

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF  
**NATIVITY**  
OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY  
TUNKHANNOCK, PA



**ST. MARY**  
OF THE LAKE  
LAKE WINOLA, PA

**AUGUST 10-11, 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**

**NINETEENTH 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*

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**FROM NATIVITY'S PARISH COMMUNITY:**

If you told me a year ago that I was taking the Catholic Church for granted, I would have thought that you were crazy. I was comfortable in my faith, going to church every Sunday, attending confession every so often, and praying the Liturgy of the Hours with my family every night. My father converted to the faith, so he helped me and my family appreciate the gift of Catholicism. However, I still managed to fall into a bit of a rut. I was not falling away from my faith, but I was not falling deeper in love with it either.

I was in the dangerous place of just being satisfied with my religion as opposed to growing in my faith. As a result, I was not as vigilant as I should have been. Prayer was no longer a big priority for me. When I went to Mass, I just went through the motions. I stopped going to confession as often. I took the incredible gift of my Catholic Faith for granted.

Then, I started discussing Catholicism with a Protestant Evangelical friend several months ago, and we found ourselves clashing on different topics of belief. He has the normal doubts of most Protestants. For instance, he believes in Sola Scriptura (the Bible alone is the sole authority on matters of Faith and morals) and thinks that Sacred Tradition and the laws of the Church hold no power over our lives. I began to dig into my faith to try to explain Catholicism to him as a result of our discussions. Little by little, without even realizing it, in trying to show him the reality of the Catholic Faith, my love for it was reignited.

What exactly did I take for granted? First, I did not appreciate that I was able to receive the body, blood, soul, and divinity of Jesus Christ in the form of the Eucharist every week. Other churches commemorate the Last Supper, but they only have symbols. While their grape juice and crackers remain the same, our hosts and wine transform into the actual Body and Blood of Christ Himself.

I took Confession for granted, too. I did not take advantage of the opportunity to have my sins, and the accompanying pain and guilt, washed away. Jesus is truly present in that room, and He forgives sins through the priest.

Finally, I was taking the Church's structure for granted. When I was researching Evangelical viewpoints, I realized just how lucky I have it. Jesus Himself established the Catholic Church on the foundation of the Apostles and He promised that the Holy Spirit would keep it on track. The Magisterium of the Church ensures that there is little confusion on how to reach Heaven or how to correctly interpret the Bible. The Bible is an infallible book inspired by God, and we are fallen people. We need an infallible (faultless) interpreter for the

Bible so that we are not led astray, and the Magisterium of the Catholic Church is that interpreter. The Holy Spirit guides the popes and Church leaders so that, no matter what, we are correctly guided toward holiness and Heaven.

The members of the Church are fallen and imperfect, but God is powerful enough to work through them to achieve His desires. Many Catholics like me take the great gift of Catholicism for granted. It is understandable because we live in a world where religion is not a priority. However, I have discovered that I absolutely love my Catholic Faith, and I am thankful for this reawakening.

In the end, researching what our Church teaches in order to answer my Protestant friend's questions has shown me that there is no other religion as truly holy and perfect as the Catholic Church.

**Kayla Binner**

**UPCOMING SPECIAL COLLECTIONS**

**Clergy Care & Education ..... September 07-08**

**NATIVITY BVM FOOD BOOTH  
AT THE WYOMING COUNTY COMMUNITY FAIR  
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28<sup>th</sup> THROUGH MONDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 2<sup>nd</sup> (LABOR DAY)**

**WE NEED YOU!!!** Volunteers are needed to man our food booth at the Fair – Nativity's biggest fundraiser of the year.

If you have volunteered in the past, we hope to see you again this year. You can call Mary Lou at the Parish Office (570-836-3275) as soon as possible and sign up for your day and shift for this year.

This year we will be splitting the Booth Captain's hours into two shifts – 8:00AM to 3:00PM and 3:00PM to 10:00PM. Helper shifts will remain at 10:00AM to 4:00PM and 4:00PM to 10:00PM. Eight helpers per shift is ideal.

Volunteers are also needed for:

- The initial cleaning and setup of the booth on **Monday, August 26<sup>th</sup>** (cleaning up the dust; carrying in tables, chairs and supplies)
- Booth cleanup and takedown on **Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>**
- Making fruit cups

Please call Mary Lou and she will pass your contact info on to the coordinators of each job.

Thanks. We are very appreciative and grateful for all who have volunteered in the past and we are hoping that we can count on you to volunteer this year. Bring a friend!



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



**CAPUCHIN SISTERS SUPPORT FUND:** If you would like to assist with this need, please put your donation in an envelope marked "Capuchin Sisters" and deposit it in the collection at any time.

**Mill City Assembly of God**

**Youth Day Camp**

**August 16<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00AM – 4:00PM**

Youth Camp fitness

**for youth in 6<sup>th</sup> grade – 12<sup>th</sup> grade**

(Mill City Assembly is located  
on route 307 in Mill City)

Worship, teaching, games & food

Let's become spiritually fit as we see  
what God can do in our lives!

There will be a **\$15.00 registration fee** that covers both days. **Please register by August 11<sup>th</sup>.**

Call your friends and bring them along for a fun and exciting time. **Bring extra clothes** as there will be a color war and a paint slip-and-slide event!

**PIEROGI SALES:** For a limited time, **we are continuing to sell pierogies at the Parish Office.** Cost is \$7.00 per dozen. First come, first served.



**VIRTUS:** A (live) Mandated Reporter Training will take place on **Thursday, September 12<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-9:00PM at the Diocesan Pastoral Center, 330 Wyoming Avenue, Scranton** (former Bishop Hannan High School).

Trainings are **limited to the first 50 participants** and are for those individuals who are identified as mandated reporters of child abuse but have not yet completed the online training through the University of Pittsburgh.

**PLEASE NOTE: this IS NOT a VIRTUS training session.** For all Protecting God's Children program (VIRTUS) trainings, please refer to the Diocese of Scranton's website at: <http://www.dioceseofscranton.org/compliance-office/victim-assistance-coordinator/virtus/>

**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.

**Bishop Bambera's Statement  
on the Immigration Situation**

The image of Oscar Alberto Martinez Ramirez, and his 23-month-old daughter, Angie Valeria, both of whom drowned trying to cross the Rio Grande from Mexico to the United States will remain in many people's hearts and minds for years to come. When we preach about love and human dignity, we are talking about our moral values. As Catholics, we do not have the privilege of compromising our moral values to match our preexisting stereotypes or beliefs. When we preach a pro-life ethic, we must stand by this value to defend the unborn, the immigrant, the imprisoned, and all those who are left in vulnerable positions by their government or social circumstances. We cannot rank one of these groups above the others. The Catholic Church is called to seek out those silences and give voice to the voiceless. We have a responsibility to all people, regardless of race, religion, or immigration status. It is not our role to condemn a family for leaving their country of origin in search of a better future for their children. It is our role to love these people as members of one human family. We must continue to advocate for safe spaces for migrants and especially for children. The privately run detention centers where children are waiting to be reunited with their families are not acceptable. It is time for our leaders to set aside partisan politics and to fix a broken system. At the center of our faith is mercy without judgment; our pro-life values teach us to protect the innocent at all costs. These children deserve more from America. Recently, vigils were held in support of migrant families across the Diocese, in communities including Scranton, Stroudsburg and Wellsboro. As these events show, we are called to fight for justice for immigrants and for comprehensive immigration reform. Today and always, we are called to continue the fight for all who are vulnerable: for the unborn, for the struggling mother, and for the father who faces an impossible decision to leave his homeland. I ask you to continue not only your prayers, but your efforts to speak up against injustice and protect the basic humanity of migrants and refugees.

**BVM FLOWERS:** Flowers on the altar this week at Nativity BVM Church are in memory of **HELEN KALINOWSKI**, offered by her family.



**EWTN:** The Eternal Word Television Network display with valuable Catholic programming information is available in the front of Nativity BVM church. There is a display of this information in the front vestibule of

the church closest to Tioga Street. Feel free to stop by and take the information regarding their programming.



**LOCAL CATHOLIC RADIO STATION  
JMJ RADIO 750AM or 98.9FM**

**EARN EXTRA MONEY:** Could you use a little extra income? Jobs for the 2020 Census offer competitive wages that are paid weekly. Authorized expenses, such as mileage, are reimbursed for employees doing fieldwork.

Support Your Community

Decennial census data are used to determine your representation in Congress, as well as how funds are spent for roads, schools, hospitals, and more. Help ensure that everyone in your community is counted in the next decennial census.

Fit Your Schedule

Temporary positions for the 2020 Census feature flexible hours—a perfect fit if you are looking to earn a little extra money, even if you already have other commitments.

Be a Part of History

Every 10 years since 1790, the United States has undertaken the momentous task of counting all of its residents. This is your chance to play a role.

**Apply here:** <https://2020census.gov/jobs>  
Employment Opportunities - 2020census.gov  
2020census.gov

View all employment opportunities at the Census Bureau. ... On the Census Team, every one counts, from the recent graduate to the career statistician whose analysis of statistical methodology puts you on the leading edge.

**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. 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).

**FITNESS CLASSES HAVE RESUMED:** With the completion of church renovations at St. Mary's, the Parish Hall is again the site for the DanceFit and YogaFit programs on **Wednesday evenings. DanceFit begins at 6:00PM & the YogaFit classes are at 7:00PM.** All are welcome to attend.

**THE LOWER WYOMING COUNTY FOOD PANTRY:** The Lower Wyoming County Food Pantry has **added hours** to provide our community neighbors a more convenient opportunity to help stock their kitchen with staples. The Pantry remains open as before on the **first and third Thursday of the month from 9:00-11:00AM.** The new added hours are on the **first and third Monday evening of the month from 6:00-8:00PM.**

**We are in need of a few new volunteers. Your scheduled two hour shift will take place perhaps three times a year.** If you think that this is a service you would like to try, please call me and we can talk about it.

If you or someone you know from the Lower Wyoming County is in need of food, please do not hesitate to call me. Thank you for your consideration....God bless! **Mary Lou Franko (570-586-4811)**

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

► **Tuesday, August 13<sup>th</sup> at Scranton Prep, Scranton, 6:00-9:00PM.**

► **Tuesday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at All Saints Academy, Scranton, 6:00-9:00PM.**

Complete information is posted at:

**[www.dioceseofscranton.org](http://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.

**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.

**PARISH PICNIC:** St. Brigid's parish community, Friendsville, cordially invites you to the 195<sup>th</sup> St. Augustine's annual picnic, which will take place on **Sunday, August 11<sup>th</sup> at St. John Neumann Center & surrounding grounds on Route 267 in downtown Choconut, PA.** The dinner will begin at 11:30AM and conclude at 3:30PM. Included will be our superb chicken barbecue dinner, as well as games the whole family can enjoy. The price is \$10.00 for adults at the door, \$4.00 for children, and no charge for those under five years of age. Everyone is welcome to join in the fun. Tickets may be purchased on the day of the picnic.



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

**Wedding of the Sea Festival • Thursday, August 15<sup>th</sup>  
Parish of St. Monica, Atlantic City**

Join the Most Reverend Dennis Sullivan, Bishop of the Diocese of Camden in celebration of this beautiful Mass.

Mass of the Assumption of Mary • Boardwalk Hall

Doors Open • 11:00 AM

Program and Mass • 12:00 PM

Procession of the Blessed Mother and Benediction on the Boardwalk

Procession to Surf • 1:15 PM

Festival – St. Michael's Church Parking Lot, Georgia Avenue • 1:00PM – 7:00PM

Free & open to the public. Enjoy Atlantic City restaurant vendors, a beer garden, live music, adults' and children's games, raffles, and more. Air conditioned indoor seating available. Free parking 1.5 blocks away.

• (609) 345-1878 • <http://weddingofthesea.org/>

**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.

**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.

**THANK YOU:** Our parishes have received a letter from Rev. Msgr. Walter R. Rossi, Rector of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, expressing gratitude **for the donations made by our parishioners for the restoration of Notre Dame Cathedral, Paris** in the wake of the devastating fire which ravaged the Cathedral on April 15<sup>th</sup>.

**PRAYER FOR AN END TO INFANTICIDE**

"Jesus, Lord of Life, transform the hearts of all elected leaders to recognize that infanticide is wrong and must not be tolerated. Open hearts and minds to recognize and defend the precious gift of every human life."

**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.

**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/>.

**LIGHTHOUSE MEDIA:** We want to remind you that Nativity parish is pleased to offer the Lighthouse Media bookracks in Nativity church 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: TBA**

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



**"7 Effective Ways to Make Others Feel Important**

1. Use their name.
2. Express sincere gratitude.
3. Do more listening than talking.
4. Talk more about them than about you.
5. Be authentically interested.
6. Be sincere in your praise.
7. Show you care."

– Roy T. Bennett, The Light in the Heart

**SS. Anthony & Rocco Parish Italian Festival  
August 9, 10 & 11**

**St. Rocco's Church Grounds, 122 Kurtz St., Dunmore**

Opens Friday & Saturday at 5:00PM

Sunday Following Mass & Procession at 12:00 Noon  
Food, Games and Live Entertainment

**Friday:** DHS Marching Units & Cheerleaders and  
Picture Perfect

**Saturday:** Holy Cross H.S. Cheerleaders and  
Sweet Pepper and the Long Hots

**Sunday:** Feast Day Mass & Procession at 12 Noon  
followed by The Luongo Brothers Band, Take Three,  
and FIREWORKS AT 9:00PM

**DIOCESAN CERTIFICATE IN LAY MINISTRY  
ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR FALL 2019**

The Office for Parish Life encourages parish leaders to consider application for the *Diocesan Certificate in Lay Ministry* for Fall 2019!

The *Diocesan Certificate in Lay Ministry* is a ministry formation program designed to equip and advance the servant leadership capacities of individuals serving their parish in areas such as:

- Parish Pastoral Councils
- Directors of Religious Education & Catechists
- Liturgical Coordinators
- Parish Staff
- Volunteer Ministry teams
- and others!

Through independent online study with the University of Dayton's Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation (VLCFF), as well as regional skills workshops and opportunities for prayer and reflection, *Diocesan Certificate* candidates enrich their knowledge, while also learning practical tools for effective parish ministry in their faith communities. The Office for Parish Life looks forward to welcoming new candidates into the *Diocesan Certificate in Lay Ministry* program!

Prospective candidates are encouraged to contact Kitty Scanlan, Coordinator for Lay Ministry Formation, at [Kitty-Scanlan@dioceseofscranton.org](mailto:Kitty-Scanlan@dioceseofscranton.org) or 570-207-2213 for application information, materials and application submissions.

**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.

**NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING, 2019 AND BEYOND:** The Diocese of Scranton has begun a new collaboration with Couple to Couple League International (CCL) in order to better promote the use of Natural Family Planning (NFP) in our Diocese.



This organization is doing great work in bringing the teaching and practice of NFP forward through the use of modern technology. Our Diocese is blessed to have a number of individuals and couples trained to teach NFP in person. Through CCL, couples are also able to access flexible learning options online. To learn more please visit the website for Couple to Couple League at [www.ccli.org](http://www.ccli.org) for a wealth of NFP related information and training options. For additional information about Natural Family Planning, or to access our Diocesan NFP Training Providers, contact Jennifer Housel, Director for Community and Family Development, at [jhousel@dioceseofscranton.org](mailto:jhousel@dioceseofscranton.org) or 570-207-2213, x1104 or visit our diocesan website at: [www.dioceseofscranton.org/parish-life/community/marriage/natural-family-planning/](http://www.dioceseofscranton.org/parish-life/community/marriage/natural-family-planning/).

**RESOURCES FOR ATONEMENT AND HEALING:**

Resources for ongoing prayer for atonement and healing for victims of sexual abuse in our Diocese, including a sample rosary with reflections on the Sorrowful Mysteries, sample intercessions and prayers can be found on the diocesan website. The Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions (FDLC) has also provided a resource which can be found on its website, <https://fdlc.org/resources>.

**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.

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

**Contact Lisa Morgan at (570) 207-9286. She will make arrangements to meet with you and to describe more fully the mission.**

*You can demand courtesy but you have to earn respect.*  
Lawrence Goldstone



**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

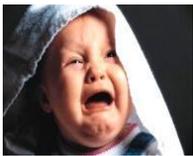
**A Prayer for our Military**

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.



**NIGHT PRAYERS  
 with DEACON RAY**

Tuesday evening prayers  
**4:00PM @ St. Mary's Church**  
 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.



**PRO-LIFE ROSE**

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



**Mary Ann Keller**

Donated by Sam Casterline

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



**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRIES**

**St. Mary of the Lake**  
 Thursdays 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)

**WYOMING COUNTY  
 COMMUNITY FAIR**

Fairgrounds - Route 6, Meshoppen  
 Wed., August 28 - Monday, September 2

Both of our parishes will again have a booth at the Fair. This is a major fundraiser for both parishes and volunteers are needed to work at the booths. If you can help, please contact the Parish Office @ 570-836-3275 (Nativity) or Ellen Wengen @ 570-378-2014 (St. Mary). Booth schedules are in the bulletin. Your help is needed & appreciated.



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.



**ALTAR FLOWERS  
 FOR THE GLORY OF GOD**

We all love to see our altars decorated so beautifully at Christmas and Easter. But we like to see our altars reflect floral beauty all year long. You are encouraged to offer a floral bouquet in memory of a loved one, for a special intention or in thanksgiving.



Intentions and donors will be listed in the bulletin unless you request otherwise.



**COMMUNITY HEALING SERVICES**

First Sunday of each month @ 6:00PM  
 St. Peter's Episcopal Church  
 Route 6, Tunkhannock

For more information or prayer contact:  
 Colleen Williams - (570) 836-5485 or  
 John Hardman-Zimmerman - (570) 289-5077

**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).



## Nativity BVM CCD News

We are in need of teachers for the **3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grades** for the CCD program **starting in September.** If you can help, please contact Judy Boyanowski (570-833-5239).

## 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 available.



## Parish Bulletin Advertising

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



This ultra-fine StreakFree Microfiber Cloth does not damage any surface. The fibers grab and hold dirt, dust and grime. This is the magnet effect. Made from 80% Polyester, 20% Polyamide (nylon) Single fiber is approximately 1/20th the diameter of a strand of silk. Disperses oil, grease, dirt, grime, film, dust. Tough on dirt and gentle on surface.

As seen on TV - Only **\$5.00**  
Available at the Parish Office

## 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.**



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

## Community News

### Community Blood Drive

Honoring community volunteers

**Wednesday, August 21<sup>st</sup>**

**1:00-6:00PM**

**St. Peter's Church**

3832 SR 6, Tunkhannock

For an appointment: 1-800-733-2767

or visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org)

**Sponsored by Tunkhannock Business  
& Professional Women**

**The Humane Society  
of Wyoming County, Inc.**

570-836-4745

[www.hswcPA.org](http://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.

## Words of Life

"We often assume parenthood happens easily after 'I do,' but for many married couples, it does not. ... If you experience difficulty bringing a child into your family, know that you are not alone. God is with you, and his Church desires to walk with you."

**USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities**  
"Seven Considerations  
While Navigating Infertility"

**"No child is an inconvenience"**

"You need no words from me to see how the decision in Roe v. Wade has deformed a great nation. The so-called right to an abortion has pitted mothers against their children and women against men. It has portrayed the greatest of gifts - a child - as a competitor, an intrusion and an inconvenience."

**Mother Theresa  
Saint Theresa of Calcutta**

## St. Mary of the Lake CCD News

**Parents: Don't forget to fill out your registration forms and get them back to me.** Jenny Sinker



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

**ST. MARY OF THE LAKE MASS SCHEDULE - WEEK OF AUGUST 11, 2019**

SATURDAY	AUG	10	4:00PM	GEORGE KAMAGE SR. – OFFERED BY GEORGE & CAROLE KAMAGE
SUNDAY	AUG	11	9:00AM	PAUL & BETTE JANE DAVITT – OFFERED BY JOHN BROSTOSKI
MONDAY	AUG	12	8:00AM	<b>NO MASS</b>
TUESDAY	AUG	13	8:00AM	GENE DZIAK – OFFERED BY STEVE & JOSEPHINE FRANKO
WEDNESDAY	AUG	14	8:00AM	<b>NO MASS</b>
THURSDAY	AUG	15	8:00AM	TERESA WALL – OFFERED BY PAUL & CINDY BROWN
			<b>7:00PM</b>	CHRISTOPHER O'HOLLARAN – OFFERED BY DON & CAROL AMES
FRIDAY	AUG	16	8:00AM	<b>NO MASS</b>
SATURDAY	AUG	17	4:00PM	JOHN HAMBURG – OFFERED BY RANDY & CAROLE GREENIP
SUNDAY	AUG	18	9:00AM	JAMES & ALICE McGROARTY – OFFERED BY MAUREEN MULROONEY

**LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE**

<b>SAT AUG. 10 &amp; SUN. AUG. 11</b>	<b>SATURDAY 4:00PM</b>	<b>SUNDAY 9:00AM</b>
<b>EUCCHARISTIC</b>	LISA JANOSKI	LEN NASH
<b>MINISTER(S)</b>	BRANDON PIERETTI	SEAN PIERETTI
	CARMEL WILLIAMS	ELLEN WENGEN
<b>LECTORS</b>	BOB ANDREWS	STEVE ZDANIEWICZ
<b>ALTAR</b>	DANIEL DRISCOLE	MASON BERKHIMER
<b>SERVER(S)</b>		OWEN BERKHIMER
		TYLER BERKHIMER
<b>USHERS</b>	BERNIE GARVEY & CARL PACKER	SEB NARO & JEFF PIERCE
<b>GREETERS</b>	MARIE PACKER	BILL WATERS
<b>OFFERTORY GIFTS</b>	<b>SELECTION BY USHERS</b>	<b>SELECTION BY USHERS</b>
<b>COLLECTION COUNTERS</b>		DON & CAROL AMES
<b>THURS. AUG. 15</b>	<b>THURSDAY 8:00AM</b>	<b>THURSDAY 7:00PM</b>
<b>EUCCHARISTIC</b>	DEACON RAY	KAREN LEBER
<b>MINISTER(S)</b>	MARIE PACKER	LEN NASH
	PAT ZALESKI	
<b>LECTORS</b>	DON AMES	LISA JANOSKI
<b>ALTAR</b>		
<b>SERVER(S)</b>		
<b>USHERS</b>		
<b>GREETERS</b>		
<b>OFFERTORY GIFTS</b>	<b>SELECTION BY USHERS</b>	<b>SELECTION BY USHERS</b>
<b>COLLECTION COUNTERS</b>		
<b>SAT. AUG. 17 &amp; SUN. AUG. 18</b>	<b>SATURDAY 4:00PM</b>	<b>SUNDAY 9:00AM</b>
<b>EUCCHARISTIC</b>	DEACON RAY	DEACON RAY
<b>MINISTER(S)</b>	BOB ANDREWS	SEAN PIERETTI
	CARMEL WILLIAMS	PATRICIA ZALESKI
<b>LECTORS</b>	SANTINA WILLIAMS	STEVE FRANKO
<b>ALTAR</b>	JEWEL STOVER	ASHLEY KENIA
<b>SERVER(S)</b>		ALEX PIERETTI
		ANTHONY WILLIAMS
<b>USHERS</b>	JIM BILLINGS & BILL SHAW	DAVID SINKER & DJ SINKER
<b>GREETERS</b>	DEE PASKO	ABBA FRANKO
<b>OFFERTORY GIFTS</b>	<b>SELECTION BY USHERS</b>	<b>SELECTION BY USHERS</b>
<b>COLLECTION COUNTERS</b>		LEN NASH & PAT ZALESKI

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: LORI PIERCE, LISA FREITAS, TRACY IRISH, CHRISTINA REEVES, JACKI NIERATKO, CARMEN PIERCE, ELAINE HUG, CHASE RUSSELLO, 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, SUE MIGLIORI, JOE SCHIAVONE, LINDA NIEMIEC, CAROLE GREENIP, JANE CAWLEY, FLORENCE KEYES, JEROME LAMONICA, JEAN LAMONICA, THEO FREAR, BROGAN PERFILIO, DICK & FLORENCE KELLY, MIKE HAMBURG, HARRIET McGARRIGLE, JONI JAMES, KAY NOREIKA, NATHAN REEVES.
- THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED AND THE NEEDS OF OUR PARISH AND PARISHIONERS

**PLEASE NOTIFY THE PARISH OFFICE (378-2181) IF ANYONE IS HOSPITALIZED OR ILL OR IN NEED OF PRAYERS.**

**SANCTUARY LIGHT:**

THE SANCTUARY LIGHT WILL BURN DURING THE WEEK OF  
AUGUST 11<sup>TH</sup> FOR **HELENA FLAHERTY**  
OFFERED BY KATHLEEN FLAHERTY & FAMILY

**YOUR CONTRIBUTION:**

Weekend Offering	\$1,725.00
Clergy Care	\$ 237.00

## NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY MASS SCHEDULE – WEEK OF AUGUST 11, 2019

SATURDAY	AUG	10	5:00PM	HELEN KALINOWSKI – OFFERED BY HER FAMILY
SUNDAY	AUG	11	7:30AM	WALTER ZOLA – OFFERED BY GLENN & CAROLYN LAYAOU
			9:00AM	ROSE ANN WHITE – OFFERED BY BARRY & ALICE GREEN
			11:00AM	THE ELLS & NUNLEY FAMILIES – OFFERED BY CARL & ELIZABETH WESNESKI
MONDAY	AUG	12	7:00AM	JOSEPH STASKIEL – OFFERED BY LYLE & GRACE STURDEVANT
TUESDAY	AUG	13	7:00AM	<b>NO MASS</b>
WEDNESDAY	AUG	14	7:00AM	THE FRANK SAKAWOSKI FAMILY – OFFERED BY ANNA HARDISKY
THURSDAY	AUG	15	<b>7:00AM</b>	EBEN HARVEY – OFFERED BY RENEE JONES
			<b>7:00PM</b>	ANNE SCHAEFER – OFFERED BY ANNE WARGO
FRIDAY	AUG	16	7:00AM	HELEN BAKER – OFFERED BY TONY & LESLIE MANGIGIAN
SATURDAY	AUG	17	5:00PM	ROGER BETTS – OFFERED BY HEATHER BETTS
SUNDAY	AUG	18	7:30AM	JOSEPH FRANK – OFFERED BY HIS PARENTS
			9:00AM	CATHERINE MITCHELL – OFFERED BY DAVE & LINDA RUSSO
			11:00AM	JOHN PASTERNAK JR. – OFFERED BY GLORIA PASTERNAK

### LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE

<b>SAT. AUG. 10 &amp; SUN. AUG. 11</b>	<b>SATURDAY 5:00PM</b>	<b>SUNDAY 7:30AM</b>	<b>SUNDAY 9:00AM</b>	<b>SUNDAY 11:00AM</b>
<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER(S)</b>	DEACON RAY DONNA KASKUS MARY JEAN VIKARA	ALISHA NUDO AGNES MASSACESI SUSAN BARZILOSKI	DEACON RAY ROY BRODY CARL SHINKO	DEACON RAY DIANE STONE DOLORES MANGANELLA
<b>LECTOR ALTAR SERVER(S)</b>	SABRINA TRAVER MATTHEW PREBOLA MICHAEL PREBOLA JACK ZEUNEN	CHRIS DeMARCO JOSEPH COLAVITTI LEAH DeMARCO SARAH DeMARCO	EILEEN HEAD ROBERT BURRY CORAL MILNER HANNAH MILNER	DAVID KUFFA EMMA ELIAS ZAK KEISER NOAH POWERS
<b>OFFERTORY GIFTS COLLECTION COUNTERS</b>	<b>SELECTION BY USHERS</b>	<b>SELECTION BY USHERS</b>	<b>SELECTION BY USHERS</b> D. NOLE, R. NOLE, G. LUPINSKI	<b>SELECTION BY USHERS</b>
<b>THURS. AUG. 15</b>	<b>THURSDAY 7:00AM</b>	<b>THURSDAY 7:00PM</b>		
<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER(S)</b>	MORNING GROUP	DEACON RAY GENE SCHWEITZER MARY JEAN VIKARA		
<b>LECTOR ALTAR SERVER(S)</b>	MORNING GROUP	ALYSSA VIKARA MOLLY KEISER BRETT SICKLER MICHAEL SICKLER		
<b>SAT. AUG. 17 &amp; SUN. AUG. 18</b>	<b>SATURDAY 5:00PM</b>	<b>SUNDAY 7:30AM</b>	<b>SUNDAY 9:00AM</b>	<b>SUNDAY 11:00AM</b>
<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER(S)</b>	GARY TEWKSBURY DONNA KASKUS SUSAN BARZILOSKI	DEACON RAY NAN DeMARCO AGNES MASSACESI	JOHN KEEFE ROY BRODY LYNNE BINNER	JUDY BOYANOWSKI RITA FITZGERALD DOLORES MANGANELLA
<b>LECTOR ALTAR SERVER(S)</b>	JOHN BURKE IAN BURKE SOPHIE BURKE HANNAH ECKERT	SAM ELIAS ELIZABETH DeMARCO NICHOLAS DeMARCO SARAH DeMARCO	ART DAVIS ANNA EVANS CARA EVANS JACOB POWERS	MEGHAN KEISER HEIDI WILLIAMS MATTHEW WILLIAMS SEAN WILLIAMS
<b>OFFERTORY GIFTS COLLECTION COUNTERS</b>	<b>SELECTION BY USHERS</b>	<b>SELECTION BY USHERS</b>	<b>SELECTION BY USHERS</b> K. FRANK, M. FRANK, G. & B. KOVALCHICK	<b>SELECTION BY USHERS</b>

#### 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, RICHELLE MORTIMER, SHERI RAIL, DAVID TRESSLER, SR., CHERYL MacDONALD SWEET, AIDAN HOLMAN, TRISTAN EVANS, JOSEPH E. QUINN, ANGELIQUE ALEXANDRA PREVOST, MARGE HOLUB, BEN BROWN, ELEANOR FOSTER, MATTHEW LEWIS, DONALD TRAVER, DAWN DOMMES, MICHELLE HUERBIN, CAROLYN ROZANSKI, DON WHITE, DARRIN McGAVIN, FATHER BILL WILSON, EDWARD KIMBEL, CHERYL SANDS, MARY DELMAR, CHARLES CAREY, GARRET CONOVER, ANALISA DOMINIC, LUCAS SETH BOYANOWSKI, BILL IVEY, VERNA PRAWDZIK, MATTHEW FORTESI, 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, JOAN STEPHENS, PEG BALL, NORM BALL, JOSEPH YAKOSKI, PENNY ZONNEVILLE.

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#### SANCTUARY LIGHT:

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

#### YOUR CONTRIBUTION:

Weekend Offering	\$6, 437.00
Clergy Care	\$ 567.00