



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*
Deacon Edwin L. Salva, Sr.: *Permanent Deacon*
JoAnn Wilbur: *Director of Religious Education*
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PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: ppc@stjvp.org

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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	9-17	5:00 p.m. (C.C.)	Inez Galvin	Norman Galvin
Sunday	9-18	8:00 a.m. (C.C.)	Living & Deceased Members of St. John Vianney Parish	
		9:30 a.m. (S.P.)	Jill Kelley	Family
		11:00 a.m. (C.C.)	Helen C. Boyarsky	Tom & Stephanie Dzwonczyk & Family
Monday	9-19	8:30 a.m. (C.C.)	Helen & Edward Boyarsky	Family
Tuesday	9-20	8:30 a.m. (C.C.)	Denise Gromelski Wright	Mother Rose Mary
Wednesday	9-21	NO MASS		
Thursday	9-22	NO MASS		
Friday	9-23	NO MASS		
Saturday	9-24	5:00 p.m. (C.C.)	Charles J. Boyarsky	Mr. & Mrs. Richard Stracham
Sunday	9-25	8:00 a.m. (C.C.)	Barry J. Figured & Mary A. Figured	Joseph Figured, Jr. & Sr.
		9:30 a.m. (S.P.)	Living & Deceased Members of St. John Vianney Parish	
		11:00 a.m. (C.C.)	Al Page	Angela & Family

TEACHERS NEEDED

We are looking for people willing to be teachers in our Religious Education Program. Please call JoAnn Wilbur at 254-9502 ext. 3 for information and any questions.

Upcoming Children's Liturgies
September 18, 9:30a.m. Children's Liturgy
September 18, 11:00a.m. Children's Liturgy

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

The RCIA process is an opportunity for instruction and spiritual transformation for any adult seeking a deeper understanding of the Catholic tradition or full incorporation into the Catholic Church. Are you interested in becoming a Catholic or completing the Sacraments of Initiation--Baptism/Confirmation/Eucharist? The RCIA group meets weekly. We also have the process for older children and teens who may have not received their sacraments, or who would like to enter the Catholic Church. Please give JoAnn a call if you have any questions or would like further information: **254-9502** or email at **Jwilbursjv@comcast.net**.

ARE YOU USING FORMED?

It is time to renew our subscription and Father Michael wants to know if anyone actually went online and used the multimedia service. Please sign your name on the sheet provided at the entrance to the church this week or call the office as a decision needs to be made shortly. Thank You.

WHAT DOES OUR CHURCH TEACH ABOUT SOCIAL JUSTICE?

A decade ago, the US Council of Catholic Bishops listed seven social justice priorities, which it hoped would motivate discussion and action.

1. Life and Dignity of the Human Person
2. Call to Family, Community, and Participation
3. Individuals' Rights and Responsibilities
4. Options for the Poor and Vulnerable
5. The Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers
6. Solidarity
7. Care for God's Creation

If you are interested in learning more about the priorities and their expectations, you might be interested in participating in a parish-sponsored discussion group. If so, please email Joe Rogan at joerogan@verizon.net or call the Parish Office 570-254-9502.

WHAT CAN WE DO TO STEM THE TIDE OF VIOLENCE IN AMERICA?

Please join us to pray the Rosary and Divine Chaplet of Mercy after Tuesday morning Mass.



All parish families are asked to pick up their Harvest Festival tickets in the back of the Church. This is our main fund raiser and everyone's support is needed to make it a success. ***Please note the day for making potatoes has been changed to Saturday.** Please sign up!

Help will be needed with:

Mon., Sept. 26, 10:00am—Relish Making
 Mon., Sept 26, 6:30pm—Booth Set up
 Thur., Sept. 29, 6:00pm-8:30pm—Carve Turkeys
 Sat., Oct 1, 9:00a.m-12:00p.m Make Potatoes *
 Sat., Oct. 1, 9:00am-11:30am—Final Prep
 Sun., Oct. 2, 10:00am-5:00pm—Final Prep & Festival
 Sun., Oct. 2, 4:30pm-6:30pm—Cleanup (6th grade +)
 Mon., Oct. 3, 9:00am—Cleanup
 Tuesday in the Chapel after the

DIOCESAN CONGRESS

Our parish will cover half the \$40 registration fee for all religious education teachers; liturgical ministers; Council, commission, and committee members; and other volunteers who attend the Diocesan Congress on Saturday, October 8. Taking up the theme of mercy, a **Revolution of**

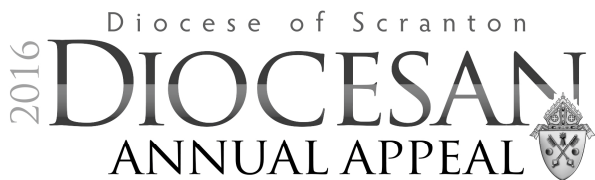


Revolution of Tenderness

Tenderness will be held on the campus of the University of Scranton. Acclaimed author James Martin, S.J. will give the keynote address, "Encountering Jesus," followed by many workshop choices throughout the day. Some presenters are favorites brought back from the last congress, others are new. To close the day, Bishop Bambera will preside at a 4 pm Mass. For complete information about the Diocesan Congress, visit its website via the news item on our parish website.

Registration includes all workshop materials, parking on campus, and lunch. Please complete the registration via the Congress website and request reimbursement from the parish office when you return from the Congress.

**MINISTRY COORDINATING
 COMMISSION MEETING**
 Tuesday, September 20, 6:30p.m.



LIVING FAITH *Serving with Mercy*

CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES & PARISH OUTREACH

“Strengthening our commitment to social justice and to those in need.”

Your gifts to the Diocesan Annual Appeal enables us to serve the poorest, the weakest and the most vulnerable among us through Catholic Social Services staff who feed the hungry, clothe the naked and provide shelter, counseling and assistance for those most in need. Many more individuals in parish communities receive assistance through parish-based Social Justice Programs funded by the Appeal. Grants were awarded to 33 parish programs including food and clothing pantries, monthly dinners for families in need and outreach to prison inmates.

PSALMS: THE SCHOOL OF PRAYER

At the heart of the Bible are the Psalms, prayers from God that help us learn to pray. The Holy Spirit inspired them. Israel sang them. Christ himself prayed them, as did our Blessed Mother. These sacred hymns become our heartfelt response to God’s loving and wondrous deeds for us. Their words captivate the imagination and draw us into a deeply personal encounter with God. Join Jeff Cavins, Sarah Christmyer, and Dr. Tim Gray as they show you how to establish a deeply personal dialogue with God through the Psalms. Join us for Psalms: The School of Prayer at the parish office, beginning September 19 at 6:30 and continuing every Monday for 10 weeks. For more information or to register for the study, call JoAnn at 254-9502 ext. 3 or via email: jwilbursjv@comcast.net

Liturgical Ministers’ Schedule

September 24-25, 2016

5:00p	L. Osburn	C. Lubash	J. Golecki
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			Deacon Ed
8:00a	D. Hudak	Sr. Jeanne Karp	J. Corbett
	B. Bevilacqua		F. Tancredo
	B. Good		P. Griffiths
9:30a	M. Salansky	L. Hayes	M. Orazzi
(St. Pius)	E. Komora		Deacon Ed
11:00a	K. Kolucki	M. A. Paulukonis	B. Toth
	N. Kolucki		R. Toth
	K. Priest		D. Sashko

What does it mean to be a St John Vianney parishioner?

Belonging to St John Vianney Parish is better than having a convenient church to attend—if I want to belong and not just attend. Re-read our mission statement on the bulletin cover under the dotted line. Belonging to our parish means being a disciple, a person who consciously strives to follow Christ daily. Belonging means I participate in Mass, not just attend. I show hospitality to others who come to Mass, sing as best I’m able, respond energetically, reflect on the Scriptures and homily, and talk privately with God about my life during the week. Belonging to our parish means putting the gospel into action through generous service. “The parish is the presence of the Church in a given territory, an environment for hearing God’s word, for growth in the Christian life, for dialogue, proclamation, charitable outreach, worship and celebration. It is a community of communities, a sanctuary where the thirsty come to drink in the midst of their journey, and a center of constant missionary outreach” (Pope Francis).

MASS & ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Will celebrate Mass & Anointing of the Sick, Saturday, Sept. 24th - 11:00 AM at Holy Rosary Church, 316 William Street - North Scranton, followed by Luncheon in School Auditorium. Free Health Screening Available. All Are Welcome!!!

PART TIME JOB

A retired person off 81 at Exit 206 is looking for a person to clean twice a month for \$18 hour. Call the office and your name will be passed on. Thank You.

16th ANNUAL CRAFT FAIR

Sponsored by the Women’s Guild of Divine Mercy Parish, 312 Davis Street, Scranton on Saturday, September 24 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Parish Center. Do your Christmas shopping early at this great display of handmade jewelry, seasonal decorations and gifts from over 40 local crafters. Door prizes all day - Bake Sale - Refreshments available. Admission \$2.00.

E-GIVING FOR JULY

Total: 2,062.00 Weekly: \$1,807.00 Other: \$255.00

PARISH COLLECTION

September 3-4, 2016

Weekly Adults	\$ 3,588.00	220/564
Weekly Children	\$ 28.50	28/264
Loose	\$ 663.00	
Other (Dues, etc.)	\$ 1,191.00	
Total Collection	\$ 5,470.50	

Thank you for your continued support of our Parish Community.

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Special Instructions: