



# St. John Vianney

PARISH COMMUNITY

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*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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## 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	11-23	5:00 p.m. (C.C.)	William & Marie Hameza	Family
Sunday	11-24	8:00 a.m. (C.C.)	Joe, Rose & Jim Mulderig	Joe & Maggie
		9:30 a.m. (S.P.)	Margaret & John Doyle	Jack & Joann Doyle
		11:00 a.m. (C.C.)	Henry Zabrowski	Irene Maciaszek
Monday	11-25	8:30 a.m. (C.C.)	Living & Deceased Members of	St. John Vianney Parish
Tuesday	11-26	8:30 a.m. (C.C.)	Kirk & Mark Oshman	Friends
Wednesday	11-27	8:30 a.m. (C.C.)	Dr. George J. Hallesky	Jay & Cindy Straub
Thursday	11-28	9:00 a.m. (C.C.) (Church)	Margaret Opeil	Wagner Family
Friday	11-29	<b>No Mass</b>		
Saturday	11-30	5:00 p.m. (C.C.)	Stanley & Betty Fron	Family
Sunday	12-01	8:00 a.m. (C.C.)	Margaret & Edward Sokoloski	Roberta Burge
		9:30 a.m. (S.P.)	Living & Deceased Members of	St. John Vianney Parish
		11:00 a.m. (C.C.)	Joe Ferraro	Family

## CHRISTMAS CAROLING



### Caroling for Homebound

Come join us for Christmas Caroling and help brighten the holidays! We are planning to sing for our Parish homebound on Sunday, December 8th. Practice will begin at 5:00 at Corpus Christi, and we'll head out to sing at 6:00. We hope you can join us; this should be a fun family event for all ages! Sign up sheets will be in the back of the churches, or you can sign up on our website, <https://stjvp.org/> Questions? Call Gloria Konzman at 570-947-0512.

### St. Pius X Christmas Choir Practices

Anyone interested in singing before 9:30 AM Mass at St. Pius X is encouraged to come Wednesdays at 7pm at Corpus Christi. This will be to prepare for the caroling before Mass and the service on Christmas Morning. There are some beautiful songs we will be learning!

## 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 November 24, December 1, 15 and 22 (December 8 is Advent family event) after 11am Masses**, Pick up time will be 12:45 PM Please contact Heather with any questions 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 5th, 12th & 19th 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 22 from noon to 1:30p.m. **All participants must attend this final practice.**

## The Giving Tree

The tradition of the Giving Tree will continue at St. John Vianney Parish again this year. The gifts from Corpus Christi benefit children from the Scranton Counseling Center and the St Pius gifts go to children of Romy's Place. Please take a tag and **return the gift to the church from which you got the tag** by Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>. Place an ornament on the tree when you put the gift under it. If you have any questions about Corpus Christi gifts call Juliana Piccini 282-0909 for gifts tags at St. Pius call Terri Benedict 222-2916. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

## CHRISTmas Countdown

CHRISTmas Countdown Around the World- A celebration for the entire family will be held on December 8th. On this day Religious Education (for both locations) will begin with Children's Mass at 11:00 at Corpus Christi followed by food, fellowship, crafts, games, and a visit from a very special guest! Religious Education will end at 2:30. This celebration will combine our Advent and Christmas parties and it will take the place of class at 8:15 a.m. at St. Pius and 9:45 a.m. at Corpus Christi. Parents, grandparents, and guardians are encouraged to join their child in our parish's family Advent Celebration. Pre-K children are invited to attend with their parents. Please join us as we journey around the world with amazing Advent Saints and celebrate their traditions!

## Christmas SHOEBOX Project for St. Francis of Assisi Kitchen

**BAR SOAP & RAZORS NEEDED!!** Over the past 29 years youth groups from our area have provided toiletries that are distributed to the guests of the kitchen on Christmas Day to men, women and children.



The guests are always so grateful for having been remembered on Christmas Day. Msgr. Kelly says it's the only gift they may get. St. John Vianney youth group will go on Dec. 14 to fill and wrap the shoeboxes. Please place in the container in back of the church. **We will collect until December 8.** Thank you again once again for your outstanding generosity.



## Restoration Campaign List Corrections

The In Honor/Memorial donation for:

Mr. and Mrs. Malinick should have read Andrew and Josephine Malinick  
Mr. & Mrs. T. Goldovich should have read Peter and Sophie Zalewski

## MARRIAGE MOMENTS

"By Susan Vogt, [www.SusanVogt.net](http://www.SusanVogt.net)"

Thanksgiving week. As we approach the Thanksgiving holiday, plan together how to share the chores of hosting, traveling, or being grateful guests. Think ahead about how to ease potential family tensions.

## ADVENT REFLECTIONS

The season of Advent begins on Sunday December 1<sup>st</sup>. Want to know more about this season? You can sign up to receive daily emails or texts from Flocknotes. Each day is a different topic. Flocknotes will begin sending one message each day for 10 days beginning on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. You can sign up on the form at the back of the church, or by going to the parish website at [stjvp.org](http://stjvp.org), selecting Connect from the menu at the top of the page, connect as a parish community and then signing up for Flocknotes. You can then select reflections from the list of groups. This process works even if you are already receiving Flocknotes.

### Are you interested in the Catholic Faith?

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. Please give us a call if you have any questions or would like further information at 254-9502 ext. 3 or email at JoAnn at [jwilbursjv@comcast.net](mailto:jwilbursjv@comcast.net)

### Collecting Items for Haiti Help Feed the Hungry & Poor

We are collecting items for Haiti and because they are starving the need for rice and dry beans is the greatest. They can use gently used lightweight clothing, shoes, towels, sheets, bars of soap, shampoo, toothpaste, rice, Tylenol, ibuprofen, school supplies, backpacks and deodorant will be greatly appreciated and are greatly needed. **The Handicapped House in Haiti has a great need for children's underwear and socks.** They cannot buy toiletries in Haiti. We will have a container in the vestibule.

### 12 DAYS OF WINNING

Jump start the holidays with twelve days of winning. Proceeds benefit individuals with spinal cord injuries and disorders. Raffle tickets are \$10 for 12 chances to win. The last two years the top prize winners came from our parish. Tickets will be sold on November 30th and December 1 at Corpus Christi. Sponsored by IM Individual Abilities in Motion.

### Notice Regarding Reporting Sexual Abuse of a Minor

It is the policy of the Diocese of Scranton to report any allegation of sexual abuse of a minor to law enforcement. If you are a victim of sexual abuse committed by a priest, deacon, religious or lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton, you are encouraged to immediately report the matter to law enforcement. If any priest, deacon, religious, lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton has cause or reason to suspect that a minor has been subjected to any form of abuse, including child sexual abuse, the matter will be reported to law enforcement. It is also the policy of the Diocese to adhere to all civil and state regulations. In accordance with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Child Protective Services Laws, reports of suspected child abuse should also be made immediately by phone to the 24-Hour Child Abuse hotline (ChildLine) at 1-800-932-0313 or electronically at [www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis](http://www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis) To this end, the Diocese is equally committed to adhering to the norms of the Code of Canon Law and to upholding the tenets of the USCCB Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, which includes supporting victims of sexual abuse in their pursuit of emotional and spiritual well-being. As such, information regarding an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor should also be reported to the Victim Assistance Coordinator, Mary Beth Pacuska at (570-862- 7551).

## PARISH *Life*

*The classes the Diocese offers are very beneficial, especially to young couples, to allow us to prepare for the hurdles and hardships that come with marriage but also the joys.*

**Joseph Petro**



Joseph and Kimberly Petro with their pastor, Father Richard Fox, St. Patrick Parish, Scranton.

**F**rom Youth retreats to Pre-Cana Marriage Preparation, Men's and Women's Convocations to Catechesis Camp and Lay Ministry certifications, the actual cost to participants for programs offered by the Office for Parish Life is offset with funds from the Annual Appeal. For a complete list of offerings visit [DioceseofScranton.org/parish-life](http://DioceseofScranton.org/parish-life).

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### Liturgical Ministers' Schedule

#### November 30—December 1, 2019

5:00p	B. Gretzula J. Begin	B. Cassaro	T. Bjork J. Cassaro C. Salva
8:00a		L. Volk	G. Konzman F. Tancredo
9:30a	E. Komora (St. Pius)	K. Shostek	E. Semken M. Semken
11:00a	R. Kelley G. Sczesniak	M. Mannion	J. Bello A. Swarts

**STUDENTS NOT IN RELIGIOUS ED ARE ASKED TO PICK UP THEIR ENVELOPES IN THE BACK OF THE CHURCH**

### E-GIVING FOR AUGUST

Total: \$3,257.00 Weekly: \$3,055.00 Other: \$202.00

### E-GIVING FOR SEPTEMBER

Total: \$2,902.00 Weekly: \$2,645.00 Other: \$257.00

### PARISH COLLECTION

#### November 9-10, 2019

Adults	\$ 4,770.00	234/584
Children	\$ 36.50	27/189
Loose	\$ 286.50	
Other	\$ 1,826.50	
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>\$ 6,919.50</b>	

Thank you for your continued support of our Parish.

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Bulletin for Sunday November 24, 2019  
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