



24 March 2019

Dear Parishioners of St. Clare of Assisi & St. Stephen's,

On Friday, April 12, a miracle will come to St. Clare of Assisi Church – the incorrupt heart of St. John Vianney, the patron saint of parish priests and of the Sacrament of confession. St. John Vianney died over 150 years ago but decay has never touched his body and his heart relic is a proof of God's great love for His people and that His mercy endures forever. Hundreds of thousands of pilgrims flock to the town of Ars, France where St. John served his priesthood. There a Shrine dedicated to his priestly life and ministry contains his incorrupt body.

Through the workings of the Knights of Columbus, St. John Vianney's Incorrupt Heart is making a coast to coast pilgrim visitation in the United States. Our parish is quite blessed to have the Heart of this holy man of God spend a few hours in our church.

To celebrate this blessed event, we expect many people from across the Diocese of Allentown and our neighbors from the Dioceses of Harrisburg (Mount Carmel, Shamokin area) and Scranton (Hazleton area) to make pilgrimage here to venerate "the Heart of a Priest".

Our day will begin with the reception of the relic at 12 noon in church by Bishop Schlert and the celebration of Holy Mass with our Bishop presiding and priests of our Diocese. Throughout the day there will be prayers, veneration of the relic, and opportunities for receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation. St. John Vianney spent countless hours in the confessional bringing God's mercy to sinners. Our evening will conclude with solemn Evening Prayer of the Church at 7PM once again lead by Bishop Schlert.

To make this holy visit possible, we must rely on the help of many to make the day run smoothly. We will be in need of:

- Greeters to direct visitors to our parish throughout the day
- Parking lot attendants to direct people to the Carroll St. parking lot
- People to assist priests and Fourth Degree Honor Guard in the hall where they will vest for Mass

- People to help serve a simple dinner after Mass to the priests and Fourth Degree Honor Guard
 - Serving the food & helping in the kitchen
 - Making coffee & handing out refreshments
 - Assisting our older priests in carrying food/beverage to their table
- Help to clean and set up the church hall on Thursday evening, April 11 at 6:30PM
- Help to put the hall back together again on Saturday, April 13 in preparation for our last Lenten pierogie sale on the Wednesday before Holy Thursday.
- Other areas that have yet to come to mind

Hundreds of parishes and shrines from the West Coast to the East Coast have welcomed the Heart Relic of St. John Vianney and the pilgrims who came to venerate the “Heart of a Priest”. Please volunteer and assist our parish in making people feel welcomed here and making this a very special day in the life of our parish.

Sincerely your pastor,

(Rev. Msgr.) William F. Glosser V.F.

St. John Vianney Relic Visit

Fr. Bill,

I desire to help during the day by:

- serving as a greeter in church (rectory will suggest time)
- assist with parking of cars
- serving of food to priests after Mass
- serving of food to our seminarians at suppertime
- setting up the Hall Thursday, April 11 at 6:30PM
- re-setting hall on Saturday morning, April 13 at 8:30AM