



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	2-27	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
Monday	2-29	8:30 a.m. (C.C.)	Catherine Kacer	
Tuesday	3-01	8:30 a.m. (C.C.)	Paula Deluca Allison	
Wednesday	3-02	8:30 a.m. (C.C.)	Joseph Decavage	
Thursday	3-03	8:30 a.m. (C.C.)	John McCarty	
Friday	3-04	8:30 a.m. (C.C.)	For the Living Members of the Popovich Hassett Families	
Saturday	3-05	5:00 p.m. (C.C.)	Paula Bishop	Rich & Rosanne Stracham & Family
Sunday	3-06	8:00 a.m. (C.C.)	Living and Deceased Members of St. John Vianney Parish	
		9:30 a.m. (S.P.)	Chester Mason	Susan McCoy
		11:00 a.m. (C.C.)	Max & Veronica Stefursky	Daughter

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, **March 20**, 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.

GOOD NEWS PEOPLE

GoodNewsPeople begins the spring session this week. Please watch the bulletin and the easels in the churches for the weekly virtues and the virtues in action.

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.

FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR

First Friday Masses will be held at 8:30a.m. in Corpus Christi Church. The one hour devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus will begin with Eucharist and close with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Jesus appeared to St. Margaret Mary and revealed to us the wonder and beauty of God's love. We set Fridays aside as the day our Lord offered Himself for us on the Cross to call to mind God's love, mercy and sacrifice. Please join us.

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.

Little Sisters of the Poor St. Patrick's Day Celebration and Dinner

Sunday, March 6 from 12 to 4 p.m.

The Little Sisters of the Poor will have their third annual St. Patrick's Day Celebration and Dinner at Holy Family Residence, 2500 Adams Ave., Scranton. The event will begin with Mass at 11 a.m. with a bagpipe processional and recessional in the chapel followed by the dinner and entertainment from 12 to 4 p.m. in the auditorium. The menu includes ham and cabbage with potatoes and carrots, rolls and butter, vanilla ice cream with mint or chocolate syrup, and beverages. The entertainment for the afternoon includes the Kearns Drum and Pipe Band, E.J. the D.J., and Irish step dancing by the Crossmolina School of Dance. Tickets for adults are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door. Tickets for children 10 and younger are \$6. For advance ticket purchases and sponsorship information, please contact Mrs. Jackie Galvin, M.S., director of development and communications, at (570) 343-4065 ext. 3144 or scdevelopment@littlesistersofthepoor.org or visit www.littlesistersofthepoorscranton.org. All proceeds will be used to assist the Little Sisters in replacing the nightstands in each resident's room.

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

March 5-6, 2016

5:00p	K. Bailey H. Bailey M. Matous	D. Spegar	J. Golecki L. Golecki T. Bjork
8:00a	D. Beecroft B. Good	G. Borosky	R. Good G. Hallesky G. Konzman
9:30a	A. Long (St. Pius) K. Long	K. Shostek	M. Orazzi J. Flynn
11:00a	M. Ziobro M. Ziobro	M. A. Paulukonis	R. Toth B. Toth J. Sczesniak

IRISH FAVORITES WITH THOMAS MARK FALLON

Saturday, March 5, 2016 8:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of Saint Peter, countertenor and Scranton native, Mark Thomas Fallon, will present a concert of Irish favorites with harp, flute, piano and organ accompaniment. Adults \$15; Children 12 and under: free. To purchase tickets, please call the parish office at 570-344-7231. Tickets will also be sold at the door the evening of the performance. All are invited.

THANK YOU

Thank you to all who helped make a great table of baked goods on Valentines Day. Thank you also for all of the help on a very cold winter day. Total \$310.00 Thanks Again.

Are you interested in the Catholic Faith?

RCIA



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

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.

GIRL SCOUT COOKIE SALE

Brownie Troop 50811 will be selling girl scout cookies before and after each Mass at Corpus Christi the weekend of March 5th & 6th. Your support is appreciated.

SAVE THE DATE!

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

PARISH COLLECTIONS

February 10, 2016 (Ash Wednesday)

Ash. Wed. Adults	\$ 607.00
Loose	\$ 234.61
Total Collection	\$ 841.61

February 13-14, 2016

Weekly Adults	\$ 3,115.00	184/564
Weekly Children	\$ 119.00	40/264
Loose	\$ 348.51	
Other (Dues, Etc.)	\$ 1,040.00	
Total Collection	\$ 4,622.51	

Thank you for your continued support of our Parish.

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