

FROM THE PASTOR'S NOTEBOOK:**Taking time for prayer**

Remember the good old days when prayer was a important part of each and every day? Remember prayer at meals, when facing adversity, and at specific times of the day such as rising in the morning to a new day, or preparing for bed time in the evening? My memories of daily prayer revolved around a picture that hung on our dining room wall just above our buffet. The picture was an unremarkable scene of two people, a man and a woman, standing in a field, heads bowed and a church steeple in the distance. The picture was entitled "The Angelus". I asked my mother what the picture meant and she explained that the man and women were reciting the Angelus at noontime as they heard the noon bell ring in the distance. I was always amazed that the sound of a church bell could trigger people to literally stop what they were doing to offer thanks to God.



In these beautiful months of summer, don't forget to give thanks to God for the many gifts in your life. I am including the Angelus prayer for your review and perhaps a new devotion of an old and venerable tradition.

The Angelus Prayer

V. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.
R. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.

*Hail mary, full of grace,
The Lord is with thee;
Blessed art thou among women,
And blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
Pray for us sinners,
Now and at the hour of our death. Amen*

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.
R. Be it done to me according to your word.

Hail Mary...

V. And the Word was made flesh.
R. And dwelt among us.

Hail mary...

V. Pray for us, o holy Mother of God.
R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray: Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, thy grace into our hearts, that we to whom the Incarnation of Christ Thy Son was made known by the message of an angel, may by His Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Fr. Pat

ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED

ATTENTION all children from 2nd grade up to and including High School Seniors: Our parishes are in need of new Altar Servers. If you are interested in being an Altar Server, please call the Parish Office (570-836-3275) and leave your name and phone number. Someone will contact you to discuss training schedules.

1st ANNUAL CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Does your faith need a boost? Looking to be inspired and uplifted? Then **join hundreds of women, at all levels of faith from Northeast PA and beyond as they gather at the 1st Annual Catholic Women's Conference.** Conference includes Mass with Bishop Joseph Bambera. Keynote speakers include: Judy Landrieu Klein, author of "Faith Through It All", Father Richard McAlear, "Ministry of Hope and Healing" and His Own "Music and Ministry". Enjoy a continental breakfast, lunch and shopping at the Catholic Vendor Marketplace.

**The University of Scranton, Byron Complex
June 23, 2018 from 8:00AM to 4:00PM**

For registration and information go to:

www.dioceseofscranton.org/catholic-womens-conference

NATIVITY'S HOMEMADE PIEROGIES:

We are selling our frozen Potato and Cheese-filled Pierogies during the week at the Parish Office during normal business hours (9:00AM-2:00PM). The price still remains the same at **\$7.00 per dozen.**



VIRTUS: A training session for adults in the Protecting God's Children (PGC-VIRTUS) program has been scheduled:

► **Wednesday, June 27th at Christ the King Parish, Archbald, beginning at 6:00PM.**

Complete information is posted at:

www.dioceseofscranton.org (safe environment-child protection-VIRTUS)

If you are an adult employee or volunteer who has direct contact or routine interaction with children, please make every effort to participate in this training. Your attendance is important. Thank you.

MISSING A RING? A unique mother's ring was found among the baby bottles that were donated in support of the Pro-Life Center. If it's yours, please contact the Parish Office (570-677-7634) and describe the ring. It may be picked up at the Parish Office during working hours.



2018 MASS INTENTIONS: Masses are really filling up fast! Mass intentions for the **2018 & 2019** calendar years will be booked on a first-come, first served basis. Please be sure to indicate whether each intention is for a person living or deceased, Catholic or non-Catholic. The offering for an announced Mass is \$10.00; names will be printed in the parish bulletin and announced at the Mass.

FOUNDER'S DAY: Once again our parishes will be participating in Tunkhannock's annual Founder's Day celebration on **Saturday, June 23rd:**

Nativity BVM

We will be **opening Fr. Nallin Hall and offering various food items for sale.** In order for this to be a success, **we will need help** in the kitchen that day setting up, preparing food, serving and cleaning up. **If you are able to help in any capacity, please call the Parish Office (570-836-3275)** and leave your name and phone number. Someone will return your call. Please consider lending a hand to be a part of this community event.

Our **Altar & Rosary Society** will conduct their **basket raffle** as well.

St. Mary of the Lake

Calling all cookie makers.....please consider making a batch or two of your favorite cookies to be sold at the famous **"Buck a Bag" cookie booth** which will be set up in front of our rectory. This is the only fundraiser for the Social Concerns Ministry and we would appreciate your help.

We have become a favorite stop for so many folks who thoroughly enjoy what a buck will buy! The favorites are the best sellers, as chocolate chip, peanut butter, welsh cookies, really any recipe that stands up to packaging and sometimes heat. We package cookies in a snack or sandwich bag simply what you would pay a dollar for and they can be frozen or dropped off at the Packer home or in St. Mary of the Lake kitchen. Just let us know. It is not necessary to package them; we can do itIf you plan to bake, please call one of us. Thank you so much for your support and talent. God Bless!



Love, **Mary Lou Franko 570-586-4811 Marie Packer 570-378-2420**

BASKETS GALORE

Wow! There is a lot going on at St Mary's this year! With that in mind, I ask that you please **remember our basket raffle for the Wyoming County Community Fair, which begins on August 29th.**

I hope that everyone who has generously donated a basket in the past will still continue to do so this year. I have already begun reaching out for your basket donations. Please contact me to let me know if you are able to donate. **I can start to accept your baskets on the weekend of July 28th-29th.** If you need me to take your basket prior to then or if you want me to wrap it, please let me know. I will gladly take it early.

Friendly reminders..... I need a list of your contents. If you plan to wrap your basket yourself, please use clear plastic.

I am hoping to once again display all of the baskets and sell chances in our hall on the weekend of August 25th-26th. I will keep you posted!

Thank you. God Bless! **MaryAnn Barni 570-687-3070**

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION AT NATIVITY B.V.M.

**Wednesdays
3:00 to 5:00PM**



**This is a personal invitation to you from Jesus.
"Jesus waits for us in this sacrament of love."
(Pope Saint John Paul II)**

ALL ARE WELCOME

Holy Hour is the Roman Catholic devotional tradition of spending an hour in Eucharistic Adoration in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.

Be Silent

Be Attentive

Be Alert

CCD TEACHER NEEDED: Nativity's CCD program is in need of a **teacher for 5th grade** starting in September. If you would like to volunteer, contact Judy Boyanowski or the Parish Office.

Substitute teachers for all grades are also needed. Please consider being a backup to our teachers when they are unable to attend the CCD classes during the school year.

THE LOWER WYOMING COUNTY FOOD PANTRY: The food pantry is open the first and third Thursday of the month. **We are always in need of dessert items (cake mixes, sugar, flour, pudding, bread mixes)** as these items are not purchased for the pantry shelves but are certainly enjoyed by our clients.

If you or someone you know is in need, please don't hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your support.

Mary Lou

LIGHTHOUSE MEDIA: We want to remind you that our parishes are pleased to offer the Lighthouse Media bookracks in our churches and in Fr. Nallin Hall. There's a wealth of good information in these resources and we encourage all of our parishioners to pick up one of the items and give it a try. Be sure and let us know how you feel about these resources.

SCHOLARSHIP WINNER ANNOUNCED: We extend our congratulations to Nativity BVM parishioner **Scott Williams II**, who applied for and has received a cash scholarship from the ANNE KEANE TOWNSEND HIGHER EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP. Nativity BVM is the trustee of this fund. **He will receive his award at the Baccalaureate Mass next Sunday at 11:00AM in Nativity BVM church.**

Scott, a graduate of Holy Redeemer High School, plans to attend the University of Notre Dame to major in Engineering. We wish Scott God's blessings as he proceeds to further his education.



**ST. MARY'S AED IS LOCATED IN THE FOYER
BETWEEN THE CHURCH & HALL**

**Diocese of Scranton
A Message From Bishop Bambera**

As you may already know from media reports, the Diocese of Scranton has been the subject of a statewide Grand Jury investigating child sexual abuse in six of the eight dioceses in Pennsylvania. Public release of the report is expected in the coming weeks.

I want to take this opportunity to offer my deepest apologies to the victims of such abuse, to their families, to the faithful of our Church and to everyone impacted by the behaviors described in this report. While difficult to face, this is the only way for us to move forward in a more positive way as we learn from the past.

You will be kept apprised of new developments through various channels of communication as more information is released. Once again, I am deeply sorry for these past actions and the pain caused by the behaviors described in the report, and I will continue to do all that I can to ensure the safety and well-being of our children.

SACRIFICIAL OFFERING: June 09-10, 2018

Nativity BVM Church:

Weekly Collection Goal*	\$ 4,800.00
Actual Offertory**	\$ 5,405.00
Difference:.....	\$ 605.00

St. Mary of the Lake Church:

Weekly Collection Goal*	\$ 2,000.00
Actual Offertory**	\$ 1,648.60
Difference:.....	\$(351.40)

*Weekly Collection Goal represents the amount needed weekly if we are going to make our 2017-2018 Parish Collections goal (envelopes and loose). It does NOT include Fundraising, Religious Education Income or any other income.

**Actual Offertory represents the total amount received in the weekly collection (not including Easter or special collections).

The generosity of our people is truly appreciated. We may not always reach our budgeted goals, but we are grateful to those who make a sacrifice on a weekly basis to sustain our parish ministries.

REMEMBER HIS WILL IN YOURS: You can express your commitment to our Church by making a bequest to either Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church in Tunkhannock or Saint Mary of the Lake Church at Lake Winola. Simply have the following statement included in your will:

"I leave to Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church, Tunkhannock, PA (or Saint Mary of the Lake Church, Lake Winola, PA), the sum of \$_____ (or ___ percent of the residue of my estate) for its religious, educational and charitable works" or words to that effect.



**AED IS LOCATED IN NATIVITY BVM CHURCH
& ALSO IN FR. NALLIN HALL**

QUO VADIS DAYS

JUNE 24-27

MISERICORDIA UNIVERSITY, DALLAS

Quo Vadis Days 2018 is a camp for young Catholic men in High School (9-12th grade) to:

- + Deepen their faith
- + Learn more about all vocations
- + Better discern God's call in their lives

The camp will feature dynamic talks, prayer, games, sports, activities, music and more. Participants will have the opportunity to meet priests and seminarians of the Diocese of Scranton.

Register Online: www.vocations.dioceseofscranton.org

For more information, call 570-207-1452.

GATE OF HEAVEN BUS TRIP: Only seven seats left! Join us for Gate of Heaven's Altar & Rosary Bus Trip to **Sight and Sound Theater** in Lancaster to see the production of "**Jesus**" on **Tuesday July 17th**. Bus leaves GOH upper parking lot at 7:30AM and returns at approximately 6:30PM. Price of **\$113.00** includes bus, show and smorgasbord at Hershey Farms Restaurant.

For reservations or questions, please contact Patty Price at cloudsp24@gmail.com or 570-310-1408.

REMEMBRANCE OF THE DEAD: Your prayers are requested for the soul of Nativity BVM parishioner **WILLIAM GIBBONS**, who was buried from our church this Friday. Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord, and let perpetual Light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.



VOCATIONS GOLF CLASSIC: Fostering vocation to the priesthood and assisting our seminarians are among the most urgent responsibilities of the faithful in the Church today. You don't have to be a golfer to support the 8th Annual Vocations Golf Classic to be held **Monday, July 9, 2018 at Blue Ridge Trail Golf Club, Mountain Top**. Donors and advertising sponsors are also welcome in any amount. For a brochure or to give by credit card, call the Diocese Development Office at 570-207-2250 or visit www.DioceseofScranton.org (Giving tab). Thank you.



A WELCOMING COMMUNITY: You enter this church ... not as stranger, but as a guest of God. He is your heavenly Father. Come, then, with joy in your heart and thanks on your lips into His presence, offering Him your love and service. Be grateful to the strong and loyal ones who, in the name of Jesus Christ, built this place of worship, and to all who have beautified it and hallowed it with their prayers and praise.





It's that time of year again where we start to get the word out about Light the Fire 2018 on **June 27th at Misericordia University!**

We are so excited to be welcoming in **Cooper Ray** as our keynote speaker. Over the past 20 years, Cooper has motivated and inspired youth and adults at countless diocesan, parish, and school events across the country and has spoken and led worship at the National Catholic Youth Conference, the National Conference on Catholic Youth Ministry, Catholic Heart Work Camp and Steubenville Youth Conferences, to name a few. His relevant message and crowd interaction can reach a teen all the way in the back row.

Will Smith is returning as our emcee for the event. We received countless praises about his humor and engagement with last year's attendees.

Full Armor Band will once again be leading us in song and worship throughout the day.

Joining us as always for closing Mass is **Bishop Bambara**.

The program is targeted at high school-aged kids, but they will allow mature 8th graders, so our 7th and 8th graders now will be eligible for the 2018 Light the Fire.

Lynne Binner has again agreed to be the **coordinator for our parishes**. You can contact her via email at pbinner@epix.net or by phone at 570-836-8777.

MONTHLY HOME VISITATIONS: On or near the First Friday of every month (weather permitting), Fr. Pat, Deacon Ray and Diane Stone visit the homebound and bring them Holy Communion. **If you or a loved one is unable to attend Mass due to advanced age, sickness or disability/handicap, and desire to receive communion at home, please contact Mary Lou at the Parish Office (570-836-3275) with your name, phone number and address and you will be placed on our monthly visitation list.**

BOY SCOUT NEWS



**Next Committee Meeting:
August 20th**

Upstairs Classroom @ Father Nallin Hall
Alison Delano, Committee Chairperson
570-233-4000 adelano1230@gmail.com

CUB SCOUT NEWS

ADULT COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Fr. Nallin Hall

TBA



WORLD YOUTH DAY 2019: World Youth Day will be held in **Panama City, Panama from January 22 - 27, 2019**. World Youth Day is an initiative from St. John Paul II to gather Young Catholics of the world every two to three years in a celebration of faith and culture. The World Youth Day events gather millions, including Pope Francis, young Catholics, clergy, and religious brothers and sisters.

The Diocese of Scranton is sponsoring two separate pilgrimage packages for young adults ages 18 -35. If you, or a young adult you may know, are interested in learning more about the World Youth Day Pilgrimage, contact Shannon Kowalski, Coordinator for Youth & Young Adult Ministry at (570) 207-2213 x1155 or email Shannon-Kowalski@dioceseofscranton.org.



The Annual **Lady Crusader Girls Basketball Camp** will be held **July 23rd through July 27th at Holy Cross High School Gym, Holy Cross High School, Dunmore.** Each camp session will be from **9:00AM to 1:00PM**. Instruction will include offense, defense and individual shooting. Each day will include competitive games that will emphasize the skills taught that day. Instructors will include high school coaches and players.

The camp is **open to girls entering grades 4 through 9 in the next school year** and **cost is \$60.00**, which includes all camp sessions, a commemorative t-shirt and end of camp pizza party.

For more information contact Coach Bob McCormack by email at rmack0423@comcast.net or by phone at 570-309-1635.

Holy Cross Crusaders Boys Basketball Camp

Dates: **June 25th – 29th**

Time: 8:30AM – 12:00 Noon

For Boys Entering Grades 4 – 9

Camp Limit: First 65 Campers

Contact Info: Email – ac31078@aol.com

Phone – 570-650-9858

HAVE YOU BEEN ASKED TO BE A SPONSOR? It is a wonderful honor to be asked to be a sponsor for Baptism and Confirmation. It signifies that you are being asked to live your life as an example and in imitation of God's love for the person you sponsor.

To serve as a sponsor, it is required that a person obtain a sponsor letter from his/her pastor. Sponsors must be at least 16 years of age, have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Holy Eucharist, Confirmation, (If married) be married according to the regulations for marriage as provided by the Roman Catholic Church, officially registered and participating weekly in the Sunday Eucharist & actively striving to live out your own baptismal commitment to Christ.

POPE FRANCIS: A MAN OF HIS WORD

Pope Francis has come to America! Perhaps not in person, but at least in a one-of-a-kind new movie co-produced and endorsed by the Vatican.

Wim Wenders' new documentary, "**Pope Francis-A Man of His Word**" is

intended to be a personal journey with Pope Francis, as he sets out to present his work of reform and his answers to today's global questions. From his deep concern for the poor, to his involvement in environmental issues and social justice, Pope Francis engages the audience face-to-face in a way never seen before. The Vatican has said, "The film masterfully shares the tenderness, humanity, and revolutionary thinking of Pope Francis, and shows that he is a man who practices what he preaches".

To arrange a screening in your area, please call 615-414-8827, or to reserve discounted tickets for your church, school or other group, please call 800-585-1892 or visit www.PopeFrancisTickets.com. This website lists East Stroudsburg and Moosic as venues for showings, but no details yet:

<http://focusfeatures.com/pope-francis-a-man-of-his-word/groupsales>

**REMEMBRANCE OF THE DEAD:**

Your prayers are requested for the soul of **YOLANDA T. O'LEARY**, who was buried from Nativity BVM church last Monday. Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord, and let perpetual Light shine upon her.

May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

**EVENING OF MARIAN DEVOTION
JULY 6th – ST. LUCY'S CHURCH**

An evening of Marian devotion will take place on **Friday, July 6th at 6:00PM at St. Lucy's Church, 949 Scranton Street in Scranton**, hosted by the Diocesan Legion of Mary in response to the Blessed Mother's request at Fatima asking for world peace and deep meditation on the mysteries of the Rosary. The prayer service will include the Rosary, Fatima Prayers, hymns and newly composed musical scripture mysteries led by Ernie Pappa, who will facilitate the evening with assistance from those in attendance. The regularly scheduled First Friday Healing Mass will begin immediately afterwards at 7:00PM. All are invited to come to deepen their devotion to Mary and to pray for peace in the world.

RUMMAGE SALE

June 22, 23 & 24, 8:00AM-6:00PM

St John Vianney Parish at Corpus Christi
704 Montdale Road, Scott Township
LOWER PRICES!

Sunday - main lobby - ½ price

3:00PM - \$1.00/bag (provided)

½ price small room

DIGITAL DISCIPLES MINISTRY**Like our Facebook Page**

When you think about it, being a Digital Disciple is all about four things:

Information – learning what you need to know about our parishes

Education - learning about our Catholic faith and how we are implementing that faith here in our parishes

Communication - making sure we all know what's going on

Evangelization – spreading our faith to others

If you are on Facebook, THE biggest way you can help INFORM, EDUCATE, COMMUNICATE, and EVANGELIZE is by LIKING our Facebook page, **@nativitystmary**, and by LIKING and SHARING our Facebook posts. When you like our page, you affirm that you want to know about your faith and how we are practicing it at Nativity and St Mary. By liking and sharing our posts, you affirm that you want others to know about our faith as well.

We currently have about 150 "likes" for our page. Realistically, we should have many more likes for two parishes of our size. We have set a goal of doubling the number of likes for our page. Here's how you can help:

- If you are on Facebook and have not yet liked our page, by all means do so.
- If you have already liked our page, start liking and sharing our posts to your friends, and encourage them to like the page as well.
- If you are not yet on Facebook, create a Facebook profile and like our page. If you need help, ask a friend or family member to help you.
- If you are a "computer person", offer to help a friend or family member create a Facebook profile.

Liking our Facebook page is one way of being an active parishioner. Support your parish by helping us reach our goal.

CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER

An Engaged Encounter is a retreat weekend for engaged couples. It is an opportunity to gather with other engaged couples, to enjoy time both in groups and alone as a couple, and to dialogue about your future married life together.

A team of married couples, as well as a priest, present ideas related to many pertinent topics. The weekend concludes with a Sunday Mass celebration. With your pastor's permission, an Engaged Encounter Weekend can qualify as PreCana preparation.

Engaged Encounter Weekends are held throughout the year, both through the Diocese of Camden and through the Diocese of Harrisburg. To learn more about Engaged Encounter, or to register for a weekend, go to <http://www.engagedencounter.org/>.

**6TH ANNUAL NIGHT AT THE CIRCLE DRIVE-IN
TO BENEFIT SAINT JOSEPH'S CENTER GO JOE 21**

Featuring "INCREDIBLES 2"

Date: **Thursday, June 21st**

Time: **Gates open @7:00PM** (Movie starts @ Dusk)

Place: **Circle Drive-In, Route 6 in Dickson City**

Cost: **\$20.00 per car or \$5.00 per person**

One complimentary popcorn and drink per child

Any questions, call:

Katie Weinschenk, Administrative Secretary

St. Joseph's Center

2010 Adams Avenue

Scranton, PA 18509

570.963.1290

kweinschenk@stjosephscenter.org

Religious Freedom Week 2018

Catholics across the United States are encouraged to pray and act in support of religious liberty at home and abroad during **Serving Others in God's Love: Religious Freedom Week 2018**, which runs from **June 22nd-29th**. During the Religious Freedom Week, Catholics are encouraged to pray and act each day for religious freedom.

ZUMBA & YOGAFIT: Zumba classes are held on **Wednesdays in St. Mary's Parish Hall starting at 6:00PM with a Yogafit class to follow at 7:00PM.** The cost for each is **only \$5.00 per session.** We hope to see you all there!!!

Follow the Diocese on Social Media

www.twitter.com/DioceseOfScr

If you're not already doing so, you can follow Bishop Bambera on Twitter by going to:

www.twitter.com/BishopBambera

Also check out our Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/DioceseOfScranton

Other Diocesan departments are listed at:

<http://www.dioceseofscranton.org/media/social-media/>

PLANNING YOUR CHILD'S BAPTISM?

Here are a few things to keep in mind:

- Parents must participate in a Baptism Preparation Session with the Pastor before the Baptism date is scheduled.
- At least one Godparent must be a practicing Roman Catholic verified by the Godparent's parish.
- Parents must be registered and PARTICIPATING parishioners of Nativity BVM or St. Mary of the Lake for at least 6 months. If they are from another parish, they must have the written approval of their Pastor to have their child baptized here. The approval letter must state that they are registered and participating parishioners at that parish and provide the reason for having the baptism scheduled here (ex., out of town and family/relatives live in our area, etc.). Please call the Parish Office to schedule your Baptism appointment (570-836-3275) or for more information.

MONTHLY HOME VISITATIONS: If you or a loved one is unable to attend Mass due to advanced age, sickness or disability/handicap, and desire to receive communion at home, please contact Mary Lou at the Parish Office (570-836-3275) with your name, phone number and address and you will be placed on our monthly visitation list.

CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH ANNUAL BAZAAR

Corpus Christi Parish will hold its annual bazaar from **6:00-10:00PM on Thursday and Friday, June 22nd & 23rd and 5:00-10:00PM on Saturday June 24th on the Immaculate Conception church grounds, 601 Luzerne Avenue, West Pittston.** The public is invited to join in the festivities.

The bazaar offers something for the entire family, including a full menu of ethnic and traditional foods, beer and wine, a basket raffle, games and activities for children and adults, a giant flea market and live entertainment from local bands. The band schedule is as follows:

Thursday June 22nd, 6:00-10:00PM: **Handsome Devils**

Friday June 23rd 6:00-10:00PM: **Iron Cowboy**

Saturday June 24th 6:00-10:00PM: **The Sperazza Band**

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

Father's Day is a celebration honoring fathers and celebrating fatherhood, paternal bonds, and the influence of fathers in society. In Catholic Europe, it has been celebrated on March 19 (**St. Joseph's Day**) since the **Middle Ages**. This celebration was brought by the Spanish and Portuguese to **Latin America**, where March 19 is often still used for it, though many countries in Europe and the Americas have adopted the U.S. date, which is the third Sunday of June (falling on June 17 in 2018). It is celebrated on various days in many parts of the world, most commonly in the months of March, April and June. It complements similar celebrations honoring family members, such as Mother's Day, Siblings Day and Grandparents Day.

The essence of the FATHER'S role
Is to mirror God's own heart
And to value instruction in God's ways
With the grace that God imparts

Every father needs God's wisdom
To carry out his role
As the tower of strength and support,
For each fragile heart he holds

And there's no greater reward in life
For a father to take his place
And uphold the values of the Lord
With integrity and grace.



PAUSE AND REFLECT: "Situations can change; people can change. Be the first to seek to bring good. Do not grow accustomed to evil, but defeat it with good."



MILITARY HONOR ROLL

PLEASE KEEP ALL MEMBERS OF THE MILITARY IN YOUR PRAYERS

DURING THIS TIME OF UNCERTAINTY

If you have a relative or friend serving in the military, please let us know so that we can include their name on our Honor Roll



A Prayer for our Military

Father, we could never thank our military men and women enough for their courageous service and sacrifice to our country and its people. We lift up our voices to express gratefulness

and honor to these military troops both from the past and present. Show us ways in our communities, churches, and families to thank and love them better. Keep and protect these heroes and their families, in the powerful name of Jesus.



NIGHT PRAYERS with DEACON RAY

**Tuesday evening prayers
4:00PM @ St. Mary's Church
All are welcome!**



PRO-LIFE ROSE

The Pro-Life red rose in front of the statue of Mary at Nativity this week is in loving memory of



Frank & Mary Kozielski

Donated by daughter Mary Ann & grandchildren

If you would like to donate for a Pro-Life Rose at Nativity, please contact Diane Stone (570-836-3055)



Seven Loaves Soup Kitchen, 54 Warren Street in Tunkhannock (formerly the P&G Credit Union building), serves a hearty meal every Monday through Friday from 5:00-6:30PM. There is no charge and all are welcome.



Those who desire to volunteer to work at the kitchen or to donate food or make a financial contribution are asked to contact 570-996-5005 or 570-836-3145.



Line Dancing

Wednesday evening
7:00-8:30PM Fr. Nallin Hall
All are welcome



If your child's crying or talking becomes excessive or disruptive to others, please be considerate and use the cry rooms in our churches.



ANNUAL MILITARY-THEMED DANCE



THIS SATURDAY JUNE 16th 7:00-11:00PM

FATHER NALLIN HALL

\$5.00 DONATION AT THE DOOR

**DESSERTS INCLUDED
B.Y.O.B AND SNACKS**

SODA & WATER WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR SALE

D.J. MUSIC

DOOR PRIZES

PROCEEDS WILL BENEFIT THE CHURCH'S PARISH PROGRAMS



Vacation Bible School 2018



We still need volunteers and helpers for Vacation Bible School (July 17-20). If you can help, please call Judy Boyanowski at 570-240-2094

See the enclosed flyer for registration information



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRIES

St. Mary of the Lake

**Thursdays from 5:30-7:00PM
in the Parish Hall**

All women of the parish are invited to join us.

Nativity BVM

In need of a prayer shawl?

Please call Sue Barziloski (570-836-1351)



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**St. Mary of the Lake
Annual Chicken BBQ
Sunday, July 8th**

**Following the 11:00AM Mass
Noon 'till "SOLD OUT"**



Golfers like to plan ahead so that they don't miss the best tournaments, so make your plans now:

**St. Mary of the Lake
24th Annual Golf Tournament
Monday, August 20th**

The Scranton Canoe Club at Lake Winola

More information and registration forms will be coming in the next few weeks.



THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT IS RESERVED WHERE MASS IS SAID
We respectfully ask that all observe a reverent silence and appropriate dress

Sacramental Preparation

BAPTISM

Parents must be registered in the Parish. In order to understand and appreciate the Sacrament of Baptism, first time expectant parents are required to attend one pre-Baptism instruction. A call to the Parish Office 4 months before your child is due will make the scheduling of your session easier and give you ample time to prepare for this Sacrament of Initiation to the life of grace.

MARRIAGE

The engaged couple is asked to call the Parish Office and arrange an appointment with the priest. Please allow 12 months for the completion of the necessary preparations. Do not enter into any other commitments before confirming a wedding date and time in the parish.

Confession Schedule

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) is celebrated **every Saturday:**

- St. Mary of the Lake**
 **3:15-3:45PM**
- Nativity of the BVM**
 **4:15-4:45PM**

or **at any time by appointment.** Contact the Parish Office (836-3275).

Cemetery Lots Available

Pieta Cemetery, one of our Parish Cemeteries (located on Dark Hollow Road in Tunkhannock Township) **has burial lots available.** For further info, to view the map of available lots and to inquire about prices & regulations, please contact our Parish Secretary, Mary Lou, at the Parish Office (570-836-3275).



Community News
 LAKE WINOLA FIRE COMPANY



THURS. JUN 28 – SATURDAY JUN 30

Join us for our annual carnival! We will be kicking off this year with the parade on Thursday evening followed by food, drinks, games and ENTERTAINMENT EVERY NIGHT:

Thursday: Not The Highwayman!

Friday: Infinity

Saturday: Mace in Dickson

On Saturday morning we will hold our annual Wiggle 5K!

We will be serving wings, potato pancakes, mozzarella sticks, chicken BBQ, pizza, fries, clams, funnel cake and much more!

Hope to see you there!

The Humane Society of Wyoming County, Inc.

570-836-4745

www.hswcPA.org

The Humane Society of Wyoming County is a non-profit, tax-exempt, all volunteer organization. Volunteers and donations always needed.

If anyone is having trouble affording spay/neuter surgery, they should contact us; we may be able to help them find an affordable plan.

If anyone suspects animal neglect/abuse, they should contact us.



All calls are confidential.

Don't let them suffer in silence. **If you witness animal abuse or neglect, please contact us.** Our humane officer will investigate.

PRO-LIFE ROSE



Looking for a wonderful way to remember a loved one on a special day? **Why not donate the Rose that is**

placed before the statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary at Nativity BVM Church?

Contact Diane Stone (570-836-3055) to schedule the date that you desire and how you want it listed. Many weekends are available.

Nativity BVM CCD News

Registration forms for next year will be available on the Nativity -St. Mary web page and in the back of the church. Additional information will be in the bulletin and is on the web page. Registration will be in August/September. **Mrs. B**

St. Mary of the Lake CCD News

Our 2018-2019 registration forms are on our web page. If you need a hard copy, they will be in the Welcome center. Please remember to fill out all 3 forms.

Have a safe, healthy and Prayerful summer!

God bless, **Jenny Sinker**

Words of Life

"If a friend told you she was pregnant and considering abortion, would you know what to do? Learn concrete tips for loving her in a way that is life-affirming for both her and her child."

USCCB Sec. of Pro-Life Activities
"What to Do When a Friend Is Considering Abortion"

Parish Bulletin Advertising

Space is currently available in our weekly parish bulletin for your business advertisement. Contact our Parish Business Manager, Dick Schwoebel, at (570) 836-3275 or (570) 677-7634 for information and pricing. Various sizes are available; the cost is reasonable.

Have You Moved?

If you have recently moved **or had an address change**, please contact the parish office at 836-3275 so that our records may be updated. **If we don't have a mailable address on file for you, we will have to remove your name from our parish roster.**



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