



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*
Kristin Travis: *Director of Faith Formation*
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Samantha Guevrekian: *Director of Music Ministry*
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JoAnn Wilbur: *Adult Bible Study*



First Sunday of Advent November 30, 2025

*“you must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect,
the Son of Man will come.”*

Matthew 24:44

MASSES OF THE WEEK

Saturday	11-29	5:00 p.m.	C.C.	<u>Mass Intention:</u> Stanley & Betty Fron	<u>Requested by:</u> Family
Sunday	11-30	9:30 a.m.	S.P.	Living & Deceased Members of St. John Vianney Parish	
		11:00 a.m.	C.C.	Patti Koslowski	Aunt Paulette & Uncle Joe
WEEKDAY MASSES WILL BE IN THE CHAPEL UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE					
Monday	12-01	8:30 a.m.	C.C.	Kevin Pepper	Penny McAndrew
Tuesday	12-02	12:00 p.m.	C.C.	Anita Simpson	Tom & Brenda Budzinski
Wednesday	12-03	8:30 a.m.	C.C.	Michael Curyk	
		12:00 p.m.	S.P.	Betty & Bill Lopatofsky	Family
Thursday	12-04	12:00 a.m.	C.C.	Carol Salva	Mark & Lynn Volk
Friday	12-05	8:30 a.m.	C.C.	August A. Ricciardi, Sr.	Ann Mae Ricciardi
Saturday	12-06	5:00 p.m.	C.C.	Marlene Toczydlowski	Walter Krzan & Darlys
Sunday	12-07	9:30 a.m.	S.P.	Edward Doyle	Mary Ann Doyle
		11:00 a.m.	C.C.	Living & Deceased Members of St. John Vianney Parish	

As we enter Advent
and prepare to
welcome Christ, we
remember that He
comes to us in the
poor, the suffering, and
the vulnerable.

Your gift to the
Catholic Ministries
Appeal is a concrete
way of serving Christ
Himself in our brothers
and sisters.



As we light the first candle of Advent, let your
generosity be a light through the Catholic
Ministries Appeal.

Support the 2025 Appeal at AnnualAppeal.org

Our Appeal Goal this year is \$38,919.00.
Currently we are at 58% of our goal with
\$22,795.00 pledged.



THANK
YOU TO
EVERY-
ONE WHO
DONATED
TO THE
THANKS-
GIVING
FOOD
DRIVE
FOR THE
FOOD
PANTRIES

FAITH FORMATION

There will be **no** Faith Formation this Sunday, 11/30. Enjoy your Thanksgiving weekend!

RIDIN' TO ADVENTURE & CLASSIC POP MUSIC NIGHT

Thank you to everyone for supporting this fund raiser for the Parish. Thank you to Mary Anne Doyle and Ray & Elaine Totten for doing all of the organizing. Special thanks to Samantha Guevrekian for sharing your beautiful voice, John Olcese and Lenny Longo for their talented accompaniment. Everyone had a great time and we all enjoyed the variety of music and food. Special thanks also to Donna Getz and Lisa Greco for the donations of the other prizes.

Income: \$18,560.00
Expenses: \$ 5,956.69
Profit: \$12,603.31

Congratulations to the winners of the raffles:

Carol Mondello Honda Foutrax Recon or value
Virginia Maiolatesi Original Acrylic Painting
Lisa Valentine Handmade Quilt

12 DAYS OF HOLIDAY CHEER TICKETS AVAILABLE NOV. 29-30

Jump start the holidays with 12 days of winning!

**Raffle tickets are only
\$10 for 12 chances to win.
Over \$6,000 in prizes!**

PLUS- You will be supporting and enriching the lives of individuals with mobility impairments.

The 12 Days of Holiday Cheer is a raffle based on the concept of the 12 Days of Christmas. Each day from December 8th through December 19th we will be selecting one winner from the tickets sold and that person will win the prize indicated for that day. Prizes range in value with a minimum of \$100 and increasing as the days go by.

JOIN THE CHOIR FOR CHRISTMAS

Practices on Mondays
7:30p.m. to 8:30p.m.

All are welcome to join us!



Embark on an Advent Journey through Darkness to the Light of Christ

How will you spend Advent this year? Will it be a meaningful season or just another check off the endless to do list? Join our book club on Wednesdays during Advent, beginning December 3 at 6:30pm in the chapel area and you will find and embrace the Light!

"If we do not embrace the darkness, we cannot welcome the light. This is the heart of Advent: a season of trustful surrender, renewed receptivity, and silent vigil. It is the time when we wait for the coming of the light—not just in the Christ child at Christmas, but in the inner illumination of God's presence in the soul. (From the Introduction)."

Illuminate: A Guided Advent Journal for Prayer and Meditation, uses daily meditations, reflection questions, weekly videos, prayer, and beautiful artwork, to help you move beyond abstract ideas to discover practical, life-changing ways to recognize and share Christ's light in your everyday life.

Please call/text Kristin at 570.267.7005 with any questions.

This Advent, step into the light—and let it lead you to deeper hope, faith, and joy.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS' SCHEDULE

READER EUCH. MIN. A. SERVER GREETER

December 6-7, 2025

5:00 H. McAndrew J. Piccini K. Smigiel M. Stchur
(Sat.) R. Stracham
9:30a L. Conrad K. Shostek
11:00a N. Card K. Lafferty L. Lafferty R. Grzybowski
M.L. Grzybowski

GIVING TREE

We will collect gift cards from Walmart, Target as well as cash up to December 14th. The gift cards/cash from Corpus Christi will be for United Cerebral Palsy of Scranton and the St. Pius gift cards/cash will go to the children of Catholic Social service of Carbondale. Gift cards should be a minimum of \$25, however any donations are gratefully accepted, given at your own discretion. Please place cards in the designated box. You may also mail them to the Parish Office however please mark it Catholic Social Services or Cerebral Palsy.

PRESENTATION OF THE NATIVITY

All K-8 Grade students of the parish are invited to participate in the presentation of the Nativity on Christmas Eve at 4:30pm Mass. Please sign up in the back of the Church or online at ktravisstjvp@comcast.net if your child plans to participate. Practices will be held on Mondays, **December 8 & 15**, from 6:00p.m.-7:30p.m. at Corpus Christi Church.



Final Dress Rehearsal and Pizza Party will be held for the **Nativity participants** on Sunday, December 23, from 12:00 pm- 1:30pm.

All participants must attend this final practice.
Thank you!

 **Office for Parish Life**

Bold and Beloved

Women's Retreat

Inspired by the teaching of St. Hildegard of Bingen

January 30-February 1, 2026

For more information, call (570) 207-2213 x1100

 Holy Transfiguration Retreat Center
1000 Seminary Rd, Dalton, PA 18414

Register at dioceseofscranton.org

EARLY BIRD SPECIAL
through
DECEMBER 5TH!!!

Registration closes January 16, 2026

 Annette Bergeon
Keynote Speaker

 Michael Corsini
Worship Leader

FIRST RECONCILIATION

Practices are Thursday, December 11, and Friday, December 12, from 5:00- 6:30 in the upper church. **First Penance is Saturday, December 13, at 11:00am.**

BEHOLD - AN ADVENT JOURNEY

5 WEEKS starting November 25 at 6:30 at Parish office. \$10 for book. Please call 570-254-9502 ext. 3 to register

Let the Holy Family be your light through Advent as you receive the healing power of Christ.

In this beautiful guided journal for prayer and meditation, Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT—author of the bestselling book *Restore*—will walk with you as you explore familial wounds with the help of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph.

LIFE EVERLASTING

Heaven, Hell, Death and Judgment - 5 Sessions starting Dec. 16 Life Everlasting: Heaven, Hell, Death, and Judgment is a five-session mini-study designed for today's busy lives. Each session combines clear teaching, meaningful reflection, Parish office: Tuesdays starting December 16 at 6:30 Cost:\$18 for book Please register by calling 570-254-9502 ext.3

PARISH COLLECTION

November 15-16, 2025

Weekly Adults	\$ 3,679.00	110/517
Weekly Children	\$ 5.00	3/22
Loose	\$ 271.00	
Other	\$ 497.00	
Total Collection	\$ 4,452.00	

Thank you for your continued support of our Parish.