

Infant Jesus Parish



St. John Vianney Church
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848-0047

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845-5251

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773 Third Street
845-5200

Office Hours: 8 AM -2:30 PM

CONVENT
745 Third Street
848-6049

Please no calls between 4-7 PM

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend Mass Schedule

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

Sunday
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

6:45 AM in St. Margaret Church - School Days
8:30 AM in St. Margaret Church - Monday-Saturday

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

**16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JULY 18, 2021**

Saturday, July 17

4:00 PM Anne Pasley req. by Joe & Marlene Hee
6:00 PM Matthew DiDomenico req. by Mr. & Mrs.
Anthony Maccariella

Sunday, July 18

8:30 AM Fred Buehler req. by Bill & Kathi Roswell
10:00 AM Helen Marie Haney req. by Libby
Witasick
11:30 AM All Souls req. by Tuyet Bailey
4:00 PM Santo Diano req. by friend Catherine
Keegan

Monday, July 19

8:30 AM Fred & Helen Buehler req. by Aunt
Palmina & Uncle Bill Mould

Tuesday, July 20

8:30 AM Deceased Franciscan Missionary Sisters
of the Infant Jesus

Wednesday, July 21

8:30 AM Mike McGuinness req. by the
McGuinness family

Thursday, July 22

8:30 AM Malloy & Brady families req. by Pat &
family

Friday, July 23

8:30 AM Special Intention

Saturday, July 24

8:30 AM Valentin Butron req. by Joanne & Harry
McConville
4:00 PM Joseph Krott req. by Joanne & Harry
McConville
6:00 PM Alex Vezsolyi req. by John & Mary Lou
O'Brien

Sunday, July 25

8:30 AM Leslie & Patricia Magee req. by their
daughter, Stephanie
10:00 AM Gregg Garrison req. by Libby Witasick
11:30 AM Special Intention
4:00 PM Joseph Krott req. by Pat & Don Krott

SANCTUARY LAMP

The Sanctuary lamp at St. Margaret Church is
burning in loving memory of
Fred & Helen Buehler
req. by Bill & Kathi Roswell.

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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, Louise Avallone, Baby Mary Block-
linger, John Brown, Sr. Vilma Butron's family,
Richard Thomas Carey, June Centofanti, Mridul
Chowdhury, Donna Chuba, Barbara and Carl
Coleman, Ed Conway, Micaela DiPaolo, Jerry
Donnelly, Thomas Dougherty, Baby Emil, Anthony
Faralli, Gina Fasolini, Gerri Foster, Annemarie
Gendron, Baby Francis Gabriel Gonzalez, Katie
Hartey, Christine Hastings, John Havers, Jack
Hee, Carmel Hopkins, Christine & Zachariah
Huber, Jean, Mackenzie Jones, Marylyn Kelly,
Cathy King, Gary Koehler, Regina Lapp, Christine
Lawrence, Michele Lott, Penny Maslowski, Diane
Mendel, Frank McCurdy, Jennifer McGlinchey,
Karen & Joseph Medallo, Frances Santaniello,
Michels, Donna Mimplitsch, Linda Montone,
Louis Nocella, Margaret O'Donnell, Ron Orrick,
Charlotte Johanna Palmer, Johnny Panepinto,
Johnny Passaro, Angela Paul, Susan Paul,
Melony Popjoy, Chuck Rabb, Kyle Riepen, Joel
Rivera, Nora Joan Rush, Maria S., Karen Schoch,
Gary Shephard, Bill & Theresa Sherwin, David
Sullivan, Dylan Vitucci, Coreen Welch, Jim Welch,
Louise Wilusz, Helen Convery WitCraft, Baby
Mark Zimmerman, Richard Zuber.***

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COME LET US ADORE HIM

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

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Youth Life Ministry: Sr. Dianna Higgins - ijpyouthonfire@gmail.com

Women's Club: Stephanie Magee – stephaniemagee@hotmail.com

GOD BLESS AMERICA!



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

Johanny DelOrbe, Megan Dolan, Justin Gousha, Shawn Jarrell, Becky and Nick Johnson, Rob Solome, Sarah Turse, Joseph Raab, Charles LaGrossa, Anthony M. Ilisco and Lt. Colonel Christian Pajak, P.O. Johnathan Brown, Matthew Fasolini.

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.

The **Legion of Mary** meets every **Wednesday** at **9:15 AM** (Please note time change) in Room B of the Ministry Center. The current limit is 8 people.



Mark Your Calendar!

The **Roman and Hallahan Alumni Day at the Bay** is back and is going to be better than ever! The committee is excited to announce that the event this year is being held on August 14, 2021 from 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM. It will be at a **NEW LOCATION** at Seaport Pier. Seaport Pier is a venue with larger spaces for social distancing. We hope to see you there! For additional information, please contact:

Roman: Chuck Taylor at ctaylor@romancatholics.com

Hallahan: Marge West Kiefski '66 at 215-913-4482 or mmkiefski@aol.com.

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,



Today's Gospel invites each one of us to be in touch with the deepest longings in our hearts. The Gospel tells us that the people walked on foot from all the towns to hear Jesus's disciples teaching and to be healed by them. They hungered to see them and to hear their words. As a compassionate and caring shepherd, Jesus was moved with pity for them because they were like "sheep without a shepherd".

These people, deep down in their hearts, were seeking and longing for something no one else could give them or could fulfill them except Jesus Christ. The more they listened to Jesus' words, the more they felt attached to him, and more fulfilled. Like the people in today's Gospel, we too are longing for something no human being would be able to fulfill, no earthly things would be able to satisfy. Everyday, we long to be healthy, to be happy, and ultimately to be eternal. Unfortunately, these objects of our longings are impossible to achieve in this earthly life. Therefore, where can we go to find them? Who can fulfill or satisfy our deepest longings?

In reality, the whole world is hungry and thirsty: Some parts of the world hunger for the basic necessities of life, some hunger for justice, for peace, for freedom and human rights. However, when these hungers or longings are fulfilled and satisfied, other kinds of "hunger" arise: hunger for greed, for oppression, for lust and power. Indeed, there is always a constant longing in the human heart, this longing is an eternal longing therefore only eternal things would be able to fulfill and satisfy it.

Only Jesus Christ is eternal, yesterday, today and forever. Only Jesus Christ has the words of eternal things, only Jesus Christ can satisfy the human heart, the heart that He Himself created. Let us refocus the deepest longings in our hearts on the eternal things which came from the teachings of our eternal God.

Fr. Joe Pham

FACES OF HOPE



"Be compassionate as your heavenly Father is compassionate" (Luke 6:36).

As we have been through the hardship of the current pandemic, I believe that it has had a great financial impact upon every one of us. However, as Christians, we are called to be compassionate like our Father in heaven, that is, to reach out and share the burdens of those who are less fortunate than us. For this reason, **I am earnestly appealing to each one of you for your generous gifts to the House of Charity.** Your sacrificial gifts during this challenging time would be so meaningful and essential to these compassionate ministries in our Diocese:

- **Care and Education of Seminarians**
- **Care of Elderly Priests**
- **Social & Community Services**
- **Compassionate Outreach**
- **Catholic Education**
- **Youth and Campus Ministry**
- **Vitality Catholic Healthcare Services**

As the theme for this year's House of Charity is "**Faces of Hope**", let us embrace this theme by sacrificing our financial means to support the above ministries since so many people are putting their "**Faces of Hope**" in them.

Please make a check payable to "House of Charity-Bishop Annual Appeal". You may drop it in the collection basket at any weekend Mass or mail it to the rectory. My profound gratitude is extended to all of you for your sacrifices and your willingness to support this noble cause. Fr. Joe Pham.

Parish Goal - \$136,900.00
Received - 281 gifts - \$117,252.13



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, July 18

Deeper Dimension - 7:00 PM
(via Zoom until further notice)

Monday, July 19

Prayer Group - 7:30 PM (B)

Wednesday, July 21

Legion of Mary - 9:15 AM (B)
Jr. Legion of Mary - 10:15 AM (B)

Thursday, July 22

NA - 8:00 PM (Socially distancing outside
as weather permits)

Friday, July 23

Adoration - 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM (OLOGC)

Saturday, July 24

Kings Men - 7:00 AM (B)

Sunday, July 25

Deeper Dimension - 7:00 PM
(via Zoom until further notice)

LECTORS



Saturday, July 24

4:00 PM Bob Law
6:00 PM Joe Capone

Sunday, July 25

8:30 AM Kelly Puitz
10:00 AM Mary Sperling
11:30 AM Maria Schiavo
4:00 PM Allan Aschenfelter

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS



Any Eucharistic Minister who would feel comfortable distributing communion at this time, please email Loretta at LPetito11@yahoo.com
Thank you.

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS



July 11 - \$13,453.00

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

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GOD BLESS YOU For YOUR WEEKLY SUNDAY OFFERINGS

In Jesus's name, I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to all of you for your Weekly Sunday Offerings. Some of you who are unable to attend Sunday Mass in-person; but your love of God's church and your spirit of sacrifice inspired you to continue your giving. Again, please accept my sincere appreciation and gratitude for continuing your financial support of our parish. Be assured that your sacrifices will not be passed over without God's notice. May you and your loved ones be safe in God's providential care. -Fr. Joe Pham.



PRO-LIFE

Can you commit to just nine months?

Who has not marveled at the miracle which transforms two microscopic cells into the beauty and wonder of a fully formed human being?



Consider the handiwork of God, which accomplishes such incredible wonders in the womb to create little miracles, with your help, right here, in our parish, in just nine months.

Parishioners are invited to join the Infant Jesus Parish Pro-Life group to foster a profound respect for human life, from conception to natural death;

- promoting prayer for the preborn & their parents
- educating parishioners, especially young people, about life issues
- advocating for pro-life, pro-family legislation
- helping mothers & babies in need

Along with the vibrant pro-life support of our Knights of Columbus, we can grow and develop into even more passionate, committed, and faith-filled parishioners in - just nine months!

Will you allow God to work miracles in your life and the lives of others in our Infant Jesus Parish family?



Contact Ann at 856-430-6780 or email at veritas007@comcast.net

Total Consecration to Jesus Through Mary

"There is no powerful advocate to Jesus than his Mother Mary. She is the source of graces and support of the faithful. She is our intermediary." St. Louis De Montfort

Every year, parishioners of Mary, Mother of Mercy Parish and the Legion of Mary sponsor a 33 - day "Devotion of Mary" set down by St. Louis De Montfort. This personal prayer retreat begins on July 20th and the closing service for the Total Consecration will be on August 22nd, held at Our Lady Queen of Peace Church in Pitman after the 9:30 am Sunday Mass.

For those who wish to participate, an outline of the Devotion and books of the "Total Consecration" will be available by contacting Shan Grande (shan_grande@yahoo.com) or Carol Mecca (carol.mecca@hotmail.com). Please join us!



ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

We're Back!!! If you have visited the St. Vincent DePaul food pantry or know someone that has and is in need of assistance, we would like you to know that we are able to reopen. For now, we will be open one evening a month on the last Tuesday of the month from 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM. On **July 27th** food will be distributed in accordance with social distancing rules. Clients should drive up to the **rectory** and we will load the bags of food into your car. We've missed you and we are looking forward to seeing all of you, so please pass the word around that our pantry has reopened.

Summertime is here, the children are home from school and having breakfast and lunch at home. Many adults are still out of work and struggling. Please help us keep the pantry stocked for the summer. We could use items such as mac & cheese, peanut butter & jelly, Chef Boyaredee ravioli, snack items such as granola bars, crackers, popcorn, nutrigrain bars, breakfast bars, or any of the usual non perishables. Thank you in advance for the kindness and compassion that you always show to our clients and our ministry.

NATIONAL LIFE CENTER/1ST WAY

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The 1st Way Life Center is in need of volunteer RNs to run pregnancy tests. Please call the office at 856-848-1819.

Thank you for your support.

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

2021-2022 Religious Education On-Line Registration



Tuition is as follows:

- 1 Child - \$140
- 2 Children - \$240
- 3 Children - \$290
- 4 children or more pay an additional \$25 per child

Class Options are:

Summer Session (Level 3 – 8 only)

Monday – Friday Aug. 2, 2021 - Aug. 6, 2021 9:30 AM – 3:00 PM

Or

Monday – Friday Aug. 9, 2021 - Aug. 13, 2021 9:30 AM – 3:00 PM

Fall Session (Level 1 thru Level 8) class choices begin as follows:

Mondays, Starting Sept. 20, 2021 - Grades 1 - 8, 4:30 - 5:45 PM

Thursdays, Starting Sept. 23, 2021 - Grades 7 - 8, 6:15 - 7:30 PM

Sunday, Starts Sept. 26, 2021 – Grades 1 -6, 8:30 – 9:45 AM

New Family Registration is for Children entering 1st grade in September or transfer students.

To register your child, please fill out the registration form on Parish Giving at

<https://forms.parishgiving.org/form-4706125/>

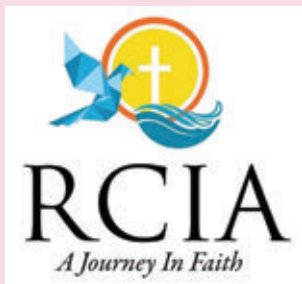
Once you have submitted the form you will receive an email from Parish Giving to complete the registration process and pay tuition.

If you have any questions please call the rectory at 856-848-0047 and your call will be directed to the proper person.

Registration for returning students is now **OPEN**.

Check for an email from ParishGiving **sent on June 15th** and follow the instructions in the email. This is for both Summer and Fall Sessions.

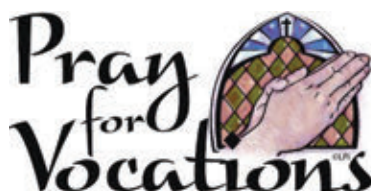
If you did not receive this email please call Ms. Janet at 856-848-0047.



This RCIA Program is intended for those who were baptized Catholics but have not yet received Holy Communion and Confirmation or those who were baptized and have already received Holy Communion but haven't received the Sacrament of Confirmation.

This program is also intended for those who have never been baptized or baptized from other Christian denominations but want to become Catholics.

If you, yourself, or you know someone who are interested, please call the rectory at (856)848-0047 as soon as possible since this program will begin in September.



WOMEN'S CLUB

The Infant Jesus Women's Club is announcing their first trip in A LONG TIME !!! Time to get out and have some fun !!!!

Announcing the return of The Original Brooklyn Pizza Tour - experience pizza and Brooklyn from one end to the other !!! This is the same world famous Pizza Tour you've seen on The Today Show, The Food Network and The Travel Channel! You'll skip the lines at Grimaldi's which is our first pizza stop (2 slices and a soft drink) in DUMBO for their Neapolitan-style pizza and L&B Spumoni Gardens in Bensonhurst for their Sicilian-style pizza (2 slices and a soft drink). You'll visit the Brooklyn waterfront in DUMBO and get the BEST photos of the Brooklyn Bridge. You'll stroll the famous Coney Island Boardwalk with your guide and visit famous Brooklyn movie locations like Saturday Night Fever, Goodfellas, The French Connection, The Warriors, Requiem for a Dream, Brighton Beach Memoirs and more!

Saturday, October 16th The bus will leave St. Margaret's Regional School Parking Lot at 8:00am and return back to the school parking lot by 6pm.

Cost - \$110 per person. Cost includes tour, pizza, gratuity for bus driver and guide. If you have any questions or to reserve your spot contact Neen Raspa at 609-230-2929 or at neenie@comcast.net This tour will fill up fast .. and your reservation will only be held with your payment.

Checks are to be made out to: Infant Jesus Parish Women's Club and be mailed to: Neen Raspa, 841A Pennlyn Place, Ocean City, NJ 08226

Like our Facebook Page Infant Jesus Parish Women's Club!!

MARY UNDOER OF KNOTS

July 24th, 2021 (Saturday) - Service Day & Dinner

Members of the Mary Undoer of Knots Adult Ministry will be reaching out to the poor within our area. We will be collecting non-perishable items to donate to a local church food pantry. The requested items are as follows: Thin Spaghetti (Only Angel Hair), Ragu Tomato Sauce, Cereal, Instant Oatmeal in individual envelopes, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Crackers, Mashed Potatoes, Rice, Tuna Fish (Pouch or cans with ring top lid), Chicken (Pouch or cans with ring top lid), Soup (cans with ring top lid), Stuffing, Cookies, Granola Bars, Coffee, and Pasta Sides. Everyone will meet on July 24th at 4 PM on the outdoor patio at Pinsetter's Bar and Bowl. Please bring your mask.



July 29th, 2021 (Thursday) - Hoagies & Parking Lot Bingo

Come join us for this one of a kind event. We will meet at Primo Hoagies, located at 3111 Route 38, in Mount Laurel, NJ on Thursday, July 8th, at 6 PM. Please bring your mask and a yard chair. Primo Hoagies offers a variety of sandwiches, desserts, and side dishes. If you're gluten intolerant, Scotto's is in the same shopping center and you can pick something from their menu.

*** Please Note*** - If the weather is inclement on 7/29, we're going to meet at 6PM at Passariello's Pizzeria in Moorestown, NJ. We will meet inside for dinner and Bingo.***

Mary Undoer of Knots Adult Ministry is affiliated with Christ the King Church, in Haddonfield and is for adults 21 to 50 years old. For those of you unfamiliar with Mary Undoer of Knots, she helps to undo "The Knots" in our lives. For example if you are studying for a college exam, hoping for career advancement, having problems making a different decision, or looking for strength for a sick family member, you can ask Mary Undoer of Knots to intercede for you. Mary Undoer of Knots is one of Pope Francis' favorites too.

For information, please contact Rosanne - persistent21@verizon.net.

Hello All!

July 17/18

Daily Reflections are a great way to start your day. Each day, you will receive in your inbox a short video that features Dr. Tim Gray commenting on the daily Mass readings, explaining the Scriptures, and providing you with concrete ideas on how to apply them to your life.



Colleen Phiifer IJPformed@gmail.com

(Scavenger hunt form can be found on the church website or look at the back of the church for extra copies.)

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Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

- Psalm 51:10



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Are you or someone you know in need of care?

Call/Text Care Coordinator, Dianne Dunleavy 856-254-5978

Join our Ministry! Call/Text Deacon Frank 856-562-6499

WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

The Holy Father, Pope Francis, has announced the First World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly to be celebrated on July 25th, 2021. This Day is being set to honor and celebrate the contribution of grandparents and elderly to our families, our faith community, and society. As the “Dicastery for Laity, Family, and Life” states:

“The Church is mother to a people who gather around the Lord and who do not seem to be able to feed themselves. It needs each and every one of us. Just as we heard in today’s Gospel how the Lord allowed a boy to assist, today it seems necessary to multiply the faith and wisdom of the elderly. In their spiritual depth there is a treasure to be discovered. The Pope has often spoken of this. On the occasion of the conference “The richness of many years life” organized by the Dicastery for Laity, Family, and Life, he said that the elderly “are the indispensable link in educating children and young people in the faith. We must get used to including them in our pastoral horizons and to considering them, in a non-episodic way, as one of the vital components of our communities. They are not simply people whom we are called to safeguard. They can be the protagonist of a pastoral evangelizing ministry, privileged witnesses of God’s faithful love”.

PRAYER FOR THE FIRST WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

I thank You, Lord,
for the comfort of Your presence:
even in times of loneliness,
You are my hope and my confidence,
You have been my rock and my fortress since my youth!

I thank You for having given me a family
and for having blessed me with a long life.
I thank You for moments of joy and difficulty,
for the dreams that have already come true in my life and for
those that are still ahead of me.
I thank You for this time of renewed fruitfulness to which You
call me.

Increase, O Lord, my faith,
make me a channel of your peace,
teach me to embrace those who suffer more than me,
to never stop dreaming
and to tell of your wonders to new generations.

Protect and guide Pope Francis and the Church,
that the light of the Gospel might reach the ends of the earth.
Send Your Spirit, O Lord, to renew the world,
that the storm of the pandemic might be calmed,
the poor consoled and wars ended.

Sustain me in weakness
and help me to live life to the full
in each moment that You give me,
in the certainty that you are with me every day,
even until the end of the age.

Amen.



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