



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	12-01	5:00 p.m. (C.C.)	Stanley & Betty Fron	Family
Sunday	12-02	8:00 a.m. (C.C.)	Amy Mikelatis	Family
		9:30 a.m. (S.P.)	Living & Deceased Members of	St. John Vianney Parish
		11:00 a.m. (C.C.)	Luigi Giordano	Wife, Carmela
Monday	12-03	8:30 a.m. (C.C.)	Josephine A. Yalavone	Sue & Mike O'Boyle
Tuesday	12-04	8:30 a.m. (C.C.)	Jim Rebar	Friends
Wednesday	12-05	8:30 a.m. (C.C.)	Edward Eagiello	Wife, Alice
Thursday	12-06	8:30 a.m. (C.C.)	Stephen Zilla	Roseanne & Rich Stracham
Friday	12-07	5:30 p.m. (S.P.)	Living & Deceased Members of	St. John Vianney Parish
Saturday	12-08	9:30 a.m. (C.C.)	Thomas Hudak	Friends
		5:00 p.m. (C.C.)	Inez Galvin	Norman Galvin
		8:00 a.m. (C.C.)	Donna Caselli	Karen Martin
Sunday	12-09	8:00 a.m. (C.C.)	Donna Caselli	Karen Martin
		9:30 a.m. (S.P.)	Living & Deceased Members of	St. John Vianney Parish
		11:00 a.m. (C.C.)	Margaret & Edward Sokoloski	Roberta Burge

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Saturday, December 8th is a Holy Day of Obligation in all Parishes in the United States. A Vigil Mass will be said on Friday at 5:30p.m. at St. Pius X and on Saturday there will be a Mass at 9:30a at Corpus Christi.

CHRISTmas Countdown

A Family Event will be held on Sunday, December 2nd. On this day Religious Education (for both locations) will begin with the Children's Mass at 11:00a.m. at Corpus Christi, followed directly by food, crafts and activities. Religious Education will end at 2:00p.m. This program is in place of class at 8:15a.m. at St. Pius and 9:45a.m. at Corpus Christi. This is a family event and parents or guardians are strongly encouraged to join their child in our parish's Advent Celebration. Children younger than school age are invited to attend with their parents.

Christmas SHOEBOX Project for St. Francis of Assisi Kitchen



BAR SOAP NEEDED!! Over the past 28 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. Please place in the container in back of church. **We will collect until December 9.**

HOMEBOUND CAROLING

All are invited to raise your voice in joyful song as we visit the homes of our homebound friends for Christmas Caroling. This is a much anticipated time for those who are unable to regularly gather with us for church events. It's also a lot of fun for carolers of all ages! We'll gather at Corpus Christi church at 5:00 PM on Sunday, December 9th to practice and will leave from there. We expect to arrive back at the church around 8:00 for hot chocolate and treats. Sign up sheets are in the back of the Church. Please join us!



The Giving Tree

The tradition of the Giving Tree will continue at St. John Vianney Parish this year. The gifts from Corpus Christi benefit children from the Scranton Counseling Center and patrons of the Montdale Food Pantry and the St Pius gifts go to children of Romy's Place. Please take a tag and **return the gift to the church from which you got the tag** by Sunday, December 16th. Place an ornament on



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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.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS EVE MASS

The Children's Christmas Eve Mass will be held at 4:00p.m. at Corpus Christi.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR: Children's Christmas Choir practice schedule: **Sundays December 2, 9, 16 after 11am Masses**, Pick up time will be 1 PM Group soloists will be selected Dec 2. If your child would like to be featured with a group solo, but can not attend first practice, please contact Heather at 570-947-2040.

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 sign up in the back of the Church if your child plans to participate. Practices will be held on Thursdays, **December 6th, 13th & 20th 6:00p.m.-7:30p.m.** at Corpus Christi Church.

Final Dress Rehearsal and Pizza Party will be held for the **Children's Choir and Nativity participants** on Sunday, December 23 from noon to 1:30p.m. **All participants must attend this final practice.**

Do you have an hour a week to spare?

The Visiting Nurses Association is seeking caring, compassionate, and dynamic individuals to join our volunteer team. The volunteer would share their unique skills and talents to enhance the patient's quality of life. Currently, we are seeking individuals to provide companionship services for our patients, caregiver relief and supportive services and in-office volunteer time. The volunteer visit would be either in the patient's home or in a facility or at the office at 301 Delaware Ave., Olyphant. If you are considering making a change and adding a rewarding experience to your life, please consider volunteering with us. If you would like more information please contact Marina Suche Pambianco VNA Volunteer Coordinator at 570 383 5180 or mpambianco@vnahospice.org.

ATTENTION 8th to 12th graders!

Catholic Conferences to bring high-schoolers into a life-changing encounter with Jesus Christ. 2019 Theme: BE-LONG "See what love the Father has bestowed on us, that we may be called children of God." -1 John 3:1

At the core of our being is a desire for meaningful connection and authentic relationship. We long to love and be loved, but how often do we just feel lonely?

As we search for ways to escape these feelings of isolation, there comes a small, quiet whisper that pierces through to the depths of our heart: "You are never alone, because you are Mine."

This summer, over 50,000 Catholic teens across North America will attend one of 24 Steubenville Youth Conferences to encounter the God who calls us His sons and daughters. Come and experience His overwhelming love for you. You belong here. We're going June 21-23! Call JoAnn for information at 254-9502 ext. 3 or via email : jwilbursjv@comcast.net

MASS SCHEDULE

While there are NO plans to change our mass schedule at this time the Pastoral Council would like to begin planning for the future. There are ballots at the entrances to the churches for all parishioners to VOTE on the time and place for two proposed Sunday Masses. Please PRINT YOUR NAME. MAKE ONE CIRCLE. CHILDREN CANNOT VOTE. Place your completed ballots in the collection or mail them to the office. Thank you for your assistance.

SPECIAL THANK YOU

St. Pius X Altar and Rosary presented the parish with a gift in the amount of \$5,000 toward our Restoration Campaign at their annual Christmas party. Since the primary source of income for the Altar and Rosary over the years is their bake sale at the church one can only imagine the enormous amount of time and labor this gift represents. On behalf of the entire parish community let me offer the members of the Altar and Rosary our most sincere THANK YOU.

Family Choir practices

Wednesdays at 7:00 P.M.
in the Church

Folk Group Practices

Mondays 7-8, at Corpus Christi
Call Heather with any questions
or for details at 570-947-2040.



CHRISTMAS CHOIR AT ST. PIUS

If interested in joining Christmas morning choir please contact Linda Hayes: 570-470-3667 or see me after Mass. One hour practice after masses Dec. 2, 9 and 16.

Liturgical Ministers' Schedule

December 7-8 2018

(Immaculate Conception)

	<u>Altar Servers</u>	<u>Reader</u>	<u>Euch. Min.</u>
5:30p	N. Baker	L. Hayes	B. Sedlak
(St. Pius)	V. Sedlak		E. Totten
9:30a	N. Toth	B. Facciani	R. Toth
C.C.	A. Toth		B. Toth

December 8-9 2018

	<u>Altar Servers</u>	<u>Reader</u>	<u>Euch. Min.</u>
5:00p	M. Matous	C. Straub	C. Salva
	P. Kozlowski		J. Straub
8:00a	B. Good	N. Galvin	T. Bjork
			G. Hallesky
9:30a	E. Komora	T. Benedict	G. Konzman
(St. Pius)	J. Gesford		K. Shostek
11:00a	K. Priest	M. Mannion	E. Totten
	M. Ziobro		M.J. Oakley
			R. Stracham

Every donation counts!!

If you have not yet pledged, please...

Help us reach our Annual Appeal Parish Goal!

OUR PARISH IS AT

53%

We are grateful to the 68 parishioners who supported the 2018 Annual Appeal to date.

If you have not yet given your support, please:

- Call the Development Office at 570-207-2250 to make a pledge or give a gift by credit card
- Mail a check to the Diocesan Appeal Office at 300 Wyoming Ave., Scranton, PA 18503, or
- Give online at www.DiocesefScranton.org.

Our parish is reimbursed 75% for any gifts made to the Appeal in excess of our Appeal goal.

EXODUS - Bible Study

Do you want to experience true freedom? Have you ever wondered what freedom means, and how to find it? Exodus is often seen as the defining moment in Israel's history, when God called Israel out of slavery in Egypt to freedom. The story of Exodus isn't only Israel's story, however - it's also our story. Exodus: Called to Freedom looks through the lens of Christ and the Church to show how God ultimately desired to free us from the deadly grip of sin so that we could have authentic freedom. Join us for Exodus: Called to Freedom at our Parish Office Mondays at 6:30PM. For more information or to register for the study, call JoAnn at 254-9502 ext.3 or via email: jwilbursjv@comcast.net

STUDENTS NOT IN RELIGIOUS ED ARE ASKED TO PICK UP THEIR ENVELOPES IN THE BACK OF THE CHURCH

PARISH COLLECTION

November 17-18, 2018

Adults	\$ 4,074.00	230/603
Children	\$ 109.75	43/189
Loose	\$ 487.50	
Other	\$ 1,745.00	
Total Collection	\$ 6,416.25	

Thank you for your continued support of our Parish Community.

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Bulletin for Sunday December 2, 2018
Special Instructions: