

## Vocation Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Eternal Father,  
Son of the Virgin Mary,  
we thank You for offering Your life in sacrifice on  
the Cross, and for renewing this sacrifice  
in every Mass celebrated throughout the world.

In the Power of the Holy Spirit  
we adore You and proclaim  
Your living presence in the Eucharist.  
We desire to imitate the love You show us  
in Your death and resurrection,  
by loving and serving one another.

John Marie Baptiste Vianney, Curé of Ars,  
known for your  
love of God and His holy people, pray with us  
and for us that we may grow in that love.  
You know our needs are great and people thirst  
for God's presence.

Please intercede for us that God opens our  
hearts, raises up faithful  
servants of the Gospel, dedicated, holy priests,  
sisters, brothers and deacons,  
who will spend themselves for Your people and  
their needs.

Mary, the Mother of the Church and model of  
every vocation, help us to say  
"Yes" to the Lord, who calls us to share in the  
divine plan of salvation.

Lord of the harvest, may Your Word find a  
home in our hearts and  
never cease to pray that many choose to  
respond to Your call.

Bless those who are serving now with courage  
and perseverance.

Grant that many will be inspired by their  
example and faith.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## A Prayer for Priests

Lord Jesus, You have chosen Your priests  
from among us and sent them out to proclaim  
Your Word and to act in Your name. For so  
great a gift to Your Church, we give You  
praise and thanksgiving. We ask You to fill  
them with the fire of Your love, that their  
ministry may reveal Your presence in the  
Church. Since they are earthen vessels, we  
pray that Your power shine out through  
their weakness; in their afflictions let them  
never be crushed, in their doubts never  
despair, in temptation never be destroyed, in  
persecution never abandoned. Inspire them  
through prayer to live each day the mystery  
of Your dying and rising. In times of  
weakness send them Your Spirit, and help  
them to praise Your heavenly Father and  
pray for poor sinners. By the same Holy  
Spirit put Your word on their lips and Your  
love in their hearts, to bring good news to  
the poor and healing to the brokenhearted.  
And may the gift of Mary Your mother, to  
the disciple whom You loved, be Your gift to  
every priest. Grant that she who formed  
You in her human image, may form them in  
Your divine image, by the power of Your  
Spirit, to the Glory of God the Father. Amen.  
(St. Vincent Ministry to Priests)

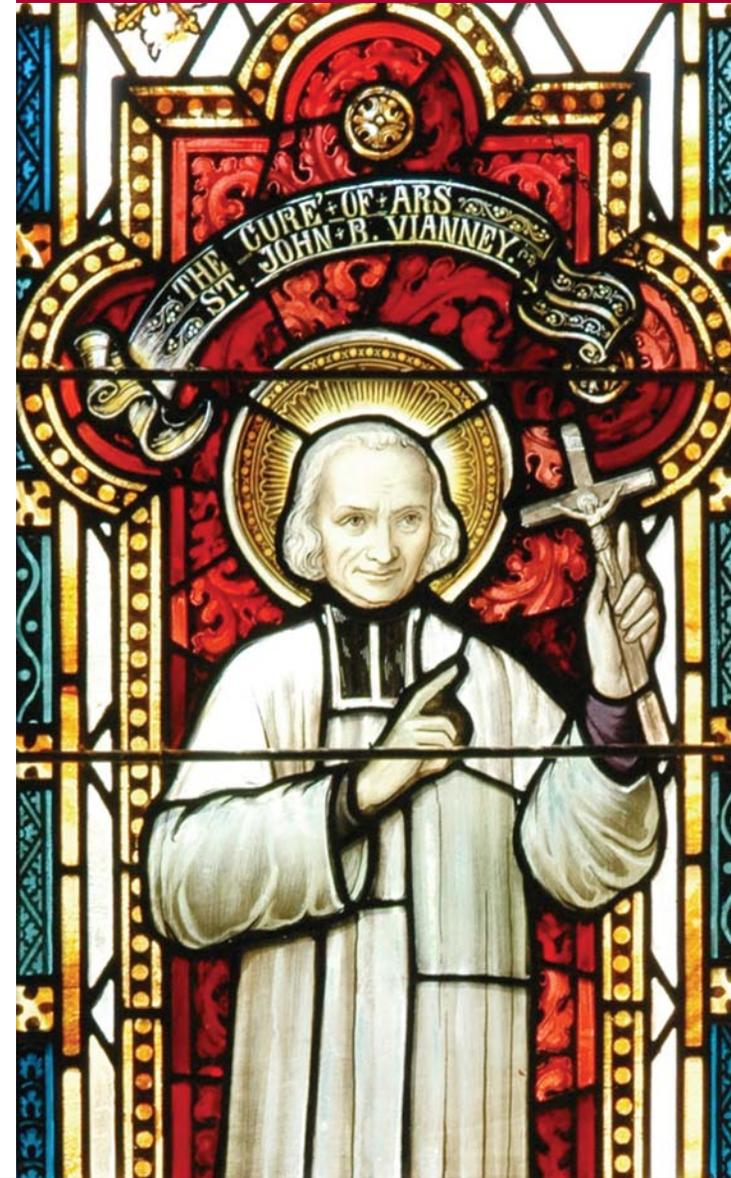
## Information

### RESTROOMS

1. Outside behind the Church (convenience station)
2. Parish Center Lobby (use front entrance)
3. Church Lobby

## Saint Jean-Marie Baptiste Vianney "The Curé of Ars"

1786 - 1859



THE CHURCH of the CURÉ of ARS  
MERRICK, NY

# Venerate The Heart of Saint John Vianney Patron Saint of Parish Priests.

St. John's heart and chalice are located in front of the altar.

## Welcome

During veneration of the incorrupt heart of St. John Vianney, confessions will be heard in the following locations:

1. Chapel behind the Sanctuary
2. Mary Chapel in the Church Lobby
3. Choir loft
4. Outside trailer behind the Church

## St. John Vianney Quotes

"Through prayer we receive a foretaste of heaven and something of paradise comes down upon us. I often think that when we come to adore the Lord we would receive everything we ask for if we would ask with living faith and a pure heart."

"Our hearts are small but prayer stretches them and makes them capable of loving God."

## What is a relic?

A relic is an object, especially a piece of the body or a personal item of someone of religious significance, carefully kept with an air of veneration as a tangible memorial. The word relic comes from the Latin reliquiae (remains).

## Schedule

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7

- 10:30am - 2:00pm Veneration and confessions  
5:00pm - 6:00pm Holy Mass  
6:00pm - 10:00pm Veneration and confessions

Restrooms are located Outside behind the Church, in the Parish Center Lobby (use front entrance) and in the Church Lobby

## Why do we venerate relics?

Since the earliest days of the Church, Christians showed deep respect and reverence for the remains of the holy men and women who were models of sanctity. Veneration is a way of both honoring the work that was accomplished by these saints, as well as asking that saint to help us on our pilgrim way through his/her prayerful intercession. As St. Thomas Aquinas writes in the Summa Theologica: "Wherefore in memory of them, we ought to honor any relics in a fitting manner, principally their bodies, which were temples of the Holy Spirit dwelling and operating in them, and destined to be likened to the body of Christ by the glory of the Resurrection."

## How to venerate the heart

1. Genuflect
2. Solemn bow
3. Kneel in the pew in silent prayer

## About St. John Vianney

Saint Jean-Marie Baptiste Vianney was born at Dardilly, near Lyons, France, on May 8, 1786 the fourth oldest of six children. He was of average intelligence but his masters never seemed to have doubted his vocation. In 1812, he was sent to the seminary at Verrieres. On August 13, 1815, he

was ordained a priest. He was sent to Ecully as assistant to Fr. Balley, who had first recognized and encouraged his vocation.

In 1818, after the death of Fr. Balley, John Vianney was made parish priest of Ars, a village near Lyons. It was in this remote French hamlet that, as the Curé d'Ars, he became known throughout France and the Christian world. A few years after he went to Ars, he founded a sort of orphanage for destitute girls. It was called "The Providence" and was the model of similar institutions established later all over France.

But the chief labor of the Curé d'Ars was the direction of souls. He had not been long at Ars when people began coming to him from other parishes, then from distant places, then from all parts of France, and finally from other countries. During the last ten years of his life, he spent from 16 to 18 hours a day in the confessional.

The miracles recorded by his biographers were the obtaining of money for his charities and food for his orphans, supernatural knowledge of the past and future, and healing the sick, especially children.

In 1925, Pope Pius XI canonized him. His feast day is kept on August 4th.

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10

- 10:30am - 12:00pm Veneration and confessions  
12:30pm Holy Mass  
2:00pm - 7:30pm Veneration and confessions  
7:30pm Vespers  
8:30pm - 10:00pm Veneration and confessions

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11

- 10:30am - 1:30pm Veneration and confessions  
1:30pm - 2:30pm Closing Holy Mass  
Sunday, October 8, Curé of Ars Parishioners Only.  
Monday, October 9, Clergy, Religious and Seminarians Only.