

Saint John Vianney Parish

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

December 28th, The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

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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

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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

Phone 607-776-3327

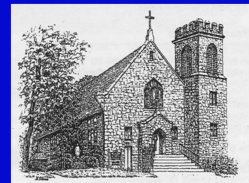
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Mon-Fri

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 13th & 14th**

Attendance: 197

Weekly Offertory Income: \$3286.00

Secondary Offertory Income Insurance: \$852.00

**Upcoming Second Collections:
Jan. 4th Insurance**

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 28th The Holy Family

1st Reading: Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

2nd Reading: Galatians 4:4-7

Gospel: Luke 2:16-21



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 Eva Russo & Marie
Lorraine Glovins who recently
died, and their families, 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.

**TO THE PARENTS OF OUR YOUNG CHILDREN MAY
WE SUGGEST...**

Relax! God put the wiggle in children; don't
feel you have to suppress it in God's house. All are welcome! Sit
toward the front where it is easier for your little ones to see and
hear what's going on at the altar. They tire of seeing the backs of
other's heads. Quietly explain the parts of the Mass and actions of
the priest, altar servers, choir, etc. Sing the hymns, pray and voice
the responses. Children learn liturgical behavior by copying you.

TO OTHER MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH

**Children
should be
seen &
heard
especially in
church**

The presence of children is a gift to the church,
and they are a reminder that our parish is
growing. Please welcome our children and give
a smile of encouragement to their parents.
If you see a parent struggling, please offer to
help them! Remember that the way we
welcome children in church directly affects the
way they respond to the church, to God, and
to one another

Let them know that they are at home in this house of worship.

Dear friends in Christ,

A few days ago, our faith community joined the universal churches and celebrated Christmas. The birth of Christ reminds us of the simple truth - that God has chosen to BE-WITH-US and among us. We had a wonderful Christmas Pageant during the 4PM Mass on December 24 at St. Mary's. Sheri and Ana worked hard to prepare the 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. In November, 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 the 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. In 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?

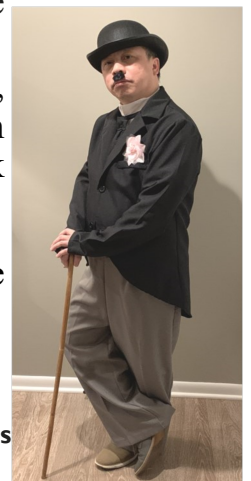
In his catchy title *Between Heaven and Mirth*, James Martin, S.J, reminded Catholic and Christian believers that Jesus and many saints did have a sense of humor. Sadly, in our daily encounter at worship places, we often put on *serious* faces. Joy, humor, and laughter are spiritual gifts are essentially 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 the 2025 Christmas season sustain us with 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 29th

1 John 2:3-11, Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6, Luke 2:22-35

Tuesday December 30th

1 John 2:12-17, Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, Luke 2:36-40

Wednesday December 31st

1 John 2:18-21, Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13, John 1:1-18

Thursday January 1st

Number 6:22-27, Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8, 2nd Reading Galatians 4:4-7, Luke 2:16-21

Friday January 2nd

1 John 2:22-28, Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, John 1:19-28

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 48 donors
and are at
42.75% to our parish goal**

**Thank you to our donors
who have donated
already and for your**



A most heartfelt thank you to all who participated in the annual Giving Tree... from shopping for needed gifts to donations so that we could fulfill the other requests. A special shout out to our volunteers:

Setting up the three trees: Gail & Jack Merriam, Joyce Swackhammer & Jo Slovak

Putting tags on the trees: Annie, Gavin & Nick Wheeler

Shoppers: Sheri Neu, Karen Hendershott, Mary McConnell & Joyce Swackhammer

Sorting Gifts: Robin Kelly



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 27th – January 4th

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

Monday, Dec 29th

STM: 10:30 am Adoration Followed by Mass

11:30 am Intentions for Joan Thomas by Kathy Donnelly

Tuesday, Dec 30th

STG: 10:30 am Adoration Followed by Mass

11:30 am All People of the Parish by Ralph Colavita

Thursday, Jan 1st New Years Day

STM 10:00 am Pray for Personal Growth, Peace, Health, & Blessings for Loved Ones & the World

Friday, Jan 2nd

STG 10:30 am No Adoration

11:30 am No Mass Scheduled

Saturday, Jan 3rd

STM 4:00 pm Colleen Murphy by Tony Murphy

Sunday, Jan 4th

STG 8:00 am For The People of the Parish

STM 10:00 am For The People of the Parish



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.

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