



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*
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Lisa Anzelmi	Mary Retzbach
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Jerry Borosky	Rick Toth
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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	12-10	5:00 p.m. (C.C.)	Stanley & Betty Fron	Family
Sunday	12-11	8:00 a.m. (C.C.)	Leo, Mary & Anthony Krukoski	John & Carol Schott
		9:30 a.m. (S.P.)	Living & Deceased Members of St.	John Vianney Parish
		11:00 a.m. (C.C.)	Josephine M. Koruszko	H & R Block Employees
Monday	12-12	8:30 a.m. (C.C.)	Kay McDevitt	Susie Mazzoni
Tuesday	12-13	8:30 a.m. (C.C.)	Theresa Jura	
Wednesday	12-14	8:30 a.m. (C.C.)	Martin Wojnarowski	Family
Thursday	12-15	No Mass		
Friday	12-16	No Mass		
Saturday	12-17	5:00 p.m. (C.C.)	Joe Ferraro	Family
Sunday	12-18	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.)	Al Page	Angela & Family

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS EVE MASS
 The Children's Christmas Eve Mass will be held at 4:00p.m. at Corpus Christi.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR: All children interested in joining the Children's Christmas Eve Choir, practices are Sundays, December 4th, 11th and 18th after 11AM Mass. Pick up time is 1:30PM. Children will be offered a light lunch before practice starts at 12:20.

ALL THREE PRACTICES must be attended in order to participate Christmas Eve, unless excused by Heather.

Adult volunteers for food preparation will be needed. Please contact Heather Clendenning at 570.947.2040 if you are available to help with lunches preparation and clean up.

PRESENTATION OF THE NATIVITY: All Kn - 8th Grade Students of the parish are invited to participate in the presentation of the Nativity on Christmas Eve. Practices will be held on Thursdays, at Corpus Christi Church on **December 8th 5:00p.m.-6:00p.m.** (due to the Holy Day) and **December 15th 6:00p.m.-7:30p.m.**

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

Christmas SHOEBOX Project for St. Francis of Assisi Kitchen

TOOTHPASTE NEEDED!! Over the past 26 years youth groups from our area have provided toiletries that they then wrapped and distributed to the guests of the kitchen on Christmas Day. 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! Our youth group needs your help! Please place in the container in back of church. We will collect until December 11.



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 11th at Corpus Christi and Sunday, December 18th at St. Pius. Place an ornament on the tree when you put the gift under it. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICES

Monday, December 12th 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. 11, 6:00p.m., Nativity BVM, Tunkhannock
- Tue., Dec. 13, 6:00p.m., St. Rose, Carbondale
- Tue., De. 13, 7:00p.m. St. Patrick's, Nicholson
- Sun., Dec.18, 3:00p.m., Sacred Heart, Peckville
- Mon. Dec. 19, 6:00p.m., St. Michael's, Jessup
- Mon. Dec. 19, 7:00p.m., Our Lady Snows, Clarks Summit
- Tue., Dec. 20, 6:00p.m., Sacred Heart, Jermyn
- Wed., Dec. 21, 6:00p.m., St. Thomas Church, Archbald

GIVE A GREAT GIFT

This Christmas consider giving the gift of life by donating blood at our Blood Drive on Thursday, December 22, 1:00p.m. to 6:00p.m. in the Parish Center. All donors will be entered for a drawing for a \$100 electronic gift card. Free long sleeve Red Cross t-shirt when you come to donate (while supplies last). This Christmas give something that means something.

Christmas Choir at St. Pius X!!

Interest has been shown to have a Choir for the 9:30a.m. Mass on Christmas morning at the St. Pius X location. There will be two practices, Dec. 11 and 18 after Mass for one hour. Please join us in song. All are welcome. If you have any questions please see Linda Hayes or call 570-470-3667.



Liturgical Ministers' Schedule

December 17-18, 2016

5:00p	L. Osburn	P. Garrick	J. Straub
	L. Osburn		C. Salva Piccini
8:00a	D. Hudak	L. Lastauskas	R. Good
	B. Bevilacqua		
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9:30a	M. Salansky	L. Conrad	L. Drum
(St. Pius)	E. Komora		B. Sedlak
11:00a	G. Sczesniak	M. A. Paulukonis	B. Toth
	N. Toth		R. Toth
	M. Toth		J. Sczesniak

Please support Brownie Troop 50811 Bake Sale this weekend

FORMED now has children's content. There are programs, e-books, movies, and talks to entertain, engage, and inspire children with the beauty and wonder of their faith. The link and password are on our website, on the Adult Faith Formation page under Word.



\$2,630 needed to reach our goal

Kn-8th GRADE CHRISTMAS PARTIES

All Catholic School students are invited to attend the Religious Education Students' Christmas parties. The parties will be held on December 15; 8:15am at St. Pius X and at 10:15am at Corpus Christi. At Corpus Christi there will be a short Christmas lesson in each classroom followed by a Christmas party in the Parish Center (basement). Any help from parents will be greatly appreciated! Please join us as we celebrate the Birth of Christ.

Christmas at The Cathedral

with Ronan Tynan, Fri, Dec. 16 , 8:00p

Saint Peter's Cathedral parish is honored to welcome back Ronan Tynan in an all-new concert featuring the season's most beloved Christmas selections and year-round favorites. Ronan's captivating singing, combined with the majesty of the Cathedral and the jubilant expectation of the season will combine for an unforgettable evening. All tickets are reserved seating and are available for purchase by calling the parish office at 570-344-7231 or by visiting www.stpeterscathedral.org. Premier Reserve Seating: \$100 (includes pre-concert reception with Ronan); Limited Reserve Seating & General Reserved Seating: \$50/\$35. All are invited!

Were you seen?

Several photo albums were added to our website during autumn. Were you caught on camera? Look through the albums for the Harvest Festival, Halloween dance, Trunk or Treat, and volunteer appreciation dinner. Find them on the Community/Photo Albums page at stjvp.org.



Prayer: Having the Experience and Getting the Meaning

So often in our faith we have been urged to pray and form a personal relationship with Jesus. The question is just how do we do this. In this presentation, Holy Cross seminarian Robert Lisowski, C.S.C. will offer thoughts on what it means to pray and where we can begin. Drawing on the traditions of sacred reading and centering prayer, Robert will lead us on an interior journey so as to discover the nearness of God to us and our lives. Please join members of our Bible Study as we welcome Robert on Monday, January 2 at 7pm in the Chapel room of our Parish Office.

ADDRESSES OF FORMER PASTORS

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Waymart, PA 18472 |

If you would like to look up any other priests in the Scranton Diocese, see the directory on the Scranton Diocese website: <http://www.dioceseofscranton.org>

ADVENT CONCERT

In a 69 year choral history of songs for the season, the Catholic Choral Society will present an Advent Concert at the parish of St. Ignatius of Loyola, 339 N. Maple Ave., Kingston, PA , on Sunday, December 11th at 3 PM. They will be joined by St. Ignatius Adult Choir and Handbell Choir. The groups will be presenting sacred Advent and Christmas music as well other Christmas selections. The concert is open to the public free of charge. The Catholic Choral Society is composed of more than 50 members from both Luzerne , Lackawanna, Wayne, Pike, Wyoming and Susquehanna Counties. Dr. Thomas Rittenhouse and Brenda Grunza are co-presidents of the Catholic Choral Society. Jean Shields is accompanist and Ann Manganiello is music director of this group. For information about concerts and membership please call 570-587-2753 and see www.catholichoralsociety.org .

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).

PARISH COLLECTION

November 26-27, 2016

Adults	\$ 3,681.50	227/564
Children	\$ 51.30	34/264
Loose	\$ 389.75	
Other	\$ 720.00	
Total Collection	\$ 4,842.55	

Thank you for your continued support of our Parish Community.

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