



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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Second Sunday of Advent December 7, 2025

*"Prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight his paths."*

Matthew 3:3

MASSES OF THE WEEK

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	
WEEKDAY MASSES WILL BE IN THE CHAPEL UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE					
Monday	12-08	12:00 p.m.	C.C.	Carol Salva	Franca Calfa
		6:00 p.m.	S.P.	Jeffrey Bolcavage	Rich & Rosanne Stracham
Tuesday	12-09	12:00 p.m.	C.C.	Bryne & Chapman Families	
Wednesday	12-10	8:30 a.m.	C.C.	For the living members of the Priest Purgatorial Society	
		12:00 p.m.	S.P.	Robert Genevich	David & Ann Marie Lopatofsky & Family Friends
Thursday	12-11	12:00 a.m.	C.C.	Jerry Fives	
Friday	12-12	8:30 a.m.	C.C.	Regina Thorton	
Saturday	12-13	5:00 p.m.	C.C.	Jan Corbett	Sisters Jeanne, Kathleen & Mary Ann
Sunday	12-14	9:30 a.m.	S.P.	Living & Deceased Members of St. John Vianney Parish	
		11:00 a.m.	C.C.	Phyllis Mallick Burkhart	Andrew & Lois Mallick



PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD

Preparing for the Lord's coming isn't only about our own hearts - it's also about making a way for His love to reach those in need. Through the Catholic Ministries Appeal, our Diocese is able to comfort God's people by feeding the hungry, caring for the sick and elderly, and forming future leaders in the faith.

Donate today at: AnnualAppeal.org

Our Appeal Goal this year is \$38,919.00.
Currently we are at 58% of our goal with
\$22,955.00 pledged.



Last Sunday was the Rite of the Acceptance and Welcoming. Christopher Carter, our Catechumen, and Alesha Kazmierski and Joseph Cieszkowski, our Candidates, declared their intention to respond to God's call to follow Christ. Fr. Gus marked them with the sign of the cross and presented them with a Bible. Welcome as you begin your journey.

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.



Helping the Needy



JOIN THE CHOIR FOR CHRISTMAS
Practices on Wednesdays
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.

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 ktravis-stjvp@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!

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.**

LITURGICAL MINISTERS' SCHEDULE

READER EUCH. MIN. A. SERVER GREETER
December 8, 2025

12:00p L. Volk N. Osburn A. Sokoloski
C.C.
6:00p L. Hayes L. Drum
S.P.

December 13-14, 2025

5:00 J.R. Salva C. Calafut K. Calafut M. Stchur
(Sat.)
9:30a C. Gesford B. Sedlak
11:00a Kids D. Gabello P. Comine C. Brophy
J. Meoni-Comandy

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Monday, December 8th is a Holy Day of Obligation in all Parishes in the United States. On Monday there will be two Masses said: 12:00p.m. at Corpus Christi and 6:00p.m. at St. Pius X.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION

Penance Service: Sunday, Dec. 14, 6:00p.m. Nativity BVM, 99 East Tioga St Tunkhannock **(note time change from Christmas letter)**

Penance Service: Tuesday, December 16, 7:00p.m., St. Gregory's, 330 North Abington Road, Clarks Green **(note date and location change from Christmas letter)**

There will be 4-5 priests at both services including Fr. Gus.

PRIVATE CONFESSIONS WITH FR. GUS HERE:

December 17, 12:30p.m. at St. Pius X

December 18, 12:30p.m. at Corpus Christi (Church) and 6:00p.m.-7:00p.m.

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, and practical application—helping you understand what the Church teaches about death, judgment, heaven, and hell, and why these truths are meant to fill you with hope. With powerful videos and easy-to-follow readings, you'll gain lasting insight into the last things and discover how living with eternity in mind gives everyday life deeper meaning and purpose
Parish office : Tuesdays starting December 16 at 6:30

Cost:\$18 for book Please register by calling 570-254-9502 ext.3

"Blue Christmas" Mass

Thursday, December 18, 7:00 PM, at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church. Come alone or with a friend and experience God's comforting presence. A reception with light refreshments will follow the Mass. We invite all those who may be struggling with grief, loss, illness, or the pressures of the holiday season to this special Mass. This will be a time dedicated to prayer and reflection for anyone seeking peace, healing, and hope.

AN EVENING WITH FATHER RICK FRECHETTE

Please join us for an evening with Father Rick Frechette. Saturday December 27th 5:00PM to 7:00PM ,at Constantino's Catering, 1385 Lackawanna Trail, Clark Summit, PA. tickets are \$125.00 per person. To reserve tickets or for sponsorship. Please send check made out to: Saint Luke Foundation for Haiti Please mail payment to: P.O. Box 674, Waverly, PA 18471. For more information, please call Patty at 570-840-9304. All proceeds benefit Saint Luke Foundation for Haiti.

NEXT WEEKEND WE WILL HAVE A SECOND COLLECTION FOR PARISH DEBT

PARISH COLLECTION November 22-23, 2025

Weekly Adults	\$ 5,665.00	130/516
Weekly Children	\$ 5.00	3/22
Loose	\$ 315.00	
Other	\$ 1,112.00	
Total Collection	\$ 7,097.00	

Thank you for your continued support of our Parish.