



FEBRUARY 2-3, 2019



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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 5:00PM

Sunday: 7:30, 9:00 & 11:00AM

Pastoral Council: Diane Stone, Chair

Finance Council: Chris DeMarco, Chair

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4:00PM

Sunday: 9:00AM

Pastoral Council: Bernie Garvey, Chair

Finance Council: Don Ames, Chair

Rev. Patrick L. Albert, Pastor
Deacon Raymond A. Pieretti, Pastoral Associate
Rev. Dennis Bajkowski (Ret.)

Parish Office: Fr. Nallin Hall, Tunkhannock
Business Manager: Dick Schwoebel (570)677-7634
Secretary: Mary Lou Chackan
Office hours: 9:00AM – 2:00PM

WELCOME: We warmly welcome all to join us in worship of our God. If you are new to our parish community, please be sure to tell Fr. Pat that you will be joining our parish community. Contact the parish office if you have any questions. Visitor envelopes are available at all entrances.

MARRIAGE: Christian marriage is a sacred and serious commitment. Couples contemplating marriage should notify a parish priest at least nine months before the date on which they intend to marry. This should be done before any other arrangements are made so that a couple may be suitably served by the parish and diocese. All couples are required to take part in a Pre-Cana program or Engaged Encounter Weekend. **Sunday Weddings are not permitted.**

RCIA: The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults is a community journey that leads to transformation of mind and spirit. Guided by the gospel and the examples of parish members, newcomers can find their place in the RCIA community of believers and discover their own relationship with Christ. The program runs from September through Pentecost with reception of the Sacraments at the Easter Vigil. Information is available at the parish office.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Knowing the Catholic faith and tradition is essential if faith and tradition are to continue to be nourishing facets of our lives. Religious formation is valuable for both youth and adults. Classes are conducted from September to May following the 9:00AM Mass on Sunday. Information on religious education programs for youth of all ages and educational opportunities for adults are available at the parish office.

BULLETIN: If you have information that you would like to place in the bulletin (community news, society/social news, etc.), please have it at the parish office no later than Tuesday morning.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Forty-five minutes before Saturday evening Mass or by appointment.

SHUT-INS: If someone you know is unable to attend Mass but would like to receive Communion or receive a copy of our weekly bulletin, please contact the parish office.

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION PROGRAM: All parents must attend a Baptismal Preparation meeting before this sacrament will be celebrated. Contact Father Pat at the parish office (570-836-3275) to schedule an appointment to discuss your child's baptism.

HOSPITAL VISITS: Visits are made on a regular basis.
PLEASE NOTE: The new privacy laws limit the amount of information that we receive from the hospitals or nursing/convalescent homes. It is necessary that family or friends notify us of these admittances.

HANDICAPPED SEATING AREA: Please note that the front pew nearest to the side door is reserved to accommodate those who have need due to disability. Please be kind enough to leave this pew available for that purpose.

PARKING LOT: [St. Mary's] Please keep the emergency lane in front of the church clear at all times. It is essential that vehicles are able to get in and out of the parking lot in case of an emergency. Please adhere to the parking spaces as delineated. Please be considerate of your fellow parishioners when you are backing up or turning to park or to exit the parking lot. There is ample parking on the upper level and supplemental parking on the side of the church.

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

**"TO KNOW, LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD
AND ONE ANOTHER
IN IMITATION OF MARY"**

*Approved by both Parish Pastoral Councils
January 2007*

FROM THE PASTOR'S TYPEWRITER:

Keeping it together



Have I mentioned the fact that we here in Tunkhannock have one of the most wonderful Ministeriums that I have ever encountered? What is a Ministerium, you ask? A Ministerium is a group of men and women of various faith denominations who meet on a regular basis to pray to further good fellowship and, most importantly, to continue to discuss and pursue that which unites us. These very special people are usually pastors of congregations that are dedicated to building a better world.

The Ministerium in Tunkhannock meets every two weeks at a local restaurant (the Pink Apple). The meeting usually consists of prayer, each minister expressing a personal need or a need of their congregation, a period of sharing by each member, a scripture reading and a period of fellowship and good, healthy humor. All faith traditions are most welcome to join and experience the openness of the group.

The greatest gift of any Ministerium is the absence of impediments – those preconceived notions that close us off to growth and the spirit. The Lord's wish that "They all may be one" is lived out so beautifully in the Tunkhannock and Lake Winola Ministeriums because of the true spirit of willingness to share our lives with our brothers and sisters. "Give thanks to the Lord for He is good; His love is everlasting."

Fr. Pat



CAN YOU HELP? Both of our parishes are in need of volunteers to **help count the collection each week**. At **Nativity**, the counting takes place on **Sunday morning** starting at about 9:00AM. **St. Mary of the Lake** counting takes place on **Monday**

morning at about 9:00AM. If you can help out **approximately once a month** in either parish, please contact Dick Schwoebel at the Parish Office (570-836-3275) or at 570-677-7634. It doesn't take long and we could really use your help.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS: His Excellency, the Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L., Bishop of Scranton, and the Office for Parish Life wish to invite couples celebrating their **25th or 50th wedding anniversary in 2019** to a diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on **Sunday, June 30th**. The event includes a **2:30PM Mass at St. Peter's Cathedral** followed by a reception. **Requests for an invitation, with a mailing address, should be made through your pastor before April 2nd.**



UPCOMING SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Clergy Care February 02-03

CARE AND EDUCATION OF DIOCESAN PRIESTS: The monthly collection for the care and education of priests of the Diocese of Scranton **will be taken up this weekend**. An envelope for this collection is in your set. Thank you for your generosity and prayerful support.



DIVINE MERCY PRAYER SERVICE: Deacon Ray is conducting a Divine Mercy prayer service on the first Sunday of the month at 3:00PM in St. Mary of the Lake Church. **The next service will be this Sunday, February 3rd**. All are welcome.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: What happened to the Annual Potluck Dinner? Well, the date has been changed to March with a **Mardi Gras** theme. So, start thinking of something to bring and get ready to have some fun! **Save the date: Saturday March 2nd – 6:00PM at Father Nallin Hall.**



ATTENTION PIEROGI BRIGADE: There will be a reorganization meeting on **Wednesday, February 6th at 9:00AM in Fr. Nallin Hall**. The meeting will focus on the operation

of the new dishwashing machine and general cleaning of the kitchen area in preparation for the annual pierogi-making.

We will begin pierogi-making on Monday, February 18th. We always welcome new members to our group and lunch will be provided. This is an important effort on the part of the parish as well as a needed fundraiser. So come out and join us for a morning of good conversation, fellowship, and time well spent.

**NATIVITY BVM PARISH SURVEY
January 2019**

If needed, extra copies of the survey are available at the main entrance of the church alongside the drop-off box. **Please return your survey no later than this Sunday, February 3, 2019**. The survey is also available on our parish website and Facebook page for those who wish to respond electronically. The website (www.nativitystmary.org) and Facebook page (@nativitystmary) can be found on the front page of the bulletin.

Please watch the bulletin in the upcoming weeks for the results of the survey once the data is compiled.

Thank you,
Nativity Pastoral Parish Council Survey Committee

SACRIFICIAL OFFERING: January 26-27, 2019

Nativity BVM Church:

Weekly Collection Goal*\$ 4,800.00
Actual Offertory**\$ 3,902.00
Difference:.....\$(898.00)

St. Mary of the Lake Church:

Weekly Collection Goal*\$ 2,000.00
Actual Offertory**\$ 1,452.00
Difference:.....\$(548.00)

*Weekly Collection Goal represents the amount needed weekly if we are going to make our 2019-2020 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.

World Day of the Sick on February 11th

The World Day of the Sick offers us an opportunity to draw particularly close to people who are ill, and to those who care for them. This was expressed by Pope Francis in his message for this year's observance. The Holy Father noted: "Caring for the sick requires professionalism, tenderness, straightforward and simple gestures freely given, like a caress that makes others feel loved."

The Diocese of Scranton will observe the 27th World Day of the Sick on Monday, February 11th. Bishop Joseph C. Bambera will celebrate a Mass for the Sick at 12:10PM in the Cathedral of Saint Peter, Scranton. During the Mass, there will be a celebration of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick for anyone acutely or chronically ill, anyone suffering a debilitating condition, anyone facing surgery, the elderly, and all who might be a candidate for this sacrament. All are welcome. CTV: Catholic Television will broadcast the Mass live.

Senior Isolation Workshop

The Scranton Area Ministerium will host a Senior Isolation Workshop at the **Diocesan Pastoral Center on Saturday, March 30th from 10:00AM to 1:00PM.** The morning will begin with a presentation from Prof. Jim Siberski of Misericordia University, addressing the challenge of senior isolation in our communities. Lunch will be provided with an opportunity for fellowship and discussion of pastoral solutions.

We encourage any community member to attend this event. All pastors, youth ministers, and advocates of any faith tradition who are interested in combatting this serious challenge in our communities are welcome.



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

SML EASTER CANDY: It's never too early to get organized to make our delicious Easter Candy for this year. **A meeting of all interested volunteers will be held in the Parish Hall this Thursday, February 7th at 6:30PM.** If you have been part of the Candy Crew in the past or would like to join us in this year's project, you are asked to attend.



MEMBERS NEEDED FOR ST. MARY MINISTRY COMMITTEES



The Saint Mary of the Lake Parish Pastoral Council has established four Ministry Committees which will assist in developing goals for the future development of Saint Mary of the Lake as well as action plans to ensure the achievement of these goals. The Worship Committee will focus on the prayer and worship life at Saint Mary of the Lake. The Word Committee will focus on the faith education and catechesis of all parishioners at Saint Mary of the Lake. The Service Committee will focus on serving those in need, making justice a lived value at Saint Mary of the Lake. The Community Committee will work to enhance and communicate the sense of community at Saint Mary of the Lake.

We are asking that you prayerfully consider giving your time and talents as a member of one or more of these four Committees. The time commitment would be four meetings per year, not to exceed 1.5 hours in length, plus whatever other time commitment you are able to give to the process.

If you are interested in being considered for membership on a committee, please call the Parish Office at 570-378-2181 and give your name, phone number and preferred Committee. You may also contact one of the Committee Chairs directly and let them know of your interest:

- Worship Committee Chair..... Bill Waters..... 570-378-2367**
- Word Committee Chair MaryAnn Barni..... 570-687-3070**
- Service Committee Chair..... Mary Lou Franko... 570-586-4811**
- Community Committee Chair .. Bernie Garvey 570-862-7651**

Theology on Tap

The next Diocesan Theology on Tap event will be held on **Tuesday, February 29th from 7:00-9:00PM at the Diocesan Pastoral Center.** Emma Gallagher, Associate Campus Minister at King's College, will speak on the topic of "New Year, New Me: Creating Healthy Resolutions and Healthy Expectations." **All young adults ages 21-40 are welcome to attend.** There will be a suggested donation of \$7.00 to cover food and soft drinks. Contact Katy Windels or Shannon Kowalski for more information.

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!!!

**Developmental & Intellectual Disabilities
Awareness Sunday**

The Diocese of Scranton is celebrating Developmental & Intellectual Disabilities Awareness Sunday with a **Mass at the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Scranton on Sunday, February 24th at 10:00AM.** Bishop Joseph C. Bambera will be the principal celebrant and homilist. The Mass will be sign-language interpreted for the hearing impaired. This liturgy prayerfully celebrates the many gifts those with developmental or intellectual disabilities bring to the Church and the community. Partners in this celebration include Saint Joseph's Center, the Diocesan SPRED community (Special Religious Education) and the Catholic Deaf Community of the Diocese of Scranton. All are welcome. CTV: Catholic Television will also broadcast the Mass.

Disability Ministries

In the coming months, the Diocese of Scranton will be hosting Open House opportunities for persons with disabilities and their families. We want to learn more about your experiences and see how we can develop ministries to welcome all members of our parish communities.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES: The Diocese of Scranton offers compassionate counseling in a safe, comfortable environment where your privacy is always respected. Catholic Social Services accepts Medicaid plans and some insurance plans. Counseling is made affordable for everyone. For more information call (570) 207-2283.



**2018 DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL
As of January 22nd**

NATIVITY BVM CHURCH:

GOAL:..... \$34,000.00
PLEGGED:..... \$19,255.00
STATUS:..... 56.6%

UNDER GOAL:..... \$14,745.00

PARTICIPATION: 12.59% (120 FAMILIES OUT OF 953)

ST. MARY OF THE LAKE CHURCH:

GOAL:..... \$13,000.00
PLEGGED:..... \$ 5,850.00
STATUS..... 45.0%

UNDER GOAL:..... \$ 8,350.00

PARTICIPATION: 7.47% (33 FAMILIES OUT OF 442)

Your support is necessary to maintain the programs and resources funded by the Appeal. Please consider making a pledge or donation to the Appeal today.
More information is available on the diocesan website – www.dioceseofscranton.org

SML FIRST RECONCILIATION: We are proud of the following St. Mary's CCD students who received First Reconciliation this Saturday, February 2nd:

- Asia Holgate**
- Chase Newhart**
- Joel Slocum**

Congratulations and best wishes on your faith journey to First Holy Communion on May 4th.

EAT, DRINK AND PAINT: Join Barbara Fabiani Sick for *Eat, Drink and Paint* on **Sunday February 24th at 2:00PM at St. Mary's Hall.** This is an **adults only** event. For more information



and to reserve a spot, visit the **Eat, Drink and Paint Facebook page** or call Barb at 570-240-1048. **Please make your reservation by February 20th.** Proceeds to benefit St. Mary's Disciples of Mary.

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 Franko

REPORTING SEXUAL ABUSE OF A MINOR: It is the policy of the Diocese of Scranton to report any allegation of sexual abuse of a minor to law enforcement. If you are a victim of sexual abuse committed by a priest, deacon, religious or lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton, you are encouraged to immediately report the matter to law enforcement. If any priest, deacon, religious, lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton has cause or reason to suspect that a minor has been subjected to any form of abuse, including child sexual abuse, the matter will be reported to law enforcement. In accordance with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Child Protective Services Laws, reports of suspected child abuse should also be made immediately by phone to the 24-Hour Child Abuse hotline (ChildLine) electronically at www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis or at 1-800-932-0313.

It is also the policy of the Diocese to adhere to all civil and state regulations. To this end, the Diocese is equally committed to adhering to the norms of the Code of Canon Law and to upholding the tenets of the USCCB Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, which includes supporting victims of sexual abuse in their pursuit of emotional and spiritual well-being. As such, information regarding an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor should also be reported to the Victim Assistance Coordinator, Mary Beth Pacuska, at 570-862-7551 or to Diocesan officials, including the Vicar General, Msgr. Thomas M. Muldowney, V.G., at 570-207-2269.

NATIVITY BVM FIRST RECONCILIATION: Nativity's First Communion CCD class would like to announce that they will be receiving 1st Penance on **Saturday, February 9th at 10:00AM.** Please keep our students in your thoughts and prayers as they prepare for this beautiful sacrament experiencing God's grace and mercy.

**Liam Burke
Ian Davis
Luis Hernandez**

**Julia Burry
Anna Evans
Nora Sobeck**

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.*



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.

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. Many of our parishioners have taken the opportunity to read one or more of the excellent printed materials and to listen to the CDs. 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.



BOY SCOUT NEWS

**Next Committee Meeting:
February 11th**

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

CUB SCOUT NEWS

ADULT COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Fr. Nallin Hall
February 25th



PARISH MEMBERSHIP: All adult Catholics (age 18 and over) are expected to be officially registered in a Parish and participating at Mass and the other Sacraments on a regular basis. If you have graduated from College or High School and are now employed, you are expected to join on your own unless you are attending college or a trade school. In order for a child to receive First Penance, First Eucharist or Confirmation, at least one of their parents or legal guardian must belong to and participate in our Parish. If you need to register or have any questions, please feel free to contact the Parish Office at 570-836-3275.

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.**

Echoes of Faith

Do you want to know more about your faith? Are you a catechist or DRE who is looking for a way to earn a certificate in catechesis? Can you spare an hour a week? The Echoes of Faith 3.0 is for YOU! Created by the National Conference for Catechetical Leadership (NCCL) and published by RCL Benziger, *Echoes of Faith* is an online education program offering basic adult formation in the Catholic Faith.

With fourteen modules divided into three categories, the Echoes of Faith Learning Center can be used for parish Adult Faith Formation and for Basic Catechist Certification. It is also one way to complete the prerequisites for the Diocesan Certificate in Lay Ministry. For information on how to get started for an affordable \$15.00 a year, contact Mary-Anne-Malone@dioceseofscranton.org.

2018 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

Contribution statements for the 2018 calendar year are now available. To request a statement of your contributions for 2018, please complete the form below and drop it in the collection basket or mail it to the Parish Office. You may also call the Parish Office (570-836-3275) to request the statement.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Envelope Number: _____

REMEMBRANCE OF THE DEAD:

Your prayers are requested for the soul of **THOMAS JURISTA**, brother of Nativity BVM parishioner George Jurista, who passed away this week. 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.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES: The Diocese of Scranton offers compassionate counseling in a safe, comfortable environment where your privacy is always respected. Counseling is about self-discovery and can be used for personal growth or when distressing conditions exist and you need a bit of extra support. Help is available. Anyone who struggles with anxiety, depression, grief and loss, life transitions or a variety of emotional or psychological conditions is welcome. Catholic Social Services accepts Medicaid plans and some insurance plans. Counseling is made affordable for everyone. For more information or to make an appointment, call (570) 207-2283.

ANNULMENT PROCESS: Do you want to know more about the annulment process? In the Diocese of Scranton, the annulment process is now more "user friendly" than you might expect, and there is no longer a processing fee. Please contact Fr. Pat or the Diocesan Tribunal Office (570-207-2246) to begin a conversation. It is possible to get clear answers to these questions and to renew your connection with the Church.

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/>.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GATHERINGS OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS PARISH, CLARKS SUMMIT

- Support group meetings held on the first Wednesday of the month at 10:00AM and the third Sunday of the month at 2:00PM

- The Gathering Room (lower level) of Our Lady of the Snows Church, 301 South State Street, Clarks Summit

All are welcome; no registration is required.

ST. BLAISE & THE BLESSING OF THROATS

This weekend, many Catholics will be in church for the annual blessing of throats on St. Blaise's feast day.

We know we ask through this blessing for bishop and martyr St. Blaise's intercession, as the priest prays, *"Through the intercession of Saint Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you free from every disease of the throat, and from every other disease. In the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen."*

But why two candles? And what miraculous event led to his major patronal church in a city which has hundreds of statues and other art on him?

Let's start with the candles. First, they're tied together to form a cross. The reason should be unmistakable. But what other events do the pair of candles recall? Why two?

Most everyone is familiar with the story of how St. Blaise, arrested and being led to prison, met a woman rushing up to him and pleading for him to save her only son who was choking to death on a fishbone. Bishop Blaise interceded with his prayers and the boy was miraculously healed. That miraculous intercession led to the blessing of throats for his intercession for health which carries on today. He's patron of illnesses of the throat.

Even in his life Blaise was known for healing humans. People from all around sought him out for healing their bodily ills and their spiritual ills.

The second part of the double reason: he was also known for healing and helping animals.

Stories go how when the Christian persecutions began, he withdrew to a cave in the woods when inspired to do so by the Lord. Since he was a physician before he became a bishop, Blaise soon became the friend of wild animals that were ill or wounded. They sought him out. One day the governor's hunters, searching for animals to bring to the city's amphitheater, were shocked when they happened upon Blaise. There he was, kneeling and praying — surrounded by totally docile wolves, lions and bears, tame in his presence.

When they took him prisoner, on the way to the jail he got more chances to perform miracles besides healing the boy with the fishbone. He met a poor woman in great distress because a wolf had snatched her small, young pig. She asked his help. Blaise commanded the wolf to return the pig. Right away, the wolf heard and brought back the pig which was not harmed.

St. Blaise also is patron of animals, veterinarians, wool combers, and against attacks of wild animals.

And again why the two candles? Because that poor widow who got her pig back in gratitude brought Blaise food and two candles while he was imprisoned and being tortured. On a smaller scale, the two candles recall that story.



CHURCH: A PLACE FOR "SACRED SILENCE"
"Be still, and know that I am God" (Psalm 46:10)

Many of us grew up with the custom of being very quiet when in church because we recognized it as the House of God. **Sacred silence is essential for us to hear God speaking to us in prayerful conversation.** We cannot do all of the talking; prayer is two way conversation. We can hear God speaking to our hearts when we are quiet and still. Exterior silence can lead us to an inner peace and serenity where God's will for our life can be heard more easily. In paragraph 45 of the General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GRIM), our Church teaches us: **"Even before the celebration itself, it is commendable that silence be observed in the church, the sacristy, in the vesting room, and in adjacent areas (hospitality room, choir loft or vestibule), so that all may dispose themselves to carry out the sacred action in a devout and fitting manner."** Let us take these words to heart and begin our weekend liturgies with a period of silence. Your cooperation will be deeply appreciated by those who desire to pray and become properly disposed for the Sacred Liturgy.

Historic sites in the diocese - there's an app for that!

One of the ways we can partake in the celebration of the 150th Anniversary of the Diocese is through a visit to some of the historic sites here. The Office of Parish Life 2018 calendar features a number of those locations, and now there is **a free app** to guide you there. **The Diocese of Scranton Pilgrimage app** includes directions to each site, a description of what you will find when you arrive, a brief history, some photos and a "punch card" to help you keep track of the sites you have visited. Get the app and get on the road! (You can also use the app to enjoy a virtual pilgrimage without leaving home.) The app is easy to get: simply search for "Diocese of Scranton" on the **Android/Google Play App Store** or the **iOS/Apple App Store**.

Prayer Resources for Those Suffering from Addiction

The Diocese of Erie is providing a variety of resources for parishes and individuals to help pray for those suffering from addictions. Although designed with the opioid crisis in mind, these resources could also be helpful for those suffering from other addictions as well, including alcoholism and gambling. Visit <https://www.eriecd.org/opioid.html> to access the prayer services on the Diocese of Erie website, or visit <https://store.faithcatholic.com/meditations-and-prayers> to order a booklet of Catholic prayers for family members whose loved ones are suffering from addiction.

Living Your Strengths Workshops Coming Soon!

Do you envision a parish community in which every member is valued for his or her unique gifts and talents? Could your parish benefit from having parishioners serve in ways they enjoy and in which they can do a great job? Would you like to see parishioner engagement move from a "slots to fill" approach into a strengths-based ministry approach?

When parish members serve in the ministries that are well-suited to their God-given unique strengths and abilities, a dramatic shift in parishioner engagement can occur. In order to help facilitate strengths-based parishioner engagement, the Office for Parish Life will be offering Living Your Strengths Workshops beginning in early 2019. These workshops can help your parishioners identify their unique strengths, and explore the ways in which those strengths can be used to best serve the parish community. A workshop can also serve to help your ministry teams learn how the strengths of each team member can complement and enhance the strengths of those with whom they serve. This knowledge can lead to greater understanding, appreciation, and productivity within ministry teams.

To learn more about Living Your Strengths Workshops, or to schedule a workshop for your parish group, please contact Jennifer Housel, Director for Community and Family Development, (570) 207-2213 x 1104, jhousel@dioceseofscranton.org.

**Traditional Home Health and Hospice
Come help the team that helps the community**

As the volunteer coordinator at Traditional Home Health and Hospice, I would like to extend an invitation to join our team. Volunteers are an integral part of our community support network.

As a volunteer, you can expect to:

- Provide companionship to patients through conversation, reading, letter writing, music appreciation, movie/TV watching, walking or sitting outside to get some fresh air, and all sort of hobby sharing.
- Help patients and their families by running errands, doing light household chores, doing yard work, or preparing a meal.
- Provide respite to family caregivers, so they may take a break from their caregiving duties for a couple of hours, i.e., doctor appointments, errands, etc.

If you would like to volunteer, but prefer not to have patient involvement, we would gladly have you volunteer in the office assisting with various community projects.

We offer a comprehensive training program which includes both video and one-on-one training.

Contact Lisa Morgan at (570) 207-9286.



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MILITARY HONOR ROLL

PLEASE KEEP ALL MEMBERS OF THE MILITARY IN YOUR PRAYERS

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- SGT THOMAS DILIONE – NATIONAL GUARD
- ET2 JACOB KINTNER – U.S. NAVY
- STAFF SGT DAVID BALTRUSAITIS – NATIONAL GUARD
- SCPO KENNETH C. FRANK – U.S. NAVY
- SGT ROBERT J. POLSTER – U.S. ARMY
- SFC RICKY BROWN – NATIONAL GUARD
- PFC RYAN M. ERDEK – U.S. ARMY
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- PVT NIKKI CAPWELL – U.S. ARMY
- SPEC DEVIN BATTENBERG – NATIONAL GUARD
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- PVT ANDREW SOLANIC – U.S. ARMY
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- SPEC. NICOLE GRIFFITH – U.S. ARMY
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- LIEUTENANT AMY LEBER – U.S. NAVY
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- SGT JOSEPH A. HARDISKY – U.S. ARMY
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- COL. CARL PACKER – U.S. ARMY
- TECH SGT DONALD WEITZ – U.S.A.F.
- SGT SETH CAINES – U.S. ARMY
- CPO ERIC TOMCZAK – U.S. NAVY

We also want to recognize the service of the following veterans who have served our country:

- MAJOR GEORGE D. KASZUBA, U.S. AIR FORCE (IRAQ)
- CORPORAL JOSEPH IGNATOVICH, U.S. ARMY (KOREA)
- SPEC. FRANK GAUS, U.S. ARMY SPEC. FORCES (VIETNAM)
- SPEC. WILLIAM F. MARRONE, U.S. ARMY
- PRIVATE JAMES DEEGAN, U.S. ARMY (NO. AFRICA, ITALY)
- MAJOR FRANCIS TURNER, U.S. ARMY (WW II)
- SPEC. 4 RANDY GREENIP, U.S. ARMY (ASA TURKEY)
- AIRMAN 1ST CLASS DONALD WHITE, U.S.A.F. (KOREA)
- AIRMAN BRUCE GELNETT, U.S.A.F. (KOREA)
- SPEC. 4 CARL I. PACKER, U.S. ARMY
- LANCE CPL RICHARD DOMBROSKI – U.S.MARINES (VIETNAM)
- STAFF SGT. RICHARD DOMBROSKI – NAT'L. GUARD (RET.)
- SGT. WALTER J. ZOLA, U.S. ARMY (KOREA)
- AE3 KENNETH C. FRANK, U.S. NAVY (KOREA)
- SSG WILLIAM SHAW, U.S. ARMY (GERMANY)
- SGT. JOHN WILPIZESKI, U.S. ARMY
- SFC TONY LANDI, U.S. ARMY (RET.)
- SGT. SAMUEL HERRING, US ARMY (KOREA)
- SGT. JERRY BEAUCHEANE, U.S. AIR FORCE
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- SGT. NICHOLAS FERRUGGIA – U.S. MARINES
- SGT. E5 ROBERT SPRAGUE – U.S. ARMY
- SGT. JAMES SNYDER – U.S AIR FORCE
- LT. J.G. TIMOTHY LEBER – U.S.COAST GUARD
- CAPT ALAN B. FLANAGAN – U.S. NAVY
- AE1 JOSEPH YAKOSKI – U.S. NAVY (VIETNAM)
- STAFF SGT. STEPHANIE DANIELS SUND (AFGHANISTAN)

God Bless all who serve or have served our country.



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



Dolores Myers

Donated by Peggy Finnegan

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



SAVE THE DATE

Valentine's Day
Dinner-Dance
Saturday, February 9th
Fr. Nallin Hall
Music by "Pop Star Drive"
(formerly "amRadio")
Tickets on sale in the Parish Office
& at Antonio's (Weis Plaza)
\$35.00 per person



See the insert for more details



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.



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 Barzilowski (570-836-1351)



Line Dancing

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



**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



Bring your instrument and play along with the Northern Tier Symphony at their OPEN REHEARSAL
Friday, March. 1, 2019
7:30 - 9:30PM

Meet-and-Greet at the Break
Tunkhannock Middle School Auditorium
200 Franklin Ave, Tunkhannock PA

Strings Welcome
All Instruments Invited
Percussionist - needed instruments will be provided by the Orchestra
We are also looking to expand our Saxophone section

SPRING 2019 PROGRAM

Masquerade Waltz - Aram Khachaturian
The Second Waltz (for Jazz Orchestra)

- Dmitri Shostakovich

Symphony No. 8 - Anton Dvorak

Music from Der Rosenkavalier

- Richard Strauss

Marche Slav, Op. 31

- Piotr Ilych Tchaikovsky

Colonial Song - Percy Grainger

Carousel Waltz (Concert Version)

- Richard Rodgers

Call ahead if you would like music in advance: 570 289-1090

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.

Words of Life

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you" (Jeremiah 1:5).

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St. Mary of the Lake CCD News

Ms. Migliori's 4th grade class **Mass has been rescheduled to next Sunday**, February 10th. Parents: Please have your child here by 8:45AM.

Next Sunday is also our Valentine's Day Breakfast! Students, bring your appetite!

Also, please remember that there is **no CCD on February 17th.**

Have a Blessed week! **Jenny Sinker**

Holy Redeemer High School

Register for the 2019-2020 school year at Holy Redeemer High School. Appointments for class scheduling are available February 7th, 11th and 12th from 3:00PM to 6:00PM. Call today for an appointment or to arrange for a day to shadow a student. Guidance Department: 570-829-2424.

Nativity BVM Altar & Rosary

Weather permitting, our **next meeting will be scheduled for this Tuesday, February 5th at 12:45PM in Fr. Nallin Hall.** All women of the parish are invited to attend.

St. Mary of the Lake Altar & Rosary

Reminder: Annual dues are due now. An envelope for your dues for 2019 was in the envelope packet that you previously received. If you don't have envelopes, you can use one of the Welcome envelopes found at the entrances to the church.

Have You Moved?

If you have recently moved **or had an address change**, please contact the parish office at 570-836-3275 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.**



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.

ST. MARY OF THE LAKE MASS SCHEDULE - WEEK OF FEBRUARY 3, 2019

SATURDAY	FEB	02	4:00PM	MARLENE DiBUO – OFFERED BY RICK & MARY LOU FRANKO
SUNDAY	FEB	03	9:00AM	JAMES SCHAPPERT – OFFERED BY ST. MARY OF THE LAKE PRAYER SHAWL GROUP
MONDAY	FEB	04	8:00AM	NO MASS
TUESDAY	FEB	05	8:00AM	JANET KERNER – OFFERED BY HER FAMILY
WEDNESDAY	FEB	06	8:00AM	NO MASS
THURSDAY	FEB	07	8:00AM	RON WILLIAMS – OFFERED BY THE ST. MARY OF THE LAKE DISCIPLES OF MARY
FRIDAY	FEB	08	8:00AM	NO MASS
SATURDAY	FEB	09	4:00PM	PAULINE HAMBURG – OFFERED BY RANDY & CAROLE GREENIP
SUNDAY	FEB	10	9:00AM	JANET KERNER – OFFERED BY HER FAMILY

LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE

SAT FEB. 02 & SUN. FEB. 03	SATURDAY 4:00PM	SUNDAY 9:00AM
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER(S)	TOM WOLFF	LEN NASH
LECTORS	BOB ANDREWS	SEB NARO
ALTAR SERVER(S)	DANIEL DRISCOLE	ASHLEY KENIA RACHEL KENIA ANTHONY WILLIAMS
USHERS	BERNIE GARVEY & CARL PACKER	DAVID & DJ SINKER
GREETERS	PEG GARVEY	JOYCE NARO
OFFERTORY GIFTS	SELECTION BY USHERS	SELECTION BY USHERS
COLLECTION COUNTERS		LEN NASH & DICK SCHWOEBEL
SAT. FEB 09 & SUN. FEB 10	SATURDAY 4:00PM	SUNDAY 9:00AM
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER(S)	BOB ANDREWS	ANN MARIE GORKO
LECTORS	GEORGE KAMAGE	ASHLEY KENIA
ALTAR SERVER(S)	ALEX PIERETTI IRENE PIERETTI	ADRIEN FRANKO JAMES MIKUS ZACH ZELNA
USHERS	JIM BILLINGS & BILL SHAW	RANDY PIERETTI & STEVE ZDANIEWICZ
GREETERS	CAROLE KAMAGE	JOHN HARRIS
OFFERTORY GIFTS	SELECTION BY USHERS	SELECTION BY USHERS
COLLECTION COUNTERS		KAY NOREIKA & DICK SCHWOEBEL

Father of goodness and love, hear our prayers for the sick members of our community and for all who are in need. Amid mental and physical suffering may they find consolation in your healing presence. Show your mercy as you close wounds, cure illness, make broken bodies whole who healed those who believed. Amen.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

- THE SICK, THE SUFFERING AND HOSPITALIZED, ESPECIALLY: SANDRA SLOWEY, LORI PIERCE, LISA FREITAS, TRACY IRISH, CHRISTINA REEVES, JACKI NIERATKO, CARMEN PIERCE, ELAINE HUG, CHASE RUSSELLO, ANNETTE SMITH, LYNN POLLINI, AVA MASON, LYNN McGLYNN, BONNIE KILGANNON, MSGR. DAVID L. TRESSLER, RUSTY PERKINS, JULIA KAIFER, MICHELLE HUERBIN, JENNIFER BUNNELL, JOSEPH PIERCE, THELMA SHEBBY, EDD KILGANNON, AUDREY DAVIS, SHIRLEY ROCHA, DOT JOHNSON, JAMES DOUGHERTY, STACIE MAGNECZ, TAMMY MIGLIORI, CAROLLYN DAVIS, LINDA ZALEWSKI, MELISSA HENNING HILL, MICHAEL BOGDON, JANET EVANS, ZACHARY WILLIAMS, PAT STEAD, BILL STEAD, RON GORKO, KATIE PACKER, PETER POLINSKY, DAVID TRESSLER, SR., ANN SMITH, DELORES HEAGY, FRAN MOLLUSKY, PEARL PIERCE, BERNICE BURANICH, CEIL IGNATOVICH, MARY PETERSEN, LOUIS C. POLLINI JR., SUE MIGLIORI, JOE SCHIAVONE, LINDA NIEMIEC, CAROLE GREENIP, JANE CAWLEY, FLORENCE KEYES, JEROME LAMONICA, JEAN LAMONICA, THEO FREAR, BROGAN PERFILIO, DICK & FLORENCE KELLY.
- THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED AND THE NEEDS OF OUR PARISH AND PARISHIONERS

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SANCTUARY LIGHT:

THE SANCTUARY LIGHT WILL BURN DURING THE WEEK OF
FEBRUARY 3RD FOR **JAMES SCHAPPERT**
OFFERED BY ST. MARY OF THE LAKE PRAYER SHAWL GROUP

YOUR CONTRIBUTION:

Weekend Offering \$ 1,452.00

ST. MARY OF THE LAKE CALENDAR

FEB. 02	FIRST RECONCILIATION @ 10:00AM	MAR. 31	CCD CLASS/PRE-K, KINDERGARTEN & 1ST GRADE CLASS MASS
FEB. 03	CCD CLASS/BANNER DAY		
	1 PARENT MUST BE PRESENT		
FEB. 05	MINISTRY COMMITTEES MTG. – 6:30PM – HALL	APR. 07	CCD CLASS
FEB. 11	CCD CLASS/VALENTINE FUN BREAKFAST	APR. 14	CCD CLASS/2ND GRADE MASS/LUNCHEON @2:00PM
FEB. 17	NO CCD CLASS	APR. 21	NO CCD CLASS
FEB. 24	CCD CLASS	APR. 28	LAST CCD CLASS- CARNIVAL FOR JESUS FUN
FEB. 26	PARISH COUNCIL MTG. – 6:30PM – HALL		
 		MAY 04	FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 11:00AM
MAR. 03	CCD CLASS		MAY CROWNING
MAR. 06	ASH WEDNESDAY	MAY 05	MAY CROWNING
MAR. 10	CCD CLASS		
MAR. 17	CCD CLASS/CONFESSIONS/3RD GRADE CLASS MASS		
MAR. 24	CCD CLASS		

NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY MASS SCHEDULE – WEEK OF FEBRUARY 3, 2019

SATURDAY	FEB	02	5:00PM	MARY PASTERNAK – OFFERED BY GLORIA PASTERNAK
SUNDAY	FEB	03	7:30AM	BONNIE LaFLEUR – OFFERED BY STEVE & JUDY BOYANOWSKI
			9:00AM	DIANE YAKOSKI – OFFERED BY ANTHONY & JANICE PETCHALONIS
			11:00AM	JOHN PASTERNAK – OFFERED BY THE RUEHLMAN FAMILY
MONDAY	FEB	04	7:00AM	THOMAS HARDISKY – OFFERED BY STELLA PAGE
TUESDAY	FEB	05	7:00AM	NO MASS
WEDNESDAY	FEB	06	7:00AM	DONALD TEWKSBURY – OFFERED BY GARY & RUTH TEWKSBURY
THURSDAY	FEB	07	7:00AM	NO MASS
FRIDAY	FEB	08	7:00AM	HELEN BAKER – OFFERED BY JACK & SANDY WILLIAMS
SATURDAY	FEB	09	5:00PM	JOAN BETTS – OFFERED BY HEATHER BETTS
SUNDAY	FEB	10	7:30AM	PETER FRANKO JR. – OFFERED BY BRUCE GELNETT
			9:00AM	ELAINE STAFFARONI – OFFERED BY TIM & KATHY CASEY
			11:00AM	EDMUND KOWALSKI – OFFERED BY HIS DAUGHTER CAROLYN

LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE

SAT. FEB. 02 & SUN. FEB. 03	SATURDAY 5:00PM	SUNDAY 7:30AM	SUNDAY 9:00AM	SUNDAY 11:00AM
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER(S)	DEACON RAY	NAN DeMARCO	DEACON RAY	DEACON RAY
LECTOR	DAVID KUFFA	TAMMY NUDO	BARBARA KALISH	MATTHEW WILLIAMS
ALTAR SERVER(S)	CORA MILNER HANNAH MILNER MATTHEW PREBOLA	EMMA ELIAS NOAH POWERS	AIDEN BURRY MAIA BURRY KATHRYN CUSATIS	JOSEPH COLAVITTI ZACHARY ZELNA BRETT SICKLER MICHAEL SICKLER
OFFERTORY GIFTS	SELECTION BY USHERS	SELECTION BY USHERS	SELECTION BY USHERS	SEAN WILLIAMS/LEIF OLSON
COLLECTION COUNTERS			K. FRANK, M. FRANK, G. & B. KOVALCHICK	
SAT. FEB. 09 & SUN. FEB. 10	SATURDAY 5:00PM	SUNDAY 7:30AM	SUNDAY 9:00AM	SUNDAY 11:00AM
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER(S)	DEACON RAY	DONNA KASKUS	DEACON RAY	DEACON RAY
LECTOR	SABRINA TRAVER	JUSTIN ROTH	LYNNE BINNER	MEGHAN KEISER
ALTAR SERVER(S)	ANTHONY ECKERT HANNAH ECKERT JACK ZEUNEN	LEAH DeMARCO THOMAS ELIAS GRACE HARDING	EVAN BRODY ROBERT BURRY ZAK KEISER	THOMAS BELLUCCI IAN BURKE SOPHIE BURKE
OFFERTORY GIFTS	SELECTION BY USHERS	SELECTION BY USHERS	SELECTION BY USHERS	SELECTION BY USHERS
COLLECTION COUNTERS			B. KIRBY, W. OLIVER, R. THORNE	

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

----- **THE SICK, THE SUFFERING AND HOSPITALIZED**, ESPECIALLY: CAROLYN MYERS, ELISSA ROSE, LYLE STURDEVANT, MARYN KUKUCHKA, LILLIAN KRISTUNAS, JENNIFER BUNNELL, MARIE STAIR, MARY ANN BROWN, ELIZABETH CALLAHAN, RICHELE MORTIMER, SHERI RAIL, DAVID TRESSLER, SR., CHERYL MacDONALD SWEET, AIDAN HOLMAN, TRISTAN EVANS, JOSEPH E. QUINN, ANGELIQUE ALEXANDRA PREVOST, HEATHER STEGNER, MARGE HOLUB, BEN BROWN, ELEANOR FOSTER, MATTHEW LEWIS, DONALD TRAVER, DAWN DOMMES, MICHELLE HUERBIN, CAROLYN ROZANSKI, DON WHITE, MARY KUKUCHKA, EMMY COIA, DARRIN McGAVIN, FATHER BILL WILSON, EDWARD KIMBEL, CHERYL SANDS, MARY DELMAR, CHARLES CAREY, NANCY ROBINSON, SUSAN BOLOUSKI McANDREWS, GARRET CONOVER, ANALISA DOMINIC, LUCAS SETH BOYANOWSKI, BILL IVEY, VERNA PRAWDZIK, MATTHEW FORTESE, JACOB WALTER, CURTIS, ARTHUR BUNNELL, TED BUNNELL, HELEN TALARICO, PAUL GOODRICH, MYRON LaBAR, TIKI LYONS, GRACE STURDEVANT, CAROL COBB, BRENT RANSOM, JEAN YABLONSKI, AUSTIN THOMAS, JIM BORDEN, JERRY STROKA, LINDA NIEMIEC, DIANE THOMPSON, ROSEANN GEORGE, SHELLIE SEYMORE, MARILYN BRODY, MONTANA COLE, CAROL GAYLORD, CHRIS OLSHAN, JR., HELEN RAIL, CHARLOTTE SMITH, FLORENCE KEYES, LINDA RUEHLMAN, ROY PREVOST, ALLEN KEYES, CATHERINE LITWIN, JUDI HOWE, LEAH WILSEY, ANN ZACKARIAS, CHRISTOPHER BELL, NATHAN DELMAR, LINDA, KATHLEEN ALTEMUS, CARL ALTEMUS, MARY LOUISE BECKETT, PAULA MOELLER, GEORGE ZALDONIS, PAT STASCavage, JOHN RUEHLMAN JR, MICHALINE WIERNUSZ, MARY BOLOUSKI, PEGGY FINNEGAN, JIM RAIL SR., JOAN STEPHENS, PEG BALL, NORM BALL, BARBARA LOCKER, JOSEPH YAKOSKI.

----- THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED AND THE NEEDS OF OUR PARISH AND PARISHIONERS.

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SANCTUARY LIGHT:

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE IS AVAILABLE TO BURN FOR YOUR INTENTION. CALL THE PARISH OFFICE AT (570) 836-3275

YOUR CONTRIBUTION:

Weekend Offering \$ 3,902.00

NATIVITY BVM CALENDAR

<p>FEB. 03 CCD CLASS</p> <p>FEB. 05 ALTAR & ROSARY MTG. – 12:45PM – FNH</p> <p>FEB. 06 PIEROGI REORGANIZATION MTG. – 9:00AM – FATHER NALLIN HALL</p> <p>FEB. 09 FIRST PENANCE SERVICE – 10:00AM (SNOW DATE FEBRUARY 16TH – 10:00AM)</p> <p>FEB. 09 VALENTINES DANCE – 6:00PM – FNH</p> <p>FEB. 10 CCD CLASS/BANNER SUNDAY</p> <p>FEB. 17 CCD CLASS</p> <p>FEB. 18 MAKING PIEROGIES – FNH – 9:00AM</p> <p>FEB. 24 CCD CLASS/3RD GRADE MASS – 9:00AM</p> <p>FEB. 25 MAKING PIEROGIES – FNH – 9:00AM</p>	<p>MAR. 02 CONFIRMATION RETREAT – DIOCESAN PASTORAL CENTER, SCRANTON 9:00AM-2:00PM</p> <p>MAR. 03 CCD CLASS</p> <p>MAR. 04 MAKING PIEROGIES – FNH – 9:00AM</p> <p>MAR. 05 ALTAR & ROSARY MTG. – 12:45PM – FNH</p> <p>MAR. 06 ASH WEDNESDAY</p> <p>MAR. 10 CCD CLASS</p> <p>MAR. 11 MAKING PIEROGIES – FNH – 9:00AM</p> <p>MAR. 17 CCD CLASS/PRE-K, K AND 1ST GRADE MASS – 9:00AM</p> <p>MAR. 18 MAKING PIEROGIES – FNH – 9:00AM</p> <p>MAR. 24 CCD CLASS</p>
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