

Infant Jesus Parish



St. John Vianney Church
2901 Good Intent Road
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334 Beech Ave.
848-0047

Hours: 9AM-12, Noon, 1PM-4PM
6-8 PM

Monday-Friday
Closed Friday evening in
July & August

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845-5251

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ST. MARGARET SCHOOL
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

17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
July 24, 2022

Saturday, July 23

4:00 PM Marie Hendrix req. by Isabella Sammartino & Evelyn Stolz
6:00 PM Francis R. Dunleavy req. by Rob & Denise Dietrich

Sunday, July 24

8:30 AM Mrs. Christine Polidoro-Hastings req. by Louise Avallone
10:00 AM George Krumenacher req. by John & Mary Lou O'Brien
11:30 AM Victor Scaringe req. by Joanne & Jim DiGennaro
4:00 PM Delores Lemon req. by Frank & Linda Gramenzi

Monday, July 25

8:30 AM Intentions of Regina Underwood req. by Regina Underwood

Tuesday, July 26

8:30 AM Mrs. Christine Polidoro-Hastings req. by Joanne & Jim DiGennaro

Wednesday, July 27

8:30 AM Frank & Rose DiLeo req. by the grandchildren

Thursday, July 28

8:30 AM Barbara Dunleavy req. by Bob & Julie Heenan

Friday, July 29

8:30 AM Madeline Carrero req. by Domenick & Harriet Faralli

Saturday, July 30

8:30 AM Barbara Dunleavy req. by Joe Denisi
4:00 PM Marie Hendrix req. by Monica David
6:00 PM Dorothy Maccariella req. by Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Maccariella

Sunday, July 31

8:30 AM Leslie & Patricia Magee req. by their daughter
10:00 AM Paul Caver req. by Maryann Mann & family
11:30 AM Thomas E. Kennedy, IV req. by the Burt family
4:00 PM Mrs. Christine Polidoro-Hastings req. by Libby Witasick

SANCTUARY LAMP

The Sanctuary lamp at St. John Vianney Church is burning for the Intentions of
Eileen Santaniello & family
req. by Pat Brady



The Sanctuary lamp at St. Margaret Church is burning in loving memory of
Dominick & Lillian Spirito
req. by their daughter, Loretta Petito.



Please pray for the repose of the soul of:

Kathleen Cocciolone

PLEASE NOTE

THE RECTORY OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON FRIDAY EVENINGS DURING JULY AND AUGUST. FRIDAY EVENING HOURS WILL RESUME AFTER LABOR DAY.

COME LET US ADORE HIM

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



Legion of Mary



The Legion of Mary meets every Wednesday at 9:15 AM in the Ministry Center Room B.
PLEASE NOTE TIME CHANGE

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Please pray for our parishioners who are in the hospital, nursing home or who are homebound: *Chip Alberta, Eileen Aleksiejczyk, Louise Avallone, Tina Boston, Michael Castro, Donna Chuba, June Centafoni, Barbara and Carl Coleman, Donna Cowgill, Jon Dilliplane, Jerry/Michelle Donnelly, Thomas Dougherty, Baby Emil, Rylie Fisher, Charlie Foster, Gerri Foster, Christopher Goldy, Baby Francis, Gabriel Gonzalez, Georgeann Greco Mykola Harasymyak, Katie Hartey, Mike Hansen, Jack Hee, Ellie Kandle, Carmel Hopkins, Katie, Marilyn Kelly, Cathy King, Robert Kirkbride, Gary Koehler, Laura L., Martha Loglisci, Penny Maslowski, Antonino Mauceli, Frank McCurdy, Frances McKnight, Diane Mendel, Sara Morrison, Louis Nocella, Margaret O'Donnell, Bobby & Allison O'Malley, Fr. Vincent O'Malley, CM, Susan Paul, Joann Popjoy, Nora Joan Rush, Eileen Santaniello, Andy Schonewise, Gary Shephard, Melissa Sirlopu, Pat Stoltz, Debbie Thompson, Margaret W., Coreen Welch, Jim Welch, Louise Wilusz, Baby Mark Zimmerman.*



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, David LaGrossa, Anthony M. Ilisco, Lt. Colonel Christian Pajak, P.O. Johnathan Brown, Michael Avallone and Capt. Robert Freeling.*

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.



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,



We are living in a world in which our own lives and the lives of our loved ones are surrounded by so many uncertainties, so many things can go astray at anytime and at any moment. The only thing that can give us peace of mind and keep us strong is, as Jesus said, pray always. In Today's Gospel, Jesus taught his disciples how to pray by teaching them the "Lord's Prayer". Every one of us seem to memorize this prayer by heart, and very often we just rush through it without giving it any thought or reflection. When we pray the "Our Father", we should keep in mind that this prayer was not written or spoken by any human being, but rather it was spoken and taught by God, Jesus Christ. For this reason, St. Thomas Aquinas called it a "Perfect Prayer", perfect since it came from the mouth of God and a pattern for all prayers. There are seven petitions in the "Our Father".

First petition: "Hallowed be Thy name" - God's name must be praised and gloried above all, since in the Name of God everything in heaven and on earth was created and redeemed, every prayer must recognize and revere His Name.

Second petition: "Thy kingdom come" - We pray for God's kingdom and His words to reach the eyes, the ears, and the heart of every person around the world.

Third petition: "Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven" - We pray that nothing on earth should go against God's will as it does in heaven, that everyone should accept God's will in his or her life and live it faithfully.

Fourth petition: "Give us this day our daily bread" - In this petition, we ask God to give us the divine nourishment for both body and soul, especially for the salvation of our souls.

Fifth petition: "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us" - Remember, when we ask God to forgive us our sins, in the mean time, we must forgive others as well. God cannot forgive us, if deep down in our hearts, we don't have mercy and forgiveness.

Sixth petition: "Lead us not into temptation" - Everyday we struggle with various temptations, as St. Paul said: "The thing that I don't want to do, I do it; and the thing that I want to do, I don't do". (Romans 7:19). We need the divine grace to strengthen us not to give into temptation as Jesus said: "Without me, you can do nothing good".

Seventh petition: "But deliver us from evil" - Every sin, venial or mortal, damages our relationship with God and others. It eventually leads to destruction and the death of the soul, only God can deliver us from the evil of eternal damnation.

Let us pray the "Our Father" meditatively and reflectively as we are praying the Words of God and not as the words of man. **-Fr. Joe Pham**

WOMEN'S CLUB



The Infant Jesus Women's Club is announcing their most sought after Brooklyn Pizza Tour !!! Time to get out and have some fun !!!! Saturday, November 19th. The bus will leave St. Margaret's Regional School Parking Lot at 8:30am and return back to the school parking lot by 6pm.

Cost - \$115 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. Like our Facebook Page Infant Jesus Parish Women's Club!!

GOD BLESS YOU For Your Weekly Offerings

In Jesus's name, I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to all of you for your weekly 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 giving. 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 blessed in God's providential care.

-Fr. Joe Pham.

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

July 17, 2022 - \$10,183.00
Church in Africa - \$ 844.00



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

“Infant Jesus Parish”

Donate from your smart phone!

Infant Jesus Parish offers a mobile version of our online giving page to make it easy for you to give anytime from your smart phone. Simply scan the image you see here using your phone's Quick Response (QR) code reader!



Update Membership Information

Does our Church database have YOUR family membership record correct?

Here is your chance to update YOUR record for receipt of our annual Ministry Book (if you haven't already done so).

It is time for us to update our database with any changes, additions, or deletions that may have occurred in YOUR family over the past year.

Have you changed your phone number? Have you moved? Are you preparing to move soon? Are all of your children still at home and are they all included in your membership record?

If you have not already informed the Parish Office about changes to your record, please let us know to be sure you receive your FREE Ministry Book. The Parish Office number is 856-848-0047.

The National Life Center (NLC) is hiring to train for our National Pro-life Crisis Pregnancy hotline. The positions are:

4-8PM and 7PM-12AM Monday through Friday (and/or weekends too).

In this post-Roe country, and state where women in crisis and their preborn are under attack, please help the NLC serve women in need and their babies. Consider making a financial donation to help us help them:

The NLC, 1st Way is located at 686 North Broad St., Woodbury, NJ 08096.

For more information, please call the office at 856-848-1819 between 1 and 5PM.

On FaceBook, Like: <http://facebook.com/1stwaywoodbury/>. Also, Like: Pro-life at Infant Jesus Parish (linked to our parish Facebook page).



Any other questions, contact Ann (buddy7@comcast.net).

2022 HOUSE OF CHARITY - "GOOD SAMARITANS" 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 2022 House of Charity**. Your sacrifices certainly would make the **above Ministries** possible. "Lord Jesus, please **multiply** my House of Charity Gift to help my "Neighbor". - *Fr. Joe Pham*

Parish Goal - \$136,900.00
Received 277 gifts - \$114,278.77 (82% of goal)

I would like to Support the House of Charity – Bishop’s Annual Appeal with:
 (Please check all applicable boxes for Gift and Payment Information)

A **One-time gift** of: \$ _____ **Paid by: (Please circle) Check / Credit Card, OR,**

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Sunday, July 24**
Deeper Dimension - 7:00 PM (via ZOOM)
- Monday, July 25**
Prayer Group - 7:30 PM (B)
- Tuesday, July 26**
SVDP Food Pantry - 6:30 - 7:30 PM (Rectory)
- Wednesday, July 27**
Jr. & Sr. Legion of Mary - 9:15AM (B)
- Saturday, July 30**
Kings Men - 7:00 AM
- Sunday, July 31**
Deeper Dimension - 7:00 PM (via ZOOM)



LECTORS

- Saturday, July 30**
4:00PM Karen Schonewise, Delores Apriletti
6:00 PM Eileen Santaniello

- Sunday, July 31**
8:30 AM Janet Puglia
10:00 AM Lou Greco
11:30 AM Cynthia Aragoncillo
4:00 PM Frank Gramenzi



EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

- Saturday, July 30**
4:00 PM Christina LoGiudice, Ed Danzi,
Linda Mazurkiewicz
6:00 PM Margie Mantzell

- Sunday, July 31**
8:30 AM Anne & Tom Heim
10:00 AM Judy Hansen, Loretta Petito
11:30 AM Ellie Kandle
4:00 PM Janet Autodore, Mary Sperling

- Saturday, July 30**
4:00 PM Liam & Max Ashenfelter
6:00 PM Anthony Malesich



- Sunday, July 31**
8:30 AM AJ Hak
10:00 AM Jeffrey Walker
11:30 AM Jacob Luehmann
4:00 PM Nicholas Brandemarti,
Santino Colonna

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HOT, HOT, HOT! Don't take a summer vacation from caring for your marriage. Bring a breath of fresh air to your relationship. The next **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends** are Oct 14-16 and Dec 2-4, 2022. For information call 609-741-8012 or email applications@wwme-southjersey.org.

Visit our website: wwme-southjersey.org.

Breakfast Club The Infant Jesus Breakfast Club will meet at the Hollywood Diner in Woodbury Heights on the second Wednesday of every month immediately following the 8:30AM Mass. Separate checks for all. Questions, ask Neen Raspa 609-230-2929.

2022-2023 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 - August 1st – August 12th
Mon. thru Fri. 9:30 – 12:30 - **Levels 3 – 8 Only**

Fall Session (Sept. – April)
Sundays 8:30 – 9:45 AM – **Levels 1 – 6 only**
Mondays 4:30 – 5:45 PM - **Levels 1 – 8**
Thursdays 6:15 – 7:30 PM – **Levels 7 -8 only**

New Family Registration is for Children entering Level/Grade 1(1st grade) in September or transfer students.

Please go to <http://www.theinfantjesusparish.org/about/religious-education/>

Then click on **[CLICK for Registration Form \(NEW FAMILIES ONLY\)](#)**

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 open

An email was sent out on Tuesday, 5/24/2022 from ParishGiving welcoming you to register your child/children for 2022-2023 school year.

If you did not receive this email please call Ms. Janet at 856-848-0047 or Parish Giving at 1-[866-307-7140](tel:866-307-7140) .

Ministry Book Advertising Opportunity

We are in the process of updating our annual Ministry Book for the parish. This book will contain everything pertinent to our parish: the various ministries, organizations, committees, activities, functions and events. This book is being provided and direct-mailed to each family at no cost to our parish, and it is again being subsidized by local businesses that advertise. If you own or manage a business and would like to find out about advertising in our book, please call the Parish Office 856-848-0047 and leave your name and number for the Ministry Book Account Executive.

Recent survey results by Guide Book Publishing show that 92.1% of families would rather patronize a Ministry Book advertiser over a non-advertiser. It “will pay” to advertise in our new Ministry Book.

ST. VINCENT de PAUL



It seems as though the kids just got out of school but we are about halfway through summer vacation and we are already thinking about their return to the classroom. We are opening our Back to School Drive today. It is always exciting for the kids to return to school with all new supplies. As always we are collecting **backpacks** as well as all school supplies, copybooks, pencils, pens, crayons, glue sticks, rulers, etc. **Backpacks** are always a special need. All donations may be left in the back of either of our churches.

We are once again offering the option to donate to our Back to School Drive on-line. You are able to donate both backpacks as well as supplies and you will find both to be very affordable. Your donation will be delivered directly to the St. Vincent DePaul Ministry. If you feel that this is a better option for you please check out the link below or scan the QR code. Please note that although we will collect supplies and backpacks through the last weekend in August the on-line donation option will close on **August 12th** as we have to have time for your donations to be delivered.

Thank you in advance for kindness and generosity to our ministry and our children.

<https://www.roonga.com/ijsvdp>



DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS



If in this calendar year (1/01/2022 through 12/31/2022), you are celebrating a milestone wedding anniversary of 25, 50, 60 or 70 years or more of marriage, please join us in celebrating on **SUNDAY, September 25, 3:00 PM** for Mass in Northfield, at St. Gianna Beretta Molla Parish. bishop will be the celebrant. A light reception will follow in the parish hall. Registration forms are available at the parish office. Registration deadline is **September 9, 2022**. For more information please call the parish office at 856-848-0047.

ATTENTION ALL CENTENARIANS AND NONAGENARIANS:

Our good Lord has blessed many among us with the gift of many years. If you are one of those who has been blessed with 90 years or more, VITALity Catholic Healthcare Services wants to know who you are so that we can recognize you and invite you to a special Mass which will be celebrated for all our diocesan Centenarians and Nonagenarians on Sunday, Sept. 11th, 2022. Details will be forthcoming. If you or a family member would send us your name, address, phone number, parish, age and birthdate, on or before **August 19th**, we would be most grateful. You can send it to:

VITALity Catholic Healthcare Services

Diocese of Camden

631 Market Street

Camden, NJ 08102

Attn: Karen Fisher

Or email to:

karen.fisher@camdendiocese.org



May the Lord continue to bless you with peace and all good things.

**Mission Co-Op for Lumen Christi Institute
Arusha, Tanzania**

Weekend of July 30th & 31st, 2022

Cordial greetings Brothers and Sisters in Christ!

Each year the diocese of Camden designates a specific weekend to draw attention to the importance of missionary activity in spreading the gospel throughout the world and supporting those called to provide for the spiritual and material needs of Jesus' flock. I am grateful to the Diocese of Camden and to the pastor Reverend Joseph Pham, for granting me the opportunity this weekend to speak about our mission in Africa.

The purpose of this Mission Co-Op appeal is to seek your help and support specifically for three things: 1. For the feeding and the education of the orphan children who are boarded in our school. 2. To provide medicine and health care to many young children and expectant mothers. 3. For expanded lecture halls and operating expenses for our rapidly growing seminary at Lumen Christi Institute, Arusha Catholic Diocese in Tanzania.

Through our education ministry, we provide shelter and quality education for many orphan children who otherwise would not have the opportunity for an education. Past two years due to COVID19, many families lost their loved ones, and many parents lost their jobs and so are unable to feed the children. We had to take a loan out at 15% interest to feed the children. Through our health ministry, we are providing free medicine and health care to many young children, expectant mothers, and elderly. Without the help and support from others, we are unable to provide needed medicine and to run the dispensary.

Since our religious congregation is getting numerous vocations (the last academic year 2021- 2022 – 65 seminarians were enrolled and the next year 2022-2023 that number will increase to 70), we are now forced to expand immediately the lecture halls in the seminary as the existing ones are too small as they accommodate only 30 students. While the increasing number of seminarians every year has truly been a blessing, this growth has put us in great difficulty regarding our budget to accommodate increased growth and related operating expenses.

Since 2014 I have been coming to Camden diocese for summer ministry, and I have been blessed, graced, and have witnessed the love and generosity of all of you. It's that love, generosity and support that has made a big difference and helped us to reach where we are today! While all of us here are enjoying our beautiful coastal surroundings while vacationing, let us thank God for his blessings by remembering those who count on us for help in improving their living situations. Therefore, I humbly request your valuable and generous contributions towards our mission. Your valuable contribution will go a long way in providing essential health preserving services for the children and families who are in our care, and in building the Kingdom of God through our future priests who are being trained and empowered in our seminary.

I would like to conclude with the words of Saint Mother Teresa of Kolkota, ***“We ourselves feel that what we are doing is just a drop in the ocean. But the ocean would be less because of that missing drop.”***

Fr. Thomas Kochalumchuvattil, MSFS
Superior & Director of Lumen Christi Institute

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