



*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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### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: [ppc@stjvp.org](mailto:ppc@stjvp.org)

Janice Bevacqua	Carol Mondello
<i>Vice-Chairperson</i>	Mary Retzbach
Jerry Borosky	Cindy Straub
Eileen Jones	Lynn Volk
<i>Secretary</i>	

### FINANCE COUNCIL: [finance@stjvp.org](mailto:finance@stjvp.org)

### MASSES OF THE WEEK

		<u>Location</u>	<u>Mass Intention:</u>	<u>Requested by:</u>
Saturday	12-15	5:00 p.m. (C.C.)	Jennie Willis	Pete & Dolores Sashko
Sunday	12-16	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.)	Tommaso Calfa	Family
Monday	12-17	8:30 a.m. (C.C.)	Lorraine Radice	Sue & Mike O'Boyle
Tuesday	12-18	8:30 a.m. (C.C.)	Robert Karlavige	Dcn. Ed & Carol Salva
Wednesday	12-19	8:30 a.m. (C.C.)	Delores Hatala Notany	Rose Marie Gromelski
Thursday	12-20	8:30 a.m. (C.C.)	Edward Eagiello	Wife, Alice
Friday	12-21	8:30 a.m. (C.C.)	Edward Zabrowski	Irene Maciaszek
Saturday	12-22	5:00 p.m. (C.C.)	Joe Ferraro	Family
Sunday	12-23	8:00 a.m. (C.C.)	Martin Wojnarowski	Family
		9:30 a.m. (S.P.)	Living & Deceased Members of	St. John Vianney Parish
		11:00 a.m. (C.C.)	Henry P. & Josephine M. Koruszko	Ronald, Lena, David & Richard



## Christmas Schedule



### CHRISTMAS EVE

Monday, December 24

4:00 p.m. Children's Christmas Liturgy (Corpus Christi) Carols begin at 3:30 p.m.  
9:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass with the Adult Choir (Corpus Christi) Carols begin at 8:30 p.m.

### CHRISTMAS DAY

Tuesday, December 25

9:30 a.m. Christmas Mass with St. Pius Christmas Choir (St. Pius X) Carols begin at 9:10 a.m.  
11:00 a.m. Christmas Mass with the Adult Choir (Corpus Christi) Carols begin at 10:30 a.m.

December 29-30 is the regular weekend/Sunday Mass schedule

### NEW YEARS EVE

Monday, Dec. 31, 5:30 p.m. Mass (St. Pius)

### NEW YEARS DAY

Tuesday, Jan. 1, 12:00p.m. Mass (Corpus Christi)



### ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICES

**Monday, December 17th 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:

Sunday, Dec. 16, 3:00p.m. Sacred Heart, Peckville  
Monday, Dec. 17, 7:00p.m., Corpus Christi, Montdale  
Tuesday, December 18, 6:00p.m. Sacred Heart, Jermyn  
Tuesday, Dec. 18, 7:00p.m. St. Patrick's, Nicholson  
Wednesday, Dec. 19, 6:00p.m. Christ the King, Archbald  
Thursday, Dec. 20, 7:00p.m., O Lady Snows, Clks Sumt.

### The Giving Tree

All gifts are due back today to the Church from which you pick up your tag.

### 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**.

### CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS EVE MASS

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

**CHILDREN'S CHOIR:** Children's Christmas Choir practice schedule: **Sundays December 2, 9, 16 after 11am Masses**, Pick up time will be 1 PM Group soloists will be selected Dec 2. If your child would like to be featured with a group solo, but can not attend first practice, please contact Heather at 570-947-2040.

**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. Please sign up in the back of the Church if your child plans to participate. Practices will be held on Thursdays, **December 6th, 13th & 20th 6:00p.m.-7:30p.m.** at Corpus Christi Church.

**Final Dress Rehearsal and Pizza Party** will be held for the **Children's Choir and Nativity participants** on Sunday, December 23 from noon to 1:30p.m. **All participants must attend this final practice.**

### GIVE A GREAT GIFT

This Christmas consider giving the gift of life by donating blood at our **Blood Drive on Thursday, December 20, 1:00p.m. to 6:00p.m.** in the Parish Center. This Christmas give something that means something.



Family Choir practices

Wednesdays at 7:00 P.M.  
in the Church

Folk Group Practices

Mondays 7-8, at Corpus Christi  
Call Heather with any questions  
or for details at 570-947-2040.



**CHRISTMAS CHOIR AT ST. PIUS**

If interested in joining Christmas morning choir please contact Linda Hayes: 570-470-3667 or see me after Mass. One hour practice after masses **Dec. 16 & 23.**

**INCLEMENT WEATHER  
CANCELLATIONS**

We will have any cancellations for any Religious Education Classes, practices and events on our parish website at the bottom right of the webpage and a text or email if you have signed up for Flocknote. **Flocknote is the preferred and best way to be notified.** Our parish webpage is: [www.stjvp.org](http://www.stjvp.org). We also will put an announcement on the answering machine. 570-254-9502 ext. 3.

**Liturgical Ministers' Schedule  
December 22-23, 2018**

	<u>Altar Servers</u>	<u>Reader</u>	<u>Euch. Min.</u>
5:00p	K. Kolucki N. Kolucki	D. Spegar	E. Piccini J. Piccini C. Salva
8:00a	K. Dzwonczyk	G. Borosky	R. Good P. Griffiths
9:30a	E. Long (St. Pius) K. Long	L. Hayes	S. McCoy M. Orazzi
11:00a	J. Bagnuolo I. Bagnuolo J. Begin	B. Facciani	J. Sczesniak M. L. Racht

**ATTENTION 8th to 12th graders!**

Catholic Conferences to bring high-schoolers into a life-changing encounter with Jesus Christ. 2019 Theme: BELONG "See what love the Father has bestowed on us, that we may be called children of God." -1 John 3:1 At the core of our being is a desire for meaningful connection and authentic relationship. We long to love and be loved, but how often do we just feel lonely? As we search for ways to escape these feelings of isolation, there comes a small, quiet whisper that pierces through to the depths of our heart: "You are never alone, because you are Mine." This summer, over 50,000 Catholic teens across North America will attend one of 24 Steubenville Youth Conferences to encounter the God who calls us His sons and daughters. Come and experience His overwhelming love for you. You belong here. We're going June 21-23! Call JoAnn for information at 254-9502 ext. 3 or via email : [jwilbursjv@comcast.net](mailto:jwilbursjv@comcast.net)

**Every donation counts!!**

*If you have not yet pledged, please...*

**Help us reach our Annual Appeal Parish Goal!**

**OUR PARISH IS AT  
56%**

We are grateful to the 68 parishioners who supported the 2018 Annual Appeal to date.

If you have not yet given your support, please:

- Call the Development Office at 570-207-2250 to make a pledge or give a gift by credit card
- Mail a check to the Diocesan Appeal Office at 300 Wyoming Ave., Scranton, PA 18503, or
- Give online at [www.DioceseofScranton.org](http://www.DioceseofScranton.org).

***Our parish is reimbursed 75% for any gifts made to the Appeal in excess of our Appeal goal.***

**GIRL SCOUTS BAKE SALE**

This weekend the Girl Scouts will be holding a bake sale at all of the Masses at Corpus Christi. Thank you in advance for your support.

**EXODUS - Bible Study**

Do you want to experience true freedom? Have you ever wondered what freedom means, and how to find it? Exodus is often seen as the defining moment in Israel's history, when God called Israel out of slavery in Egypt to freedom. The story of Exodus isn't only Israel's story, however - it's also our story. Exodus: Called to Freedom looks through the lens of Christ and the Church to show how God ultimately desired to free us from the deadly grip of sin so that we could have authentic freedom. Join us for Exodus: Called to Freedom at our Parish Office Mondays at 6:30PM. For more information or to register for the study, call JoAnn at 254-9502 ext.3 or via email: [jwilbursjv@comcast.net](mailto:jwilbursjv@comcast.net)

**PARISH COLLECTION  
December 1-2, 2018**

Adults	\$ 5,170.00	219/603
Children	\$ 55.00	43/189
Loose	\$ 282.00	
Other	\$ 1,476.00	
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>\$ 6,983.00</b>	

Thank you for your continued support of our Parish Community.

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Bulletin for Sunday December 16, 2018  
Special Instructions: