



St. John Vianney

PARISH COMMUNITY

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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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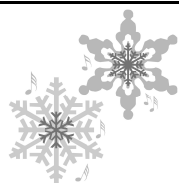
PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: ppc@stjvp.org

Janice Bevacqua	Carol Mondello
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<i>Secretary</i>	Lynn Volk

FINANCE COUNCIL: finance@stjvp.org

MASSSES OF THE WEEK

		<u>Location</u>	<u>Mass Intention:</u>	<u>Requested by:</u>
Saturday	12-14	5:00 p.m. (C.C.)	Arleen Staples-Kwolek	Peter Kwolek
Sunday	12-15	8:00 a.m. (C.C.)	Living & Deceased Members of	St. John Vianney Parish Family
		9:30 a.m. (S.P.)	John & Jill Kelley	
		11:00 a.m. (C.C.)	Henry P. & Josephine M. Koruszko	
Monday	12-16	8:30 a.m. (C.C.)	Stanley J. Rupp, Sr.	Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Liuzzo
Tuesday	12-17	8:30 a.m. (C.C.)	Julia M. Wasnock	Mr. & Mrs. John Wormuth
Wednesday	12-18	8:30 a.m. (C.C.)	Mary Ann Bevacqua	Mr. & Mrs. William Kerl
Thursday	12-19	8:30 a.m. (C.C.)	Mary Kolucki	The Agor Family
Friday	12-20	8:30 a.m. (C.C.)	Joseph G. Kapinus, Jr.	Alex & Irene Maciaszek
Saturday	12-21	5:00 p.m. (C.C.)	Living & Deceased Members of	St. John Vianney Parish Family
Sunday	12-22	8:00 a.m. (C.C.)	John & Therese Schott	
		9:30 a.m. (S.P.)	Ronna & George Salansky	
		11:00 a.m. (C.C.)	Joseph Ferraro	Family



Christmas Schedule



CHRISTMAS EVE

Tuesday, December 24

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

9:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass with the Adult Choir (Corpus Christi) Join us at 8:30 p.m. for Carols

CHRISTMAS DAY

Wednesday, December 25

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

11:00 a.m. Christmas Mass with the Adult Choir (Corpus Christi) Join us at 10:30 a.m. for Carols

December 28-29 is the regular weekend/Sunday Mass schedule

NEW YEARS EVE

Tuesday, Dec. 31, 5:30 p.m. Mass (St. Pius)

NEW YEARS DAY

Wednesday, Jan. 1, 12:00p.m. Mass (Corpus Christi)



ADVENT RECONCILIATION

Reconciliation will be celebrated at Corpus Christi, Friday, December 20 12:00p.m.–1:00p.m. & 5:00p.m.–6:00p.m. & Saturday, December 21, 4:15p.m.–4:45p.m.

AREA RECONCILIATION SERVICES:

Sunday, Dec. 15, 3:00p.m. Christ the King, Archbald

Tuesday, Dec. 17, 6:00p.m. Sacred Heart, Jermyn

Tuesday, Dec. 17, 7:00p.m. St. Patrick's, Nicholson

Wednesday, Dec. 18, 6:00p.m. Sacred Heart, Peckville

CHRISTMAS CAROLING—date change

Come join us for Christmas Caroling and help brighten the holidays! Our Parish homebound caroling has been changed to Sunday, **December 15th**. Practice will begin at 5:00p at Corpus Christi, and we'll head out to sing at 6:00. We hope you can join us; this should be a fun family event for all ages! Sign up sheets will be in the back of the churches, or you can sign up on our website, <https://stjvp.org/> Questions? Call Gloria Konzman at 570-947-0512.



Caroling for Homebound

The Giving Tree

All gifts are due back today to the Church from which you picked up your tag.

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

"By Susan Vogt, www.SusanVogt.net"

As we approach Christmas, it's easy to become "busy-holics" and race to prepare decorations, presents, and food. When feeling stressed with yourself or your beloved, pause, take a deep breath, and "Be patient." (James 5:7)

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS EVE MASS

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

CHILDREN'S CHOIR: Children's Christmas Choir practice schedule: **Sundays December 15 and 22 after 11am Masses**, Pick up time will be 12:45 PM Please contact Heather with any questions at 570-947-2040.

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. Please sign up in the back of the Church if your child plans to participate. Practices will be held on Thursdays, **December 19th 6:00p.m.-7:30p.m.** at Corpus Christi Church.

Final Dress Rehearsal and Pizza Party will be held for the **Children's Choir** and **Nativity participants** on Sunday, December 22 from noon to 1:30p.m. **All participants must attend this final practice.**

St. Pius X Christmas Choir Practices

Anyone interested in singing before 9:30 AM Mass at St. Pius X is encouraged to come Wednesdays at 7pm at Corpus Christi. This will be to prepare for the caroling before Mass and the service on Christmas Morning. There are some beautiful songs we will be learning!



GIRL SCOUTS BAKE SALE

This weekend the Girl Scouts will be holding a bake sale at all of the Masses at Corpus Christi.

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 jwillsbursjv@comcast.net

THANK YOU

Sincere thanks to all who gave to our Parish coat drive! Over 152 coats, hoodies, hats, gloves, scarves & more were donated to help others in need keep warm this winter. Thanks so very much for your caring generosity & ongoing support!

Many thanks for participating in our Parish Thanksgiving food collection as we were able to donate many bags of food for holiday meals as well as staples to help keep our two local food pantry shelves stocked. Your kind donations, caring, & sharing are greatly appreciated! Blessings, Faith & Works Team

Is your marriage going down the right road . . . or is it a little off track?

Life can be difficult, and so can the challenges you face in marriage. Does the distance between you seem wide? Are you already separated? Looking for a better way? Retrouvaille can help and offers hope for a better relationship. Retrouvaille is a peer ministry of volunteer couples that can help you learn the tools of healthy communication, build intimacy and heal, just as they have done in their own marriages. Retrouvaille is Christian-based, and Catholic in origin, but welcomes couples of all faiths as well as non-religious couples. Retrouvaille can help get your relationship back on track. January 17, 2020: Holiday Inn Express, Harrisburg East. For more information, contact registration team @ 717-356-2185 or visit our website: HelpOurMarriage.com

Liturgical Ministers' Schedule December 21-22, 2019

5:00p	B. Gretzula J. Begin	J. R. Salva	C. Calafut J. Golecki L. Golecki
8:00a		G. Borosky	R. Good P. Griffiths
9:30a	E. Komora (St. Pius)	T. Benedict	B. Sedlak K. Shostek
11:00a	A. Toth N. Toth	M. A. Paulukonis	A. Swartz B. Toth R. Toth

Did You Know...



**You May Make a Gift
to Your Parish
or to the Diocesan
Annual Appeal
Directly from your IRA**

If you are 70½ or older and have a traditional individual retirement account, you can use all or part of your required minimum distribution to support your parish or the Diocesan Annual Appeal without having to count the transfers as income for federal tax purposes.

Distributions must be sent directly to your parish or the Diocese by the plan administrator of your IRA.

For more information,
please contact Jim Bebla,
Diocesan Secretary of Development, at
Jim-Bebbla@DioceseofScranton.org
or 570-207-2250.

AWAY FOR CHRISTMAS? CONSIDER E-GIVING

Sign up at:

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

END OF YEAR CONTRIBUTIONS

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. Any contributions received after the 11:00a.m. Mass on December 29th will be posted to 2020. e-giving can be given right up to and including December 31st and will be posted to 2019.

PARISH COLLECTION November 30-December 1, 2019

Adults	\$ 3,215.00	136/584
Children	\$ 28.00	21/189
Loose	\$ 293.00	
Other	\$ 839.00	
Total Collection	\$ 4,375.00	

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Bulletin for Sunday December 15, 2019
Special Instructions: