

Saint John Vianney Parish

ST. MARY'S CHURCH - ST. GABRIEL'S CHURCH

December 21st, Fourth Sunday in Advent

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Mission Statement

St John Vianney Parish is a welcoming home which embraces all people by sharing God's transforming love. We worship, celebrate the Sacraments, promote spiritual growth and are Christ's hands for those in need.

Vision Statement

Full Churches every weekend with a vibrant, diverse community of parishioners exercising our faith inside and outside the church as living examples of Christ's work.

Parish Pastoral Council

Council Co-Chairs: Jack Merriam & Shelly Wood

Vice Chair: John McKinley

Council Members: Al Hanning, Lisa Glovins, Deacon Bob Colomaio, Keith Glovins, Jack Merriam, Steve Cummings, Deacon Thomas Jack, Sheri Neu, Pete Langendorfer

Youth Representative: Ana Truth

Ex Officio: Shelly Wood, Becky White

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Council Chair: Greg Hintz

Council Members:

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Mark Alger,
Richard Yochem,
John Bell

Ex Officio: Becky White
Shelly Wood



St. Mary's Church
32 East Morris St.
Bath, NY 14810

Celebrations of the Lord's Day

Saturday 4:00 pm at St. Mary's Church

Sunday 8:00 am at St. Gabriel's Church

10:00 am at St. Mary's Church

Adoration & Daily Mass Times:

Mon & Thurs 10:30am & 11:30am at St. Mary's

Tues & Fri 10:30am & 11:30am at St. Gabriel's

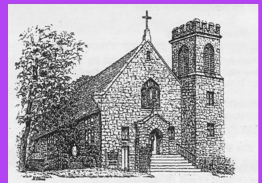
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Mon-Fri

8:00 am—3:00 pm

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St. Gabriel's Church
78 Shethar St.
Hammondsport, NY 14840

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available: * Saturday at 3:15 at St. Mary's Church or * By appointment

St. John Vianney's Parish Support for Dec 6th & 7th

Attendance: 170

Weekly Offertory Income: \$ 3,826.00

**Secondary Offertory Income Catholic University:
\$301.00**

Upcoming Second Collections: Dec. 28th Utilities

Donations can also be made online under the donate
tab on our website: www.sjvbath.org

Sincere thanks for your support of our parish and its ministries!



**Anointing of the
Sick/Prayers for Healing**
Our next Anointing will be
Sat. Jan 17th and
Sun. Jan 18th after each Mass.

Scripture Readings

Dec 21st Fourth Sunday in Advent

1st Reading: Isaiah 7:10-14

2nd Reading: Romans 1:1-7

Gospel: Matthew 1:18-24



We welcome little ones in our
community to celebrate the
Sacrament of Baptism.
For Baptism information please
contact Deacon Bob for details.

If you have or know of any
upcoming events you would like to
see in the bulletin, please contact
Nicki Ignatz. They need to be
submitted a week or two prior.



*Looking for a way to make a
difference?*



VOLUNTEER

If you are considering
becoming a volunteer for
lecturing, usher,
greeter, faith formation or
at our parish events, please
contact the parish office
or Nicki Ignatz for more
information.

St. John Vianney Parish of Steuben-
County@St.JohnVianneyofSteubenCounty

Follow us on Facebook and check for church
updates or postings



*Please keep all who have
recently died, and
their family, in your
prayers.*

The red Sanctuary Lamp, continuously
aglow above or near the tabernacle,
indicates the presence of Christ, the
Blessed Sacrament. If you wish to have the
Sanctuary Lamp lit in memory of a loved
one, please contact the parish office. In
addition, if you would like to sponsor the
Altar Breads, Altar Wine or Altar Candles
for a given month in memory of a loved
one, please contact the parish office.



**For the month of December the Altar Candles,
Bread and Wine are in memory of Bucky Squires by
The Czajkowski Family**



St. John Vianney Parish

Lana L, Paula Gardner, Dennis Dinehart,
Dominic, Jane Hoelscher, Mary Bagley, Nancy Robinson,
Donald Withford, Cathy Bohen, Joyce I & Bonnie L.

**Names stay on the list for 3 weeks. A name may then be renewed by
the individual or member of the family if needed.**

**Heavenly Father, heal the sick, comfort the sorrowing,
encourage the discouraged and give us strength.**

Adoration and Daily Mass schedule times will be:

St. Mary's- Mon. & Thurs. Adoration at 10:30 am and
Mass following at 11:30 am.

St. Gabriel's- Tues. & Fri. Adoration at 10:30 am and
Mass following at 11:30 am.



4th WEEK OF ADVENT - LOVE

In a world that can sometimes feel cold and unforgiving,
let's choose to be the warmth that brightens someone's day.
We can show love through our **kind** actions, our words, and
our presence. Some ideas may be-

- Helping an elderly neighbor with some chores
- Walking a friend's dog
- Making some cookies for your mail delivery person or
someone who isn't feeling well
- Letting someone go ahead of you in line
Or by smiling at the people you pass

Let's be a safe haven where others can find **Hope, Peace,
Joy, and Love.**

"Spread LOVE everywhere you go." Mother Teresa

Dear friends in Christ,

In few days, our faith community will join the universal church and celebrate Christmas. The birth of Christ reminds us of the simple truth - that God has chosen to BE-WITH-US and among us. I was informed that there will be a wonderful Christmas Pageant during the 4PM Mass on December 24 at St. Mary's. Sheri and Ana have been working hard to prepare children and youth for this joyful and spiritual event. After the holidays, I will visit these children and families at their homes to discern some faith formation possibilities which we can offer them either at home or at church. A few weeks ago, Julius, Ana, and Claire and a few chaperones from our parish attended the National Catholic Youth Conference in Indianapolis. One of the highlights was the live conversation between Pope Leo and the youths. Pope Leo encouraged the youth to be active in their faith now and to establish their friendship with Jesus. At the same time, he stressed the importance of prayer, the sacrament of Reconciliation, and seeking to serve and connect with the youth's parishes. We are grateful for your generous support so that these youth were able to attend this wonderful event. I look forward to meeting these youth and ask how they want to share their gifts and talents in our faith community.

During this season, we often see words like Peace, Joy, and Hope posted in living rooms, worship spaces, or in public halls. In a secular world, children and adults express joy when we receive Santa's Gifts. Spiritually, *joy* is a gift of the Holy Spirit. This is a key element of Christian life which we do not talk about regularly. In his letter to Philippians, Saint Paul urges believers to "rejoice in the Lord always." Distinctive from happiness, joy does not depend on good circumstances; rather it comes from within one's heart of a delight in God. Christian joy is rooted in one's relationship with Jesus Christ and the knowledge of God's unwavering faithfulness. Let me share with you a caption of my two favorite books on this topic.

In *The Book of Joy*, Dalai Lama and Bishop Tutu, two respected spiritual leaders, addressed some obstacles to joy including fear, stress, anxiety, anger, sadness, grief, envy, despair, loneliness, suffering, adversities, illness, and fear of death. At the meantime, they offered the pillars to build a life of joy such as *perspective, humility, acceptance, forgiveness, gratitude, compassion, generosity, and humor*. The last item seems to be overlooked in all religions. Are we able to find the ability to laugh at ourselves and at life's challenges?

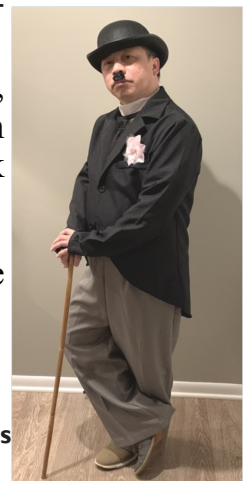
In his catchy title *Between Heaven and Mirth*, James Martin, S.J, reminded Catholic and Christian believers that Jesus and many saints did have a sense of humor. Sadly, in our daily encounter at worship places, we often put on *serious* faces. Joy, humor, and laughter are spiritual gifts and is essentially healthy in one's relationship with God. Humor is a healthy tool for connection and a path to humility. As adults, we have gradually lost a sense of playfulness in life. Since I was a kid, I have always admired Charlie Chaplin, a genius actor who can make the world laugh without words. May Christmas season 2025 sustain us the joy of being closer to God each day throughout the New Year of faith.

As we approach a new year, I want to express my gratitude to all volunteers, lay ministers, various committees, staff members, and all parishioners of St. John Vianney Parish. It has been my *joy* to serve you for the last six months and I look forward to serve you in this new year with the same zeal and love of Christ.

May the Blessings of Christmas be with you and your families throughout the year.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Fr. Hoan



Who is this ?

Daily Readings for the week

Monday December 22nd

1 Samuel 1:24-28, Ps 1 Samuel 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd,
Luke 1:46-56

Tuesday December 23rd

Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24, Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 & 14,
Luke 1:57-66

Wednesday December 24th

2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16, 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 & 29,
Luke 1:67-79

Thursday December 25th

Isaiah 9:1-6, Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13, 2nd Reading
Titus 2:11-14, Luke 2:1-14

Friday December 26th

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59, Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 & 8ab, 16bc & 17,
Matthew 10:17-22

Collection for Turning Point Ministry

For the month of December
is Cereals or Granola/Breakfast Bars

Please place the donations in the baskets
in the back of both churches

REQUEST A
MASS
INTENTION



With the addition of the weekday
Masses there are more
opportunities for Mass intentions.

If you'd like to request a
Mass Intention fill out the envelopes
that are available in the pews, at the
back of both churches, or call/stop by
the parish office.

CMA: Our Parish goal for 2025/26 is \$28,000

Our parish number is 361. Please write it on your check
or envelope and make checks payable to **CMA**.

Please join us in reaching our parish goal.

Have you made your pledge yet?

**We have had 45 donors and are at
37.04% to our parish goal**

Thank you to our donors
who have donated
already and for your
continued support.



Thank you for attending Mass with us today.

If you were blessed by it please consider
making a donation. Scan the QR code below:



Please know you are the only reason we are here.

St. John Vianney's Mass Intentions December 20th - December 28th

Saturday, Dec 20th

STM 4:00 pm Shirley Sheils by Al & Evie Hanning

Sunday, Dec 21st

STG 8:00 am Stacia Fox by Elaine Fox

STM 10:00 am Jan, Alex & Kelly Cornaire by Lee Cornaire

Monday, Dec 22nd

STM: 10:30 am Adoration Followed by Mass

11:30 am For The Repose of the Soul Margaret Soukup
by Mr. & Mrs. Martin Donnelly

Tuesday, Dec 23rd

STG: 10:30 am Adoration Followed by Mass

11:30 am For Eileen Raabs Healing by Ralph Colavita

Wednesday, Dec 24th Christmas Eve

STM 4:00 pm Bucky Squires by The Czajkowski Family

John, Evelyn, Jack Walsh by Evie & Al Hanning

STG 8:15 pm Anthony Olszewski by His Wife Carol

Thursday, Dec 25th Christmas Day

STM 10:00 am Jack Kashorek by The Kashoreks

Friday, Dec 26th

STG 10:30 am No Adoration

11:30 am No Mass Scheduled

Saturday, Dec 27th

STM 4:00 pm For Donna Meck

Sunday, Dec 28th

STG 8:00 am For Tony Whitaker

STM 10:00 am For The People of the Parish

Christmas Mass Schedule

Dec. 24th 4:00 pm STM 8:15 pm STG

Dec. 25th

10:00 am STM

