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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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Pray without ceasing.*

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST MARY VIANNEY PARISH

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Mrs. Patricia Draper - Director
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WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 8:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday: 7:00 a.m.
Wednesday: Communion Service at 7:00 a.m.

PARISH STAFF

333-6060

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**PRIEST SCHEDULE
December 23/24, 2017**

Saturday: 5:00 - Fr Ray
Sunday: 10:00 - PC/Dominican Friars
(schedule may be subject to change)



Saturday, December 16

5:00 p.m. Real Chevrette
(2nd Anniversary)
~by family

Sunday, December 17

8:30 a.m. James Marsland, Sr.
(4th Anniversary)
~by his wife & family

10:00 a.m. Betty Ann Drezek
(6th Anniversary)
~by her family

11:30 a.m. Edward Carpenter, Jr.
(6th Anniversary)
~by the Carpenter family

Monday, December 18

7:00 a.m. Hector Lussier
(42nd Anniversary)
~by Claudie

Tuesday, December 19

7:00 a.m. Noella Girard
(Christmas & Birthday Remembrance)
~by family

Wednesday, December 20

7:00 a.m. Communion Service

Thursday, December 21

7:00 a.m. Frances Camire
(Christmas Remembrance)
~by her husband

Friday, December 22

7:00 a.m. Richard Waddington
Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Casullo
(Christmas Remembrance)
~by Carol Waddington

Saturday, December 23

5:00 p.m. Anne Nartowicz & Francis Albright
(Christmas Remembrance)
~by family

Sunday, December 24

10:00 a.m. Patricia Landry
(1st Anniversary)
~by her family

ST. JOHN VIANNEY FOR THE NEEDY



On line donations can be made to St. John Vianney For The Needy through our website.

Food for the needy - Please remember to bring canned goods to help feed the hungry.

Poor Boxes are located at the entrances to the Church. The money collected is used to feed the poor.

Clothing bins **are no longer at the church**. Clothing can be donated to the following nearby locations:

- The Wardrobe
1286 Broad St. Central Falls/401-729-0405
- Big Brothers/Big Sisters
1270 High St. Cumberland/ 401-921-2434

WEEKLY EVENTS:

Life in the Spirit prayer meeting meets every Thursday in the church hall at 7 PM.

Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament meets every Wednesday in the church at 7 PM.

Confessions - Saturday from 4:00 p.m. to 4:40 p.m.



SICK AND HOME BOUND

Anyone who is ill or homebound and wishes to receive the Eucharist on Sunday may call Prue Robert at 333-6770.

BAPTISM

To make arrangements to have your child baptized please contact the office at 333-6060 or sjvdenise@gmail.com. If you would like a visit from a member of our Elizabeth Ministry to answer questions or help you prepare for baptism, please call Regina Bamford at (508)878-7045 or Patty Lambrou at (401)339-2975.



THE PRAYER BOX is located in the Gathering Space. There is a place to write down and leave any prayer request you might have. Simply write down your intentions and drop them in the box. We will regularly offer up these intentions during our liturgies.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NOTES

Grade 8: We need volunteer teachers for our 8th grade faith formation program. Classes run on Tuesday evenings from January 16th to April 10th. Please contact Kim Passanante for more details at 847-533-8141 or sjvkimp@gmail.com.

CHILDRENS CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

The Children's Christmas Pageant will be held on Sunday, December 31, 2017 at the 11:30 am Mass. Rehearsals will continue on the following Wednesdays from 4:00 - 5:30 pm in the Church: December 20th & 27th. Shepherds should begin to attend rehearsals December 20th from 4 - 5:30 pm. The final rehearsal will take place on Saturday, December 30th from 10 am - 12 noon. Children must attend all rehearsals.



MEN'S GROUP

The Men's Group will meet this Thursday, December 21, at 6:00 pm in the Church Hall. All men in the parish are welcome to attend!



LIVE-STREAMED CHRISTMAS MASSES

For anyone unable to attend any of our Christmas liturgies, please note that the 4:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass and the 8:30 am Christmas Morning Mass will be streamed live on our parish website at www.sjvparish.org.

ELIZABETH MINISTRY

The SJV Elizabeth Ministry offers support, prayers and understanding during the joys and sorrows of the childbearing years. The women of our parish ministry share their presence, stories and experience in the hope that these will encourage another woman and her family.



We enable our parish to:

- Welcome families to our parish and visit families who are preparing for baptism
- Give reassurance and encouragement to women who are pregnant or are caring for a newborn
- Reach out to women who experience a miscarriage, infant or child death
- Respond at times of infant and child crisis

If you would like more information, please contact Patty Lambrou at (401)339-2975 or Regina Bamford at (508)878-7045.

SJV FOR THE NEEDY CHRISTMAS GIVING ENVELOPES

are due back this weekend. Please place the red envelope with your donation in the collection basket at any mass this weekend.

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~ 1 Thessalonians 5:16-17

SPIRITUAL POVERTY

On this "Rejoice!" Sunday in Advent, we can pray in a particular way for an end to material poverty. Today's readings assure us that the kind of poverty God desires for us is spiritual poverty, a radical knowledge that all things come from God. Where material poverty can wound the human spirit, spiritual poverty cultivates boundless joy. John the Baptist provides a startling model for us. In all sincerity, he admits that he is not worthy to touch Jesus' sandals. John says this not to charm the crowds by being coy and self-deprecating. No, John embraces the truth that God is the source of all goodness. We are utterly dependent on God for all good things. We cannot do anything to earn God's favor; God simply provides for us because we need God. This is massively good news! No one could possibly care for us like God does. At our very best, we merely reflect God's brightness into the world. God's brilliant joy is exactly what we are called to. As Saint Paul says, "The one who calls you is faithful, and he will also accomplish it."

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BLOOD DRIVE RESULTS

Thank you to everyone who donated blood at the Blood Drive on December 3rd. We had a total of 18 donations which will help save up to 54 lives!

YOUTH CHOIR

SJV will be starting up a youth choir again in 2018 for children in grades 4 - 8. The choir will sing occasionally at masses throughout the year. Rehearsals will take place in the church on Tuesdays from 4 - 5 pm, beginning on January 9th. Occasionally there will be a different rehearsal day. For more information or to sign up, email Rene Whalen at jwhalen2@cox.net.



ELECTRONIC GIVING

St. John Vianney offers an Electronic Giving option. Contributions can be deducted from checking or saving accounts or processed using credit or debit cards. To set up a one-time or a recurring contribution, visit our website at www.sjvparish.org and click on the Donate button on the homepage.



Please contact the office to make arrangements for cancelling your budget envelopes.



O God our provident Father through your Son you revealed to us the mysteries of the Kingdom; you will that all men and women be saved and come to know knowledge of your Truth. Send workers into your great harvest, grant that more men will serve your Church as priests for the diocese of Providence, that the Gospel may be preached to every creature and your people, strengthened by the word of life and the sacraments may advance in the way of salvation and love. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

PARISH RECORDS

New Parishioners

Welcome to our new parishioners. You may register with our parish by visiting our website, www.sjvparish.org, and selecting the **New Parishioner Registration** link or by contacting the office at 333-6060 or sjvdenise@gmail.com. We hope you will become an active part of our parish community.

Existing parishioners are also asked to contact the office when changing your address and/or contact information or if you are leaving the parish to help us keep our records current. Thank you!

SAFETY REMINDER

The police have alerted us to the fact that there have been a number of car break-ins in the Cumberland area and most recently in our church parking lot on a Sunday morning while Mass was being held. While the police are working to apprehend these criminals, please be mindful of leaving laptops, cell phones, purses and other valuable items in plain view in your vehicle while in church.

SPECIAL RELIGIOUS DEVELOPMENT MINISTRY (SPRED)

Come share your faith with people with developmental and cognitive disabilities. Many are waiting for someone to help them grow and journey in faith. This ministry offers spiritual growth in the love of God for parishioners who answer "Yes" to this call as well as the people with disabilities who join a SPRED parish small faith community. For more information, call Matthew Perry at 529-3783. Training is provided by the Diocesan SPRED office.



