



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:

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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	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
Monday	12-02	8:30 a.m. (C.C.)	Amy Mikelatis	Family
Tuesday	12-03	8:30 a.m. (C.C.)	Harry Kowalski	Sue O'Boyle
Wednesday	12-04	8:30 a.m. (C.C.)	Jean Williams	JoAnn Wilbur
Thursday	12-05	8:30 a.m. (C.C.)	Alfred J. Malinowski	Marie Tomassoni & Family
Friday	12-06	8:30 a.m. (C.C.)	Clementine E. Butwill	Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Franks
Saturday	12-07	5:00 p.m. (C.C.)	Joe Skrobak	Building & Grounds Committee
Sunday	12-08	8:00 a.m. (C.C.)	Living & Deceased Members of	St. John Vianney Parish
		9:30 a.m. (S.P.)	Edward Doyle	Mary Anne Doyle
		11:00 a.m. (C.C.)	Peter Sashko	Elaine & Howard King

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 15th. 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.

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.



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.



MARRIAGE MOMENTS

"By Susan Vogt, www.SusanVogt.net"

As Advent begins we are reminded, "They shall beat their swords into plowshares." (Is. 2:4) Of course this is counsel for countries and armies, but sometimes marriage is like a battleground. Is there a verbal "dagger" that you sometimes wield against your beloved? Substitute a compliment.

GIVE A GREAT GIFT

This Christmas consider giving the gift of life by donating blood at our **Blood Drive on Thursday, December 5, 1:00p.m. to 6:00p.m.** in the Parish Center. This Christmas give something that means something.



ADVENT REFLECTIONS

The season of Advent begins on Sunday December 1st. 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 3rd. You can sign up on the form at the back of the church, or by going to the parish website at 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.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Immaculate Conception is normally December 8th, however since December 8th is the Second Sunday of Advent it is transferred to the next day, Monday, December 9, 2019 and the Day of Obligation is suspended.

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

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.

Liturgical Ministers' Schedule December 7-8, 2019

5:00p	K. Kolucki N. Kolucki	N. Gavin	C. Calafut E. Piccini J. Piccini
8:00a	J. Dunstone M. Dunstone	G. Borosky	R. Good P. Griffiths
9:30a	N. Baker (St. Pius)	Children	L. Drum L. Hayes
11:00a	A. Toth N. Toth	Children	M. J. Oakley B. Toth R. Toth

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.

SOCKS FOR COLD FEET

Thank you to all who have given socks to the Socks for cold feet project. We collected 773 pairs. Most of them are Xmas presents. Thank you and God Bless You.

CATHOLIC Education



Catholic education goes beyond the classroom... You learn how to treat your fellow human beings with dignity and respect, and to be someone who possesses faith to positively shape the world.

Carolyn Kranick, 2019 Valedictorian, Holy Cross High School, Dunmore

Shaping the next generation of the faithful through Catholic education in our schools and parishes has been an essential mission of the Diocese of Scranton for more than 150 years. The 20 Catholic schools of the Diocese provide a transformational education that allows students to realize their God-given potential and strengthen their relationship with Christ.

Diocese of Scranton

2019 DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

SERVING IN *faith* WITH HOPE AND GRATITUDE

Help pass on the faith to our children in schools and parishes... Give to the Annual Appeal

Visit AnnualAppeal.org

AWAY FOR CHRISTMAS? CONSIDER E-GIVING

Sign up at:
<https://giving.ncsservices.org/dl/?uid=ncs-3836>
 or go to stjvp.org and click on the link

PARISH COLLECTION November 16-17, 2019

Adults	\$ 3,742.00	211/584
Children	\$ 69.00	42/189
Loose	\$ 310.70	
Other	\$ 1,537.00	
Total Collection	\$ 5,658.70	

Thank you for your continued support of our Parish.

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Special Instructions: