



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

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| Lisa Anzelmi | Frank Plominski |
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FINANCE COUNCIL: finance@stjvp.org

MASSES OF THE WEEK

| | | <u>Location</u> | <u>Mass Intention:</u> | <u>Requested by:</u> |
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| Saturday | 1-02 | 5:00 p.m. (C.C.) | Living and Deceased Members of | St. John Vianney Parish |
| Sunday | 1-03 | 8:00 a.m. (C.C.) | Regina Boyarsky | Ed & Cheryl Boyarsky |
| | | 9:30 a.m. (S.P.) | Christmas Intentions | |
| | | 11:00 a.m. (C.C.) | Christmas Intentions | |
| Monday | 1-04 | 8:30 a.m. (C.C.) | Ed & Anna Hlavaty | Ed & Barbara Bock |
| Tuesday | 1-05 | 8:30 a.m. (C.C.) | Helen Cordelli | Sisters, Theresa & Irene |
| Wednesday | 1-06 | 8:30 a.m. (C.C.) | Bernie F. Coggins | |
| Thursday | 1-07 | 6:00 p.m. (S.P.) | Marge Yavorek | Joan Mikelatis & Family |
| Friday | 1-08 | 11:00 a.m. (C.C.) | Joseph Wright, Sr. | Rose Marie Gromelski |
| Saturday | 1-09 | 5:00 p.m. (C.C.) | Regina Boyarsky | Grandchildren |
| Sunday | 1-10 | 8:00 a.m. (C.C.) | Ann Boyko | Hallesky Family |
| | | 9:30 a.m. (S.P.) | William Piatt | Wife, Lillian |
| | | 11:00 a.m. (C.C.) | Living and Deceased Members of | St. John Vianney Parish |

FORMED

Anyone in our parish can sign up to use FORMED.org. Our parish has purchased this for you to use ANYWHERE you log onto the internet. Movies and all kinds of content are available for you. It is the CATHOLIC NETFLIX. After you create your own password with your email, just put in our parish code and then you're set to visit from anywhere, your phone, tablet, laptop and computer. Our parish code: KZW3G7

HOMEBOUND, HOPITIZED OR IN A NURSING HOME

If a parishioner is unable to attend Mass on a regular basis due to illness, hospitalization, or in a nursing home, please call the Parish Office (254-9502) and notify us. Please understand we can not rely on hospitals to inform us when our parishioners are hospitalized. We have several volunteers who bring Communion on a weekly basis to homebound parishioners. The Pastor visits with our parishioners who are homebound, in the hospital or nursing homes on an as-needed basis.



NEW PARISHIONERS

If you are considering a membership of faith, why not give serious consideration to joining St. John Vianney Parish? We would gladly welcome you as a member. To join the parish, please speak to Father Michael after Mass.

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 (254-9502) or email the parish (ccrc402@comcast.net).

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

"By Susan Vogt, www.SusanVogt.net"

Epiphany: The 3 Magi (kings or wise men) recognized power in the unlikely person of a baby. Indeed it is wisdom that helps us see the Godliness within the ordinary people in our lives. Our beloved may seem pretty ordinary today. Look for the Godliness within.

Are you interested in the Catholic Faith? We are now beginning a new journey in faith to share the richness of the Catholic Church and our parish family. 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. We currently have sessions **afternoons and evenings**. Feel free to come any day. 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

Ecumenical Celebration of God's Word at Cathedral of Saint Peter

"The Diocese of Scranton will again participate in the worldwide Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, which is celebrated each year in January.

The Diocese of Scranton will host an Ecumenical Celebration of God's Word on Monday, January 25, 2016, at 12:10 p.m. in the Cathedral of Saint Peter, Scranton. There will be no 12:10 p.m. Mass that day in the Cathedral. All are welcome to attend. In addition, CTV: Catholic Television will broadcast the service live.

The Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L., Bishop of Scranton, will preside, and Bishop Jeremiah Park of the Susquehanna Conference, Methodist Church will deliver the homily.

Clergy and representatives from various Christian traditions and ecumenical agencies will be present. Liturgical music will be provided by All Saints Academy, Scranton.

ATTENTION FAMILIES AND TEENS:

CHOSEN is our High School Religious Education Program. All teens are invited to experience CHOSEN. We are currently offering this monthly. Join other teens, (Some are coming because they want to teach in our CCD Program), teens from youth group WANT to come, **and we want YOU to come! YOU are CHOSEN. Chosen** by God. Say YES to His call. Don't say no! It's only once a month! This is fun and is our CHOSEN way to do a High School Program. PARENTS!!! Please encourage your sons and daughters to attend once a month. When? The next session will be a Sunday January 17th, from 3:30-5PM (Call or look in bulletin for monthly session) Where? Parish Office Building Who? Grades 9-12 Call JoAnn at 254-9502 ext. 3 for more information.

THANK YOU

Thank you from Brownie Troop 50811 for all of the parishioners that supported the bake sale we had!!! It was wonderful and everyone enjoyed the treats!

Were you asked to be a Sponsor for a Baptism or Confirmation?

When one is asked to be a Sponsor, normally the parish where the Sacrament will be received will ask the proposed Catholic Sponsor for a form from their parish. The reason a form is requested is so that the parish where the Sacrament will be received, knows that the sponsor is qualified for the role. Anyone wishing to receive a Sponsor Certificate from our parish is to speak to Fr. Michael in person after they attend Mass.

UNLOCKING THE MYSTERY OF THE BIBLE

If you would like to have a deeper relationship with God and a better understanding of your faith, then join us for *Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible*. You will not only benefit personally from being part of this study; you will also help to bring about a profound renewal in our parish as we grow closer to Christ. St. John Vianney will begin *Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible* on January 4th at 6:30. For more information or to sign up, contact JoAnn at 254-9502 ext. 3 or jwilbursjv@comcast.net.

Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible helps you uncover the story woven through Scripture with its clever narrative approach and ingenious color-coded Bible Timeline. It is a great way to get the "big picture" of the Bible and see how our Catholic Faith is rooted in Scripture. You'll see how the Bible reveals God's loving plan for your life, and you will learn helpful ways to put your faith into practice.

The study includes a series of eight informative and engaging half-hour videos presented by Jeff Cavins. Each video will be followed by a lively group discussion. You can sign up for the study at Evangelization.com, or email JoAnn at jwilbursjv@comcast.net. You will receive a color-coded Bible Timeline Chart, a Bible study workbook, and the ability to stream the study videos online at your convenience.

YOUTH GROUP

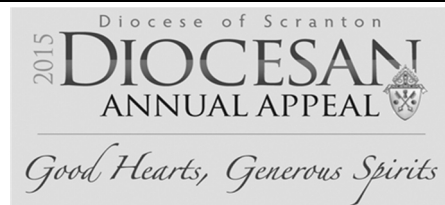
The youth group meets weekly from 5 to 8PM. Check with JoAnn at 254-9502 ext. 3 or jwilbursjv@comcast.net for current, up-to-date activities.

ENVELOPE CREDIT DATE

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. You may make-up contributions from the previous year, however they will be posted to the Sunday they were received.

NEW AND USED TOYS AND CANDY FOR HAITI'S CHILDREN

Families have been giving us new and used toys. We have been making little bags and adding candy for the children. Any candy is acceptable except soft chocolate since it may melt. Any toys, cars, figures etc. (nothing has to be complete or even match). Larger toys are boxed to be used at orphanage, hospital and school areas. The smaller toys are given out to individual children. We will be doing this on an ongoing basis. Shoes and summer clothing for ALL ages is most needed and most appreciated. We have a bin in the lobby marked Haiti.



There are extra pledge forms in the entrance of the Church. Our Parish Goal: \$32,000
Percentage of Goal Pledged as of the last report 88%

Liturgical Ministers' Schedule

January 9-10, 2016

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| 5:00p | N. Ferraro | C. Lubash | E. Piccini J. Piccini J. Straub |
| 8:00a | J. Dunstone M. Dunstone | L. Lastauskas | G. Hallesky G. Konzman R. Good |
| 9:30a | M. Salansky (St. Pius) J. Gesford | R. Totten | K. Shostek L. Drum |
| 11:00a | T. Dzwonczyk K. Dzwonczyk | R. Koruszko | A. Swarts M. L. Racht C. Giordano |

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI KITCHEN SUPPLIES NEEDED

St Francis of Assisi Kitchen is in need of sugar, salt and low sodium soups. Items can be dropped off at the kitchen located at 500 Penn Ave., Scranton, M-F, from 8-3 and weekends from 8-noon.

MONTDALE FOOD PANTRY

Hi! December 16th was the Christmas distribution day for the Food Pantry. All families received a turkey, stuffing mix, cranberry sauce and a cake mix plus all the usual groceries. There were 101 families (278) people served. We are looking forward to the New Year and we want to wish you all a Blessed Christmas and a very Happy New Year. Many thanks for all you have done to help us achieve our goal to Feed the Hungry.

Sincere thanks,
Marian Demming
Food chair

PARISH COLLECTIONS

December 19-20, 2015

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| Weekly Adults | \$5,123.00 | 238/675 |
| Weekly Children | \$ 83.00 | 44/264 |
| Loose | \$ 491.22 | |
| Other (Dues, Etc.) | \$2,144.00 | |
| Total Collection | \$7,841.22 | |

Thank you for your continued support of your Parish Community.



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Special Instructions: