



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.

RECONCILIATION: Saturday at Corpus Christi Church: 4:15–4:45 PM or by appointment.

PASTORAL TEAM:

Rev. August Ricciardi: *Pastor*

Rev. Michael J. Kirwin, Ph.D.: *Pastor Emeritus*

Deacon Edwin L. Salva, Sr.: *Permanent Deacon*

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28th Sunday in Ordinary Time October 12, 2025

"Stand up and go; your faith has saved you."

Luke 17:19

MASSES OF THE WEEK

			<u>Mass Intention:</u>	<u>Requested by:</u>
Saturday	10-11	5:00 p.m. C.C.	Frank J. Paris	Andrew & Lois Mallick
Sunday	10-12	9:30 a.m. S.P.	Living & Deceased Members of St. John Vianney Parish	
		11:00 a.m. C.C.	Marlene Toczydlowski	Wagner Family
WEEKDAY MASSES WILL BE IN THE CHAPEL UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE				
Monday	10-13	8:30 a.m. C.C.	Shirley Garrick	Roseann & Richard Stracham
Tuesday	10-14	12:00 p.m. C.C.	Margaret Ricciardi	Anna Mae Ricciardi
Wednesday	10-15	8:30 a.m. C.C.	Thomas Mangieri	Friends
		6:00 p.m. S.P.	Betty & Bill Lopatofsky	Family
Thursday	10-16	12:00 p.m. C.C.	Carol Salva	Kathy Horan
Friday	10-17	8:30 a.m. C.C.	Ronald Simpson	Tom & Brenda Budzinski
Saturday	10-18	5:00 p.m. C.C.	Carol Salva	Nancy & Ed Osburn
Sunday	10-19	9:30 a.m. S.P.	Living & Deceased Members of St. John Vianney Parish	
		11:00 a.m. C.C.	James R. Burke	Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Burke

OUR CALL TO SERVE
CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

**31,103
HOUSEHOLDS SERVED**

By Catholic Social Services' food pantries last year
(An increase of 19 percent from the previous year)

Support the 2025 Catholic Ministries Appeal at: AnnualAppeal.org

Our Appeal Goal
this year is
\$31,133.00.
Currently we are
at 33% of our goal
with \$12,990.00
pledged.
Pledge envelopes
are in the pew.
Please fill them
out, put a stamp
on them and mail
them directly.



Christmas Cards for the Military at Fort Drum
(Please return by October 26th)

Step 1

In the back of both churches there will be a box of Christmas cards for you to take and use. Please take as many as you like and make sure to write a special message/prayers to let them know they are in your thoughts. These soldiers probably won't be home for Christmas!

Step 2

Please return the completed cards back to the churches and place in the designated box/bag sponsored by the Faith and Works Commission of St. John Vianney.

Columbus Day Bake Sale

Sunday October 12th at St. Pius. Anyone interested in baking all baked good can be dropped off the morning of Sunday 10/12 anytime after 8:30am.

Coat Drive

Keep someone warm this winter by donating gently used coats and jackets. Beginning the weekend of October 18 & 19 and ending October 25 & 26 you can make a difference for both children and adults. Please consider helping those in need!! All coats and jackets will be distributed to American Legion Post in Lenox and the St Francis Free Clothing Store. Question, please contact Rosanne Stracham @ (570) 466-2244 Maryanne Doyle @ 570-434-2668.



Warm Socks For Cold Feet



Our socks collection will take place the weekends of October 11 & 12 and October 18 & 19. Please bring in a new pair of socks and keep someone's feet warm this winter!! All socks will be distributed to St. Francis Center,

Friends of the Poor in Scranton and Social Concerns of Carbondale. Questions, please contact Suzette 570-575-1606.

Mental Health Sunday - October 12

The mental health crisis is a profound challenge to the Church and to society. Catholics can respond with generosity, hope, and compassion to everyone who needs help. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) invites all people of good will to pray for mental health and wellness, particularly during the month of October. See usccb.org/mentalhealth for more and contact Jen Housel to learn about our parish's Catholic Mental Health Ministry, 570-434-2339

ADORATION ON TUESDAYS

The Chapel will be open for Adoration on Tuesdays 12:30p to 6:30p. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed during this time and you may come when it is convenient.

JOINING THE PARISH

If you would like to join the parish please call the parish office and make an appointment with Fr. Gus. Father would like to meet with all new parishioners to get to know them and let them know about areas that might interest them. We look forward to welcoming you to our parish family.



Holy Cross High School Parents' Club Craft Fair and Home Showcase

Sunday, October 19, 2025, 10:00am to 4:00pm
501 East Drinker Street, Dunmore, PA
Contact: Krista Rossi for more info 570-346-7541



The Beginning Experience® Ministry is a peer led ministry that serves those grieving the end of a spousal relationship due to death, divorce, or separation. Men and women of all ages and faiths are welcome to attend.

Healing Weekend- an in-person overnight weekend retreat at Linwood Spiritual Center Rhinebeck, NY from October 24 to 26, 2025. For information or to register please call Phyllis at 914 261 5812 or Gloria at 646 281 4790

In the Beginning...Coping with Life Alone- one day remote via Zoom program held on Saturday, November 1, 2025 from 9AM to 4PM EDT or 8AM to 3PM CDT. For information or to register, please call Jim at 845 220 7883 or Denise at 845 325 3147.

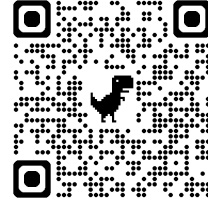


Formal in class sessions began Sunday September 21, from 9:45-10:45.

We have Children's Mass once a month, coinciding with Faith & Family.

Each 11:00am Mass we will have Children's Liturgy of the Word.

Use the QR code to register:



LITURGICAL MINISTERS' SCHEDULE

READER EUCH. MIN. A. SERVER GREETER
October 18-19, 2025

5:00 J. R. Salva C. Calafut P. Kozlowski M. Stchur (Sat.)

9:30a L. Conrad L. Drum

11:00a N. Card K. Lafferty L. Lafferty R. Grzybowski
M. L. Grzybowski



THIS WEEKEND WE WILL HAVE A SECOND COLLECTION FOR PARISH DEBT

COLLECTION NOTE: To receive proper credit for contributions please use your parish envelopes. If you misplaced them please write your name on an envelope and your ID number if you know it. All loose checks will be counted as part of the loose collection.

PARISH COLLECTION September 27-28, 2025

Weekly Adults	\$ 3,054.00	105/517
Weekly Children	\$ 4.00	2/22
Loose	\$ 363.00	
Other	\$ 625.00	
Total Collection	\$ 4,046.00	

Thank you for your continued support of our Parish Community.

2025 HARVEST FESTIVAL SUMMARY

As your new Pastor I was absolutely amazed how big our Harvest Festival is. I have heard how wonderful it is over the years, and I was very impressed by what I experienced. I was impressed by how everyone worked together and had a wonderful time. In preparation for the Festival we had a turn out volunteers who helped prepare everything. I want to thank all those who volunteered and worked hard in making this Festival a success. Also I want to thank the youth that volunteered. For our young people to take time out of their busy schedules is exemplary.

Special thanks to those who made it all possible. Renee Good who oversees most of the food preparations and the meal the day of, Amy Gretzula who is always on hand and oversees the stuffing making, Pauline Griffiths who oversees the relish making and Brenda Budzinski who oversees the packing of sides and take-out. We also extend special thanks to all of those who accepted leadership roles by overseeing all of our variety of booths. I am very happy to be here and to experience the Festival.

Father Gus

As a summary of the Harvest Festival, below is a comparison on 2024 and this year's receipts:

2024		2025	
REVENUE	EXPENSES	REVENUE	EXPENSES
\$45,466.00	\$16,807.80	47,948.00	\$16,385.45
Revenue over Expenses: \$28,658.20		Revenue over Expenses: \$31,562.55	

FALL RAFFLE WINNERS

\$5,000 Judith Tagliaterra \$500 Marian Gilmartin \$100 Gail Bosak
\$100 Karen O'Connor \$100 Anthony Maloney

Congratulations!

BAKED GOODS STAND THANK YOU

Thank you for all the wonderful baked goods that were donated to our stand. I look forward to next year.
Mya Thomas, Bake Sale Chair

WREATH & WALL HANGING BOOTH

Thank you so much for your generous donations to the wreath stand. It was a great success!
Abby Gretzula, Chairperson
Maddie Woodward & Mackenzie Ford, Co-chairs

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS WHEELBARROW OF CHEER RAFFLE

Thank you to all who supported this booth by donating or purchasing tickets.

WINNER
Meagan Moran Palaskas

DONATORS:
Michelle Ryman
Joann Hallesky
Lorraine Staples

We also received many anonymous donations.

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2025 Bountiful Baskets

WON BY:	DONATED BY:	WON BY:	DONATED BY:
Ricciardi	Linda Hughes	Diana Snyder	Linda Hughes
Carin Dominick	In memory of Barbara Simon	Terri Skrobak	Mary Anne Doyle
Bob Grzybowski	A friend	Emily	Charlie & Patti Dunning
Leah Lafferty	Mary Lally	Candace Jager	Mary Ann G.
Judi Meoni	Pacanowski	Tricia Gelderman	“A Friend”
EM Borosky	A friend	Lorraine Bryla	Michelle Ryman
Jack Sar	Alice Sokoloski	Ricciardi	A friend
Jim Bolcavage	Kim Lafferty	Tara Sweeney	A friend
Bruce Doyle	A friend	EM Borosky	A friend
Nancy Koslowski	A friend	Lorraine Bryla	Amy, Ben & Abby
Elliana	Amy, Ben & Abby	Jim Bolcavage	A friend
Jerry Truesdale	A friend	Debbie Laurito	Carolyn Hopfer
Kate Skelton	Debbie Laurito	Carla Skelton	Judianne Meoni-Comandy
Fran Zaleski	Chester & Tina Verchuk	Karen Johnson	A friend
Mrs. B	Nancy Koslowski	Carin Dominick	A friend
Karin & Lou Rapoch	Juliana Piccini	Nadine Staples	A friend
Karin Johnson	Linda Hughes	Jane Willchoch	Juliana Piccini
Anne Warholic	Vicky Knick	Patti Dunning	Anonymous
Bob Grzybowski	Linda Hughes	Jean Willis	A friend
Mereduk	Kim Lafferty	David Koruszko	A friend
B. Goldovich	A friend	Sarah Piccini	A friend
Linda Drum	A friend	Joe	Ellie Defazio
Amy Thomas	Carolyn Hopfer	Steve Shiner	JoAnn Hallesky
Linda Drum	A friend	Jerry Truesdale	Altar & Rosary
Mereduk	Citizens Savings Bank	Mary Lou	In memory of Dr.
Kim Bjork	JoAnn Hallesky		George J. Hallesky by JoAnn

SPECIAL RAFFLE

WON BY:	DONATED BY:	WON BY:	DONATED BY:
Kathy Safko	Tom & Brenda Budzinski	Joeleen	Richard Evans
Barb Sproukin	Dzwonczyk Family	Amy Thomas	Jen Housel
Mary Ann Ziobro	Rich & Roseanne Stracham	William Evans	Ray & Elayne Totten
William Evans	Chrysa Calafut, Kathy Safko & Jennifer Leschak	Angelon	Anonymous
		Heidi Flynn	Carolyn Hopfer
Lorraine	In memory of Dr. George J. Hallesky by wife JoAnn	Kevin Mann	Diana Snyder
Kim B	JoAnn Hallesky	Judi Meoni	Diana Snyder

Thank you to everyone who donated a basket. Your continued generosity keeps our stand a success. A VERY SPECIAL “THANK YOU” to the Bountiful Basket Team and many helpers throughout the day.
Jolene Kubilus & Diana Snyder, Chairperson & Co-chair

From Renee Good:

A heart felt “thank you” to everyone who made the Harvest Festival a success. We could not do it without people like you. The designated days and nights that we prepared for the Festival were amazing! It is a time that we all came together to share stories and laughter. We made new friends and caught up with old friends. The Harvest Festival is the largest fund raiser at our Parish. Your hard work has helped out parish’s finances. I cannot forget to mention through your kind help and continuous support we are able to provide 120 plus meals to St. Francis of Assisi Soup Kitchen, who so desperately need our help. It has been a pleasure to serve as chairperson and work with so many fun-loving people. If you have not had a chance to volunteer with us, I encourage you to do so. We need you and you make a difference.
Thank you for your time and talent,
Renee Good

DINNER DONATIONS

Thank you to the follow who made significant monetary donations towards the Festival:			
Bill Lopatofsky	In memory of Betty & Bill Lopatofsky	Amy Gretzula	Dan & Carol Spegar
Harriet McAndrew	in memory of Russell& Jane McAndrew & Robert Russell Price	Mark & Lynn Volk	Tom & Brenda Budzinski
The Koruszko Family	Pops Driving Range	Ellie & Peter DeFazio	in member of Family
Ralph & Pamela Grecco	Noble Environmental Svs.		
Teri & Jim Aschenbrenner	Michael & Sharon Panasevich		