



*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)

Janice Bevacqua	Mary Retzbach
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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	12-16	5:00 p.m. (C.C.)	Sophie Begey	Family
Sunday	12-17	8:00 a.m. (C.C.)	Living & Deceased Members of St. John Vianney Parish	
		9:30 a.m. (S.P.)	Jill Kelley	Family
		11:00 a.m. (C.C.)	Thomas Racht	Family
Monday	12-18	8:30 a.m. (C.C.)	Rosemary Podhyski	Family
Tuesday	12-19	8:30 a.m. (C.C.)	Barry J. Figures & Mary A. Figured	Joseph Figured, Jr. & Sr.
Wednesday	12-20	8:30 a.m. (C.C.)	Martin Wojnarowski	Family
Thursday	12-21	8:30 a.m. (C.C.)	David L. Duchnik	Ann & Bob Horne
Friday	12-22	8:30 a.m. (C.C.)	Susan Muzzi	Patti, Tom & Gina
Saturday	12-23	5:00 p.m. (C.C.)	Joe Ferraro	Family
Sunday	12-24	9:30 a.m. (S.P.)	Living & Deceased Members of St. John Vianney Parish	
		11:00 a.m. (C.C.)	Gertrude Malahosky	St John Vianney Bible Study Group
Christmas Eve Masses:		4:00 p.m. (C.C.)	Christmas Novena Mass Intentions	
		9:00 p.m. (C.C.)	Christmas Novena Mass Intentions	

## Christmas Schedule

### 4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Dec. 23-24)

5:00 p.m. Saturday, December 23 (Corpus Christi)

Sunday, December 24: 9:30 a.m. St. Pius, 11:00a.m. Corpus Christi (please note no 8:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday)



O Come  
Let Us  
Adore Him

### CHRISTMAS EVE (Sunday, Dec. 24)

4:00 p.m. Children's Christmas Liturgy (Corpus Christi) Carols begin at 3:30 p.m.

9:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass with the Adult Choir (Corpus Christi) Carols begin at 8:40 p.m.

### CHRISTMAS DAY (Monday, Dec. 25)

9:30 a.m. Christmas Mass with St. Pius Christmas Choir (St. Pius X) Carols begin at 9:10 a.m.

11:00 a.m. Christmas Mass with the Adult Choir (Corpus Christi) Carols begin at 10:40 a.m.

December 30 – 31 is the regular weekend/Sunday Mass schedule

### MARY, MOTHER OF GOD VIGIL (Sunday, Dec. 31)

Sunday, Dec. 31, 5:00 p.m. Mass (Corpus Christi)

### MARY, MOTHER OF GOD, (Monday, Jan. 1)

11:00 a.m. Mass (Corpus Christi)

NOEL HALLELUJAH MERRY CHRISTMAS HAPPY NEW YEAR  
*Noel Hallelujah Merry Christmas Happy New Year*

### CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS EVE MASS

The Children's Christmas Eve Mass will be held at 4:00p.m. at Corpus Christi. Children can do both the Nativity and the Choir.

**CHILDREN'S CHOIR:** All Kn-8th Grade students interested in joining the Children's Christmas Eve Choir, practice is Sunday, December 17th after 11AM Mass. Pick up time is 1:30PM. Children will be offered a light lunch before practice starts at 12:20.

**ALL 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. Practice will be held on Sunday December 17th after 11:00AM Mass until 1:15

**Final Dress Rehearsal and Pizza Party DATE CHANGE** will be held for the **Children's Choir and Nativity participants** on **Friday, December 22** from 6:00p.m. to 7:30p.m. **All participants must attend this final practice.**

### GIVE A GREAT GIFT

This Christmas consider giving the gift of life by donating blood at our **Blood Drive on Thursday, December 21, 1:00p.m. to 6:00p.m.** in the Parish Center. This Christmas give something that means something.

**Blood  
DRIVE**

### Kn-8th GRADE CHRISTMAS PARTY



Christmas Party

**All students, including St. Pius students and our Catholic School students** are invited to attend the Christmas party on **December 17 at 10:15am** at Corpus Christi. For the Corpus Christi students there will be a short lesson in their class prior to the party. Any help from parents will be greatly appreciated! Please join us as we celebrate the Birth of Christ.

### ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICES

#### AREA RECONCILIATION SERVICES:

Sun., Dec. 17, 3:00p.m. Sacred Heart, Peckville

Mon. Dec. 18, 6:00p.m. St. Michael's, Jessup

Tue., Dec. 19, 6:00p.m. Sacred Heart, Jermyn

Wed., Dec. 20, 6:00p.m. St. Thomas Church, Archbald

### INCLEMENT WEATHER CANCELLATIONS



We will have any cancellations for any Religious Education Classes, practices and events on our Facebook page, on our parish website UNDER the Twitter section at the bottom right of the webpage and a text or email if you have signed up for Flocknote. Flocknote is the preferred and best way to be notified. Our Facebook page is <https://www.facebook.com/stjvp>. Our parish webpage is: [www.stjvp.org](http://www.stjvp.org). We also will put an announcement on the answering machine. 570-254-9502 ext. 3.

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

Interest has been shown to again have a Choir for the 9:30a.m. Mass on Christmas morning at the St. Pius X location. There will be two practice, Dec. 16 and 17 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 23-24, 2017 (Sunday Obligation Masses)

5:00p	K. Kolucki	B. Facciani	C. Salva
Sat.	N. Kolucki		J. Golecki
			L. Golecki
9:30a	J. Gesford	T. Benedict	L. Drum
(St. Pius)	N. Baker		M. Orazzi
11:00a	B. Gretzula	R. Koruszko	J. Sczesniak
	M. Matous		B. Toth
			R. Toth

#### December 24, 2017 (Christmas Eve Masses)

4:00p	B. Good	Sr. J. Karp	J. Corbett
	K. Dzwonczyk		R. Good
	J. Sposto		T. Bjork
9:00p	G. Sczesniak	D. Spegar	J. Sczesniak
	N. Ferraro		M. L. Racht
			M. J. Oakley

#### December 25, 2017

9:30a	E. Komora	L. Conrad	K. Shostek
(St. Pius)			B. Sedlak
11:00a	N. Toth	M. A. Paulukonis	R. Toth
	M. Toth		B. Toth
			C. Salva

### Bold Choices Retreat

#### *(Finding Your Passion and Living It Fully)*

Join us for a young adult (18-35) retreat at Saint Gabriel's Retreat Center, Clarks Summit January 5-6. The 24-hour retreat will include presentations and interactive sessions on prayer, making choices based in faith, finding your passion, the art of discernment, small group discussion & more. Cost is \$65.00. For more information and/or to register, visit [vocations.dioceseofscranton.org](http://vocations.dioceseofscranton.org) or call 570-207-1452.

### MEMORIAL DONATIONS



Please consider remembering your parish for memorial donations. If you would like to discuss any special needs of the parish, please contact Fr. Michael. If you would like to make memorial donations to other organizations, such as the Food Pantry, please send your donations directly to them.

### The Giving Tree

All gifts are to be returned to the church from which you got the tag by Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>. Place an ornament on the tree when you put the gift under it. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



Helping the Needy

### DONATIONS FOR NEW FLOORING AT ST. PIUS X

St. Pius X Altar and Rosary is beginning to solicit donations to replace the floor covering in the body of the Church. This collection of funds will continue through Christmas at St. Pius X. Checks may be made out to: St. Pius X Altar & Rosary. Thank you.

### PART TIME JOB AT ST. JOHN VIANNEY



A part time job is available for someone who can make themselves available most of the time for our four masses, Saturday evening through Sunday to run our projector. This person would have the responsibilities of typing the music lyrics for the songs (which differ every week) and from time to time download a youtube video that Father Michael would like shown at mass. Anyone is welcome to apply for this position, although a retired person might be more available during the weekend. Please contact Father Michael at 254-9502. Thank You.

### INTERESTED IN E-GIVING?

Sign up at:

<https://giving.ncsservices.org/dl/?uid=ncs-3836> or go to [stjvp.org](http://stjvp.org) and click on the link

### PARISH COLLECTION

#### December 2-3, 2017

Adults	\$ 4,564.00	227/572
Children	\$ 56.00	45/237
Loose	\$ 481.37	
Other	\$ 1,714.00	
Total Collection	\$ 6,815.37	

Thank you for your continued support of our Parish Community.

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