



*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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Heather Clendenning: *Director of Music Ministry*  
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Tina Bjork: *Secretary*  
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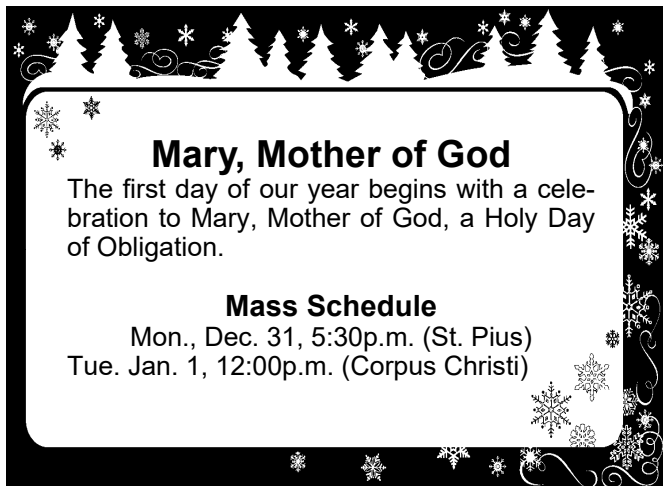
### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: [ppc@stjvp.org](mailto:ppc@stjvp.org)

Janice Bevacqua Carol Mondello  
*Vice-Chairperson* Mary Retzbach  
Jerry Borosky Cindy Straub  
Eileen Jones Lynn Volk  
*Secretary*

### 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	12-29	5:00 p.m. (C.C.)	Christmas Novena Mass Intentions	
Sunday	12-30	8:00 a.m. (C.C.)	Living & Deceased Members of St. John Vianney Parish	
		9:30 a.m. (S.P.)	Christmas Novena Mass Intentions	
		11:00 a.m. (C.C.)	Christmas Novena Mass Intentions	
Monday	12-31	5:30 p.m. (S.P.)	Christmas Novena Mass Intentions	
Tuesday	01-01	12:00 p.m. (C.C.)	Living & Deceased Members of St. John Vianney Parish	
Wednesday	01-02	8:30 a.m. (C.C.)	Frank Plominski	Mary Jo & Andy Salva
Thursday	01-03	8:30 a.m. (C.C.)	Joseph Yavorek	Robert Decker Funeral Home
Friday	01-04	8:30 a.m. (C.C.)	John Vlenchak	Matthew & Alice Byron
Saturday	01-05	5:00 p.m. (C.C.)	Mildred Scott	Shayka Family
Sunday	01-06	8:00 a.m. (C.C.)	Living & Deceased Members of St. John Vianney Parish	
		9:30 a.m. (S.P.)	William Piatt	Wife, Lillian
		11:00 a.m. (C.C.)	Ira C. McClosky	Norm Galvin



**Mary, Mother of God**

The first day of our year begins with a celebration to Mary, Mother of God, a Holy Day of Obligation.

**Mass Schedule**

Mon., Dec. 31, 5:30p.m. (St. Pius)  
Tue. Jan. 1, 12:00p.m. (Corpus Christi)

### FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR

First Friday Masses will be held at 8:30a.m. in Corpus Christi Church. The one hour devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus will begin with Eucharist and close with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Jesus appeared to St. Margaret Mary and revealed to us the wonder and beauty of God's love. We set Fridays aside as the day our Lord offered Himself for us on the Cross to call to mind God's love, mercy and sacrifice. Please join us.



### 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.

### GIVING TREES THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who participated in this year's Giving Trees at Corpus Christi and St. Pius. 108 gifts were purchased for children from Scranton Counseling and families who participate in the Montdale Food Pantry. 65 gifts were purchased for local children & families through Romy's Place in Hop Bottom. Thank you for your generosity.

### 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. We also will put an announcement on the answering machine. 570-254-9502 ext. 3.

### MARRIAGE MOMENTS

"By Susan Vogt, www.SusanVogt.net"



Jan. 1 is the feast of Mary, the Mother of God. In these days of the "Me Too" movement, regaining respect for women is getting a lot of attention. This is good, but healthy marriages already exhibit this. Husbands, tomorrow honor your wife's unconditional "yes" to love you. The love will be returned to you in time.

### THANK YOU TO OUR ALTAR SERVERS

During this busy time of year we would like to take the time to give special thanks to our current Altar Servers:

Isabella Bagnuolo  
Jacob Bagnuolo  
Nicole Baker  
Jacob Begin  
Bruce Bevilacqua  
Kaitlyn Capute  
Joey Dunstone

Michael Dunstone  
Katherine Dzwonczyk  
Jackson Gesford  
Billy Good  
Ben Gretzula  
Kate Kolucki  
Nora Kolucki

Ethan Komora  
Padraic Kozlowski  
Kathryn Long  
Emma Long  
Mason Matous  
Luke Osburn

Gabriel Sczesniak  
Vivian Sedlak  
Anikah Toth  
Nadia Toth  
Evan Zabrowski  
Mikayla Ziobro

Any adult or child 3rd grade and above (having received First Communion) is eligible to become an Altar Server. Training is scheduled at your convenience. If you are interested in more information, please call Deacon Ed Salva at 570-254-6090.



**Liturgical Ministers' Schedule**  
**December 31, 2018**

	<u>Altar Servers</u>	<u>Reader</u>	<u>Euch. Min.</u>
5:30p	N. Baker	R. Totten	E. Totten
St. Pius)	V. Sedlak		B. Sedlak

**January 1, 2019**

12:00p	K. Capute	L. Volk	F. Tancredo
	M. Ziobro		M. J. Oakley
			M. L. Racht

**January 5-6, 2019**

	<u>Altar Servers</u>	<u>Reader</u>	<u>Euch. Min.</u>
5:00p	B. Gretzula	D. Spegar	E. Piccini
	J. Begin		J. Piccini
			T. Bjork
8:00a	J. Dunstone	Sr. J. Karp	J. Corbett
	M. Dunstone		F. Tancredo
9:30a	E. Long	R. Totten	E. Totten
(St. Pius)	K. Long		L. Drum
11:00a	N. Toth	B. Facciani	R. Toth
	A. Toth		B. Toth
			M. J. Oakley

**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

**PARISH MEMBERSHIP**

If you attend Mass at St. John Vianney Parish and aren't registered, please consider becoming a registered member of our Parish Family. Any adult child of the parish that has turned twenty-one is asked to register independently from his or her parents/guardians. Since many families don't keep the parish up to date on their children's status, if we have not been notified, we can only assume the adult children have moved away and no longer are members. If you are unsure of your registration status, please call or email the parish office (254-9502 ccr402@comcast.net).

**Don't forget about e-giving:** If you find automatic payments easier consider e-giving. Go to: <https://giving.ncsservices.org/dl/?uid=ncs-3836> or our parish website: [www.stjvp.org](http://www.stjvp.org)

**Every donation counts!!**

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

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

**OUR PARISH IS AT  
61%**

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.**

**25th or 50th Wedding Anniversary**

His Excellency, the Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L., Bishop of Scranton, and the Office for Parish Life wish to invite couples celebrating their 25th or 50th wedding anniversary in 2019 to a diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 30. The event includes a 2:30 pm mass at St. Peter's Cathedral followed by a reception. Requests for an invitation, with a mailing address, should be made through the Parish Office before March 24 (570-254-9502, ext. 1).

**END OF YEAR CONTRIBUTIONS**

Offering envelopes are posted to the Sunday they are collected. If envelopes are mailed into the office or dropped off they are posted to the next Sunday. We are no longer able to back-date contributions. Any contributions received after the 11:00a.m. Mass on December 30th will be posted to 2019.

**PARISH COLLECTION**  
**December 15-16, 2018**

Adults	\$ 4,578.00	206/603
Children	\$ 38.00	30/189
Loose	\$ 304.00	
Other	\$ 1,211.00	
Total Collection	\$ 6,131.00	

Thank you for your continued support of our Parish Community.

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Bulletin for Sunday December 30, 2018  
Special Instructions: