like to offer some clarifications.

Neither the Pfizer nor the Moderna vaccine involved the use of cell lines that originated in fetal tissue taken from the body of an aborted baby at any level of design, development, or production.<sup>1</sup> They are not completely free from any connection to abortion, however, as both Pfizer and Moderna made use of a tainted cell line for one of the confirmatory lab tests of their products. There is thus a connection, but it is relatively remote.

Some are asserting that if a vaccine is connected in any way with tainted cell lines then it is immoral to be vaccinated with them. This is an inaccurate portrayal of Catholic moral teaching.

There are three documents from the Holy See that treat the question of tainted vaccines: 1) the 2005 study by the Pontifical Academy for Life, "Moral Reflections on Vaccines Prepared from Cells Derived from Aborted Human Foetuses"; 2) paragraphs nos. 34-35 in the 2008 Instruction on Certain Bioethical Questions (*Dignitatis Personae*) by the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith; 3) the 2017 Note on Italian Vaccine Issue, by the Pontifical Academy for Life.

These documents all point to the immorality of using tissue taken from an aborted child for creating cell lines. They also make distinctions in terms of the moral responsibility of the various actors involved, from those involved in designing and producing a vaccine to those receiving the vaccine. Most importantly, they all make it clear that, at the level of the recipient, it is morally permissible to accept vaccination when there are no alternatives and there is a serious risk to health.

## Churches are OPEN

- **St. Margaret** Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:00 pm  
Sunday Masses: 8:30 am – 10:00 am – 4:00 pm  
Weekday Mass: 6:45 & 8:30 am in the Church
- **St. John Vianney** Saturday Vigil Mass: 6:00 pm  
Sunday Mass: 11:30 am.
- The **Dispensation** for the faithful from the obligation to participate in Mass on Sundays and Holy Days still remains in **EFFECT**.
- Those who are at **HIGH RISK FOR CONTRACTING COVID-19 SHOULD STAY HOME.**
- **The 4:00 PM Mass will be live-streamed** each weekend for those who are unable to come to church due to health reasons or to capacity restrictions.
- The elderly and families with young children (who may find it difficult to maintain a six-foot distance from others) are encouraged to stay home.
- **Holy Communion will be distributed on Sundays at St. Margaret Church at 11:15 AM for those who watch Mass on Live-Stream** and would like to receive Holy Communion.
- **The faithful should wear cloth face coverings** when in public, including when they come to church. Young children under the age of 2, anyone who has trouble breathing, or anyone otherwise unable to remove the mask without assistance does not need to wear a face covering.
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