



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

Jerry Borosky	Bill Oehler
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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	3-14	5:00 p.m. (C.C.)	David Gromelski	Mother
Sunday	3-15	8:00 a.m. (C.C.)	Living & Deceased Members of	St. John Vianney Parish
		9:30 a.m. (S.P.)	Jim Hayes	Patricia Bednarski
		11:00 a.m. (C.C.)	Marla Hosie	Family
Monday	3-16	8:30 a.m. (C.C.)	Stanley & Catherine Brown & Decd Fam.	Atty Bernard Brown
Tuesday	3-17	8:30 a.m. (C.C.)	Charles & Arlene Stenson	Family
Wednesday	3-18	8:30 a.m. (C.C.)	For the Health of Matthew Galvin	Norman Galvin
Thursday	3-19	No Mass		
Friday	3-20	8:30 a.m. (C.C.)	Mary Norton	Family
Saturday	3-21	5:00 p.m. (C.C.)	Joseph Dzwonczyk	Garrick Family
Sunday	3-22	8:00 a.m. (C.C.)	Living & Deceased Members of	St. John Vianney Parish
		9:30 a.m. (S.P.)	Francis McDonough	Dcn. Ed & Carol Salva
		11:00 a.m. (C.C.)	Arleen Staples-Kwolek	Joe & Christine Brophy

## KEEPING THE VISION

All of the parishes of the Diocese of Scranton have embarked on a journey of profound self-examination and reflection. How does St. John Vianney continue to keep the Story of Jesus alive and the spiritual needs of people fed in a time of diminishing clergy? We, as a faith community, need to take a serious look at our mission from Jesus and the needs of the people. We need to explore ways to be faithful to both now and in the future. How we doing in this regard right now? What changes need to happen to continue to keep the Story of Jesus alive as Father Michael approaches retirement? A meeting is planned in the Parish Office Building Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm and everyone is invited to participate. Some information is available to help you understand the task at hand. Please contact the office. (570-254-9502).

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross with Benediction will be celebrated on Fridays during Lent at **4:00p.m.** up to April 3rd at Corpus Christi. This ancient practice is one of the ritual ways the Church invites us to meditate on the passion of the Lord. The focus of this time of prayer is on the Cross. Please join us on Fridays during the Lenten Season for this time of prayer.

## Coffee & Conversation

When you drop off your children for religious ed class on Sunday, March 22, enjoy a cup of coffee and something to eat with fellow parishioners. Light refreshments will await you at 8:15 am in the St Pius house kitchen and at 9:45 am in the rectory dining room (tan house beyond the shed) at Corpus Christi. Topic of conversation is not yet confirmed.

## 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 jwlbursjv@comcast.net

## EASTER EGG HUNT HELP NEEDED

**Ninth grade through adults** are needed to help with the Easter Egg Hunt on Holy Saturday, April 11 at 1:30p.m. at Corpus Christi. Sign up in the back of the church or call Alice Naniewicz 570-499-6577.

## Living Your Strengths

Another opportunity to harness the power of your strengths is coming up. Our Living Your Strengths workshop enables you to learn more about your "best me" themes. There is no charge to parishioners for the workshop, which will be in the parish office building on Wednesday, April 15, 6:30-8:30 pm. You need a few weeks to get ready by ordering the book and taking the Clifton Strengths Assessment, so register now at stjvp.org/stewardship. Additional information and how to order the book is on that page; the registration form is in the left column.

## RUMMAGE SALE VOLUNTEERS

### \* NEW WORK TIMES ADDED \*

If we are to have our Rummage Sale this year we need some new volunteers. Work would begin **Monday through Friday, 9:00 am through 1:00 pm, and Tuesdays and Thursdays 5:00 pm through 8:00 pm** May 4th through July 2nd. This is for set up before the sale and clean up after. The sale is June 19-21 from 9:00 am through 6:00 pm. Maybe you can't help on the weekdays, but you can the weekend of the sale? If you can help, no matter how much or how little, please sign up in the back of the Church or call the parish office and let us know what you would be able to do (570-254-9502, ext. 1). **Please sign up or call by March 18<sup>th</sup>** as we will be making a decision about having the sale on March 19<sup>th</sup>.

## EASTER BASKETS FOR FRIENDS OF THE POOR

The Girl Scouts are collecting Easter Baskets to be donated to the poor during the Family to Family Easter Giveaway. Baskets are asked to be dropped off at Corpus Christi by Sunday, April 4th.

## HOMEMADE PASTA & SAUSAGE DINNER

Saint Maria Goretti Church Phone: 570-655-8956 Laflin Road, Laflin, PA 18702 website: www.stmariagoretti-laflin.org SUNDAY, March 15, 2020 Eat In or Take Out - Noon to 4:00pm Includes Salad, Beverage, Dessert, Bread & Butter containers will be provided for take outs Children 5 yrs. & under: free - "Eat in Only" Donation \$12.00

## MARRIAGE MOMENTS

"By Susan Vogt, www.SusanVogt.net"

"In their thirst for water, the people grumbled against Moses." (Ex. 17-3) Jesus said to the Samaritan woman, "Give me a drink" (John 4:7) Water is a universal human need. Each time you drink together this week, may it remind you to refresh your love.

**FIRST COMMUNION HAS BEEN MOVED TO SUNDAY, MAY 3RD AT THE 11:00A.M. MASS**

# Spring Raffle

This major fund raiser is necessary to sustain this year's budget. Each family is asked to purchase or sell the five tickets you received in support of our parish. The price of a ticket is \$25.00 or five for \$100.00 and the winner of the top prize will receive \$10,000. Four additional prizes will also be awarded to the lucky winners. The date of the drawing is March 22, 2020. Additional raffle tickets are available at the Parish Office.

The Knights of Columbus will be conducting a fund raiser/pasta dinner to benefit Jennifer Michel from noon to 4:00p the day of the drawing. In December of 2015 Jen was diagnosed with Stage 1A Breast Cancer. In January 2019 she was re-diagnosed with Stage 4 Metastatic Breast Cancer in her spine. Jen's prognosis is excellent and her spirit is strong. So please join us and support Jen and her family at this year's Pasta Dinner.

## 62nd Men's Cursillo

The Diocese of Scranton will be holding the 62nd Men's Cursillo on March 26-29 at St. Gabriel's Retreat House in Clarks Summit. The Cursillo Movement is a gift of the Holy Spirit to the Church, which proclaims the Good news that God, in Jesus Christ loves us. Any man over the age of 18 who wishes to learn more about the Cursillo Movement in the Scranton Diocese may contact Ed Facciani at 570-521-4649 or ebfacc@aol.com. More information is also available on the Diocese Cursillo website [www.scrantoncursillo.comestead.com](http://www.scrantoncursillo.comestead.com)

## BE A MAN CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

Saturday, April 25th, 8:00a.m.—3:00p.m. at Holy Redeemer High School, 159 S Pennsylvania Ave., Wilkes Barre, PA. We challenge all men, whether they are single, married or clergy to explore how they can be good fathers in this increasingly fatherless society, to be the fathers that God has called us all to be. Three dynamic speakers are lined up: Mike Aquilina, Fr. Glenn Sudano, CFR and Jim O'Day. Registration/information forms are on the bulletin board or you can go online for more information: [www.beamanconference.com](http://www.beamanconference.com)

## FOUND CHILDREN/GRANDCHILDREN CHARM NECKLACE

Call the Parish Office to claim (570-254-9502, ext. 1).

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

## Liturgical Ministers' Schedule March 21-22, 2020

	Altar Servers	Reader	Euch. Min.
5:00p	P. Kozlowski M. Matous	C. Lubash	E. Piccini J. Piccini J. Straub
8:00a		G. Borosky	F. Tancredo R. Good
9:30a (St. Pius)	J. Gesford	R. Totten	K. Shostek E. Totten
11:00a	N. Toth A. Toth	B. Facciani	R. Stracham R. Toth B. Toth

## COLLECTIONS

### February 26, 2020 (Ash. Wed.)

Adults	\$ 1,171.00	53/581
Loose	\$ 273.00	
Total Collection	\$ 1,444.00	

### February 29-March 1, 2020

Adults	\$ 5,312.00	238/581
Children	\$ 112.25	63/189
Loose	\$ 342.51	
Other	\$ 1,403.00	
Total Collection	\$ 7,169.76	

Thank you for your continued support of our Parish Community.

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