



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*

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Third Sunday of Advent
December 14, 2025

*“Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you;
he will prepare your way before you.”*

Matthew 11:10

MASSES OF THE WEEK

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
WEEKDAY MASSES WILL BE IN THE CHAPEL UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE					
Monday	12-15	8:30 a.m.	C.C.	Richard Kordish	Ed & Kim Lastauskas
Tuesday	12-16	12:00 p.m.	C.C.	Pat Uhrin	Betty Uhrin
Wednesday	12-17	8:30 a.m.	C.C.	Dolores Mascaro	Dorothy Trotta
		12:00 p.m.	S.P.	John Doyle	Wife, Joanne
Thursday	12-18	12:00 a.m.	C.C.	For well being of children & grandchildren	Penny McAndrew
Friday	12-19	8:30 a.m.	C.C.	Michael R. Gigantino	Tom & Brenda Budzinski
Saturday	12-20	5:00 p.m.	C.C.	Dorothy Nestor	Family
Sunday	12-21	9:30 a.m.	S.P.	Living & Deceased Members of St. John Vianney Parish	
		11:00 a.m.	C.C.	Edward Trentley	Family

**Rejoice in
the Lord
always!**

Our joy is not meant
to be kept to
ourselves; it is
meant to overflow
into love and
service



As we rejoice in the nearness of the Lord, you are invited
to help others experience that same nearness through
your generosity to the Catholic Ministries Appeal.

Support the 2025 Appeal at AnnualAppeal.org

Our Appeal Goal this year is \$38,919.00.
Currently we are at 62% of our goal with
\$24,180.00 pledged.

PREPARING THE WAY
ADVENT RECONCILIATION

Penance Services:

Sunday, Dec. 14, 6:00p.m. Nativity BVM, 99 East Tio-
ga St, Tunkhannock (note time change from Christmas
letter)

Tuesday, December 16, 7:00p.m., St. Gregory's, 330
North Abington Road, Clarks Green (note date and loca-
tion 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. and 6:00p.m.-7:00p.m. at
Corpus Christi (Church)

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

Final practice on Wednesday
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 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 21, from 12:00 pm- 1:30pm.

All participants must attend this final practice.
Thank you!

Do you want a study program that can fit into the busyness of your life?

What about a study that is only five sessions long with five 30-minute videos and five concise chapters from the study book? Life Everlasting: Heaven, Hell, Death, and Judgment was created with you in mind. Whether you are balancing work, family, school, parish commitments, or simply a full schedule, this mini-study is easy to begin and even easier to complete. This study is perfect for anyone who wants a meaningful spiritual experience without the pressure of a long commitment. With only five sessions total, you can complete Life Everlasting in a few weeks, even with the busiest schedule. Along the way, you will explore what the Church teaches about the Four Last Things, and discover how keeping eternity in mind can shape the way you live today. If you have been wanting to deepen your faith but have struggled to find time, this study was made for you. Please join us for starting January 6 at 6:30 in the parish office. Cost for participant book is \$18. Please call 570-254-9502 ext. 3 to register.

"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.

This Mass is coordinated through the Mental Health Ministries of the Parishes of Sacred Heart of Jesus (Peckville), and the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Dickson City), and the NEPA Chapter of the Association of Catholic Mental Health Ministers. No registration is necessary and there is no fee for this event. Contact the Sacred Heart office with questions: 570-383-3244.



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.

Come Celebrate CHRISTmas Countdown The Twelve Days of Christmas

Who? Faith Formation families

When? Sunday, December 14, 9am-12p upper church

What? We will solve puzzles & play games about the true meaning of "The 12 Days of Christmas," eat breakfast, & create a family banner. Children's Mass is at 11am & the Bambinelli (Baby Jesus figure from your Nativity) will receive a special blessing. This is Faith Formation for this Sunday and Faith & Family—so parents, grandparents & families, please attend.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS' SCHEDULE

READER EUCH. MIN. A. SERVER GREETER

December 20-21, 2025

5:00 (Sat.)	L. Volk	J. Piccini	J. Sokso	M. Stchur R. Stracham
9:30a	R. Sedlak	K. Shostek		
11:00a	N. Card	B. Brophy	K. Kubilus J. Meoni-Comandy	F. Kelly

THIS WEEKEND WE HAVE A SECOND COLLECTION FOR PARISH DEBT

PARISH COLLECTION

November 29-30, 2025

Weekly Adults	\$ 3,775.00	95/516
Weekly Children	\$ 4.00	2/22
Loose	\$ 440.00	
Other	\$ 520.00	
Total Collection	\$ 4,739.00	

Thank you for your continued support of our Parish.