



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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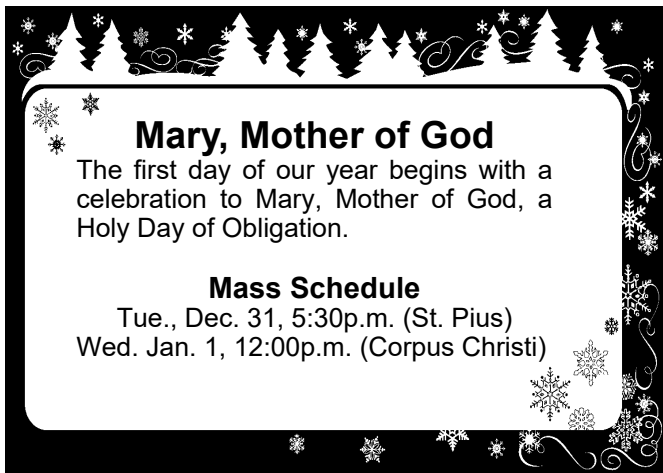
PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: ppc@stjvp.org

Janice Bevacqua	Carol Mondello
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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	12-28	5:00 p.m. (C.C.)	Christmas Novena Mass Intentions	
Sunday	12-29	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	12-30	8:30 a.m. (C.C.)	Charles & Arlene Stenson	Family
Tuesday	12-31	5:30 p.m. (S.P.)	Living & Deceased Members of St. John Vianney Parish	
Wednesday	1-01	12:00 p.m. (C.C.)	Jennie Willis	Tina Bjork
			Thursday & Friday No Mass	
Saturday	1-04	5:00 p.m. (C.C.)	Christmas Novena Mass Intentions	
Sunday	1-05	8:00 a.m. (C.C.)	Christmas Novena Mass Intentions	
		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	Ron & Lena, Richard & David



MARRIAGE MOMENTS

"By Susan Vogt, www.SusanVogt.net"

The year is almost over. Of course this is an arbitrary division of time, but let it serve your love by thinking of the top way your beloved served you this past year. Write it down. Put it under each other's pillow tonight. (If one forgets - forgive. Give another chance.)

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

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
Kaitlyn Capute

Joey Dunstone
Michael Dunstone
Jackson Gesford
Billy Good
Ben Gretzula

Rebecca Kelly
Kate Kolucki
Nora Kolucki
Ethan Komora
Aaron Kondrat

Padraic Kozlowski
Mason Matous
Gabriel Sczesniak
Vivian Sedlak
Anikah Toth
Nadia Toth

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 Mrs. Joan Sczesniak at 570-479-2110 or by email Joan.Sczesniak@gmail.com .

THE EUCHARIST IN SCRIPTURE

by Scott Hahn

In *The Eucharist in Scripture*, you'll discover God's plan as it is expressed through the Bible and the Liturgy. Unlock the meaning of covenant, sacrifice, and sacrament as understood in the Bible, from Genesis through Revelation. The six week study is based on the work of Scott Hahn. The Lamb's Supper, The Fourth Cup, and Consuming the Word, all best sellers.

We will begin on January 20 at 6:30pm in Parish Office. Call JoAnn to register or if you have questions at 570-254-9502 ext. 3. Cost for workbook is \$20.00.

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. 45 gifts were purchased for local children & families through Romy's Place in Hop Bottom. Thank you for your generosity.

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 ccrc402@comcast.net).

Happy New Year





Retrouvaille is a peer ministry of volunteer couples that can help you learn the tools of healthy communication, build intimacy and heal, just as they have done in their own marriages. If your marriage is in distress, even if you are currently separated or divorced, Retrouvaille can help get your relationship back on track. For more information visit: HelpOurMarriage.org

We are working to bring Retrouvaille back to the Diocese of Scranton in 2020! A Retrouvaille Weekend has been scheduled for May 29-31, to be held at St. Gabriel's Retreat Center in Clarks Summit. If you or any other Retrouvaille couple you know would like to assist with the nuts and bolts of restarting the ministry, help is needed. To learn more about attending the weekend, or to learn more about helping to bring this weekend to life, contact: Phil & Sue Milazzo, philmilazzo@outlook.com, 631-338-5413 or Jen Housel, jhousel@dioceseofscranton.org, 570-207-2213 x 1104

**Liturgical Ministers' Schedule
December 31 - January 1**

	<u>Altar Servers</u>	<u>Reader</u>	<u>Euch. Min.</u>
5:30p S.P.	E. Komora	K. Shostek	L. Hayes S. McCoy
12:00p C.C.	M. Matous G. Szczesniak	P. Garrick	R. Stracham J. Bello

January 4-5, 2020

	<u>Altar Servers</u>	<u>Reader</u>	<u>Euch. Min.</u>
5:00p	K. Kolucki N. Kolucki	C. Lubash	C. Calafut C. Salva J. Straub
8:00a	B. Good	Sr. J. Karp	R. Good G. Konzman
9:30a (St. Pius)	J. Gesford	Children	B. Sedlak K. Shostek
11:00a	A. Toth N. Toth	Children	A. Swarts B. Toth R. Toth

Valley Community Library's Vets' Group

Join us for our monthly Vets' Group held on every second Tuesday of the month at 5:00pm at the Valley Community Library. Active Duty, Reserves, Retired—or just served one enlistment period or more... No matter whether you served during war time or peace time. Please join us as we thank you for your service to our country with a free meal and to meet new people! New members, please call (570)489-1765 if you are interested in joining, so we can have enough supplies for each month.

Did You Know...



You May Make a Gift to Your Parish or to the Diocesan Annual Appeal Directly from your IRA

If you are 70½ or older and have a traditional individual retirement account, you can use all or part of your required minimum distribution to support your parish or the Diocesan Annual Appeal without having to count the transfers as income for federal tax purposes.

Distributions must be sent directly to your parish or the Diocese by the plan administrator of your IRA.

For more information, please contact Jim Bebla, Diocesan Secretary of Development, at Jim-Bebbla@DioceseofScranton.org or 570-207-2250.

CONSIDER E-GIVING

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

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 29th will be posted to 2020. e-giving can be given right up to and including December 31st and will be posted to 2019.

**PARISH COLLECTION
December 14-15, 2019**

Adults	\$ 4,619.50	202/584
Children	\$ 38.00	30/189
Loose	\$ 229.00	
Other	\$ 798.00	
Total Collection	\$ 5,684.50	

Thank you for your continued support of our Parish Community.

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Bulletin for Sunday December 29, 2019
Special Instructions: