



*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*  
Deacon Edwin L. Salva, Sr.: *Permanent Deacon*  
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### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: [ppc@stjvp.org](mailto:ppc@stjvp.org)

Janice Bevacqua	Carol Mondello
<i>Vice-Chairperson</i>	Cindy Straub
Jerry Borosky	Lynn Volk
<i>Chairperson</i>	
Eileen Jones	
<i>Secretary</i>	

### MASSES OF THE WEEK

		<u>Location</u>	<u>Mass Intention:</u>	<u>Requested by:</u>
Saturday	05-04	5:00 p.m. (C.C.)	Mary Ainsworth	Ava, Gene & Family
Sunday	05-05	8:00 a.m. (C.C.)	Living & Deceased Members of	St. John Vianney Parish
		9:30 a.m. (S.P.)	Malinchak Family	Family
		11:00 a.m. (C.C.)	Filomena Montano	Niece, Lena & Ron Koruszko
Monday	05-06	8:30 a.m. (C.C.)	Julius Zabrowski, Sr.	Irene Maciaszek
Tuesday	05-07	8:30 a.m. (C.C.)	Ruth Krisler	Family
Wednesday	05-08	8:30 a.m. (C.C.)	Paul Favini	Betty Favini
Thursday	05-09	8:30 a.m. (C.C.)	Charles Cino	Jim & Marie Manning
Friday	05-10	8:30 a.m. (C.C.)	Dorothy Sviatko	Ed & Juliana Piccini
Saturday	05-11	5:00 p.m. (C.C.)	Living & Deceased Members of	St. John Vianney Parish
Sunday	05-12	8:00 a.m. (C.C.)	Mother's Day Intentions	
		9:30 a.m. (S.P.)	Mother's Day Intentions	
		11:00 a.m. (C.C.)	Mother's Day Intentions	

## Faith without works is dead because true faith transforms a life

(Matthew 7:21)

St John Vianney is in need of volunteers. There are three groups that provide leadership and guidance in our Parish. The Pastoral Council helps Father Michael and offers vision and guidance to our Parish. The Ministry Coordinating Commission organizes the many Parish activities. The Finance Council oversees the Parish's financial health and budget. These important works cannot be accomplished without committed members. All nominees will have an opportunity to learn more about the opportunities to serve and discern if they are called to help our Parish in this way. Our discernment session is scheduled for May 18<sup>th</sup> 9:00 to 1:00. If you are interested in serving on one of the three leadership groups, or know of someone who would be willing to serve, please contact Lynn Volk 570-945-5777

## Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

The RCIA process is an opportunity for instruction and spiritual transformation for any adult seeking a deeper understanding of the Catholic tradition or full incorporation into the Catholic Church. Are you interested in becoming a Catholic or completing the Sacraments of Initiation--Baptism/Confirmation/Eucharist? The RCIA group meets weekly. We also have the process for older children and teens who may have not received their sacraments, or who would like to enter the Catholic Church. Please give JoAnn a call if you have any questions or would like further information: 254-9502 or email at [jwilbursjv@comcast.net](mailto:jwilbursjv@comcast.net).

## ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED

Any adult or child 3rd grade and above (having received First Communion) is eligible to become an Altar Server. Training is scheduled at your convenience. If you are interested in more information, please call Deacon Ed at 570-254-6090.

## SPONSOR A SISTER'S GRAVE

The Little Sisters of the Poor are seeking support to beautify their cemetery located on the top of the hill behind their convent.

Your gift will provide the Little Sisters with the means to create a simple flower arrangement to place at the foot of each final resting place of a devoted Little Sister one final time.

This special opportunity is \$20. Donations can be made at the reception desk at the main entry of Holy Family Residence, 2500 Adams Ave., Scranton, PA 18509.

## New Mausoleum at OMS Cemetery

The new mausoleum at Our Mother of Sorrows Cemetery, Finch Hill, will be completed in the late spring. From April 15<sup>th</sup> through June 30<sup>th</sup>, discounts will be available, as well as financing. For information, please call St. Rose Parish Office at 570-282-2991.

## LET'S GET CLEANING OUT!

**May 19th we will begin to accept items for our Rummage Sale.** Donations are accepted Monday-Friday 9:00a.m. to noon and weekends before and after Masses. **The Rummage Sale will be held June 21-23.** Items accepted for the Rummage Sale include: clothes, shoes, decorations, children's items, linens, books, Christmas, household items and small furniture. Space is limited, if the size of the furniture is in question, call Suzi at 570-468-7739. Absolutely no TVs will be accepted. All are welcome to volunteer to help with the Rummage Sale, especially the week before and during.



## BOY SCOUT FUND RAISER

Pasta dinner and basket raffle on May 5th from noon - 2pm at the Scott Fire Hall.

## Refresh Your Faith - Come To The Well Catholic Women's Conference



Join faithful women from the Diocese of Scranton and beyond as they gather at the 2nd Annual Catholic Women's Conference on June 22, 2019 at the University of

Scranton Byron Complex. 8:30- 4:30

The conference begins with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, celebrated with Bishop Joseph Bambera. Keynote speakers include: Teresa Tomeo, "*Beyond Sunday, Praying 24/7*", Jill Metz, "*Miracles of a Catholic Convert*", Sister Mercy Marie, "*Finding Jesus at the Well*". And returning by popular request, His Own, "*A Female Music and Faith Ministry*". Gift bag, breakfast snack, and lunch included. Shop at the Catholic Vendor Marketplace. For registration and detailed information visit: [www.cwcnepa.com](http://www.cwcnepa.com)

\*\*\* We are looking for women to serve as their Parish Coordinator\*\*\* Contact Carol Conway and Katie Veety at [pcwcnepa@gmail.com](mailto:pcwcnepa@gmail.com)

## Medication Take Back Day at the Valley Community Library

The Valley Community Library and the Lackawanna/Susquehanna Office of Drug & Alcohol Programs will be hosting a Medication Take Back Day on May 11<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am to 2:00pm. Unused or expired medication can be brought to the library on that day for proper disposal. For any questions, please call the (570)489-1765.

## Summer Help Needed

Our Mother of Sorrows Cemetery, Finch Hill, needs workers for summer help with Cemetery Maintenance for 40 hours/week beginning in May. Clearances and VIRTUS class attendance are required. Please contact St. Rose Parish Office at 570-282-2991 as soon as possible.

**Liturgical Ministers' Schedule  
May 11-12, 2019**

5:00p	P. Kozlowski M. Matous	B. Cassaro	J. Straub T. Bjork J. Cassaro
8:00a	K. Dzwonczyk L. Osburn	L. Volk	P. Griffiths G. Konzman
9:30a	E. Long (St. Pius) K. Long	G. Jones	M. Orazzi K. Shostek
11:00a	N. Toth A. Toth	M. Mannion	R. Stracham B. Toth R. Toth

**BASKETS NEEDED**

The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a Hawaiian themed " Knight at the Races" on May 18th. The Knights are looking for donations of "baskets" that can be raffled off that night. Those wishing to donate a basket should contact Rich Malinick at 570-254-9526, Gene Godowski at 570-222-9024 or Ed Sokoloski at 570-587-3120.

**GOOD SHEPHERD PRAYER KIT**

Our parish patron, St. John Vianney, is the patron saint of parish priests and was known for encouraging non-practicing Catholics to return to the Church. He was a Good Shepherd. Now more than ever we are all called to model St. John Vianney and be Good Shepherds. The Parish Pastoral Council invites all to join us in praying to St. John Vianney to help each of us to be Good Shepherds. We have developed two ways for everyone to participate. One option is to sign out a "Good Shepherd" prayer kit for one week and pray together daily as a family. The kit contains a photo of St. John Vianney, an easel to display the photo and copies of the prayer guide sheet. The kit would then be returned to the church at the end of the week so that another family can sign it out. The second option is to take a copy of the prayer guide sheet only and use it in a manner that best suits you. Kits and sheets are in the back of the Churches.

**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.

**GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION FOR HOLY LANDS**

We collected \$450 for the Holy Lands.

**COLLECTION ENVELOPES**

With the collection being counted by all volunteers, we ask that you always use the envelopes mailed to you for your offering. With volunteers doing the collection they will not know if a loose check belongs to a parishioner or a visitor. All loose checks will be included in the loose collection and will not be credited to parishioners. If you do not receive your envelopes in the mail, we ask that you write your name and address on a regular envelope (or use return address labels) and put your offering in that. **Even for special collections, always make your checks out to St. John Vianney Parish.**

**MEMORIAL DONATIONS**

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.

**PARISH MEMBERSHIP**

If you attend Mass at St. John Vianney Parish and aren't registered, please consider becoming a registered member of our Parish Family. Any adult child of the parish that has turned twenty-one is asked to register independently from his or her parents/guardians. Since many families don't keep the parish up to date on their children's status, if we have not been notified, we can only assume the adult children have moved away and no longer are members. If you are unsure of your registration status, please call or email the parish office (254-9502 ccrc402@comcast.net).

**Don't forget about e-giving:** If you find automatic payments easier please consider e-giving. Go to: <https://giving.ncsservices.org/dl/?uid=ncs-3836> or our parish website: [www.stjvp.org](http://www.stjvp.org)

**RICE BOWL** We collected \$599 for Operation Rice Bowl on Holy Thursday. If you have not made your return yet, please do so.

**PARISH COLLECTION**

**April 20-21, 2019**

**(Easter)**

Adults	\$ 3,783.50	178/603
Children	\$ 205.91	33/189
Easter Adults	10,043.00	261/603
Easter Children	0.00	0/189
Loose	\$ 787.00	
Other	\$ 425.00	
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>\$15,244.41</b>	

Thank you for your continued support of our Parish Community.

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Bulletin for Sunday May 5, 2019  
Special Instructions: