



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*
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FINANCE COUNCIL: finance@stjvp.org

MASSES OF THE WEEK

		<u>Location</u>	<u>Mass Intention:</u>	<u>Requested by:</u>
Saturday	2-20	5:00 p.m. (C.C.)	Regina Boyarsky	Stan & Robin Boyarsky & Family
Sunday	2-21	8:00 a.m. (C.C.)	Helen Delores Kapinus	Ed & Barbara Kapinus
		9:30 a.m. (S.P.)	Living and Deceased Members of St. John Vianney Parish	
		11:00 a.m. (C.C.)	Michael Petudo, Jr.	Joanie Petudo Friends
Monday	2-22	8:30 a.m. (C.C.)	Glen Biagi	
Tuesday	2-23	8:30 a.m. (C.C.)	Helen Farrell	
Wednesday	2-24	8:30 a.m. (C.C.)	Barry J. Figured & Mary A. Figured	Joseph Figured, Jr. & Sr. Friends
Thursday	2-25	8:30 a.m. (C.C.)	Elsie Grace	
Friday	2-26	8:30 a.m. (C.C.)	Catherine Gigliotti	
Saturday	2-27	5:00 p.m. (C.C.)	Marion & Anthony DiBlasi	Family
Sunday	2-28	8:00 a.m. (C.C.)	Betty & Frank Smigiel	Family
		9:30 a.m. (S.P.)	Living and Deceased Members of St. John Vianney Parish	
		11:00 a.m. (C.C.)	Tommaso Calfa	JoAnn Wilbur & Tina Bjork

STATIONS OF THE CROSS



Stations of the Cross will be celebrated on Fridays during Lent at 6:00p.m. at Corpus Christi. This ancient practice is one of the ritual ways the Church invites us to meditate on the passion of the Lord. The focus of this time of prayer is on the Cross. Please join us on Fridays during the Lenten Season for this time of prayer.

INCLEMENT WEATHER CANCELLATIONS

We will have any cancellations for any Religious Education Classes, practices and events on our Facebook page AND on our parish website UNDER the Twitter section at the bottom right of the webpage.

Our Facebook page is <https://www.facebook.com/stjvp>. Our parish webpage is: www.stjvp.org. We also will put an announcement on the answering machine. 570-254-9502 ext. 3.



ATTENTION FAMILIES AND TEENS:

CHOSEN is our High School Religious Education Program. All teens are invited to experience CHOSEN. We are currently offering this monthly. Join other teens, (Some are coming because they want to teach in our CCD Program), teens from youth group WANT to come, **and we want YOU to come! YOU are CHOSEN. Chosen** by God. Say YES to His call. Don't say no! It's only once a month! This is fun and is our CHOSEN way to do a High School Program. PARENTS!!! Please encourage your sons and daughters to attend once a month.

When? The next session will be Sunday, **February 21**, from 3:30-5PM (Call or look in bulletin for monthly session) Where? Parish Office Building Who? Grades 9-12 Call JoAnn at 254-9502 ext. 3 for more information.

CHOIR PRACTICE

So that members won't have to make a special trip out in the cold weather, Choir Practices will be held in conjunction with when they will be singing at Masses. If you are interested in joining the choir, please call Heather Clendenning (947-2040) for more information.

Attention Teens Grades 8-12! YOUTH CONFERENCE

Join the 10 kids from St. John Vianney and the 45 others on our bus to join the 3,000 teens at the Franciscan University Youth conference. We are going June 17-19. For more information call JoAnn at 254-9502 ext. 3. Check out the conference at www.steubenvilleconferences.com.

CONFIRMATION

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated for St. John Vianney Parish by the Most Reverend John M. Dougherty on: Tuesday, March 15, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.

JOIN OUR NEW WELCOME TEAM

Welcoming people to weekend Masses and conveying our enthusiasm for their presence with us is a form of evangelization. We invite all willing to serve in the ministry of hospitality, including those who currently usher, take up the collection, or greet people, to be part of our new Welcome Team. On Tuesday, February 23, at 7 pm, we will hold an orientation session in the Parish Center (Corpus Christi Church basement). You can attend without making a prior commitment, but please let us know you are coming by calling the parish office (570.254.9502) or using the RSVP form on our parish website (<http://www.stjvp.org/liturgical-ministries>). Join in this new venture and enjoy some refreshments. Back-up date in case of inclement weather is March 1.

NEW PARISHIONERS

If you are considering a membership of faith, why not give serious consideration to joining St. John Vianney Parish? We would gladly welcome you as a member. To join the parish, please speak to Father Michael after Mass.

MARION MEDAL PROJECT

My name is Gabriella Comes. I'm doing the Marion Medal Project; a Catholic religious program for girls. I'm choosing to do the project of collecting items for newborn and infants and give to a local charity to help mothers in need. If you can help me, please leave any items in bin marked in back of the church. I'll be collecting items until the end of February. Thank you for your help.

SAMSON SIGHT & SOUND LANCASTER

The world's first superhero ... the strongest man who ever lived.... He killed a lion with his bare hands and defeated a thousand soldiers ... but he's not a hero because of the strength of his hands, he's a hero because of the faith in his heart! One of the most captivating stories in the Bible, SAMSON is filled with colorful characters, extraordinary feats of strength, and amazing special effects that your whole family will love. When Samson stands between two colossal columns in a godless temple and starts to push - it's an immersive scene that literally brings the house down! A message of hope for the wayward, comfort to the weary and the incredible grace of God that enables us to truly be strong in Him!

April 29 - Cost includes Samson, Shopping Lancaster Outlets, Dinner Smorgasbord at Shady Maple (Cost based on full bus, slightly more if bus not filled) Adults \$99.50, Children (3-12) \$58.50, includes all gratuities. Money due with reservation. Contact JoAnn Wilbur at 254-9502 ext. 3 for reservation. At this time, you may put reservation and money in an envelope in collection and mark it SAMSON. Leave phone number for confirmation of your reservation. Bus will depart from St. John Vianney and St. Lawrence Church in Old Forge.

WELCOME TEAM TRAINING

Tuesday, Feb. 23, 7:00pm. Parish Center

Spring Raffle

Parish families are asked to pick up their tickets in the back of the Churches. This major fund raiser is necessary to sustain this year's budget. Each family is asked to purchase or sell the five tickets you received in support of our parish.

The price of a ticket is \$25.00 or five for \$100.00 and the winner of the top prize will receive \$10,000. Four additional prizes will also be awarded to the lucky winners. The date of the drawing is April 17, 2016. Everyone's support is essential to make this major fund raiser a success for our parish. The Knights of Columbus will be conducting a fund raiser/pasta dinner from noon to 3:00p the day of the drawing. Additional raffle tickets are available at the Parish Office.

Liturgical Ministers' Schedule

February 27-28, 2016

5:00p	L. Osburn L. Osburn	J. R. Salva	E. Piccini J. Piccini J. Straub
8:00a	M. Boyarsky B. Bevilacqua G. Comes	L. Volk	F. Tancredo J. Corbett P. Griffiths
9:30a	N. Baker (St. Pius)	L. Hayes	S. McCoy L. Hayes
11:00a	K. Kolucki N. Kolucki K. Priest	M.A. Paulukonis	C. Giordano M. L. Racht D. Sashko

MOVIE - WOODLAWN

The true story - Sunday, February 28 at 1PM Corpus Christi Location - Pizza and refreshments. In 1973, a spiritual awakening captured the heart of nearly every player on the Woodlawn High School football team. Their dedication to love and unity, in a newly desegregated school filled with racism and hate, leads to the largest high school football game ever played in the torn city of Birmingham, Alabama, and the rise of superstar, Tony Nathan.

SAVE THE DATE!

Fr. Michael Kirwin's 40th Anniversary to the Priesthood will be celebrated May 1st.

Your gift can do it!!

If you have not yet pledged, please...

Help us reach our Annual Appeal Parish Goal!

Our Parish is at 96%

Only \$1,420 needed to reach 100%

On behalf of all who will benefit, we convey our gratitude to all of our parishioners who have made a gift to the 2015. Diocesan Annual Appeal. Each donation truly matters. If you have not made a pledge and wish to help our parish reach our goal, please call the Diocesan Development Office at 570-207-2250 to make a pledge or give a gift by credit card, mail a gift to the Diocesan Appeal Office at 300 Wyoming Ave., Scranton, PA 18503, or give online at www.DioceseofScranton.org.

PARISH COLLECTION

February 6-7, 2016

Weekly Adults	\$ 4,509.00	275/564
Weekly Children	\$ 76.77	47/264
Loose	\$ 370.75	
Other (Dues, Etc.)	\$ 2,215.00	
Total Collection	\$ 7,171.52	

Thank you for your continued support of our Parish.

Are you interested in the Catholic Faith?

RCIA



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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. We currently have sessions **afternoons and evenings**. Feel free to come any day. 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 jwilbursjv@comcast.net

25th and 50th Wedding Anniversary

His Excellency, the Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L., Bishop of Scranton, and the Office for Parish Life wish to invite couples celebrating their 25th or 50th wedding anniversary in 2016 to a diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 5. The event includes a 2:30 PM mass at St. Peter's Cathedral followed by a reception. Requests for an invitation, with a mailing address, should be made through your parish office before March 7.



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