



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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MASSES OF THE WEEK

		<u>Location</u>	<u>Mass Intention:</u>	<u>Requested by:</u>
Saturday	12-09	5:00 p.m. (C.C.)	Inez Galvin	Norman Galvin
Sunday	12-10	8:00 a.m. (C.C.)	Margaret & Edward Sokoloski	Roberta Burge
		9:30 a.m. (S.P.)	Living & Deceased Members of St. John Vianney Parish	
		11:00 a.m. (C.C.)	Judy Naniewicz	Lisa Lastauskas
Monday	12-11	8:30 a.m. (C.C.)	Living & Deceased Members of St. John Vianney Parish	
Tuesday	12-12	8:30 a.m. (C.C.)	Lois Volk	Lynn & Mark Volk
Wednesday	12-13	8:30 a.m. (C.C.)	Clara Burden	Boyarsky Family, Jerry & Erin
Thursday	12-14	8:30 a.m. (C.C.)	Frank Plominski	Mr. & Mrs. Frank Evanoski
Friday	12-15	8:30 a.m. (C.C.)	Olive & Jack Andrews	Friends
Saturday	12-16	5:00 p.m. (C.C.)	Sophie Begey	Family
Sunday	12-17	8:00 a.m. (C.C.)	Living & Deceased Members of St. John Vianney Parish	
		9:30 a.m. (S.P.)	Jill Kelley	Family
		11:00 a.m. (C.C.)	Thomas Racht	Family

Christmas Schedule

4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Dec. 23-24)

5:00 p.m. Saturday, December 23 (Corpus Christi)

Sunday, December 24: 9:30 a.m. St. Pius, 11:00a.m. Corpus Christi (please note no 8:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday)



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Let Us
Adore Him

CHRISTMAS EVE (Sunday, Dec. 24)

4:00 p.m. Children's Christmas Liturgy (Corpus Christi) Carols begin at 3:30 p.m.

9:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass with the Adult Choir (Corpus Christi) Carols begin at 8:40 p.m.

CHRISTMAS DAY (Monday, Dec. 25)

9:30 a.m. Christmas Mass with St. Pius Christmas Choir (St. Pius X) Carols begin at 9:10 a.m.

11:00 a.m. Christmas Mass with the Adult Choir (Corpus Christi) Carols begin at 10:40 a.m.

December 30 – 31 is the regular weekend/Sunday Mass schedule

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD VIGIL (Sunday, Dec. 31)

Sunday, Dec. 31, 5:00 p.m. Mass (Corpus Christi)

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD, (Monday, Jan. 1)

11:00 a.m. Mass (Corpus Christi)

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS EVE MASS

The Children's Christmas Eve Mass will be held at 4:00p.m. at Corpus Christi. Children can do both the Nativity and the Choir.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR: All Kn-8th Grade students interested in joining the Children's Christmas Eve Choir, practices are Sundays, December 10th and 17th after 11AM Mass. Pick up time is 1:30PM. Children will be offered a light lunch before practice starts at 12:20.

ALL THREE PRACTICES must be attended in order to participate Christmas Eve, unless excused by Heather.

Adult volunteers for food preparation will be needed. Please contact Heather Clendenning at 570.947.2040 if you are available to help with lunches preparation and clean up.

PRESENTATION OF THE NATIVITY: All Kn-8th Grade Students of the parish are invited to participate in the presentation of the Nativity on Christmas Eve. Please email Lisa Anzelm if your child plans to participate: lanzelm11@gmail.com Practices will be held on Tuesday, **December 12th 6:00p.m.-7:00p.m.** at Corpus Christi Church and on Sunday **December 17th after 11:00AM Mass until 1:15**

Final Dress Rehearsal and Pizza Party DATE CHANGE will be held for the **Children's Choir and Nativity participants** on **Friday, December 22** from 6:00p.m. to 7:30p.m. **All participants must attend this final practice.**

CAROLING FOR OUR HOMEBOUND

Come join us for Christmas Caroling and help brighten the holidays! We are planning to sing for our Parish homebound on **Sunday, December 10th. Practice will begin at 5:00p at Corpus Christi, and we'll head out to sing at 6:00p.** We hope you can join us; this should be a fun family event for all ages! Sign up sheets will be in the back of the churches, or you can sign up on our website <https://stjvp.org/> Questions? Call Gloria Konzman at 570-947-0512.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICES

Monday, December 11th at 7:00p.m., an Advent Penance Service will be celebrated for St. John Vianney Parish at Corpus Christi. This is an opportunity for all of our parishioners to prepare for Christmas and the coming of Christ, by celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation as a parish community.

OTHER AREA RECONCILIATION SERVICES:

Sun., Dec. 10, 6:30p.m. Nativity BVM, Tunkhannock
Tue., Dec. 12, 7:00p.m. St. Patrick's, Nicholson
Thu. Dec. 14, 7:00p.m. Our Lady Snows, Clarks Summit
Sun., Dec. 17, 3:00p.m. Sacred Heart, Peckville
Mon. Dec. 18, 6:00p.m. St. Michael's, Jessup
Tue., Dec. 19, 6:00p.m. Sacred Heart, Jermyn
Wed., Dec. 20, 6:00p.m. St. Thomas Church, Archbald

GIVE A GREAT GIFT

This Christmas consider giving the gift of life by donating blood at our **Blood Drive on Thursday, December 21, 1:00p.m. to 6:00p.m.** in the Parish Center. This Christmas give something that means something.

Christmas Choir at St. Pius X!!

Interest has been shown to again have a Choir for the 9:30a.m. Mass on Christmas morning at the St. Pius X location. There will be two practices, Dec. 10 and 17 after Mass for one hour. Please join us in song. All are welcome. If you have any questions please see Linda Hayes or call 570-470-3667.



The Giving Tree



Helping the Needy

The tradition of the Giving Tree will continue at St. John Vianney Parish this year. The gifts from Corpus Christi benefit the youths at Lourdesmont and patrons of the Montdale Food Pantry and the St Pius gifts go to Romy's Place. Please take a tag and **return the gift to the church from which you got the tag by Sunday, December 17th**. Place an ornament on the tree when you put the gift under it. If you have any questions about Corpus Christi gifts call Juliana Piccini 282-0909 for gifts tags at St. Pius call Terri Benedict 222-2916. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Liturgical Ministers' Schedule

December 16-17, 2017

5:00p	M. Matous B. Gretzula	B. Cassaro	J. Cassaro E. Piccini J. Piccini
8:00a	M. Dunstone J. Dunstone	L. Volk	F. Tancredo J. Corbett
9:30a	N. Baker (St. Pius) K. Long	R. Totten	E. Totten M. Orazzi
11:00a	B. Bevilacqua	M. A. Paulukonis	A. Swarts R. Stracham M.J. Oakley

MEMORIAL DONATIONS



Memorials & Gifts

Please consider remembering your parish for memorial donations. If you would like to discuss any special needs of the parish, please contact Fr. Michael. If you would like to make memorial donations to other organizations, such as the Food Pantry, please send your donations directly to them.

Christmas SHOEBOX Project for St. Francis of Assisi Kitchen

TOOTHPASTE NEEDED!! Over the past 27 years youth groups from our area have provided toiletries that they distribute to the guests of the kitchen on Christmas Day. The guests are always so grateful for having been remembered on Christmas Day. We need 300 tubes of toothpaste! Please place in the container in back of church. We will collect until **December 10**.



DONATIONS FOR NEW FLOORING AT ST. PIUS X

St. Pius X Altar and Rosary is beginning to solicit donations to replace the floor covering in the body of the Church. This collection of funds will continue through Christmas at St. Pius X. Checks may be made out to: St. Pius X Altar & Rosary. Thank you.

GIRL SCOUTS BAKE SALE

This weekend the Girl Scouts will be holding a bake sale at all of the Masses at Corpus Christi. Thank you in advance for your support.

PART TIME JOB AT ST. JOHN VIANNEY

A part time job is available for someone who can make themselves available most of the time for our four masses, Saturday evening through Sunday to run our projector. This person would have the responsibilities of typing the music lyrics for the songs (which differ every week) and from time to time download a youtube video that Father Michael would like shown at mass. Anyone is welcome to apply for this position, although a retired person might be more available during the weekend. Please contact Father Michael at 254-9502. Thank You.



ADVENT CONCERT

In a 69 year choral history of songs for the season, the Catholic Choral Society will present an Advent Concert at on Sunday, December 10 at 3 PM at Our Lady of Snows Church, 301 South State Street, Clarks Summit. The group will be singing sacred Advent and Christmas music as well other Christmas pieces and will be joined by the parish adult choir. The pastor of Our Lady of Snows Church is Monsignor Joseph G. Quinn; the music director is Dana Cerminaro The concert is open to the public free of charge. Brenda Grunza is president of the Catholic Choral Society while Dr. Thomas Rittenhouse is president emeritus. Jean Shields is accompanist and Ann Manganiello is music director of the group.

INTERESTED IN E-GIVING?

Sign up at:

<https://giving.ncsservices.org/dl/?uid=ncs-3836> or go to stjvp.org and click on the link

PARISH COLLECTION November 25-26, 2017

Adults	\$ 4,350.00	259/572
Children	\$ 56.00	31/237
Loose	\$ 401.27	
Other	\$ 826.00	
Total Collection	\$ 5,633.27	

Thank you for your continued support of our Parish.

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