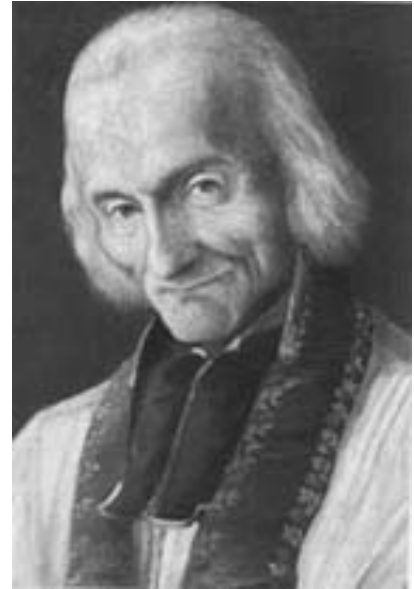


Jean-Baptiste-Marie Vianney, (8 May 1786 – 4 August 1859), commonly known in English as **St John Vianney**, was a French parish priest who is venerated in the Catholic Church as a saint and as the patron saint of all priests. He is often referred to as the "*Curé d'Ars*". He became internationally notable for his priestly and pastoral work in his parish because of the radical spiritual transformation of the community and its surroundings. Catholics attribute this to his saintly life, mortification, his persevering ministry in the sacrament of confession, and his ardent devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary and to Saint Philomena.



Vianney was born on 8 May 1786, in the French town of Dardilly, and was baptized the same day. His parents, Matthieu Vianney and Marie Beluze,^[1] had six children, of whom John was the fourth. The Vianneys were devout Catholics who helped the poor and gave hospitality to St. Benedict Joseph Labre, the patron saint of tramps, who passed through Dardilly on his pilgrimage to Rome.

By 1790, the French Revolution forced many loyal priests to hide from the government in order to carry out the sacraments in their parish. In order to attend Mass, even though it was illegal, the Vianneys travelled to distant farms where they could pray in secret. Since the priests risked their lives day by day, Vianney began to look upon priests as heroes. His First Communion lessons were carried out in a public home by three priests. He made his first communion at the age of 13. During the Mass, the windows were covered so that the light of the candles could not be seen from the outside. The secrecy of his Catholic practices continued, especially during his preparation for confirmation.

The Catholic Church was re-established in France in 1802, resulting in religious peace throughout the country. By this time, Vianney was concerned about his future vocation and longed for an education. He was 20 when his father allowed him to leave the farm to be taught at a "presbytery-school" in the neighbouring village of Écully, conducted by the Abbé Balley. The school taught arithmetic, history, geography, and Latin. Vianney struggled with school, especially with Latin, since his past education had been interrupted by the French Revolution. Only because of Vianney's deepest desire to be a priest—and Balley's patience—did he persevere.

Vianney's studies were interrupted in 1809 when he was drafted into Napoleon's armies. He would have been exempt, as an ecclesiastical student, but Napoleon had withdrawn the exemption in certain dioceses because of his need for soldiers in his fight against Spain. Two days after he had to report at Lyons, he became ill and was hospitalized, during which time his draft left without him. Once released from the hospital, on January 5, he was sent to Roanne for another draft. He went into a church to pray, and fell behind the group. He met a young man who volunteered to guide him back to his group, but instead led him deep into the mountains of Le Forez, to the village of Les Noes, where deserters had gathered. Vianney lived there for fourteen months, hidden in the byre attached to a farmhouse, and under the care of Claudine Fayot, a widow with four children.

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Mon. 07/27 **A Day of Prayer for Victims of Cancer**
 Feast Weekday
 8:00 AM Mass Lois J. Riley, *Stan and Sue Galant*

Tues. 07/28 **A Day of Prayer for Victims of Heart Diseases**
 Feast Weekday
 8:00 AM Mass David Fox, *Mary Ann Branich and Family*

Wed. 07/29 **A Day of Prayer for Victims of Arthritis**
 Feast Saint Martha
 8:00 AM Mass Merle Hirt, *Jim and Steph Kilcoyne*

Thur. 07/30 **A Day of Prayer for Victims of Nervous Disorders**
 Feast Saint Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
 8:00 AM Mass David Conrad, *John and Kathy Kasun*

Fri. 07/31 **A Day of Prayer for Victims of Emotional Disorders**
 Feast Saint Ignatius Loyola, Priest
 8:00 AM Mass Poor Souls in Purgatory, *Fred Petrunak*

Sat. 08/01 **A Day of Prayer for Victims of Diabetes**
 Feast Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 4:30 PM Mass Joan A. Hirt, *B/day Ann 7/30, Children, Grand & Great Gr. Children*
 6:30 PM *Beginning of 9 Day Novena to St. John Vianny*

Sun. 08/02 **A Day of Prayer for Victims of Addictions**
 Feast Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 9:00 AM Mass Our Lady of Fatima Parish Family
 11:00 AM Mass Clementine Kawtoski, *Chester and Mary Kowalski*

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 0731 Baylee Scalice
 08/03 Ruth Ann Barry



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For the Priests of Altoona-Johnstown
 begins
NEXT SATURDAY, AUGUST 1, 2015
6:30 P.M.
and continues each of the following eight days

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(Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 19, 2015)
 186 people Celebrated Liturgy at O.L.F. contributing \$1,746.21 of which \$ 370.56 accounted for non-envelope contributions.

# Envelopes In Circulation	179	# Used	66	# Unused	113
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Collection One Year Ago = \$ 2,025.00 Peter's Pence coll. = \$315.00 Missionary Co-op Coll. To date = \$365.00



ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown

Amount Assessed = \$15,100 Amount Pledged to date = \$11,465.
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Elsewhere in the bulletin we indicate that there are 179 boxes of envelopes in circulation. We use that figure to suggest the number of regular givers to our collections. So far only 65 of those regular contributors have made pledges to this year's Annual Catholic Appeal. Consider this note as a gentle reminder to fellow procrastinators that "Now is the time for all good men and women to come to the aid of their parish."

**** The Asterisks beside the donor's names means that they have made additional pledges to help Our Lady of Fatima make its goal.**

Out and About . . .

The Dorothy Day Outreach Center is holding their first annual "Wine Tasting Event" to be held on August 8th at the Lady of Loretto Hall in Loretto PA. Tickets are on sale at the center by calling Mary at 472-2877. Tickets include wine tasting, beer tasting, a meal, wine bag, and wine glass. Entertainment will be supplied and there will be a basket raffle. All proceeds from the wine tasting event helps the disenfranchised from Cambria and the surroundings counties.

The Dorothy Day Outreach Center is holding its bi-annual TAG Sale on, Saturday, July 25th at the Dorothy Day Outreach Center Parking lot from 9AM to 3PM

The Carmelite Community in Loretto is having a "Day of Discernment" on Saturday, August 22, 2015 from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM at the CCW Incarnation Center, 394 Bem Road, Gallitzin, PA. The day will include communal prayer, Eucharistic Adoration time for personal discernment and an opportunity to meet member of the Carmelite Community. Call 814-472-9457 to register or more information.

The Cathedral Parish is having a "Casino Night" on August 8, 2015 in the Cathedral Hall, 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM. This is an adult evening with various booths along with beverages.



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An imperial decree proclaimed in March 1810 granted amnesty to all deserters which enabled Vianney to go back legally to Écully, where he resumed his studies. He was tonsured in 1811, and in 1812 he went to the minor seminary at Verrières-en-Forez. In autumn of 1813, he was sent to major seminary at Lyons. Considered too slow, he was returned to Abbe Balley. However, Balley persuaded the Vicars General that Vianney's piety was great enough to compensate for his ignorance, and the seminarian received minor orders and the subdiaconate on 2 July 1814, was ordained a deacon in June 1815, and was ordained priest on 12 August 1815 in the Couvent des Minimes de Grenoble. He said his first Mass the next day, and was appointed assistant to Balley in Écully.

In 1818, shortly after the death of Balley, Jean-Marie Vianney was appointed parish priest of the parish of Ars, a town of 230 inhabitants.^[5] When Vianney's bishop first assigned him to Ars, he got lost trying to find the town. Two young men tending flocks in the fields pointed him in the right direction. With Catherine Lassagne and Benedicta Lardet, he established *La Providence*, a home for girls.

As parish priest, Vianney realized that the Revolution's aftermath had resulted in religious ignorance and indifference, due to the devastation wrought on the Catholic Church in France. At the time, Sundays in rural areas were spent working in the fields, or dancing and drinking in taverns. Vianney spent time in the confessional and gave homilies against blasphemy and dancing. If his parishioners did not give up dancing, he refused them absolution.

Abbe Balley had been Vianney's greatest inspiration, since he was a priest who remained loyal to his faith, despite the Revolution Vianney felt compelled to fulfill the duties of a curé, just as did Balley, even when it was illegal.

Vianney came to be known internationally, and people from distant places began traveling to consult him as early as 1827. "By 1855, the number of pilgrims had reached 20,000 a year. During the last ten years of his life, he spent 16 to 18 hours a day in the confessional. Even the bishop forbade him to attend the annual retreats of the diocesan clergy because of the souls awaiting him yonder". He spent at least 11 or 12 hours a day in the confessional during winter, and up to 16 in the summer. Vianney had a great devotion to St. Philomena. Vianney regarded her as his guardian and erected a chapel and shrine in honor of the saint. During May 1843, Vianney fell so ill he thought that his life was coming to its end. He asked St Philomena to cure him and promised to say 100 Masses at her shrine. Twelve days later, Vianney was cured and he attributed his cure to her intercession.

Vianney yearned for the contemplative life of a monk, and four times ran away from Ars, the last time in 1853. He was a champion of the poor as a Franciscan tertiary and was a recipient of the coveted French Legion of Honor. The body of Saint John Marie Vianney wearing a wax mask, found to be incorrupt by the Catholic Church. The body is entombed above the main altar in the Basilica at Ars, France.

On 4 August 1859, Vianney died at age of 73. The bishop presided over his funeral with 300 priests and more than 6,000 people in attendance. Before he was buried, Vianney's body was fitted with a wax mask.

Pope Benedict XVI proclaimed St. John Vianney the Universal Patron of Priests and declared June 19, 2009-June 19, 2010 the Year of the Priests to encourage priests to strive for spiritual perfection. In the Holy Father's words the Curé d'Ars is "a true example of a pastor at the service of Christ's flock."

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