



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

Lisa Anzelmi	Mary Retzbach
Janice Bevacqua	<i>Vice-Chairperson</i>
Jerry Borosky	Rick Toth
Jan Corbett	<i>Secretary</i>
Mary Ann Paulukonis	Lynn Volk
	<i>Chairperson</i>

## 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	12-03	5:00 p.m. (C.C.)	Edna Zaleski	Family
Sunday	12-04	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.)	Bill & Marie Hameza	Family
Monday	12-05	8:30 a.m. (C.C.)	James Gregory	Doldie Petroski
Tuesday	12-06	8:30 a.m. (C.C.)	John O'Hara	
Wednesday	12-07	5:30 p.m. (S.P.)	Living & Deceased Members of St. John Vianney Parish	
Thursday	12-08	12:00 p.m. (C.C.)	Tommaso Calfa	Peter & Dolores Sashko
		7:00 p.m. (C.C.)	Inez Galvin	Norman Galvin
Friday	12-09	8:30 a.m. (C.C.)	Ronald Munley	
Saturday	12-10	5:00 p.m. (C.C.)	Stanley & Betty Fron	Family
Sunday	12-11	8:00 a.m. (C.C.)	Leo, Mary & Anthony Krukoski	John & Carol Schott
		9:30 a.m. (S.P.)	Living & Deceased Members of St. John Vianney Parish	
		11:00 a.m. (C.C.)	Josephine M. Koruszko	H & R Block Employees

### CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS EVE MASS

The Children's Christmas Eve Mass will be held at 4:00p.m. at Corpus Christi.

**CHILDREN'S CHOIR:** All children interested in joining the Children's Christmas Eve Choir, practices are Sundays, December 4th, 11th and 18th after 11AM Mass. Pick up time is 1:30PM. Children will be offered a light lunch before practice starts at 12:20.

**ALL THREE PRACTICES must be attended** in order to participate Christmas Eve, unless excused by Heather.

Adult volunteers for food preparation will be needed. Please contact Heather Clendenning at 570.947.2040 if you are available to help with lunches preparation and clean up.

**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. Practices will be held on Thursdays, at Corpus Christi Church on **December 8th 5:00p.m.-6:00p.m.** (due to the Holy Day) and **December 15th 6:00p.m.-7:30p.m.**

**Final Dress Rehearsal and Pizza Party** will be held for the **Children's Choir and Nativity participants** on Thursday, December 22 from 6:00p.m. to 8:00p.m. **All participants must attend this final practice.**

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

**TOOTHPASTE NEEDED!!** Over the past 26 years youth groups from our area have provided toiletries that they then wrapped and distributed to the guests of the kitchen on Christmas Day. Thanks to the generosity of all involved, the guests are always so grateful for having been remembered on Christmas Day. Our church will collect TOOTHPASTE once again. Would you please help us? We need 300 tubes of toothpaste! Our youth group needs your help! Please place in the container in back of church. We will collect until December 11.



### The Giving Tree

The tradition of the Giving Tree will continue at St. John Vianney Parish this year. The gifts from Corpus Christi benefit the youths at Lourdesmont and the St Pius gifts go to children of Romy's Place. An optional 'wish list' has been included for each child that you may use as a guide in your gift buying. Please take a tag and return the gift to the church from which you



got the tag by Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at Corpus Christi and Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at St. Pius. Place an ornament on the tree when you put the gift under it. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

### IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Thursday, December 8th is a Holy Day of Obligation in all Parishes in the United States. A Vigil Mass will be said on Wednesday at 5:30p.m. at St. Pius X and on Thursday there will be Masses at noon and 7:00p.m. at Corpus Christi.

### ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICES

**Monday, December 12th at 7:00p.m.,** an Advent Penance Service will be celebrated for St. John Vianney Parish at Corpus Christi. This is an opportunity for all of our parishioners to prepare for Christmas and the coming of Christ, by celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation as a parish community.

#### OTHER AREA RECONCILIATION SERVICES:

- Sun., Dec. 11, 6:00p.m., Nativity BVM, Tunkhannock
- Tue., Dec. 13, 6:00p.m., St. Rose, Carbondale
- Tue., Dec. 13, 7:00p.m. St. Patrick's, Nicholson
- Sun., Dec.18, 3:00p.m., Sacred Heart, Peckville
- Mon. Dec. 19, 6:00p.m., St. Michael's, Jessup
- Mon. Dec. 19, 7:00p.m., Our Lady Snows, Clarks Summit
- Tue., Dec. 20, 6:00p.m., Sacred Heart, Jermyn
- Wed., Dec. 21, 6:00p.m., St. Thomas Church, Archbald

### Christmas Choir at St. Pius X!!

Interest has been shown to have a Choir for the 9:30a.m. Mass on Christmas morning at the St. Pius X location. There will be two practices, Dec. 11 and 18 after Mass for one hour. Please join us in song. All are welcome. If you have any questions please see Linda Hayes or call 570-470-3667.

### Liturgical Ministers' Schedule

#### December 7-8, 2016 (Immaculate Conception)

5:30p	J. Gesford (St. Pius) N. Baker	R. Totten	S. McCoy
12:00p	C. C.	B. Facciani	M. L. Racht
7:00p	K. Kolucki N. Kolucki K. Priest	M. Boyarsky	M. J. Oakley

#### December 10-11, 2016

5:00p	N. Ferraro M. Matous	B. Cassaro	J. Cassaro T. Bjork J. Straub
8:00a	M. Boyarsky Sr. K. Dzwonczyk	Jeanne Karp	G. Konzman
9:30a	A. Long (St. Pius) K. Long	Children	L. Hayes E. Totten
11:00a	N. Lowry M. Ziobro M. Ziobro	Children	M. L. Racht D. Sashko C. Giordano

### Brownie Troop 50811 Bake Sale

The Brownies will hold a bake sale after each mass at the Corpus Christi location the weekend of December 10-11th. There will be homemade breads, cookies, fruit-cake and more.

*Your gift can do it!!  
If you have not yet pledged, please...*

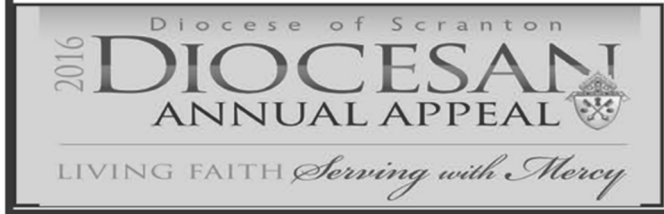
**Help us reach our Annual Appeal Parish Goal!**

**St. John Vianney Parish**

**\$2,855 needed to reach 100%**

On behalf of all who will benefit, we convey our gratitude to all of our parishioners who have made a gift to the 2016 Diocesan Annual Appeal. Each donation truly matters. If you have not made a pledge and wish to help our parish reach our goal, please call the Diocesan Development Office at 570-207-2250 to make a pledge or give a gift by credit card, mail a gift to the Diocesan Appeal Office at 300 Wyoming Ave., Scranton, PA 18503, or give online at [www.DiocesefofScranton.org](http://www.DiocesefofScranton.org).

Our parish is reimbursed 75% for any gifts made to the Appeal in excess of our Appeal goal.



**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 [Jwibursjv@comcast.net](mailto:Jwibursjv@comcast.net).

**GRADE SCHOOL  
STUDENT ENVELOPES**

Any students that receive offering envelopes, and do not attend Religious Education, are asked to pick up their offering envelopes in the back of the Church. All students in Religious Ed will receive their envelopes in class. If your child is in Catholic School or High School and they did not receive envelopes, and you would like to receive them, please call or e-mail the Parish Office (254-9502 or [crc402@comcast.net](mailto:crc402@comcast.net)).

**SOCIAL JUSTICE DISCUSSION  
GROUP STARTS**

The Ten Commandments tell us what we should not do; our Church's "Social Justice" teachings suggest what we should do. But exactly what do they expect? In its seven themes for "Social Justice," the US Conference of Catholic Bishops addresses abortion, euthanasia, medical research, gun control, welcoming immigrants, unions, prison reform, economic justice, honoring the poor, caring for our planet, and array of other matters. Over the next few years, the parish's new Social Justice Discussion Group will study the themes one at a time in an attempt better understand what they expect. The Social Justice Discussion Group will meet on December 7 at 7 PM in the Office/Chapel building to organize and select themes for spring 2017 discussions. If you have questions, please contact Joe Rogan at [joerogan@verizon.net](mailto:joerogan@verizon.net), or call the Parish Office at 254-9502.

**Christmas at The Cathedral**

with Ronan Tynan, Friday, Dec. 16 – 8:00 p.m. Saint Peter's Cathedral parish is honored to welcome back Ronan Tynan in an all-new concert featuring the season's most beloved Christmas selections and year-round favorites. Ronan's captivating singing, combined with the majesty of the Cathedral and the jubilant expectation of the season will combine for an unforgettable evening. All tickets are reserved seating and are available for purchase by calling the parish office at 570-344-7231 or by visiting [www.stpeterscathedral.org](http://www.stpeterscathedral.org). Ticket prices: Premier Reserve Seating: \$100 (includes pre-concert reception with Ronan); Limited Reserve Seating & General Reserved Seating: \$50/\$35. The concert will take place in the Cathedral of Saint Peter, 315 Wyoming Avenue, Scranton. All are invited!

**MERRY CHRISTMAS DARLING: A  
CARPENTERS' CHRISTMAS**

"Merry Christmas Darling: Carpenters' Christmas" is a holiday show that celebrates the classic Carpenters' Christmas recordings with an equal complement of their biggest pop music hits. **Saturday, Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>, 7pm at The Theater at North** (located within the former N. Scranton Jr. High). Michelle Berting Brett takes center stage with a 7-piece Nashville band. You'll hear stories and sing along to songs like "Close to You", "We've Only Just Begun", and all your holiday favorites. Definitely fun for the whole family! Tickets: [www.thetheateratnorth.org](http://www.thetheateratnorth.org), 1-877-987-6487, or at the Box Office: 1539 N. Main Ave, Scranton. M & F: 11a-1p; TH 3p-6p.

**PARISH COLLECTION**

November 19-20, 2016

Adults	\$ 3,088.00	179/564
Children	\$ 49.00	25/264
Loose	\$ 266.00	
Other	\$ 1,377.00	
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>\$ 4,780.00</b>	

Thank you for your continued support of our Parish.

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