



Building God's Community: As disciples of Jesus Christ, we the members of **St. John Vianney Parish** join together to proclaim God's Word, celebrate the sacraments, and serve others with compassion and generosity.

JOINING OUR PARISH

We welcome all who seek a spiritual home in our Catholic community. Introduce yourself to the pastor and he will help you join our parish.

If you are not baptized, or are baptized in another Christian tradition and seek full communion with the Catholic Church, consider the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults process. It begins with inquiry sessions in which you can ask questions and discuss issues with other seekers. The process continues with opportunities for learning and spiritual transformation. The RCIA also serves baptized Catholics who did not have the opportunity to receive Holy Communion and Confirmation. The Director of Religious Education will help you start.

BAPTISM

If you are parents seeking baptism for your child, please introduce yourself to the pastor after Mass. He wishes to meet you in person before making an appointment for baptism preparation.

MARRIAGE

Our pastor invites engaged couples to make an appointment with him at least six months prior to marriage, before setting a wedding date. Couples are welcome to call as soon as you decide to marry or even while you are still considering whether to go forward toward marriage.

RECONCILIATION

Saturday at Corpus Christi Church: 4:15–4:45 PM
Sunday at St Pius X Church: 9:10–9:25 AM
or by appointment.

PASTORAL TEAM:

Rev. Michael J. Kirwin, Ph.D.: *Pastor*
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FINANCE COUNCIL: finance@stjvp.org

MASSES OF THE WEEK

		<u>Location</u>	<u>Mass Intention:</u>	<u>Requested by:</u>
Saturday	12-05	5:00 p.m. (C.C.)	Living and Deceased Members of	St. John Vianney Parish
Sunday	12-06	8:00 a.m. (C.C.)	Edward & Margaret Sokoloski	Family
		9:30 a.m. (S.P.)	Edward Doyle	Wife, Mary Anne
		11:00 a.m. (C.C.)	Luigi Giordano	Carmela & Francesco Giordano
Monday	12-07	6:30 p.m. (S.P.)	Living and Deceased Members of	St. John Vianney Parish
Tuesday	12-08	12:00 p.m. (C.C.)	Ruth Dukerich	Betty McAndrew
		7:00 p.m. (C.C.)	Inez Galvin	Family
Wednesday	12-09	8:30 a.m. (C.C.)	John Valtos	Deacon Ed & Carol Salva
Thursday	12-10	8:30 a.m. (C.C.)	Jerome Donchar	
Friday	12-11	8:30 a.m. (C.C.)	Olive & Jimmy Coppin	Friends
Saturday	12-12	5:00 p.m. (C.C.)	Henry P. Koruszko	John Baron
Sunday	12-13	8:00 a.m. (C.C.)	Barry J. Figured & Mary A. Figured	Joseph Figured, Jr. & Sr.
		9:30 a.m. (S.P.)	Living and Deceased Members of	St. John Vianney Parish
		11:00 a.m. (C.C.)	Al Page	Angela Page & Family



There are extra pledge forms in the entrance of the Church. Our Parish Goal: \$32,000
 Percentage of Goal Pledged as of the last report 86%

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICES

Monday, December 14th at 7:00p.m., an Advent Penance Service will be celebrated for St. John Vianney Parish at Corpus Christi. This is an opportunity for all of our parishioners to prepare for Christmas and the coming of Christ, by celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation as a parish community.

OTHER AREA RECONCILIATION SERVICES:

- Sun., Dec. 13, 6:00p.m., Nativity BVM, Tunkhannock
- Sun., Dec.13, 3:00p.m., Sacred Heart, Peckville
- Tue., Dec. 15, 6:30p.m., Visitation BWM, Dickson City
- Tue., De. 15, 7:00p.m. St. Patrick's, Nicholson
- Wed., Dec. 16, 6:30p.m., St. Thomas Church, Archbald
- Thur., Dec. 17, 6:30p.m., St. Rose, Carbondale
- Thu., Dec. 17, 7:00p.m., Our Lady Snows, Clarks Summit

The Giving Tree

The tradition of the Giving Tree will continue at St. John Vianney Parish this year. The gifts from Corpus Christi benefit the youths at Lourdesmont and the St Pius gifts go to children of Romy's Place. An optional 'wish list' has been included for each child that you may use as a guide in your gift buying. Please take a tag and return the gift to the church from which you got the tag by Sunday, December 13th at Corpus Christi and Sunday, December 20th at St. Pius. Place an ornament on the tree when you put the gift under it. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



ATTENTION KN-8TH GRADE



The Children's Christmas Eve Mass will be held at 4:00p.m. at Corpus Christi.

All Kn - 8th Grade Students of the parish are invited to participate in the presentation of the Nativity during the Children's Christmas Liturgy on Thursday, December 24th at 4:00p.m. at Corpus Christi Church. **Practices**

will be held on Tuesdays, December 8th & 15th 6:00p.m.-7:30p.m. at Corpus Christi Church. Any questions, please call the Parish Office 254-9502.

Final Dress Rehearsal and Pizza Party will be held for the Children's Choir and Nativity participants on Tuesday, December 22 from 6:00p.m. to 8:00p.m. **All participants must attend this final practice.**

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Tuesday, December 8th is a Holy Day of Obligation in all Parishes in the United States. A Vigil Mass will be said on Monday at 6:30p.m. at St. Pius X and on Tuesday there will be Masses at noon and 7:00p.m. at Corpus Christi.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR PRACTICES

All children interested in joining the children's choir, practices are Sundays after 11AM Mass to 1:30PM. Practice will be every Sunday until Christmas. Children will be offered a light lunch before practice starts at 12:20. We will review music to be sung at children's liturgy as well as **Christmas music!** If you have any questions, call Heather at 570-947-2040.



CALLING ALL SINGERS & CANTORS!



Please consider sharing your voice by joining our choir! Practices are now **Thursdays at 7 PM** at the Corpus Christi location. Any one interested in becoming a cantor, please contact Heather at 570-947-2040

ATTENTION FAMILIES AND TEENS:

CHOSEN is our High School Religious Education Program. All teens are invited to experience CHOSEN. We are currently offering this monthly. Join other teens, (Some are coming because they want to teach in our CCD Program), teens from youth group **WANT to come, and we want YOU to come!** **YOU are CHOSEN.** Chosen by God. Say YES to His call. Don't say no! It's only once a month! This is fun and is our CHOSEN way to do a High School Program. **PARENTS!!!** Please encourage your sons and daughters to attend once a month.



When? The next session will be **Sunday, December 20 from 3:30-5PM** (Call or look in bulletin for monthly session)

Where? Parish Office Building Who? Grades 9-12 Call JoAnn at 254-9502 ext. 3 for more information.

BAKE SALE

December 12th & 13th after the 5pm, 8am & 11am Masses. There will be homemade nut roll, raisin bread, pies, cookies and many other tasty morsels for the Christmas holiday!!! Held by Brownie Troop 50811. We're the newest member of the Church community!!! Merry Christmas!!!

THANK YOU

Our "Socks for cold feet" project was a great success this year. Between our parish and the Methodist Church we collected over 1,500 pair of socks. Thank you to all who gave so generously to help the needy.

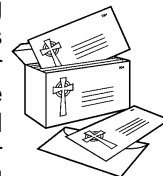
GOOD NEWS PEOPLE

Thank you to the *GoodNewsPeople* Planning Team and to all the people who participated in the first session. We are now looking forward to learning more about the spiritual and corporal works of mercy by participating in the Immersion Experience. The second session will begin the week of 2/28/16.



GRADE SCHOOL STUDENT ENVELOPES

Any students that receive offering envelopes, and do not attend Religious Education, are asked to pick up their offering envelopes in the back of the Church. All students in Religious Ed will receive their envelopes in class. If your child is in Catholic School or High School and they did not receive envelopes, and you would like to receive them, please call or e-mail the Parish Office (254-9502 or ccrc402@comcast.net).



TOOTHPASTE FOR THE NEEDY



Over the past 25 years youth groups from our area have provided toiletries that they then wrapped and distributed to the guests of the kitchen on Christmas Day. St. John Vianney Parish has been involved many years! Thanks to the generosity of all involved the guests are always so grateful for having been remembered on Christmas Day. Our church will collect toothpaste once again. Would you please help us? We need 300 tubes of toothpaste! Please place in the container in back of church **by December 13th**. We will leave a can for donation in case you wish us to purchase for you.

Miracle of Marcellino – Movie at Corpus Christi Parish Center, Dec. 13 at 2PM.

A heart-warming story set in the 16th century. It is wartime and the friars of a humble monastery find a baby on the doorsteps of a home in ruins. They lovingly raise the baby and name him Marcellino. When he turns 6 years old, a wealthy Count and his wife take Marcellino in but he remains a very lonely boy. While the count's home offers luxury, it lacks warmth. During his first hunt, Marcellino terrorized by so much violence against animals, runs away to go back to his beloved friars. A storm rages and the next morning he's found unconscious and brought to the monastery and hidden in a loft with a large crucifix. Experience the simple faith of an innocent child – who while recovering finds comfort in his "special friend," the man on the crucifix – and the miracle he inspired. **PIZZA and Refreshments will be served.**

Liturgical Ministers' Schedule

December 7-8, 2015 (Immaculate Conception)

6:30p	M. Salansky (St. Pius)	L. Conrad	S. McCoy
12:00p	E. Komora	M. A. Paulukonis	R. Stracham
7:00p	K. Kolucki N. Kolucki K. Priest	R. Koruszko	Deacon Ed J. Szczesniak C. Salva

December 12-13, 2015

5:00p	N. Ferraro L. Osburn L. Osburn	D. Spegar	Deacon Ed J. Piccini C. Salva
8:00a	D. Beecroft B. Good	L. Lastauskas	R. Good G. Hallesky G. Konzman Deacon Ed
9:30a (St. Pius)	K. Long M. Salansky	K. Shostek	M. Orazzi
11:00a	G. Szczesniak N. Toth M. Toth	M. Mannion	B. Toth R. Toth D. Sashko

USED FIRST COMMUNION CLOTHES

Holy Communion is very important to the people of Haiti who we have been helping. Please bring in any First Communion clothing for BOYS OR GIRLS that you don't need. They will share the clothing so that when they make their First Holy Communion they will wear something special. Thank you!

MONTDALE FOOD PANTRY

HAPPY THANKSGIVING to all of our friends at St John Vianney, Last night was our Thanksgiving distribution ,all went well with the help of many. There were 106 families served (305 people) that will all have a turkey dinner with all the fixings. We are so blessed to have so many people willing to help in every way necessary to make this mission to Feed the Hungry a success. Many thanks to you , Food chair, Marian Demming

**PARISH COLLECTION
November 21-22, 2015**

Weekly Adults	\$ 4,398.00	246/675
Weekly Children	\$ 88.45	67/264
Loose	\$ 489.61	
Other (Dues, Etc.)	\$ 318.01	
Total Collection	\$ 5,294.07	

Thank you for your continued support of your Parish Community.

Are you interested in the Catholic Faith?

We are now beginning a new journey in faith to share the richness of the Catholic Church and our parish family. We invite you to learn what the Church teaches, and be introduced to some of our parish members. These sessions also are opportunities for you, and others that you may wish to invite, to ask those perplexing and difficult questions you may have about the Church. These gatherings are for inquirers and are open to people who are unbaptized, as well as those who are baptized Christians from Protestant or Evangelical backgrounds. We currently have sessions **afternoons and evenings**. Feel free to come any day. Please give us a call if you have any questions, would like further information at 254-9502 ext. 3 or email at JoAnn at jwilbursjv@comcast.net



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