



*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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## MASSES OF THE WEEK

		<u>Location</u>	<u>Mass Intention:</u>	<u>Requested by:</u>
Saturday	4-23	5:00 p.m. (C.C.)	Anthony DiBlasi	Family
Sunday	4-24	8:00 a.m. (C.C.)	Living and Deceased Members of St. John Vianney Parish	James & Deborah Biondo
		9:30 a.m. (S.P.)	Harry & Susan Newak	Don & Fran Zaleski
		11:00 a.m. (C.C.)	Tom Kraky	
Monday	4-25		<b>No Mass</b>	
Tuesday	4-26	8:30 a.m. (C.C.)	Phil Thygeson	Friends
Wednesday	4-27	8:30 a.m. (C.C.)	Barry J. Figured & Mary A. Figured	Joseph Figured, Jr. & Sr.
Thursday	4-28	8:30 a.m. (C.C.)	Edward Eagiello	Wife, Alice
Friday	4-29	8:30 a.m. (C.C.)	Ed & Patti Cdula	Friends
Saturday	4-30	5:00 p.m. (C.C.)	John Valtos	Andrew M. Bowanda
Sunday	5-01	8:00 a.m. (C.C.)	Ann Boyko	Frank & Annette Tancredo
		9:30 a.m. (S.P.)	Living and Deceased Members of St. John Vianney Parish	
		11:00 a.m. (C.C.)	Rev. Michael J. Kirwin 40th Anniversary Ordination to Priesthood	

## FR. MICHAEL'S 40th ANNIVERSARY

**This weekend is the  
last chance to sign up  
to attend !**



Fr. Michael Kirwin will celebrate his 40th Anniversary to the Priesthood on Sunday, May 1st at the 11:00a.m. Mass at Corpus Christi. The Mass will be followed by a luncheon party in the Parish Center (basement) with entertainment provided by Sarah Marie and Joseph.

Everyone is welcome to join in the celebration. So that we can prepare, **anyone planning to attend must register by April 25th.** Sign up sheets are in the Church or you can email [ccrc402@comcast.net](mailto:ccrc402@comcast.net) with the name and number attending. Come join the celebration!

## Invitation to join the Welcome Team

Extending hospitality to people at weekend Masses conveys our enthusiasm for their presence with us. We invite anyone willing to serve as a greeter or usher to be part of our Welcome Team. Feel free to ask any of our Welcome Team members about their ministry and how they enjoyed the orientation session. We will organize another orientation session, so let us know of your interest via a form at <http://www.stjvp.org/liturgical-ministries> or by calling the parish office.



**RELIGIOUS ED &  
CHILDREN'S LITURGY  
DATE CHANGE**

The final day for Religious Education has been changed to May 15.

There will be a Children's Liturgy at 9:30a.m. and 11:00a.m. that day.

There will be no Religious Education  
at Corpus Christi on May 1st.

## SPRING SHOWER



Our parish Spring Shower to benefit the women and children in need at the Catherine McAuley Center and Care-Net Pregnancy Center will begin April 2nd and run through April 30th. Display boards with the wish lists are at both churches with tags you may choose from. Please purchase the items and return them to the church.

The recipients are always so very grateful for our continued support, caring and sharing. Together we can make a positive difference for these families.

## BISHOP'S YOUTH AWARD

The Bishop's Youth Award is given yearly to 8th and 12th grade students who show a practice of their Faith and service to their Parish. The following students received the award this year from Bishop Joseph C. Bambera at a Mass on April 12th at St. Peter's Cathedral.

12th grade Thomas Dzwonczyk

Thomas was also nominated by his school, Holy Cross High School

8th grade

Billy Good

Olivia Hudak

Connor Martin

Abigail Neri

Emily Yurgosky

## 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. 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 [jwilbursjv@comcast.net](mailto:jwilbursjv@comcast.net)

## DIVINE MERCY

## The Second Greatest Story Ever Told

Mondays, at our Corpus Christi location. Renowned speaker and author Fr. Michael Gaitley tells the dramatic history of God's Love and Mercy as interwoven through the transformative message of St. Faustina, the miraculous appearances of Mary at Fatima, the witness of St. Maximilian Kolbe, and the world-changing papacy of Pope St. John Paul II. Featuring the brilliant cinematic artistry of the Augustine Institute's film studio, the vast panorama of God's work of mercy in the world unfolds as a story to be experienced. Come to one or all 9 sessions.

## Knight at the Races, May 21, 2016

Dinner tickets are limited and must be purchased in advance. There will be a pot luck buffet. Baskets are needed for the raffle. If you would like to donate a basket, call Ed Sokoloski at 587-3120 or Rich Malinick at 254-9526.

## 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, 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! PAR-ENTS!!! Please encourage your sons and daughters to attend once a month.

When? The next session will be Sunday, **May 15**, from 3:30-5PM Where? Parish Office Building Who? Grades 9-12 Call JoAnn at 254-9502 ext. 3 for more information.

### SPRING RAFFLE

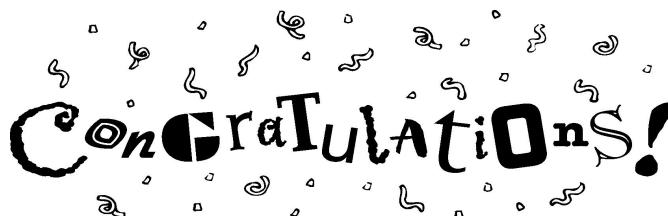
Thank you one and all!!! After the prizes were awarded the parish profited \$18,590 from the Spring Raffle. This money is the result of individual parishioners taking the needs of their parish to heart and making a concerted effort to sell tickets to family and friends. This is certainly a testimony not just to your devotion to our parish, but, more importantly, to your love for Jesus. Jesus is the source of every blessing in our lives and we are grateful for the opportunity to serve an institution working to bring Him to the world. A special thank you to the Knights who took the lead, as always, selling our tickets.

### PASTA DINNER

When age or catastrophic illness hits a family it is good to know that people care. The Knights of Columbus invited us all to participate in a fund raiser to help the needy of the parish. Thank you to everyone who sold tickets, made donations and worked at the Pasta Supper. There is more to this pasta dinner than just food and fundraiser. This dinner is all about family, community and caring. Thank you!

**Spring Raffle Winners:** We would like to congratulate the following lucky winners of the drawing:

Anne Karp \$10,000      Joe Karp \$500      Janet Baigis \$300  
 Mr. & Mrs. George Abramo \$100      Debbie Hameza \$50



### Liturgical Ministers' Schedule April 30-May 1, 2016

5:00p	N. Ferraro M. Matous	J. R. Salva	Deacon Ed J. Golecki L. Golecki
8:00a	J. Dunstone M. Dunstone	L. Volk	G. Hallesky R. Good J. Corbett
9:30a	A. Long (St. Pius) K. Long	L. Hayes	L. Drum M. Orazzi
11:00a	M. Ziobro M. Ziobro N. Lowry	Kirwin Fam.	Deacon Ed R. Stracham M.L. Racht

### Youth for Life Art and Essay Contest

Pennsylvanians for Human Life announces its 14<sup>th</sup> annual pro-life art and essay contest. Students may choose one of two themes. 1. "Why I'm Thankful My Mom Chose Life" or 2. "How has the pro-life movement (or a pro-life individual or leader) shown love and respect for unborn babies, the elderly and disabled persons?" Students from grades 7-12 who attend public, religious, or private schools, or are home-schooled may enter. Prizes are awarded for Art and Essays. First prize is \$100, second \$60, third \$30 in three divisions (Art, Junior Essay and Senior Essay) Contest deadline is May 11, 2016 See the home page of [www.prolifescranton.org](http://www.prolifescranton.org) for a contest application and further details or call 570-343-5099. Please mail entries to: Pro-Life Information Center, 506 Broadway, Scranton, PA 18505 by May 11, 2016.

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Our new Religious Education Advisory Committee met on April 18th to organize. Responsibilities of committee members are to seek input from parents; advise on the annual religious education calendar, policies and handbook, potential program changes, and parent notifications; assist with teacher recruitment; and help resolve parent concerns. Parent Members are Susan Gesford, Theresa Micknick, Louise Ofcharsky, Brian Wagner, and Marion Yurgosky.

### PARISH COLLECTION April 9-10, 2016

Weekly Adults	\$ 4,472.00	252/564
Weekly Children	\$ 59.00	45/264
Loose	\$ 381.00	
Other (Dues, Etc.)	\$ 733.00	
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>\$ 5,645.00</b>	

Thank you for your continued support of our Parish Community.

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